

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 21, 2025

11:00 AM



The Time Is Ripe

AS WE GATHER

The Divine Service is unlike our other activities during the week—in the marketplace, our place of employment, or our school—where we struggle to be “the people of God” amid the temptations and confusing details of living in a world still disfigured by sin, tragedy, selfishness, and death. By our own fault, we daily fall short of our calling as Christians. We are reminded today of the judgment of God’s Law by the prophet Amos **against** our worry over money and our own needs that distract us from the often-greater needs of others and even our own true need of faith and reliance on God above all. Each day of the week, the demands of the Ten Commandments of God call us back to our need for forgiveness and God’s mercy, grace, help, and love. So, we gather here for Divine Service, that is, God attending to our real needs. We come to repent of our sin and failure, and to receive forgiveness and new life and hope. By your Baptism into Christ, by His mighty and reliable Word of forgiveness spoken over and into you, and by your connection with the body and blood of your crucified and risen Lord Jesus, you are being delivered from all evil, redeemed, restored, and forgiven for everlasting life in the kingdom of God already here and now.

WELCOME – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

RINGING OF THE BELL



Made New

Verse 1

You're calling me over
 You're pulling me close
 With love You surround me
 You give me hope

Verse 2

You're taking me deeper
 You're making me whole
 With grace You redeem me yeah
 You restore my soul
 Now I'm made new because of You -
 yeah

Chorus

You hold my head up
 You remind me who I am
 You hold my head up
 I'm alive in You again
 I'm made new / I'm made new

Verse 3

You're making me stronger
 You're healing my heart
 With Your hands You hold me in

You set me apart

Now I'm made new because of You -
 yeah

Chorus

You hold my head up
 You remind me who I am
 You hold my head up
 I'm alive in You again
 I'm made new / I'm made new

Bridge

You are my salvation I will not fear no
 You're the strength of my life
 I won't fear whoa (2x)

Chorus

You hold my head up
 You remind me who I am
 You hold my head up
 I'm alive in You again
 I'm made new / I'm made new

Ending

You hold my head up (2X)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 43:4; 113:7*

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,

People: **to God my exceeding joy.**

Pastor: The Lord raises the poor from the dust
People: and lifts the needy from the ash heap.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins in the light of God's holy Commandments.

Pastor: Thus says the Lord: "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy."

People: Lord God, we confess to You that we often forget Your Word by allowing other concerns of daily living and our own desires take priority over Your ways of mercy and love. Forgive us, O Lord.

Pastor: Thus says the Lord: "You shall not murder."

People: Lord God, we confess to You that we have hurt and harmed our neighbors, especially by our neglect of the needs of others. Forgive us, O Lord.

Pastor: Thus says the Lord: "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor."

People: Lord God, we confess to You our rash words, harsh judgments, and false accusations against our neighbor, but even more our failure to defend and help those who have been wrongfully shamed, abused, or accused. Forgive us, O Lord.

Pastor: God, our Savior, desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For the sake of the one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, and by His command, I proclaim to you His Word: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, You call us to be faithful in very little in order to be trusted with much. Preserve us by Your perpetual mercy, and because without You we cannot but fall, keep us from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Amos 8:4–7* (The coming day of bitter mourning)

⁴ Listen to this, you who rob the poor
and trample down the needy!

⁵ You can't wait for the Sabbath day to be over
and the religious festivals to end
so you can get back to cheating the helpless.

You measure out grain with dishonest measures
and cheat the buyer with dishonest scales.

⁶ And you mix the grain you sell
with chaff swept from the floor.

Then you enslave poor people
for one piece of silver or a pair of sandals.

⁷ Now the Lord has sworn this oath
by his own name, the Pride of Israel:

"I will never forget
the wicked things you have done!

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE **1 Timothy 2:1–15** (Pray for all people, for God desires all to be saved.)

