

Homecoming Day – Passing on the Faith

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

September 8, 2019 10 AM

Christian Education-- *Always in Session*



AS WE GATHER

“Christian” education is, primarily, training in and learning the Word of God. It begins with simple story telling in childhood and continues through the continual influence of the Bible [God’s Word] in the issues of contemporary living. Individually, we are called to continued education in the Lord’s Word for ourselves, with the aim of the apostle Paul, that we may:

“**be transformed** by the renewal of our minds, that by testing we may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (*Romans 12:2*).

WELCOME– Pastor

PRELUDE

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Please Stand

Pastor: We gather in the name of Jesus, and declare:

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,

People: and the knowledge of the One true God is insight.

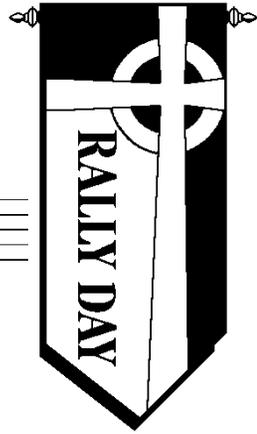
Pastor: Let the wise hear and increase in learning

People: and the one who understands obtain guidance.

Pastor: We pray, Lord Jesus Christ, You have entrusted to Your people the task of teaching all nations.

People: Enlighten us with the wisdom of Your Holy Spirit, and encourage those who teach and those who learn that the joyous truth of Your grace may be known in every generation. Lead us, blessed Jesus.

OPENING Hymn



711 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
 2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
 4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
 guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
 sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
 let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
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CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Pastor: We know that we are to love You, O Lord, with all that we are and have.

People: We also know that we have been swayed by the "gods" of this world, wasting more time on acquiring things and pleasing ourselves than spending time teaching each other the fear of the Lord.

Pastor: We recognize that You have entrusted us to each other in our families and congregation, where we are to use every means to teach about You and Your infinite mercy in Christ our Lord.

People: We confess that we have listened to the voices of this world drown out Your precious Gospel. We have ignored our role to be examples of salt and light, and we have not been in faithful study of Your Word. We have neglected the poor, the lonely, and the lost.

Pastor: For Jesus' sake our heavenly Father has promised us an eternal Promised Land, full of more than physical buildings and food for the stomach. He offers full and free pardon to all who repent and rely on His mercy. Rejoice in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Forgiveness is yours!

People: We claim the rich mercy of our God. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O merciful Lord, Your Son has called us to follow no matter the cost.

People: Grant us open eyes to see beyond the cross to the promised land that awaits us because of His sacrifice on our behalf;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.



(Please Be Seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING**Deuteronomy 6:4-9** *Impress God's Word on **EVERY PART** of your life!*

Reader: ⁴ Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.

People: ⁷ **Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.**

Reader: ⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

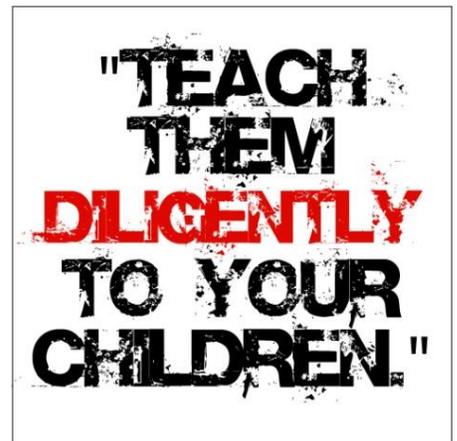
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Change My Heart O God

Change my heart oh God
 Make it ever true
 Change my heart oh God
 May I be like You
 You are the potter
 I am the clay
 Mold me and make me
 This is what I pray

Change my heart oh God
 Make it ever true
 Change my heart oh God
 May I be like You



EPISTLE *Philemon 3–21* (Paul appeals on behalf of a repentant runaway.)

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philemon's Love and Faith

⁴ I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers,⁵ because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints,⁶ and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.⁷ For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

Paul's Plea for Onesimus

⁸ Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required,⁹ yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—¹⁰ I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment.¹¹ (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.)¹² I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart.¹³ I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel,¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord.¹⁵ For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever,¹⁶ no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me.¹⁸ If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account.¹⁹ I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self.²⁰ Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹ Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel *Luke 14:25–35**(The cost of discipleship)*

²⁵ Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰ saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

Salt Without Taste Is Worthless

³⁴ "Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵ It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

**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 everlasting. Amen.

740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

- 1 I am Jesus' little lamb,
Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same,
Even calls me by my name.
- 2 Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go
Where the quiet waters flow.
- 3 Who so happy as I am,
Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast,
There within His arms to rest.

