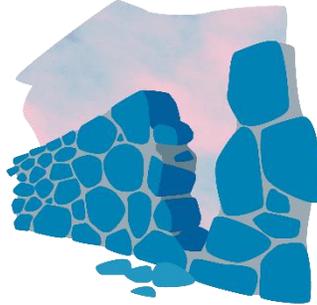


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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11 am

July 18, 2021



Can These Walls Tumble Down Too?

AS WE GATHER

We live in a divisive world. There are so many things out there that can divide us, including political viewpoints, race, gender, age, fashion, and many more. There are wars, conflicts, and rumors of war floating around every day in the news. In the Epistle, Paul speaks of a dividing wall of hostility. We have many such walls. Yet in Christ, we are reconciled to God and to one another. The walls that divide us are toppled over, and Christ makes peace between nations and peoples by His own blood. We are now one Body, one Church, serving under one Lord. May God's peace reign in your life and break down any walls that divide you from God or from others.

WELCOME – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

RINGING OF THE BELL

Build Your Kingdom Here

Verse 1

Come set Your rule and reign
 In our hearts again
 Increase in us we pray
 Unveil why we're made
 Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
 Like wildfire in our very souls
 Holy Spirit come invade us now
 We are Your church
 We need Your pow'r in us

Verse 2

We seek Your kingdom first
 We hunger and we thirst
 Refuse to waste our lives
 For You're our joy and prize
 To see the captives' hearts released
 The hurt the sick the poor at peace
 We lay down our lives for heaven's
 cause
 We are Your church
 We pray revive this earth

Chorus

Build Your kingdom here
 Let the darkness fear
 Show Your mighty hand

Heal our streets and land
 Set Your church on fire
 Win this nation back
 Change the atmosphere
 Build Your kingdom here we pray

Verse 3

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r
 Reaching the near and far
 No force of hell can stop
 Your beauty changing hearts
 You made us for much more than this
 Awake the kingdom seed in us
 Fill us with the strength and love of
 Christ
 We are Your church
 We are the hope on earth

Chorus

Build Your kingdom here
 Let the darkness fear
 Show Your mighty hand
 Heal our streets and land
 Set Your church on fire
 Win this nation back
 Change the atmosphere
 Build Your kingdom here we pray

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Based on Isaiah 53:6*

Pastor: All we like sheep have gone astray;

People: we have turned—every one—to his own way.

Pastor: We have not lived a life worthy of our righteous Shepherd. We have all built dividing walls of hostility. So let us now confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

[Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.]

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: we confess that we have been divisive and have failed to live at peace with one another. At times, we have treated others as inferior because of differences of language and race, intelligence and appearance, gender and age. Forgive us for our prejudice, and break down the walls that divide us from one another and from You.

Pastor: You were once foreigners and strangers to God, but now you have been brought near by the blood of Christ. He Himself is our peace. Jesus Christ died and was raised for you so that you might be reconciled with God and with one another. As a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Through Christ we are no longer strangers, but we are members of the household of God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, You sent Your Son into our hostile world to make peace by His own blood. Lead us in paths of righteousness, that we seek justice, speak truth, and be peacemakers in this divisive world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

EPISTLE *Ephesians 2:11–22* (Christ makes peace breaking down all dividing walls by His cross.)

¹¹ Don't forget that you Gentiles used to be outsiders. You were called "uncircumcised heathens" by the Jews, who were proud of their circumcision, even though it affected only their bodies and not their hearts. ¹² In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel, and you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without God and without hope. ¹³ But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us.

¹⁵ He did this by ending the system of law with its commandments and regulations. He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new people from the two groups. ¹⁶ Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death.

¹⁷ He brought this Good News of peace to you Gentiles who were far away from him, and peace to the Jews who were near. ¹⁸ Now all of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us.