Reader: I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— ² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

People: ³ **This is good, and pleases God our Savior,** ⁴ **who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.** ⁵ **For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus,** ⁶ **who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.** ⁷ **And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.**

Reader: ⁸ Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing. ⁹ I also want the women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, adorning themselves, not with elaborate hairstyles or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, ¹⁰ but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God. ¹¹ A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. ¹² I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet. ¹³ For Adam was formed first, then Eve. ¹⁴ And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner. ¹⁵ But women will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL *Luke 16:1–15* *(Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest man who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.)*

Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. ² So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.'

³ "The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg— ⁴ I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.'

⁵ "So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

⁶ "'Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied.

"The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.'

⁷ "Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?'

"A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied.

"He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.'

⁸ "The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. ⁹ I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

¹⁰ "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. ¹¹ **So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?** ¹² And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?

¹³ "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

¹⁴ The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. ¹⁵ He said to them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God's sight.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life

Preach (I Want My Life to)

Verse 1

I talk about grace
 I talk about love
 I talk about faith
 But some days I don't have enough
 I talk about forgiveness
 I'm still learning how to give it
 Lord I need your strength to live what I
 believe

Chorus

I want my life to preach
 Every breath every beat
 I want my life to preach
 When I'm strong when I'm weak
 Through valley lows and mountain highs
 Every moment testifies
 Further than my words could ever reach
 I want my life to preach
 (*I want my life to preach,*
I want my life to preach -2x)

Verse 2

I talk about peace
 And I talk about hope
 I talk about serving others
 But most days I don't
 I talk about freedom
 But getting lost in religion
 Lord give me strength to live what I
 believe

Chorus

I want my life to preach
 Every breath every beat
 I want my life to preach
 When I'm strong when I'm weak
 Through valley lows and mountain highs
 Every moment testifies
 Further than my words could ever reach
 I want my life to preach
 (*I want my life to preach,*
I want my life to preach -2x)

Bridge

Turn my days into your canvas
 Let me stay open handed
 With a humble heart to serve the least of
 these
 (and be your hands and feet)
 I want my faith to be in action
 Let this flame of compassion
 Be louder than every word I speak

Chorus

I want my life to preach

Every breath every beat
 I want my life to preach
 When I'm strong when I'm weak
 Through valley lows and mountain highs
 Every moment testifies
 Further than my words could ever reach
 I want my life to preach

*I want my life to preach,
 I want my life to preach -2x*

I want my life to preach

THE SERMON – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn**THE PRAYERS**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, "The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your just and righteous decrees endures forever." With hearts renewed by Your gift of true repentance in the light of our sins and true faith in the redemption given through the sacrifice of Your own beloved Son for the life of the world, we give You thanks for Your Word and work of Law and Gospel. Help us to keep Your Word and bring forth its fruit in our daily lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray You so to rule and guide Your whole church, blessing all pastors with the spirit of unity in faith and confession. Grant Your blessing also of all here present whose faith is known to You, accepting their prayers and praises as from thankful hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray for the health and good will of all who serve in the authority of government in our nation that they may serve according to Your will that we may live in quietness and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Comfort and attend to all who are in trouble; those suffering sickness, injury, or fear of death; and especially those who have requested our prayers. [*Pause for silent prayer.*] Grant them patience and healing of both mind and body. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Remembering Your holy ones of old, the patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, as well as our loved ones of most recent memory, we ask You to include us in their company not on account of any merit on our part but solely because of Your great mercy. Grant all who have died in faith a place of peace and rest. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

If you brought your offering today, you are welcome to leave it in the offering box you will find at the back of the church. **Thank you.**

We invite our guests and members to fill out our Friendship Card during worship, which is found on the back of the pew. Please leave your card at the end of the pew near the center aisle as you leave.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)

Verse

Father, let your kingdom come.

Father, let your will be done

On Earth as in Heaven,

Right here in my heart.

Father, let your kingdom come.

Father, let your will be done

On Earth as in Heaven,

Right here in my heart.

Chorus

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us, forgive us

As we forgive the ones who sinned

Against us; forgive them.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one.

Let your kingdom come.

Verse

Father, let your kingdom come.

Father, let your will be done

On Earth as in Heaven,

Right here in my heart.

Father, let your kingdom come.

Father, let your will be done

On Earth as in Heaven,

Right here in my heart.

Bridge

It's yours, it's yours,

All yours, all yours.