HEAR O ISRAEL

THE LORD OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE
LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD

*with all your heart and
with all your soul and
with all your strength*

THESE COMMANDMENTS THAT I GIVE YOU
TODAY ARE TO BE ON YOUR HEARTS

IMPRESS THEM ON
YOUR CHILDREN

*Talk about them when you
sit at home and when you
walk along the road,*

WHEN YOU LIE DOWN AND WHEN YOU GET
UP. TIE THEM AS SYMBOLS ON YOUR HANDS
AND BIND THEM ON YOUR FOREHEADS.

*Write them on the
doorframes of your houses
and on your gates.*

DEUTERONOMY SIX FOUR THROUGH NINE

Message – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

What are you doing to increase your knowledge of Christ and grow in your faith?

*Are you content with
what you "already know"
about Jesus, or will you
decide to **nourish your life
in Christ even more?***



OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

We invite you to fill out our Friendship Card during the offering which is found on the back of the pew. Please pass your card to the center aisle and leave in pew.

At the Offering

In Christ Alone

1) In Christ alone my hope is found;
 He is my light, my strength, my song;
 This cornerstone, this solid ground,
 Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
 What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
 My comforter, my all in all—
 Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2) In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
 Fullness of God in helpless babe!
 This gift of love and righteousness,
 Scorned by the ones He came to save.
 Till on that cross as Jesus died,
 The wrath of God was satisfied;
 For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—
 Here in the death of Christ I live.

3) There in the ground His body lay,
 Light of the world by darkness slain;
 Then bursting forth in glorious day,
 Up from the grave He rose again!
 And as He stands in victory,
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
 For I am His and He is mine—
 Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4) No guilt in life, no fear in death—
 This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
 From life's first cry to final breath,
 Jesus commands my destiny.
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
 Can ever pluck me from His hand;
 Till He returns or calls me home—
 Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand."



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For kings, presidents, governors, mayors, legislators, judges, and all appointed by God to bear authority in the civil realm, that they receive wisdom to carry out God's will, that we may lead quiet and peaceful lives, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all who preach the Gospel both here and around the world, that they would proclaim Jesus with power, for our teachers to teach the Word with wisdom, and all believers to serve our neighbors in love. Bless The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, that together we join in Your tireless work of seeking the lost and welcoming home the strayed, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the sick, the dying, and all who suffer in body, mind, or soul, that they receive strength to bear their afflictions with patient endurance, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the lost souls of our world, that we learn not to hate them or berate them, but to seek them out and show them Your mercy. Give us a share of the joy that resounds in heaven when one lost sheep is found. Grant mercy to all according to Your will. We give thanks for Your mercy as we cry,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For patience to run the race of life with endurance, that on the Last Day we may enter into the glorious inheritance of the saints in light, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all these things and whatever else You know that we need, we ask You, dear Father, for the sake of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us, Christ Jesus, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATIONS

GOD'S BLESSINGS ARE UPON US!

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.

People: Amen.

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

-Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

[Chorus]

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger

Your name is great, and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

[Chorus]

And on that day when my strength is failing

The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forevermore

[Chorus]

POSTLUDE

Bless the Lord

M. Redman

May We Help You? Anyone who desires special private prayer with the Pastor may do so by remaining in the gym until all worshippers have departed. At that time, come forward and speak with the Pastor.

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WHERE WE SERVE

<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Pastor Christopher Faibairn</i>	
<i>Officiant</i>	<i>Pastor Jim Frusti</i>	
<i>Elder</i>	<i>Bob McGuigan</i>	
<i>Family Life Director</i>	<i>Jeanette Koch</i>	
<i>Reader</i>	<i>Jake Fairbairn</i>	
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Jerry Krause</i> <i>Paul Breuhan</i> <i>David Howard</i> <i>Patrick Baker</i>	<i>Ron Breuhan</i> <i>Jake Fairbairn</i> <i>Chuck Hempel</i>
<i>Altar Society</i>	<i>Ruth Natiw</i> <i>Lisa Fairbairn</i>	<i>Joyce Carr</i> <i>Kathleen Smith</i>
<i>Tech Team</i>	<i>Jake Fairbairn</i>	<i>Curtis Kalina</i>
<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Dempster Family</i>	
<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Joe Young</i>	
<i>Counters</i>	<i>Melissa Raikes</i> <i>Ruth Natiw</i>	<i>Lynda Luedeman</i>
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>Endowment Committee</i>	
<i>Welcome Center</i>	<i>Barbara Hoffmeier</i>	

