

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8:30 am

May 21, 2023

**Becoming One****AS WE GATHER**

We human beings have been created for oneness with God the Holy Trinity and with all of life. Our sinful turning away has corrupted our nature and led us into overwhelming fear and shame. Yet, God in His mercy has given His Son to live and die and rise for us having done everything necessary to bring us back to our Father's loving embrace. Now, where death once reigned, eternal life has broken in, and this is what that means: People come into a relationship with the only true God through faith in Jesus Christ, whom He has sent. To enter this relationship of love is to enter into oneness—no more separation—and life eternal begins now!

**PRELUDE****WELCOME** – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn**RINGING OF THE BELL**

## 493 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New  
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up -  
 3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why  
 4 "You see Him now, as - cend - ing high Up



hymns through - out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia,  
 on the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia,  
 stand and gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia,  
 to the por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
 al - le - lu - ia! And with His faith - ful fol - l'wers  
 al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior," thus they  
 al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall



trod,  
 see As - cends un - to the throne of  
 say; Their Lord as - cend in maj - es -  
 see Re - turn - ing in great maj - es -



God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
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lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
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## INVOCATION

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

**People: Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 68:4–5*

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Pastor: Sing to God, sing praises to His name;

**People: lift up a song to Him who rides through the deserts;**

Pastor: His name is the Lord;

**People: exult before Him!**

Pastor: Father of the fatherless and protector of widows

**People: is God in His holy habitation.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: O God, who is One in Trinity and Trinity in Unity,

**People: We confess that we are by nature servants of disunity and division. We have not lived in harmony with You, with other people, or with ourselves. Forgive our turning away and by Your grace, restore us to oneness for the sake of Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave Himself for us.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Through Christ alone, we have gained access to God's redemptive grace by which we now stand.

**People: In mercy we are forgiven and made one with Christ. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Merciful God, You remember us not according to our sins, but according to Your forgiveness and love for us through Jesus Christ. As we remember those people who gave their lives while serving our nation, give us thankful hearts for their sacrifice, and help us to see in their giving of themselves a reflection of Your Son's death for our sake. Give us hearts willing to sacrifice our own needs for the sake of others; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who makes us one with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen**

**The Family Prayer Song (Morris Chapman)****Soloist/Rich Johnson****EPISTLE READING** *1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11* (Suffering with grace)

Reader: <sup>12</sup> Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> Instead, be very glad—for these trials make you partners with Christ in his suffering, so that you will have the wonderful joy of seeing his glory when it is revealed to all the world.

<sup>14</sup> If you are insulted because you bear the name of Christ, you will be blessed, for the glorious Spirit of God rests upon you. <sup>15</sup> If you suffer, however, it must not be for murder, stealing, making trouble, or prying into other people's affairs.

**People: <sup>16</sup> But it is no shame to suffer for being a Christian. Praise God for the privilege of being called by his name!<sup>17</sup> For the time has come for judgment, and it must begin with God's household. And if judgment begins with us, what terrible fate awaits those who have never obeyed God's Good News?**

Reader: <sup>18</sup> And also, "If the righteous are barely saved, what will happen to godless sinners?"

<sup>19</sup> So if you are suffering in a manner that pleases God, keep on doing what is right, and trust your lives to the God who created you, for he will never fail you.

**5** <sup>6</sup> So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor.<sup>7</sup> Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.

**People:** <sup>8</sup> **Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.** <sup>9</sup> **Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are.**

Reader: <sup>10</sup> In his kindness God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation. <sup>11</sup> All power to him forever! Amen.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### **HOLY GOSPEL** *John 17:1–11* (Jesus' High Priestly Prayer)

Reader: After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

"Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. <sup>2</sup> For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. <sup>3</sup> Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

## Jesus Prays for His Disciples

<sup>6</sup> "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. <sup>8</sup> For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them.

**People:** <sup>11</sup> **I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.**

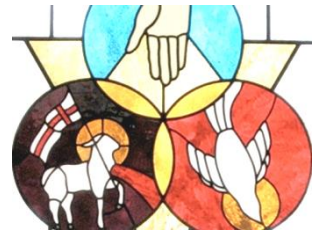
Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**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.**



## How Firm a Foundation



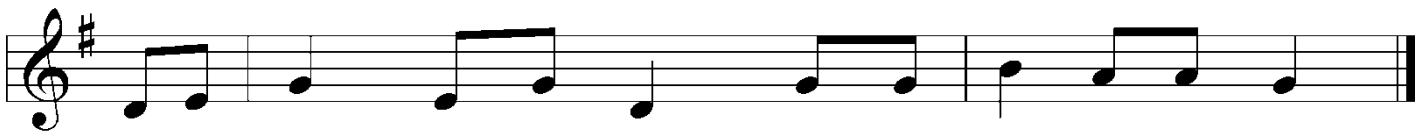
1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;  
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.



