

# SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00am  
July 7, 2024



A Community of Rebels

## AS WE GATHER

Our culture is fascinated with rebels. Characters such as **Han Solo**, **Ferris Bueller**, and **Katniss Everdeen** are not perfect, but we admire how they stand up to authority. Whether being a rebel is good or bad depends on whom one is rebelling against. When the authority is God Almighty, rebels are not looked upon so fondly. Israel rebelled against God, and Ezekiel told them just that. The people of Nazareth rejected Jesus, rebelling against their own hometown prophet. Paul was a rebel himself, first against the followers of Jesus, and then on their behalf. Sin is rebellion against God. Yet God forgives our rebellion through Jesus' death and resurrection, turning our rebellion into reconciliation and rejoicing. Despite our weaknesses and inclination to rebel, God's grace comes to us in Jesus, and He is sufficient for us.

**WELCOME** – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

## Holy Forever

### Verse 1

A thousand generations falling down in  
worship  
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb.  
And all who've gone before us  
And all who will believe  
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.

### Pre-Chorus

Your name is the highest.  
Your name is the greatest.  
Your name stands above them all.  
All thrones and dominions.  
All powers and positions.  
Your name stands above them all.

### Chorus

And the angels cry, Holy!  
All creation cries, Holy!  
You are lifted high, Holy!  
Holy forever!

### Verse 2

If you've been forgiven and if you've  
been redeemed  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb.  
If you walk in freedom and if you bear  
His name  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb.  
We'll sing the song forever and amen.

### Chorus

And the angels cry, Holy!  
All creation cries, Holy!  
You are lifted high, Holy!  
Holy forever!

Hear Your people sing, Holy!  
To the King of Kings, Holy!  
You will always be, Holy!  
Holy forever!

Your name is the highest.  
Your name is the greatest.  
Your name stands above them all.  
All thrones and dominions.  
All powers and positions.  
Your name stands above them all. (2x)

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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

Pastor: Lift up your eyes to the Lord!

**People: For He is filled with mercy.**

Pastor: Plead with Him for what you need.

**People: For He is filled with power.**

Pastor: Be content with His ways.

**People: For His grace is sufficient.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, each of us has rebelled against God and rejected His will, His ways, and His commands. We were born in sin and weakness. We cannot escape our rebellious condition on our own. Let us then confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

**People: We confess that we have rejected Your ways and sought our own. We have rebelled against Your almighty rule, trying to be the masters of our own lives. We have failed to love You with all our heart. We have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. We have failed to love our enemies as You commanded. Forgive us by Your power, mercy, and grace.**

Pastor: In the power, mercy, and grace of almighty God, Jesus Christ died and was raised for you. On account of Christ and His all-sufficient grace, God forgives you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen. His grace is sufficient for us. His power is made perfect in weakness.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace, that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**     *Ezekiel 2:1–5*     (*Ezekiel is sent to a nation of rebels.*)

Reader: <sup>1</sup> And he said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." <sup>2</sup> And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup> The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' <sup>5</sup> And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**     *2 Corinthians 12:7–10*     (We rejoice in our weaknesses because they showcase the power, mercy, and grace of Christ.)

**Paul's Thorn in the Flesh**

Reader: <sup>7</sup> So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. <sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.

**People:** <sup>9</sup> **But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”**

Reader: Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup> For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 6:1–13*

*(Jesus is rejected in His hometown but sends out the Twelve disciples to proclaim repentance, cast out demons, and heal the sick.)*

**Jesus Rejected at Nazareth**

Reader: <sup>6</sup> He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup> And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? <sup>3</sup> Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

**People:** <sup>4</sup> **And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.”**

Reader: <sup>5</sup> And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. <sup>6</sup> And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching.

## Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Apostles

Reader: <sup>7</sup> And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup> He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— <sup>9</sup> but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics.

**People:** <sup>10</sup> And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. <sup>11</sup> And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.”

Reader: <sup>12</sup> So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. <sup>13</sup> And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

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.**



**MESSAGE** – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

## 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.

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 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.  
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### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the Church around the world, for ourselves and our nation, and for all people in their various circumstances. For children and infants, that they be raised by faithful parents and guardians, and grow in strength and in knowledge of the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For those in power, especially elected officials, that they would treat those under their power with justice and compassion, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**



Pastor: For peace and harmony between nations, for human rights, freedom, and justice in our nation and for people everywhere, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the leaders of this congregation, that God would send His guidance and wisdom for the benefit of this congregation and community, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those who are sick and recovering, [*especially . . .*], that they rely on the all-sufficient grace 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 power, mercy, and grace.