Remember Our Shut-ins
PHYLLIS ZARISH
520 W. Main Street
Northville, MI 48167

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE TUESDAY NOON~

8	SEP, SUN	● 8:30am – 12:30pm	NO RENTALS ON CAMPUS
		● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship w/Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Bible study Parish Hall
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship
		● 12 – 1pm	CHURCH HOMECOMING PICNIC church and school
		● 6 – 8pm	Sunday Night AA Big Book
9	SEP, MON	● 2 – 3pm	Staff Meeting School Office
		● 3:30 – 6pm	Faculty Meeting/School church office
		● 4 – 6pm	Bible Quizzing parish hall
		● 5:30 – 7pm	Board of Evangelism Room #4 School
		● 7 – 9pm	Northville Swim Club Board Meeting Business Office room #4
12	SEP, THU	● 4 – 6pm	Bible Quizzing parish hall
		● 6 – 8pm	School Parent Orientation Church Parish Hall
		● 6 – 7:30pm	Always Basketball Gym
		● 7:30 – 8:30pm	Adult Choir
13	SEP, FRI	● All day	Shelby Wright/David Howard Wedding CHURCH and SCHOOL GYM
		● 5:30 – 7pm	Always Basketball
		● 7:30 – 9pm	AA MTG Church Parish Hall
14	SEP, SAT	● All day	Gail- gym set up-afternoon
		● 8:30 – 11:30am	Always Basketball Gym
		● 12 – 1pm	Fall Prevention Presentation parish hall

Audio recording of the sermons and bulletins (church and school calendars) are now posted online every week @stpaulnorthville.org

Attendance Last week :

*Sunday 9.5.2019 8:30am - 96
11:00am - 33 = 129*

Sunday Morning Bible Study – 21

Communion 107

Bible Study and Small Group Opportunities –

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

SATURDAYS: Men's Bible Study – Every second and fourth Saturday @ 9:30am – Parish Hall.

Donations needed each week for Church and School – \$9,808

Received week of 9/1/19 for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate) \$,8415

School Income - \$5,477.29

Today's flowers are:

One vase in honor of Dr. John Berg from Doug and Nancy Berg.

On vase in memory of Ted Edmond's birthday and in honor of their ninth wedding anniversary from Rich and Cher Johnson.

Please arrange to pick up your flowers after the 11am Sunday Service.

Many THANKS to the volunteers who helped with the Family of God meal August 21st. Servers: John Hasse, Will Hoffmeier & Rich Mai. Cooks: Marti Gilchrist, Barbara Hoffmeier, Kim Johnson, Linda Johnson, Sue Mai, Doris Oltersdorf, Janet Wisner. Brownie Bakers: Bernice Baggett, Nancy Berg, Lisa Fairbairn, Claudia Williamson, Carole Crete (organizer), Sue Roman, and others whom I have forgotten. Shopper: Janet Wisner. The meal was appreciated by all and many compliments to the cooks. The next meal will be September 18th.

Hello Ladies and Gentlemen, it's that time again and we can use your help. The sign up board is up for volunteers to help make pies on Thursday, September 12, 3:00pm-9:00pm and Friday, September 13, 9:00am until done. We plan to make 75-90 pies in those two days and Marlene and her daughter will be baking on Saturday. You can make some at home as well. We typically sell about 160-180 pies.

Please sign up to set up, be a pie runner, serve and sell our pies during the Heritage Festival and tear down. You know the saying a lot of hands make the work load lite.

We try to have three volunteers per shift, it works okay with two at the slow times but you just never really know. Our booth is in front of Genetii's again this year.