What more can He say than to you He has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,  
 The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!  
 Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

### MESSAGE – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

*Jesus prayed for unity among those who believe in Him.*

*He asked that the disciples and those who follow them might*

*be one in mission and in spirit. Are we as Christians able to serve in that unity?*

*What things do we do or say that diminishes our "coming together in love?"*

*What will you do different this week to help promote the Cross of Jesus  
 that brings true oneness?*

## 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. We pray with boldness and confidence because we know He hears our prayers because Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, You are the Lord of the Church. Watch over all who lead Your people. Shape them to be men and women after God's own heart, fuel them with Your Word and Sacraments, and guide them to walk in Your ways. We pray for all the servants of our congregation. Lead them as they lead us, because Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: O Jesus, we pray for all who are suffering trials because of their Christian faith. Comfort them and lead them to rejoice as they share in Your sufferings, that Your glory is revealed, because Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: Holy Father, we grieve the divisions in our families, communities, world, and especially in Your Church. Keep all Your people in Your name, which You have given in the waters of Baptism, and lead us to the unity we will experience fully with You in Your kingdom, because Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: O Great Physician, bind up the broken hearted and heal those who are suffering in heart, soul, strength, and mind. We pray this day for those are who are suffering from illnesses, [*especially . . .*], and ask that You heal them according to Your good and gracious will, because Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and 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.

## 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.**

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

**PREFACE** *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

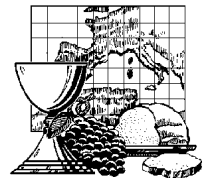
**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

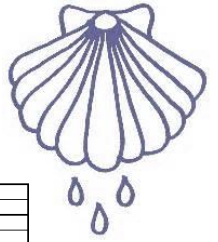
*Please see our communion policy stated on the inside front cover.*



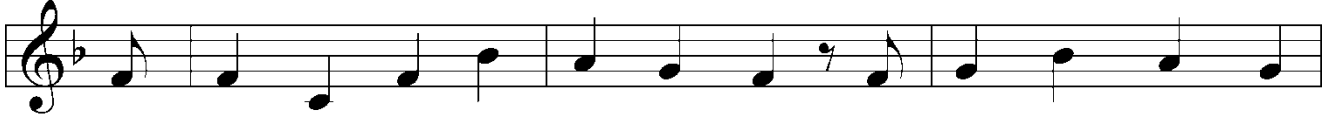
## THE DISTRIBUTION

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. ++



## 596 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized



1 All Chris-tians who have been bap-tized, Who know the God of  
 2 You were be-fore your day of birth, In-deed, from your con-  
 3 But all of that was washed a-way— Im-merged and drowned for-  
 4 In Bap-tism we now put on Christ— Our shame is ful-ly



heav-en, And in whose dai-ly life is prized The name of  
 cep-tion, Con-demned and lost with all the earth, None good, with-  
 ev-er. The wa-ter of your Bap-tism day Re-stored a-  
 cov-ered With all that He once sac-ri-ficed And free-ly



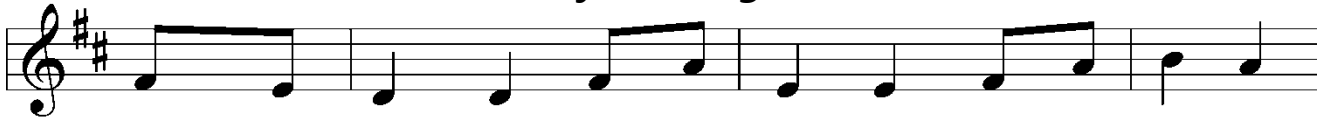
Christ once giv-en: Con-sid-er now what God has done, The  
 out-ex-cep-tion. For like your par-ents' flesh and blood, Turned  
 gain what-ev-er Old Ad-am and his sin de-stroyed And  
 for us suf-fered. For here the flood of His own blood Now



gifts He gives to ev-'ry-one Bap-tized in-to Christ Je-sus!  
 in-ward from the high-est good, You con-stant-ly de-nied Him.  
 all our sin-ful selves em-ployed Ac-cord-ing to our na-ture.  
 makes us ho-ly, right, and good Be-fore our heav'n-ly Fa-ther.