**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**

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.**

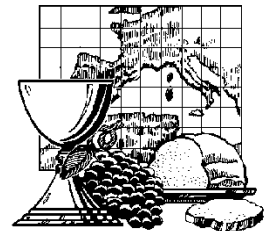
**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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

**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. ++

**Thy Word**

Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.

Verse 1

When I feel afraid  
And I think I've lost my way  
Still You're there right beside me.  
Nothing will I fear  
As long as You are near.  
Please be near me to the end.

Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.

Verse 2

I will not forget  
Your love for me, and yet  
My heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus, be my guide  
And hold me to Your side;  
I will love You to the end.

Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path. (2X)

And a light unto my path.

**My Country, 'Tis of Thee**

My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing:  
Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrim's pride,  
From ev'ry mountainside Let freedom ring.

My native country, thee, Land of the noble free, Thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills;  
My heart with rapture thrills Like that above.

Our fathers' God, to Thee, Author of liberty, To Thee we sing:  
Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King!

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Grant, O Lord, that the lips which have sung Your praise in the sanctuary may glorify You in the world, that the ears which have heard the voice of Your songs may be closed to the voice of clamor and dispute, that the eyes which have seen Your great love may also behold Your blessed hope, that the tongues which have confessed Your name may ever speak the truth, and that the bodies of all who have tasted of Your Son's living body and blood may be restored to newness of life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**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**

## House Of The Lord

### Verse 1

We worship the God who was.  
 We worship the God who is.  
 We worship the God who evermore will  
 be.  
 He opened the prison doors.  
 He parted the raging sea.  
 My God, He holds the victory.

### Chorus

There's joy in the house of the Lord.  
 There's joy in the house of the Lord  
 today.  
 And we won't be quiet.  
 We shout out Your praise.  
 There's joy in the house of the Lord.  
 Our God is surely in this place.  
 And we won't be quiet.  
 We shout out Your praise.

### Interlude

We shout out Your praise.  
 We shout out Your praise.

### Verse 2

We sing to the God who heals.  
 We sing to the God who saves.  
 We sing to the God who always makes  
 a way.  
 'Cause He hung up on that cross  
 Then He rose up from that grave.  
 My God's still rolling stones away.

### Chorus

There's joy in the house of the Lord.

There's joy in the house of the Lord  
 today.  
 And we won't be quiet.  
 We shout out Your praise.  
 There's joy in the house of the Lord.  
 Our God is surely in this place.  
 And we won't be quiet.  
 We shout out Your praise.

### Bridge

We were the beggars.  
 Now we're royalty.  
 We were the prisoners.  
 Now we're running free.  
 We are forgiven, accepted.  
 redeemed by His grace.  
 Let the house of the Lord sing praise.  
 (2X)

### Chorus

There's joy in the house of the Lord.  
 There's joy in the house of the Lord  
 today.  
 And we won't be quiet.  
 We shout out Your praise.

There's joy in the house of the Lord.  
 Our God is surely in this place.  
 And we won't be quiet.  
 We shout out Your praise. (2X)

We shout out Your praise



**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**

<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>Bob McGuigan</i>
<i>Praise Team</i>	<i>Hannah Hughes Sarah Hughes Linda Johnson Jeff Shapiro Kurt Menhart Chris Englert</i>
<i>Welcome Center</i>	<i>Paris Phou</i>
<i>Counters</i>	<i>Jane Ripper Allen Ripper Christine Lewis</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Mark Baumgarten Ernie Edick</i>
<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Matthew George</i>
<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Joanne Bandoni</i>
<i>Altar Society</i>	<i>Nancy Berg Kara Patterson Kellen Patterson</i>
<i>Tech Team</i>	<i>Shibu George</i>

# News & Notes

**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

**MONDAYS:** Adult Bible Study- 6 Heros of the Bible- 6:30pm- School Gym

Attendance Last week: 6.30.2024 – Attendance - 8:30am - 84 + 11:00am – 141 = 225  
Communion - 75

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

Received week of 6.30.2024- for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate)- \$6,745 -total includes online giving

**Remember Our Shut-Ins**

Christina Rohn  
Waltonwood #240  
27475 Huron Circle  
Novi, MI 48377

*Altar Flowers*



*One vase in honor of the 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Kathy and Dennis Verseman.*

