

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00 am

September 6, 2026



Seeking the lost with God's awesome love!

AS WE GATHER

Paul said, we are called to "**Owe nothing** to anyone except the continuing debt to love one another." If the church means anything at all, it must stand in the Awesome Forgiveness that God gave. The only way we can truly love our neighbor as ourselves is to know the God of love himself.

Although the attention of many is distracted on this Labor Day weekend, the focus of the Readings is clear. We have a Savior who has come to find the lost and restore them through forgiveness, and we have a purpose in speaking this Gospel to the whole world. This is not an easy calling. The lost often do not want to be found, and the wicked are content in their ways. We act not as self-appointed guardians of the truth but as instruments of God, through whom He speaks His Word of love to the lost and erring and by whom they are saved. Today we pray that we will not be distracted from this goal and purpose.

SPECIAL GUEST

Today we have the special privilege of welcoming our guest preacher, Rev. Nick Gapski of **Family of God Lutheran** in Detroit. The vision of their ministry is "to be a change agent in the community rooted God's heart to seek the lost, bind up the broken, and strengthen the weak."



WELCOME — Rev. Nick Gapski

RINGING OF THE BELL

Word Of Life

Verse 1

Word of life
 Speak to my weary heart
 Strengthen my broken parts
 Lead me to Your open arms
 Word of truth
 Illuminate all these lies
 The enemy speaks inside
 In freedom I will rise

Chorus

'Cause You called me out from the
 grave
 So I can live like I've been changed
 There is a new song in my soul
 And it begins when I breathe in
 Your word of life

Verse 2

Spirit of God
 Take me to a deeper place
 Take me out of what is safe
 I will not be afraid
 Spirit of God

Fill me with joy again
 Springing up from within
 It cannot be contained

Chorus

'Cause You called me out from the
 grave
 So I can live like I've been changed
 There is a new song in my soul
 And it begins when I breathe in
 Your word of life

Bridge

The old has gone away
 Only Your love remains
 I am alive today ...

Chorus

'Cause You called me out from the
 grave
 So I can live like I've been changed
 There is a new song in my soul
 And it begins when I breathe in
 Your word of life

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained 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.

Stand

Service of the Word

Kyrie

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord and giver of life, You call Your people from death and despair to faith and faithfulness. In Christ, we are assured of resurrection and life. Enlighten our hearts that we may have a right understanding in all things and may rejoice in the power and blessing of Your Word among us. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Father are one God, world without end.

People: Amen.

Sit

Old Testament *Ezekiel 33:7–9*

(I have made you a watchman.)

⁷ "So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle *Romans 13:1–10*

("Love is the fulfilling of the law.")

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ² Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³ For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴ for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶ For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷ Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Fulfilling the Law Through Love

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Holy Gospel *Matthew 18:1–20*

(The Son of Man came to seek and save the lost.)

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ² And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³ and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵ "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶ but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷ "Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸ And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹ And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

¹⁰ "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹² What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³ And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴ So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵ "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

Faithful Still

Verse 1

When my heart is racing
 deep inside my chest
 When I'm underneath t
 he weight of anxiousness
 When my fear is raging
 and I can't catch my breath
 I will remember

Chorus

You are faithful still
 You have carried me
 through deeper waters
 Walked beside me
 through the fire
 Faithful still
 You have closed the
 mouth of bigger lions
 Conquered even
 greater giants
 Gone before me and
 You always will
 You are faithful still

Verse 2

God You saw this long
 before I ever knew
 And Your peace is waiting
 here to see me through
 My deliverance is
 only found in You
 So I will surrender

Chorus

You are faithful still
 You have carried me
 through deeper waters
 Walked beside me
 through the fire
 Faithful still
 You have closed the
 mouth of bigger lions
 Conquered even
 greater giants
 Gone before me and
 You always will
 You are faithful still

I have a hope I have a future
 I'm a child of the Mountain Mover (4X)