¹⁹ So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. ²⁰ Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. ²¹ We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. ²² Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Less Like Me

Verse 1

Oh I have days I lose the fight
 Try my best but just don't get it right
 Where I talk a talk that I don't walk
 And miss the moments right before my eyes

Somebody with a hurt that I could have
 helped
 Somebody with a hand that I could have
 held
 When I just can't see past myself
 Lord help me be

Chorus

A little more like mercy
 A little more like grace
 A little more like kindness goodness love
 and faith
 A little more like patience
 A little more like peace
 A little more like Jesus
 A little less like me

Verse 2

Yeah there's no denying I have changed
 I've been saved from who I used to be
 But even at my best I must confess
 I still need help to see the way You see

Pre-Chorus

Somebody with a hurt that I could have
 helped
 Somebody with a hand that I could have
 held
 When I just can't see past myself
 Lord help me be

Chorus

A little more like mercy
 A little more like grace
 A little more like kindness goodness love
 and faith
 A little more like patience
 A little more like peace
 A little more like Jesus
 A little less like me

Bridge

Oh to feed the beggar on the street
 Love to be Your hands and feet
 Freely give what I receive
 Lord help me be

I want to put You first above all else
 Love my neighbor as myself
 In the moments no one sees
 Lord help me be

Chorus

A little more like mercy
 A little more like grace
 A little more like kindness
 goodness love and faith
 A little more like patience
 A little more like peace
 A little more like Jesus
 A little less like me
 A little more I'm living
 Everything I preach
 A little more like Jesus A little less like me

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 6:30–44*Jesus feeds the five thousand in the desert.*

³⁰ The apostles returned to Jesus from their ministry tour and told him all they had done and taught. ³¹ Then Jesus said, "Let's go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile." He said this because there were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his apostles didn't even have time to eat.

³² So they left by boat for a quiet place, where they could be alone. ³³ But many people recognized them and saw them leaving, and people from many towns ran ahead along the shore and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

³⁵ Late in the afternoon his disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. ³⁶ Send the crowds away so they can go to the nearby farms and villages and buy something to eat."

³⁷ But Jesus said, "You feed them."

"With what?" they asked. "We'd have to work for months to earn enough money to buy food for all these people!"

³⁸ "How much bread do you have?" he asked. "Go and find out."

They came back and reported, "We have five loaves of bread and two fish."

³⁹ Then Jesus told the disciples to have the people sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of fifty or a hundred.

⁴¹ Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he kept giving the bread to the disciples so they could distribute it to the people. He also divided the fish for everyone to share. ⁴² They all ate as much as they wanted, ⁴³ and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftover bread and fish. ⁴⁴ A total of 5,000 men and their families were fed.

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 everlasting. Amen.



Dream Small. (Solo / Paul V)

It's a mama singin' songs about the Lord
 It's a daddy spending family time
 The world says he can not afford
 These simple moments change the world
 It's a pastor at a tiny little church
 Forty years of loving on the broken and the hurt
 These simple moments change the world

(So) Dream small
 Don't buy the lie you've got to do it all
 Just let Jesus use you where you are
 One day at a time
 Live well
 Loving God and others as yourself
 Find little ways where only you can help
 With his great love
 A tiny rock can make a giant fall
 (So) Dream small

Keep loving keep serving
 Keep listening keep learning
 Keep praying keep hoping
 Keep seeking keep searching
 Out of the small things and watch them grow bigger
 The God who does all things makes oceans from rivers

So dream small
 Don't buy the lie you've got to do it all
 Just let Jesus use you where you are
 One day at a time
 Live well
 Loving God and others as yourself
 Find little ways where only you can help
 With his great love
 A tiny rock can make a giant fall

Five loaves and two fish fed them all
 So dream small / Dream small

MESSAGE – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn**Lord I Need You**

Lord, I come, I confess
 Bowing here I find my rest
 And without You
 I fall apart
 You're the One
 that guides my heart

Chorus

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
 Every hour I need You
 My one defense,
 my righteousness
 Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep
 Your grace is more
 Where grace is found
 is where You are
 And where You are,
 Lord, I am free
 Holiness is Christ in me