- 5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift  
 And give God thanks forever!  
 It gives the power to uplift  
 In all that you endeavor.  
 When nothing else revives your soul,  
 Your Baptism stands and makes you whole  
 And then in death completes you.

## 686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -  
 4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
 help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,  
 strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter  
 love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less  
 Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
 Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I  
 How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me  
 strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to  
 feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my  
 tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.  
 res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
 heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.  
 an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

## 971 There Is a Redeemer



1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;  
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;  
 3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.  
 Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.  
 There I'll serve my King for-ev - er In that ho - ly place.



*Refrain*  
 Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv-ing us Your Son,



And leav - ing Your Spir-it Till the work on earth is done.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**Pastor:** Let us pray. We thank You, Jesus, for gathering us at Your Table as an oasis for our parched and weary souls. Strengthen us as we face fiery trials and suffering so that Your glory may be revealed; for You live and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

**Pastor:** The blessing of God Almighty—the Father, who gave His Son for the life of the world; the Son, who has revealed to us God's grace, mercy, and love; and the Spirit, by whose fruit we are seen to be children of God—bless you now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

## THE INVITATIONS

## 667 Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses

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| <p>1 Saints, see the cloud of witnesses<br/>surround us;<br/>Their lives of faith encourage and<br/>astound us.<br/>Hear how the Master praised their faith<br/>so fervent:<br/>“Well done, My servant!”</p> <p>5 Lord, give us faith to walk where You<br/>are sending,<br/>On paths unmarked, eyes blind as to</p> | <p>their ending;<br/>Not knowing where we go, but that You<br/>lead us—<br/>With grace precede us.</p> <p>6 You, Jesus, You alone deserve all glory!<br/>Our lives unfold, embraced within Your<br/>story;<br/>Past, present, future—You, the same<br/>forever—<br/>You fail us never!</p> |
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May We Help You? Anyone who desires special private prayer with the Pastor may do so by remaining in the sanctuary until all worshippers have departed. At that time, come forward and speak with the Pastor.

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## **WHERE WE SERVE**

*Preacher*  
*Officiant*  
*Music Director*  
*Family Life*  
*Elder*

*Pastor Christopher Fairbairn*  
*Pastor Jim Frusti*  
*Paul Ventimiglia*  
*Jeanette Koch*  
*Tom Poole*

*Guest Soloist*

*Rich Johnson*

*Reader*

*Dave Austin*

*Ushers*

*John Nordbeck*  
*Barry Helmick*  
*Carole Crete*  
*Paul Kemp*  
*Katie Helmick*

*Tech Team*

*Patrick Baker*

*Counters*

*Dave Tischler*  
*Ruth Natiw*

*Coffee Hour*

*Council*

Welcome Center

Sue Poole

Greeters

Kemnitz Family

Altar Society

Karen Frusti  
Sue Poole

# News & Notes

Attendance Last week : May 14.2023 – Attendance - 8:30am – 98 + 11:00am – 65 = 163  
Communion - 61

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

Received week of 5.14.23- for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate\*)- \$6,735 total includes online giving  
School - \$3,382.37

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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday @ 9:00am – Parish Hall

### Remember Our Shut-Ins

Donna Thomas  
Magnolia by the Lakes North #101  
1699 Cass Lake Rd  
Keego Harbor, MI 48320

Altar Flowers this week are:



One vase in memory of Virginia Kleiner’s birthday from Diane and Joel Robinson.

One vase in memory of my husband Bill’s birthday from Lora Schmidt.

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

**Today we celebrate 5 baptisms!** – Jessica (Adam) Bonner and her two children, Isabella Mae Bonner and Jesse Adam Bonner. Isabella and Jesse were born in Commerce

Michigan and their sponsor’s are Kristina Koslowski and Ronda McCann. Christian and Hannah Koslowski, whose parents are Kenneth and Kristina Koslowski. Christian and Hannah were born in Ann Arbor and their sponsor is Jessica Bonner.



### \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ ENDOWMENT FUND NEWS \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

The 2023 Endowment Fund grant application window is now open until May 31st. The year end balance of the fund was **\$76,703.83** which means there will be **\$3,835** of grant money available in 2023. Grant applications are available in the Narthex on the bulletin board, in the school office, or from a St. Paul's Ministry board chair.