The kingdom, the power,

The glory are yours.

It's yours, it's yours,

All yours, all yours.

Forever and ever

The kingdom is yours.

Father, let your kingdom come.
 Father, let your will be done
 On Earth as in Heaven,
 Right here in my heart.
 Father, let your kingdom come.

Father, let your will be done
 On Earth as in Heaven,
 Right here in my heart.
 On Earth as in Heaven,
 Right here in my heart.

The Words of Institution

Please see our communion policy stated on the inside front cover.

Sit

LAMB OF GOD

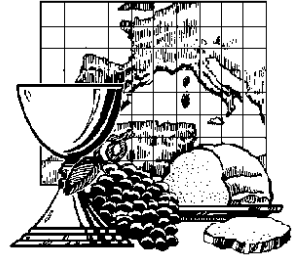
5 LAMB OF GOD YOU TAKE A-WAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD HAVE
 7 MER-CY ON US
 11 LAMB OF GOD YOU TAKE A-WAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD HAVE
 13 MER-CY ON YOUR CHILD-REN
 16 LAMB OF GOD YOU TAKE A-WAY THE SIN OF THE WOR-LD
 19 GRANT US - PEACE THIS DAY

Chords: C, C/E, F, Em, Dm, G, Dm, Em, F, Am, A

Distribution

COMMUNION WINE: For those who may not be able to take regular wine, we offer non-alcoholic wine, which is the light colored wine in the center of the communion tray.

++ We offer **Gluten-free** wafers upon request. ++



The Way

Through every battle,
Through every heartbreak,
Through every circumstance,
I believe that You are my fortress.
Oh You are my portion.
You are my hiding place.
Oh I believe You are

Chorus

The Way, the Truth, the Life.
I believe You are
The Way, the Truth, the Life.
I believe

Through every blessing,
Through every promise,
Through every breath I take,
I believe that You are provider.
You are protector.
You are the One I love.
I believe You are

Chorus

The Way, the Truth, the Life.

I believe You are
The Way, the Truth, the Life.
I believe You are.

It's a new horizon,
And I'm set on You.
And You meet me here today
With mercies that are new.

All my fears and doubts,
They can all come too,
Because they can't stay long
When I believe You are

Chorus

The Way, the Truth, the Life.
I believe You are
The Way, the Truth, the Life.
I believe You are.

The Way, the Truth, the Life.
I believe You are
The Way, the Truth, the Life.
I believe You are.

Truth Be Told

Lie number one:
 You're supposed to have it all together.
 And when they ask how you're doing
 Just smile and tell them, Never better.

Lie number two:
 Everybody's life is perfect except yours.
 So keep your messes and your wounds
 Your secrets safe with you behind
 closed doors.
 Truth be told,
 The truth is rarely told.

I say I'm fine, yeah, I'm fine, oh, I'm fine,
 hey, I'm fine, but I'm not,
 I'm broken.
 And when it's out of control
 I say it's under control, but it's not
 And you know it.

I don't know why it's so hard to admit it
 When being honest is the only way to
 fix it.
 There's no failure, no fall,
 There's no sin you don't already know,
 So let the truth be told.

There's a sign on the door
 Says come as you are, but I doubt it.

'Cause if we lived like that was true
 Every Sunday morning pew would be
 crowded.

But didn't you say church should
 Look more like a hospital?
 A safe place for the sick,
 The sinner and the scarred and the
 prodigal - Just like me.

Truth be told,
 The truth is rarely told.
 Am I the only one who says

I'm fine, yeah, I'm fine, oh, I'm fine,
 Hey, I'm fine, but I'm not,
 I'm broken.
 And when it's out of control
 I say it's under control, but it's not
 And you know it.

I don't know why it's so hard to admit it
 When being honest is the only way to
 fix it.
 There's no failure, no fall,
 There's no sin you don't already know,
 So let the truth be told.

Can I really stand here unashamed
Knowing that your love for me won't
change?

Oh, God, if that's really true
Then let the truth be told.

I say I'm fine, yeah, I'm fine, oh, I'm fine,
Hey, I'm fine, but I'm not,
I'm broken.
And when it's out of control
I say it's under control, but it's not
And you know it.