*One vase in memory of "My son Ron" from Bernice Baggett.*

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

7	JUL, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship with Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship with Communion
		● 7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball school gym
8	JUL, MON	● 6:30 – 8pm	Summer Bible Study
9	JUL, TUE	● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Board of Day School Parish Hall
10	JUL, WED	● 5:30 – 7pm	Board of Evangelism - Parish Hall
12	JUL, FRI	● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall

**What a blessing to be able to serve the Family of God!** There were about 40 people waiting for us in the air conditioned Fellowship Hall with 90 degrees outside on Wednesday evening, June 19th. It was one of the largest attendance for the year with 120 meals served. The Hoffmeier's, Will and Barbara, took their 7 year old Granddaughters to help serve brownies and bananas. They had "fun" and want to go back again. They brought smiles, some toothless, from everyone. Our favorite story was a man who told them his dog ate his teeth (dentures) and was having a hard time eating hard food. The Treder's, Matt and Marcy, along with Chris Burgess also went down to southwest Detroit to serve. Many thanks to the cooks - Michele Benson and Nancy Berg who made the nine casseroles of Taco Lasagna, Marilyn Edick who cut up the veggies for the tossed salad, Will Hoffmeier who browned meat ahead of time. Barbarbara Hoffmeier coordinated the project with Monday and Tuesday preparing the meal and Wednesday taking the casseroles to Pat McGuigan's house to bake them in her two ovens. *Unfortunately the school oven is out of commission and adds a challenge - but God always provides. Thanks Pat for heating up your house to help us out.* Chris and Jeff Henning did the shopping, along with Nancy and Barbara this month. The brownie bakers were Jan Faerber, Lisa Fairbairn, Karen Frusti, Gretchen Hasse, and Beth Hempel. Also, **many thanks to those who contribute funds to our designated account to keep this mission going. We appreciate everyone's support and it is truly a blessing from God.** We hope others will join us. Please contact the Hoffmeier's, McGuigan's, or Poole's to get connected.



**Please mark your calendar for Rally Day on September 8, 2024. There will be one service at 10 am. We are excited to share the service will be at Maybury State Park in Northville and followed by a potluck picnic. There will be games and a guided nature hike following the service. More details will follow but please hold the date for a special Sunday service with friends and family.**

**Summer Bible Study** - We will be offering a 6 week Bible study for adults this summer. We will be discussing 6 heroes of the Bible. No need to commit for all 6 lessons, come when you can. We will be starting on Monday June 24th and run through July 29 starting at 630pm, meeting in the gym. For more information talk to Lisa Fairbairn [lisafairbairn3@yahoo.com](mailto:lisafairbairn3@yahoo.com).

Another great week at Summer Sunday School of Music! While Mr. and Mrs. Huggins were not able to lead the group this week, they had set everything set up and Peter Goodman worked with the students on guitar and drums. We also had students practicing chords on piano and the cello. This week we focused on Matt Maher's "The Lord's Prayer." We look forward to seeing the students this week as we continue to improve. We meet at 9:45am in Room 5 in the school building. Come join us for this opportunity!





### \$\$\$\$ Endowment Fund News \$\$\$\$

God has certainly blessed our Endowment Fund. We are excited to share that \$2950 of the \$4450 of available grant dollars have been awarded for the first half of 2024:

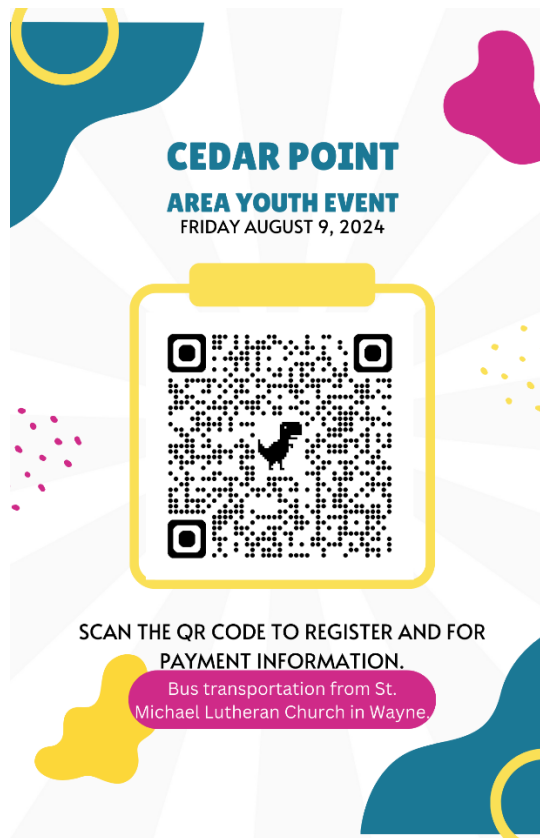
- \$2000 St Paul's Church roofing project
- \$500 Bible Quizzing Team
- \$450 Vacation Bible School T-shirts

There are still \$1500 of grant dollars that will be available in the second half of 2024. Stay tuned at that application window will open in September.