21	MAY, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship w/ Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	VOTERS MEETING church parish hall
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship w/ Communion
		● 5 – 7pm	Boy Scout Troop 777 Meeting - Gym
		● 7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball school gym
22	MAY, MON	● 9 – 10:45am	School Spanish Class church parish hall
		● 1 – 3:25pm	School Spanish Class church parish hall
		● 3:45 – 5:15pm	School Early Childhood Meeting
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Council Mtg PH Parish Hall
23	MAY, TUE	● 7 – 9pm	Stephen Ministry Mtg. - Parish Hall
24	MAY, WED	● All day	Scouts - room #5 and gym
25	MAY, THU	● 9 – 11am	School Orchestra Class
		● 10 – 11am	Handbell Choir church narthex
		● 7 – 8pm	Northville Swim Club Meeting Room #1
26	MAY, FRI	● All day	NO SCHOOL
		● 1 – 4pm	Doug Tischler-parish hall
		● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall

For the month of May, Women in Christ would like to draw your attention to the LWML grant entitled “A Rising Need, a Spiritual Opportunity (Lutheran Special Education Ministries in Michigan).” This is a \$20,000 grant to enable LSEM to provide educational and spiritual support to children who are experiencing learning loss and have learning needs in Lutheran schools, including our own school. Please keep LSEM in your prayers and add to your MITE box this month.



The Board of Social Ministry will be having a **Graduate Recognition** Coffee Hour the first part of June. We are making a “Picture Board” to display in the church. **If you have a 2023 High School or College Graduate** we would like the name, the school, a picture, and a brief mention of what the graduate’s future plans are. Please send same to Cheryl Koch:

[CKoch2RN@gmail.com](mailto:CKoch2RN@gmail.com) or Ruth Fisher: [RTFNovi@gmail.com](mailto:RTFNovi@gmail.com) before May 31, (or drop off at church office).



## BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Several years ago, St. Paul decided to support Another Way Pregnancy Center as one of our local missions. This is an organization that offers support to mothers and families facing an unplanned pregnancy. Mother's Day, May 14, kicks off St. Paul's Annual Baby Bottle Drive. Consider taking a bottle and filling it with your change, bills or checks and return them by Father's Day, June 18. You can return yours anytime and are welcome to take another if you want. Please however, return all bottles as there is a cost in supplying the bottles to us and they are used again when returned.

**Note:** In case you were wondering, bills and checks are definitely accepted and a lot lighter to carry when returning to AWPC.

Vacation Bible School - Come take a Journey with Us to Babylon this YEAR!!

When: June 19th - June 23rd

Time: 9am - NOON

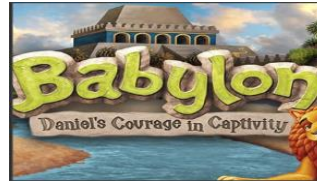
Where: Church & School Campus

Who: Preschool - 5th grade

I need Volunteers - 6th graders and older

Register on Church Home Page

[myvbs.com/stpaulnorthville](http://myvbs.com/stpaulnorthville)



**The last day of Sunday school is May 28.** Sunday school resumes in September 17, 2023. As we conclude the year, many thanks to Kristen Goodman and Debbie Jenter who have led the youth and teens in studying God's word. They have been steadfast servants sharing their time and talents with our children. We thank Jake Fairbairn, Kara Patterson, Jennifer Huggins and Mark Ernst for helping out from time to time. All of these volunteers will be recognized by the Board of Youth and Family Education on June 4, 2023 during coffee hour. We hope that you can attend to help celebrate another successful year of Sunday school.

**Speaking of Sunday school,** we are in need of volunteers for next year. To operate a meaningful Sunday school program we must divide the 4-11 year old children into two groups. Now that more children are attending it is apparent that each group (younger/older) requires their own set of lessons and activities. Kristen Goodman has graciously agreed to teach the older group. We need someone to teach the younger group. We are seeking one volunteer who can commit to most Sunday mornings, starting Sept. 17, 10:00-10:45, to teach a Bible lesson to the younger group. Lessons and supplies will be provided to the volunteer. Two people might consider sharing the role. However, we need consistency so that our children can receive meaningful weekly instruction. Prayerfully consider volunteering as we are most in need. You may contact Jeanette Koch if you can volunteer or have questions.

**Vacation Bible School** is right around the corner. The dates are June 19-23, 9 am- 12 pm. We typically enroll about 80 children. This is a wonderful experience for children to learn about and grow closer to Jesus. Children from both inside and outside our church community attend. We need volunteers for this program because there are many jobs to be done. We need group leaders, snack handlers, arts and crafts leader, decorating helpers, registration people and more. Please consider volunteering for one or two days or all week. Please go to the church website to sign up. Talk with Jeanette Koch if you have questions or need more information.