Chorus

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
 Every hour I need You
 My one defense,
 my righteousness
 Oh God, how I need You

So, Teach my song to rise to You
 When temptation comes my way
 And when I cannot stand
 I'll fall on You
 Jesus, You're my hope and stay

Chorus

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
 Every hour I need You
 My one defense,
 my righteousness
 Oh God, how I need You (2x)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For all families and family relationships, especially those that are strained by division, that God would break down the dividing walls of hostility and reconcile people to one another, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the nations of the world, that there be peace among all people, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all immigrants and refugees, that they be welcomed to their new homes and not treated with hatred and hostility, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all pastors who shepherd their congregations, that they not scatter their flock, but serve faithfully under our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who are sick and recovering, [*especially . . .*], that they rely on the peace of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your promises.

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.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

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

St. Paul appreciates the continued support of those worshipping with us online and in person as we each help in sharing the amazing love of Jesus!

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.

OFFERING BACK

Pastor: God has given us many gifts.

People: He has given us clothing and shoes, house and home, food and drink, money and possessions.

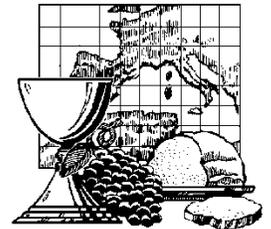
Pastor: He richly and daily provides us with all that we need to support this body and life.

People: With thanksgiving, we offer back to Him the firstfruits of His good gifts.

✘ SACRAMENT ✘

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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



PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

THE DISTRIBUTION

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

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. ++

Give Us Clean Hands

We bow our hearts
 We bend our knees
 Oh Spirit come make us humble
 We turn our eyes
 From evil things
 Oh Lord we cast down our idols
 Give us clean hands
 Give us pure hearts
 Let us not lift our souls to another
 Give us clean hands
 Give us pure hearts
 Let us not lift our souls to another

Oh God let this be
 a generation that seeks
 that seeks Your face,
 Oh God of Jacob

Oh God let us be
 a generation that seeks
 that seeks Your face,
 Oh God of Jacob

We bow our hearts
 We bend our knees
 Oh Spirit come make us humble
 We turn our eyes
 From evil things
 Oh Lord we cast down our idols
 Give us clean hands
 Give us pure hearts
 Let us not lift our souls to another
 Give us clean hands
 Give us pure hearts
 Let us not lift our souls to another

Oh God let this be
 a generation that seeks
 that seeks Your face,

Oh God of Jacob
 Oh God let us be
 a generation that seeks
 that seeks Your face,
 Oh God of Jacob

Well Done

What will it be like when my pain is gone
 And all the worries of this world just fade
 away?
 What will it be like when You call my name
 And that moment when I see You face to
 face?
 I'm waiting my whole life to hear You say

Well done, well done / My good and
 faithful one
 Welcome to the place where you belong
 Well done, well done / My beloved child
 You have run the race and now you're

home

Welcome to the place where you belong

What will it be like when tears are washed
away

And every broken thing will finally be
made whole?

What will it be like when I come into Your
glory

Standing in the presence of a love so
beautiful?

I'm waiting my whole life for that day
I will live my life to hear You say

CHORUS

Well done, well done / My good and
faithful one

Welcome to the place where you belong

Well done, well done / My beloved child
You have run the race and now you're
home

Welcome to the place where you belong

BRIDGE

What will it be like when I hear that
sound?

All of heaven's angels crying out

Singing holy, holy, holy are You, Lord

Singing holy, holy, holy are You, Lord

Singing holy, holy, holy are You, Lord

Waiting my whole life for that day

Until then I'll live to hear You say

CHORUS

Well done, well done / My good and
faithful one

Welcome to the place where you belong

Well done, well done / My beloved child

You have run the race and now you're
home

Welcome to the place where you belong /

Well done

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; 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.

People: Amen.