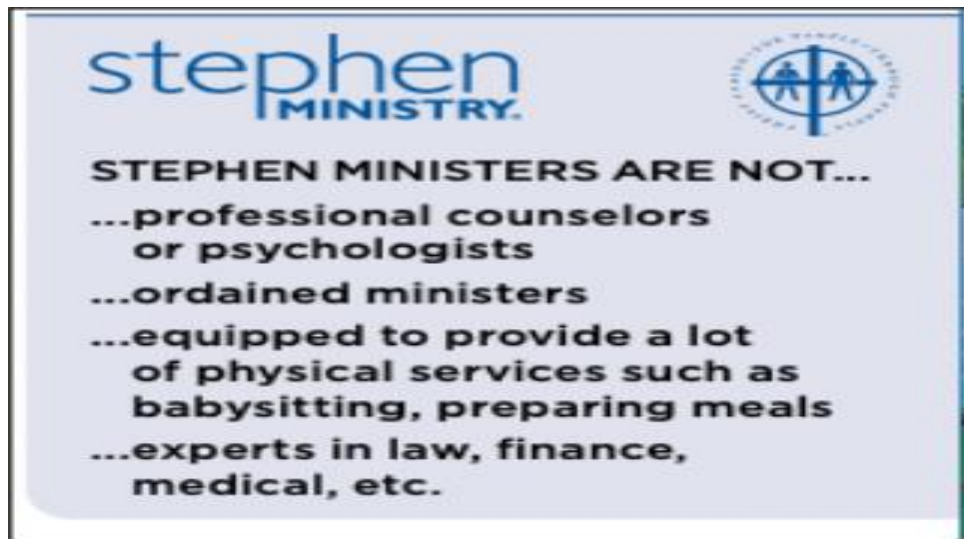
This is our third year of grants and here is a re-cap of what the Endowment Fund has done thus far:

- \$1600 St Paul's National Youth Gathering in Texas
- \$450 Belize mission trip
- \$1200 Protect Young Eyes Tech talk 101 event
- \$470 Hand Bell Choir storage cases
- \$3365 Church administration office space construction

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of St Paul's Endowment Fund!



A part time preschool aide is needed for our school beginning August 20, 2024. We have a part time position for someone who likes working with preschool aged children. The job is 8-10 hours a week. If you or someone you know might be interested please contact Melissa Towner for more information at [mtowner@stpaulnorthville.org](mailto:mtowner@stpaulnorthville.org)




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That was an enjoyable quick evening of service at Family of God. Pat McGuigan, Pat Melton, Kathy Verseman and I loaded up Pat's vehicle, Kathy said a nice prayer and we were off to Southwest Detroit. We served Cheesy Pasta Salad made by Julie Smith, Mary Lou Jaussi, Joanne Bandoni, Gretchen Hasse, Pat McGuigan, Claudia Williamson, Janet Kovalak and Kathy Verseman. Rolls provided by Anne Burgess, potato chips (crunchy folded kind) by Carole Crete, beautiful fresh fruit by Jan Newman and rice Krispie treats and cookies by Beth Hempel and Shelly Ernst. Megan Kutz, Marti Gilchrist and I provided beverages. Margo organized our incoming items in the kitchen and Marcy gathered our paper products. We served 110 meals includes firsts, seconds and to-goes. George's foot is getting better but another young man was walking almost like he had a stroke. When we inquired with him, he showed us a long cut on his forehead that had been stitched, someone had beaten him up pretty badly. Please pray that he will have complete healing mind and body. In fact, as the LORD brings the mission to mind, pray for all those that come and the trusty folks that serve the people daily. The Board of Evangelism was able to present a check to Pastor Jim for \$800.00 from coffee hours and Advent and Lenten dinner proceeds for the past year. Thank you church for the part you play in allowing us to do our part. Come and See.

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