I don't know why it's so hard to admit it
When being honest is the only way to
fix it.

There's no failure, no fall,
There's no sin you don't already know,
So let the truth be told.

There's no failure, no fall,
There's no sin you don't already know,
So let the truth be told.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. Numbers 6:24–26

THE INVITATIONS

Yes He Can

Sometimes I wonder, is He faithful?
 Does He see me in my trouble, does He
 understand?
 Sometimes I question if He's able,
 Can He rescue, can He save me again and
 again?
 But when I look back.

Chorus

Did He move every mountain?
 Did He part every sea?
 Yes, He did, so yes, He can.
 Did He defeat the darkness?
 Did He deliver me?
 Yes, He did, so yes, He can.
 Yes, He did, so yes, He can.

Sometimes those voices try to tell me
 I'm forgotten and I've fallen too far from
 His hands.
 But I know what kind of God He is
 And I'm trusting in His promises.
 I'm believing and I'm singing,
 Yes, He can.

Chorus

Did He move every mountain?
 Did He part every sea?
 Yes, He did, so yes, He can.
 Did He defeat the darkness?
 Did He deliver me?
 Yes, He did, so yes, He can.
 Yes, He did, so yes, He can.

Bridge

'Cause I've seen too much, now I can't
 deny
 He's come through every single time.
 From the beginning, until the end,
 He did - He will - He can.

Chorus

Did He move every mountain?
 Did He part every sea?
 Yes, He did, so yes, He can.
 Did He defeat the darkness?
 Did He deliver me?
 Yes, He did, so yes, He can.
 Yes, He did, so yes, He can.

Yes, He did, yes He can



Need some PRAYER? Anyone who desires special private prayer with a pastor or a Stephen Minister may do so by coming forward after service to one of the front pews.



Our Vision — a place to come for comfort, support, answers, opportunities to serve, and to strengthen a salvation relationship with Jesus

Where We Serve

Preacher	Pastor Christopher Fairbairn
Officiant	Pastor Jim Frusti
Minister of Music	Paul Ventimiglia
Family Life Director	Jeanette Koch
Elder	George Foor
Greeter	Kovalak Family
Welcome Center	Sue Poole
Ushers	Craig Miller Christine Lewis
Altar Society	Karen Frusti Sue Poole Christine Lewis
Tech Team	Doug Towner
Acolyte	Jenna Raikes
Praise Team	Hannah Hughes Sarah Hughes Linda Johnson Chris Englert Kurt Menhart

Bible Study and Small Group Opportunities

WEDNESDAYS: Women’s Bible Study- Wednesdays @ 9:30am in the church Parish Hall.

SUNDAYS: Join us for bible study and fellowship @ 9:45am in the church Parish Hall.

SATURDAYS: Men’s Bible Study – Every 1st and 3rd Saturday @ 9:00am – Parish Hall

Attendance Last week: 9.14.2025– Attendance – 8:30am – 105 + 11:00am – 46 = 151

Communion - 87

Received week of 9.14.2025- for Church (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$18,433.29** total includes online giving School - **\$10,427**

Altar Flowers

One vase in honor of my husband Chris' birthday from Anne Burgess.

One vase in honor of Margo Schmidt's birthday.

Please arrange to pick up your flowers after the 11 am service

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Marlene Shoebridge
303 Pennell
Northville, MI 48167

21	SEP, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship w/ Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship w/ Communion
		● 7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball school gym
22	SEP, MON	● 3:45 – 5:15pm	School Early Childhood Meeting
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Council Mtg PH Parish Hall
23	SEP, TUE	● 10am – 2pm	School Hot Lunch - Kitchen
		● 5:45 – 6:45pm	Little League BQ Practice - Parish Hall
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Stephen Ministry Meeting room #5
		● 7 – 8pm	JV/Varsity BQ Practice - Parish Hall
24	SEP, WED	● All day	Allen Terrace Parking in lot (Day 1/2)
		● All day	Jane Dough Baking Co. School Kitchen
		● 9:30 – 10:30am	Ladies Bible Study -Church Parish Hall
25	SEP, THU	● All day	Allen Terrace Parking in lot (Day 2/2)
		● 10am – 2pm	School Hot Lunch - Kitchen
		● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Choir Practice
		● 5:45 – 7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal - church
26	SEP, FRI	● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
27	SEP, SAT	● 9am – 3pm	Stephen Ministry Meeting - Parish Hall
		● 6 – 7pm	Miyuki INTL (Dream Singers) Room #5