You are faithful still
 You have carried me
 through deeper waters
 Walked beside me
 through the fire
 Faithful still
 You have closed the
 mouth of bigger lions
 Conquered even
 greater giants
 Gone before me and
 You always will
 You are faithful still

I have a hope I have a future
 I'm a child of the Mountain Mover (2X)
 ... You are faithful still

Sermon – Rev. Nick Gapski

Prayer of the Church

- Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ and for all people according to their needs.
That the Lord would move us to seek out the lost, address them with the voice of God's Word, and restore them who receive this warning with penitence, that the hearts of all once forgiven be moved to forgive one another in Christ's name, let us pray to the Lord.
- People: Lord, have mercy.**
- Pastor: That the church burn with zeal for the lost and for those caught up in heresy, error, and immorality and learn to rejoice with the angels over every sinner who repents and is saved, let us pray to the Lord.
- People: Lord, have mercy.**
- Pastor: That the Lord of the church well supply His people with faithful pastors and church workers and that He impart His rich blessing upon those newly ordained and consecrated and those training up for church work vocations, let us pray to the Lord.
- People: Lord, have mercy.**
- Pastor: That the Lord continue to show mercy to those afflicted in body, mind, or soul; grant them comfort and aid; and sustain them in this mercy to everlasting life, [*and especially do we pray for . . .*], let us pray to the Lord.
- People: Lord, have mercy.**
- Pastor: That the Lord would bless the homes where His people dwell, giving courage and strength to husbands and wives in the fulfillment of their promises and blessing all parents with wisdom and grace to attend to the children in their care, let us pray to the Lord.
- People: Lord, have mercy.**
- Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- People: Amen.**

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

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

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

Stand

Service of the Sacrament

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

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.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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.

The Words of Our Lord

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.**



Agnus Dei (sung)

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

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. ++

Brighter Days

Chorus

I know there's gonna be
some brighter days.

I swear that love will find you in your
pain.

I feel it in me like the love of Christ in
my veins.

I know there's gonna be
some brighter days.

I know there's gonna be
some brighter days.

Verse 1

Oh ashes fall from burning dreams.
Oh never lived through times like these.
Oh if you're trying hard to breathe in
the dark,
In the dark.

Chorus

I know there's gonna be
some brighter days.

I swear that love will find you in your
pain.

I feel it in me like the love of Christ in
my veins.

I know there's gonna be
some brighter days.

I know there's gonna be
some brighter days.

Verse 2

Oh if your screams don't make a sound.

Oh if your walls are crashing down.

Oh if your heart just cries too loud all
the time,

All the time.

Chorus

I know there's gonna be
some brighter days.

I swear that love will find you in your
pain.

I feel it in me like the love of Christ in
my veins.

I know there's gonna be
some brighter days.

I know there's gonna be
some brighter days.

Bridge

O-o-oh-o, O-o-oh-o, O-o-oh-o,
Brighter days!

Chorus

I know there's gonna be
some brighter days.
I swear that love will find you in your
pain.

I feel it in me like the love of Christ in
my veins.

I know there's gonna be
some brighter days.

I know there's gonna be
some brighter days.

I know there's gonna be
some brighter days.

Hymn of Heaven**Verse 1**

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the
streets
To look upon the one who bled to save
me
And walk with Him for all eternity

Chorus

There will be a day
When all will bow before Him
There will be a day
When death will be no more
Standing face to face
With He who died and rose again
Holy holy is the Lord

Verse

And ev'ry prayer we prayed in
desperation
The songs of faith

We sang through doubt and fear
In the end we'll see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our
tears

Chorus

There will be a day
When all will bow before Him
There will be a day
When death will be no more
Standing face to face
With He who died and rose again
Holy holy is the Lord

Verse

And on that day we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the
faith
With one voice a thousand generations
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Forever He shall reign

Chorus

There will be a day
 When all will bow before Him
 There will be a day
 When death will be no more
 Standing face to face
 With He who died and rose again
 Holy holy is the Lord

So let it be today
 We shout the hymn of Heaven
 With angels and the Saints
 We raise a mighty roar
 Glory to our God
 Who gave us life beyond the grave
 Holy holy is the Lord
 Holy holy is the Lord
 Holy holy is the Lord

*Stand***Post-Communion Collect**

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; 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

Every Praise is to Our God.