THE INVITATIONS**Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)**

Verse 1

Praise is rising
 Eyes are turning to You
 We turn to You
 Hope is stirring
 Hearts are yearning for You
 We long for You

Pre-Chorus

'Cause when we see You
 We find strength to face the day
 In Your presence
 All our fears are washed away
 (Washed away)

Chorus

Hosanna Hosanna
 You are the God who saves us
 Worthy of all our praises
 Hosanna Hosanna

Come have Your way among us
 We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Pre-Chorus

'Cause when we see You
 We find strength to face the day
 In Your presence
 All our fears are washed away
 (Washed away)

Chorus

Hosanna Hosanna
 You are the God who saves us
 Worthy of all our praises
 Hosanna Hosanna
 Come have Your way among us
 We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Ending

Hosanna Hosanna, Hosanna Hosanna

WHERE WE SERVE

<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Pastor Christopher Fairbairn</i>	
<i>Officiant</i>	<i>Pastor Jim Frusti</i>	
<i>Music Director</i>	<i>Paul Ventimiglia</i>	
<i>Family Life Director</i>	<i>Jeanette Koch</i>	
<i>Elder</i>	<i>John Hasse</i>	
<i>Reader</i>	<i>Mark Potter</i>	
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Craig Miller</i>	<i>Chuck Willis</i>
<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Lynda Luedeman</i>	
<i>Counters</i>	<i>Jan Greulich</i> <i>Frank Newman</i>	<i>George Foor</i> <i>Isabel Horalek</i>
<i>Tech Team</i>	<i>Doug Towner</i>	
<i>Welcome Center</i>	<i>Gretchen Hasse</i>	
<i>Altar Society</i>	<i>Janet Wisner</i> <i>Mary Lewis</i>	<i>Karen Frusti</i>

News & Notes

Attendance Last week :

Sunday 7.11.2021

8:30am - 53

11:00am - 58 = 111

Communion - 48

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

Received week of 7.11.2021- for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate)\$12,293 *total includes online giving*

Rental - \$725

18	JUL, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship w/ Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship w/ Communion
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	AA Mtg church parish hall
19	JUL, MON	● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Council Mtg PH Parish Hall
21	JUL, WED	● 5 – 9pm	Family of God Mission Dinner 7354 Whittaker St
23	JUL, FRI	● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall

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

Remember Our Shut-Ins
Norman Kleiner
 16100 N. Haggerty Rd.
 Plymouth, MI 48170

Altar Flowers this week are :

One vase in honor of Ruth Natiw and her many years of dedicated service to the Altar Society.

One vase in memory of my son Ron from Bernice Baggett.

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



Looking for a Teacher We recently were notified that our current 6th-8th teacher has found employment closer to her home so we are in need of a teacher in grades 6-8. If you or someone you know has a valid Michigan teaching certificate and would be interested in employment here at St. Paul please call the office or Chris Pifer @ 586-596-1444. This position can be long term or just for one year.

We also have an opening for a part-time teacher aide position in preschool. Approximately 15 hours per week @ \$12.00/hour.

God is good and His provision is always enough. A great big thank you to Nancy Berg and Kathy Verseman for stepping in to go down and serve at Family of God on Tuesday, July 7, with our beloved Julia Smith (from Guardian Dearborn). Nancy shared about the visual devastation of stuff out on the curbs destroyed from flooding that they seen on their way to and from the mission. This makes our tiny efforts to serve even more valuable. The ladies served about 46 people and were able to supply seconds and take home dishes. They all enjoyed a nice cold salad on the hot clammy day with thunderstorms looming. Our Cheesy Pasta casserole makers were Julia Smith, Mary Lou Jaussi, Janet Kovalak, Al Ripper, Carole Crete and Sue. Kathy Hoener brought rolls and butter, Janet Wisner potato chips, Beth Dempster bananas, Marti Gilchrist water & plates, Shannon Stewart plasticware & napkins. Julia drove Nancy and Kathy down to the mission and they all served. We can use some volunteers each month to go down and serve with us. We leave at 5:00 and are back around 7:30-8:00. Come & See!