Friday Night, September 13 this is our busiest evening especially after the parade
4:00-6:30 - 3 slot open

6:30-9:00 - 3 slot open (if its too dark we may close earlier)

Saturday, September 14

11:00-1:00 - 3 slots open

1:00-3:00 - 3 slots open

3:00-5:00 - 3 slots open

5:00-8:00 - 3 slots open (may close at 7:00pm)

Sunday, September 15

11:00-1:00 - 3 slots open

1:00-4:00 - 3 slots open

There are instructions at the booth and typically the crew before you will let you know what you need to do. Sign up soon so we know we can expect you. The proceeds of the sale are split between our school and church. It's a wonderful outreach to our community. They look forward to our pies. You can call, text or email if you have questions, Sue Poole 248 904 9080

Youth Group Bowling



Let's start the new school year with some
FUN!!!!

Sunday Sept 15 @ 4pm

Novi Bowl

Bring a friend for bowling, pizza and fun!!!

RSVP by Sunday Sept 8th

Jeanette

Text me @ 248-974-3323 or
familylife@stpaulnorthville.org

MOST Ministries Presents... BELIEVING IS SEEING. The 30th Anniversary Celebration & Annual Fundraising Luncheon. Sunday, September 22nd, 1:30 pm- 3:00 pm. Krefth Center for the Arts Concordia University Ann Arbor. 4090 Geddes Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48195. Speakers: Muzi Khumalo, Director of Caring Friends, South Africa; Sue Pfeil, Missionary; Gayle Sommerfeld, Founder of MOST Ministries. RSVP by August 19th (or as soon as possible) No charge for the luncheon. Opportunities to donate to MOST Ministries will be available. Call Linda Thompson #734.994.7909 ext. 0. Please request to sit at Barbara & Will Hoffmeier's table.

The Michigan District LCMS is offering a great opportunity to see and hear from our local missions, all in one spot and in one day! Nearly a dozen MI District-sponsored urban ministries will share about their efforts to

serve their communities in the name of Jesus through short (10-15 minute) presentation. THE FAMILY OF GOD MINISTRY WILL BE ONE OF THEM.

On Monday, September 26, 2019, Camp Restore, Detroit will host the URBAN MINISTRY CONFERENCE. 17100 Chalmers St. Detroit, MI 48205.

Doors will be open at 11:00 and lunch will be served at 11:30, followed by presentations. The program is scheduled to end at 3:00 pm. Secure parking is available. Registration is \$15 and needs to be made on-line... <https://michigandistrict.org/event/urbanministryconf/> Contact Will & Barbara Hoffmeier to carpool that day: #248.756.3035.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED – ALL AGES

Why be a Sunday School teacher?

Sunday school teachers exist to help young Christians both learn and apply the teachings of the Bible. James 1:22 teaches, "But be DOERS of the WORD, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." Learning is incomplete without action. Sunday school serves to equip young believers to know the truth so they can live it out throughout the week in every area of life.

Scripture commands us to be teachers of the Word.

2 Timothy 3:16–17 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

You will be rewarded!!!!

Matthew 5:19 Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Pray on it. Let the Holy Spirit guide your ways!

John 16:13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. Proverbs 16:9 In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps.

If interested or you have questions, please call me or email me

Jeanette familylife@stpaulnorthville.org or 248-349-3140 ext 13

How to Get Involved with RIGHT TO LIFE in 2019

In building on St. Paul's increasing involvement in Another Way Pregnancy Center (AWPC) and with an aim towards furthering our efforts to make a difference in protecting and sustaining the lives of infants and infants to be; on **Sunday, September 22 between services (10:00-10:45 AM)**, St. Paul's will be hosting a guest speaker, Patti Rose from Right to Life of Michigan. Patti will be presenting and having an open discussion on the active Petition Drive to Ban Dismemberment Abortions in Michigan. During this educational hour, Patti will share the motivation and goals for this petition drive and how it compares and is more effective than a separate petition drive which bans abortions based upon detection of a heartbeat and attendees will have the opportunity to consider signing this petition to ban dismemberment abortions.

ADULT CHOIR will begin rehearsals on Thursday, September 12th, from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Choir Loft. Please join us as we plan to sing once a month until a new Music Director is found. Marti will accompany and Barbara will direct. We are in need of Soprano's, Alto's, Tenor's and Bass's. No audition required, all ages and joyful people are needed. It's a great way to serve the Lord and be a part of a community at St Paul's. For information contact #248.756.3035.