Every praise is to our God.
Every word of worship with one accord.
Every praise, every praise is to our God.

Sing hallelujah to our God.
Glory hallelujah is due our God.
Every praise, every praise is to our God.

Every praise is to our God.
Every word of worship with one accord.
Every praise every praise is to our God.

Sing hallelujah to our God.
Glory hallelujah is due our God.
Every praise, every praise is to our God.

God our Savior. God our Healer.
God our Rescuer. Yes he is! Yes he is!
God our Savior. God our Healer.

God our Rescuer. Yes he is! Yes he is!

Every praise is to our God.
Every word of worship with one accord.
Every praise, every praise is to our God.

Sing hallelujah to our God.
Glory hallelujah is due our God.
Every praise, every praise is to our God.

Every praise is to our God.
Every word of worship with one accord.
Every praise, every praise is to our God.

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

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



WHERE WE SERVE

Preacher/Officiant

Music Director

Family Life

Elder

Pastor Nick Gapski

Paul Ventimiglia

Jeanette Koch

Ushers

Mark Baumgarten

Patrick Baker

Greeter

Joanne Bandoni

Acolyte

Luke Donaldson

Counters

Dave Tischler

Jan Paver

Welcome Center

Beth Hempel

Tech Team

Shibu George

Altar Society

Nancy Berg

Michael Huskey

Elyse Huskey

Kurt Menhart

Praise Team

Hannah Hughes

Sarah Hughes

Chris Englert

Linda Johnson

Alexandra Vago (Bass Gtr)

Remember Our Homebound

Karen (Richard) Schneider

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Northville, MI 48167

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 1st and 3rd Saturday @ 9:00am – Parish Hall**Altar Flowers**

One vase in memory of my parents Jim and Jean Frogner from Ann Kelly.

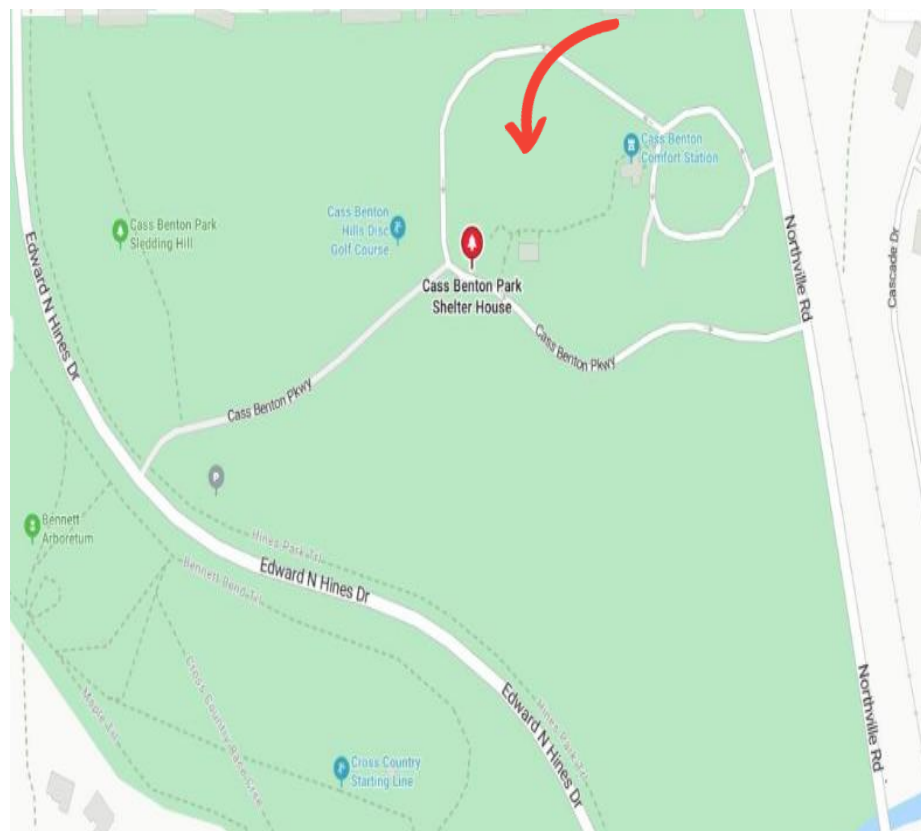
One vase in honor of Lisa Fairbairn's birthday.