As we enjoy this great summer, let us think of those international students preparing to serve in the Lutheran Church. For the month of July, Women in Christ is highlighting the following grant entitled, "Support for Concordia Seminary's International Graduate School Students" for \$10,000. This grant will provide assistance in equipping international students with strong Lutheran theology. Students from developing countries are often without resources to support this education, and upon completion of their program return to their homelands and teach other leaders in Christian ministry. As we thank God for all the international students who are willing to come to the United States to be trained and then serve in their own countries, let us fill our MITE boxes and bring them in during July.

JULY IS MITE BOX COLLECTION MONTH

Nancy, Barbara and Sue are back from our LWML Convention held in Lexington, KY this past week end, thank you for your prayers. The main projects were to select our new mission grants, vote for new officers and update our by-laws. Our delegates approved a \$2,221,176. 15 mission grant goal, selecting 28 different missions to receive this money over the next two years. Let's STOP and praise Him! Thank you Jesus. Our theme was, Running the Race....Looking to Jesus with our scripture verse, Hebrew 12:1-2 Our opening service Proclaimer was Rev. Dr. David Maier, President LCMS, Michigan District, he shared, God didn't create us in the womb to start the race but to finish it. And our closing service was Proclaimer Rev. Dr. Ryan Peterson, from Concordia Ann Arbor and he shared, It's time to go! Time to look! Time to tell! So fellow Saints, hear this, "The moment we are in doesn't pause the mission we are on." Let's Go Tell!

MEXICO MISSION TRIP We are excited to report that preparation has begun for our upcoming mission trip to Mexico from November 1st to 7th. This will be St. Paul's fifth mission with MOST ministries. Previous St. Paul mission teams have traveled to Nicaragua and Guatemala. This time St. Paul will be sending a team to Mexico to provide water filters, health and hygiene education and home construction assistance for families in two Mexican communities. Our team will be lodged at a Lutheran mission church in El Paso, Texas, and each day the team will be driven over the border to our mission site.

This will be an excellent opportunity to share the love of Jesus with our brothers and sisters in Mexico. We are looking not only for "Goers" to join our mission team, but equally important we are looking for "senders" to help out with fundraising, etc. Anyone interested should contact either Team Leader Barbara Hoffmeier bhoffmeier3@gmail.com (248) 756-3035 or Team Liason Chris Burgess chris.burgess917@gmail.com (734) 765-4782.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!! V B S ROCKY RAILWAY
 WE NEED VOLUNTEERS - FACE TO FACE
 AUGUST 2 - 6 9AM – NOON
 VOLUNTEERS AND STUDENTS REGISTER @

Go to: <https://vbspro.events/p/db5e8b>

Questions, please email or call me. Jeanette Koch familylife@stpaulnorthville.org 248-349-3140 ext. 13



The Great Grocery Bag Event
 St. Paul Lutheran Church of Northville

When: **Month of July**
 Why: **To assist those in need through food donations for Northville Civic Concern**
 How: **Check the list below. Shop and purchase any amount of food. (Even one item is greatly appreciated!) Return the groceries to the Parish Hall.**

Non- Perishable Food Item(s)

Canned Fruit**
 Fruit Juices
 Canned Vegetables
 Canned Soups (not broth)*
 Tuna and Canned Meats*
 Spaghetti Sauce
 Pasta/Rice
 Kraft Macaroni and Cheese*
 Canned Macaroni (Chef Boy-Ar-Dee, etc.)
 Cereal, hot or cold
 Peanut Butter*
 Jelly/Jam*

Paper Products

Paper Towels*
 Facial Tissues
 Toilet Paper*

Cleaning Products:

Laundry Soap (100oz. or less)*
 Dish Detergent (hand washing)*

Hygiene Products:

Bar Soap
 Shampoo
 Toothpaste

Misc.:

Crackers*
 Cookies*

***items always needed **always in shortest supply**
 PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL DATES ON FOODS ARE CURRENT
Thank you for your generous support