Be part of the St. Paul group in support of AWPC at the Fall Banquet



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Another Way
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A Story of Life and Hope



Thursday, October 23, 2025 | 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Italian American Banquet Center
39200 Five Mile Road
Livonia, Michigan 48154

Featuring Keynote Speaker
Rebekah Hagan

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Paul has 3 tables reserved so we can sit together. The tickets are \$50 until October 1. If you reserve through McGuigans you can avoid the service charge and we will add you to our list. We are ready to take reservations. If you are paying by check, write the check out to Pat McGuigan (not AWPC) for \$50 per ticket or pay cash and your meal choice of either chicken or vegetarian. Questions contact Bob @ 734-751-3018 or Pat @ 734-718-8597.

Rebekah's powerful story of reversing a chemical abortion and choosing life for her son is a testament to courage and redemption.



The Board of Social Ministry will be sending Care Packages to college students again this year. Please submit your students name and address to ckoch2rn@gmail.com by September 29th. Any questions contact Charleen Hill – 248-982-3330.

Another MOST eyeglass mission trip is currently being planned for April 11-18 2026 at a mission church in the town of Pasaquina in El Salvador. MOST has only recently established a presence in El Salvador, and we are excited to be among the first MOST missions to that country. We are establishing an email contact list for anyone who would like to be kept informed as we go forward with the planning. The list is not only for “goers”, people considering going on the trip, but also for “senders”, people who might want to be involved with supporting the team with fundraisers, etc. There is no commitment so if you would like to be kept informed, please forward your email address to Chris Burgess at chris.burgess917@gmail.com.

We have an exciting opportunity to help fund the 2026 MOST eyeglass mission trip. Some very generous members of our St. Paul family have offered the rental of their 2 bedroom 2 bath condo at the Sands of Kahana Resort in Maui, Hawaii over Thanksgiving week (Nov 21-28). The rent will be donated in support of our April mission trip. The condo sleeps 6 and would be a wonderful way to spend a family Thanksgiving holiday in beautiful Hawaii! Here is the Sands of Kahana website: <https://www.sandsofkahanaresort.com>. For more information, please contact Barbara Hoffmeier bhoffmeier3@gmail.com.



September 2 was our last summer meal at Family of God for 2025. In October we serve our hot tamale casserole which is a favorite. Our cold Cheesy Pasta Casserole makers were Bill & Janet Kovalak, Julia Smith (also driver), Pat McGuigan (also server), Gretchen Hasse, Claudia Williamson (also server), Cindi Gliesman, Kathy Verseman and Mary Lou Jaussi. We took over 100 buttered (which we used from the refrigerator) rolls that Anne Burgess and Missy Kruecher supplied, all of them were gone! Katy Baetz-Matthews supplied 3 big bags of chips, we really watched our serving size and we ran out, so we need to bump up our quantity next summer. They love their chips. Beth & Chuck Hempel cut up 3 watermelons which they loved it, the pan was empty but it served everyone that wanted some. Our beverages Chocolate & White Milk and 2 gallons of drinks Marti Gilchrist purchased for us and a case of water by Michele Benson. We received an abundance of dessert which was nice to give an extra cookie if asked for, we had a few left over that we brought to rally day. Our dessert suppliers were Michele Benson, Carolyn Nieuwkoop, Missy Kruecher, Janise Faeber and Dean Siskonen (the Hershey kisses man). Marcy loaded up our paper products, think they shrunk the size of our Gordon Food Bags, it was overflowing and Jeanette helped in Margo's absence to be our kitchen organizer. Pat was excited to see her young helper, she found out his name is Brandon, nice young man and so willing to serve. We discovered his dad was there as well. We served 104 plus meals that night. We had a great night and the drive back and forth was very pleasant, Julia does a nice job getting us down and back, thank you Jesus. We also thank Jesus for all of you that help us. We appreciate your support and so does the community at Family of God. May God Bless all of you.

SAVE THE DATE

DETROIT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

BOOTS ON THE GROUND

5th ANNUAL FALL SERVICE DAY

WHEN: September 27 9 am – 12 pm

WHERE: 19370 Greenfield, Detroit 48235

WHAT: Outside clean up, possible painting & whatever needs to be done.

BRING: Rakes, clippers, trimmers, etc., and very important work gloves

Every little bit helps even if you can't stay for the whole 3 hours

ANY QUESTIONS: Contact Pat McGuigan (734) 718-8597 or pking1252@gmail.com

Also: Last year we realized how refreshing a donut and beverage break was mid morning so you might want to bring a lawn chair or camping stool.



“Many hands make light work”

As we all head back from a beautiful summer and think about school and all the activities that start up with fall, let's remember this month's Women in Christ mission grant entitled Gospel Building for a Child's Future (Hands of Mercy) for \$14,500. This grant supports the students of Lutheran congregations which are supported by an expanded Hands of Mercy training center at Yambio, South Sudan. The grant enables the students to gain Bible literacy through using My First Catechism and includes workbooks and children's Bibles. The classrooms will be fitted for children's safety and improved learning environments and will have wooden desks and white boards. The Women in Christ graciously thank you for helping us fulfill our mission grants over the years.

Sunday School - Sunday School classes for children in grades PreK – 6th grade begin on Sunday, September 14, 2025, and are held from 9:45 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. in Room 5 in the school. If you have any questions about Sunday School class, please see Mrs. Goodman - (248) 662-7580. If you have any questions about praise music for children at St. Paul church, please see Mrs. Huggins – (248) 787-4080. Confirmation class is for those in grades 7 – 8 and is held in Room 3 in the school starting at 10:00 a.m. If you have any questions, please see Jeanette Koch or Pastor Chris. The High School Sunday Morning Class (grades 9-12) will begin meeting (in our new room #13 located in the lower level of the school.) next Sunday September 21 @9:45am. Come check out our new space!



Thank You for Supporting the

Baby Bottle Drive!

Thanks to your generous hearts, **\$2,712 was raised in the Baby Bottle Drive** to support Another Way Pregnancy Center. Your gifts help extend Christ's love to women and families facing unplanned pregnancies, offering hope, healing, and life-affirming care.

“Let all that you do be done in love.”
— 1 Corinthians 16:14

Thank you for being a part of this life-affirming mission!



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More information to follow**



St. Paul Bible Quizzing - Kids & Adult Volunteers Needed!

This year we'll be learning Paul's letters of 1&2 Corinthians. Kids in 2nd-12th grade are welcome to join. Membership at St. Paul is not required. All experience levels welcome (no prior Bible knowledge required!). Practices will be in the church Parish Hall on Tuesdays @ 6:45PM (2nd-6th grade) or @ 7PM (7th-12th grade), starting August 26. Competitions are 2nd Saturdays from October to March.

Adult volunteers are also needed! No knowledge of the material or Bible Quizzing rules is required. We just need lots of helpers who are good with kids to help at 1 practice each week and monthly competitions!

Interested in quizzing or volunteering? Talk to Jake Fairbairn
<jakecfairbairn@gmail.com, (248) 231-9684>.



Surviving the Holidays seminar for people facing the holidays after a loved one's death will be held Saturday, November 1, from 9:00am-12:00pm at Christ Our Savior Lutheran (14175 Farmington Rd, Livonia). The seminar features practical suggestions and encouragement through video interviews with counselors, grief experts, & other people who have experienced the holidays after their loved one's death. Topics to be discussed include dealing with hard-hitting emotions, what to do about traditions, how to survive social events, & where to find comfort & strength. Please RSVP by Oct. 26 online (<https://www.griefshare.org/events/262273>) or with Josh Kittleman (586-453-9399 or joshk@christoursavior.org).