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

Attendance Last week: 8.30.2026– Attendance – 8:30am – 87 + 11:00am – 73 = 160
Communion - 127

Received week of 8.30.2026 for **Church** (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$10,191** total includes online giving
School - \$10,005

6	SEP, SUN	8:30 – 9:30am 9:45 – 10:45am 7 – 9pm	Worship with Communion Sunday School & Youth Bible Study Adult pick up basketball - check notes for availability school gym
7	SEP, MON	- All day 5 – 6pm 6 – 7pm 6 – 7pm 7 – 8pm	NO SCHOOL-Labor Day Board of Social Ministry Ladies Lounge Board of Elders parish hall Board of Trustees classroom #3 Board of Youth and Family Christian Education church office
8	SEP, TUE	9 – 10am	Yolanda M. - Parish Hall
9	SEP, WED	5:30 – 7pm 7 – 9pm	Board of Evangelism - Parish Hall Northville Swim Club (NSC) Room #3
10	SEP, THU	4:30 – 5:30pm 5:45 – 7pm	Choir Practice Bell Choir Rehearsal - church
11	SEP, FRI	- All day 7 – 9pm 9 – 11:30pm	Jane Dough - School Kitchen AA Mtg. church parish hall Yuta Basketball Rental gym





Rally Day is Sept. 13, 2026. It's also Grandparents Day. Please plan to celebrate this special day at an outdoor service. There will be one service at 10:30 am. The location is Cass Benton Park in Northville. The address is 18005 Northville Road, Northville. You may enter Cass Benton Park from either Hines Drive or Northville Road. The park is located between 6 and 7 mile. There is a nice pavilion, restroom, playground and parking. There is no fee to enter the park. There will be a potluck lunch following the service. Watch for a sign up Genius to volunteer a dish. We look forward to praising our Lord among the trees, flowers, birds and all the natural beauty.





Looking
for
**PART-TIME
CUSTODIAN**
for the
CHURCH AND SCHOOL.

Hours are flexible.

Duties include:

- ✓ mopping
- ✓ sweeping
- ✓ removing trash
- ✓ and general cleaning

Please call
THE CHURCH OFFICE
with inquires.

248-349-3140

Hello St Paul Family

I am looking for a couple to chaperone this year's confirmation class to Camp Arcadia on Oct 16th to the 18th. We usually leave church at noon on Friday and home by 5pm Sunday. It's a beautiful campus if you've never been there before. This is your opportunity. It's a great weekend of fellowship with others. It's approximately 4 hours away. You will have a 12 passenger van to transport you and the students. If you are interested please let me know as soon as possible.

Jeanette 248-974-3323 text or call email- familylife@stpaulnorthville.org

Maui Vacation in your Plans? As a way of raising funds for our St. Paul short-term mission trips, a generous family in our congregation is offering the use of their condominium at the beautiful Sands of Kahana Resort in Maui, Hawaii during the week of December 4 - December 11, 2026. More information about the resort at <https://sandsofkahanaresort.com/>. The unit (Orchid Room) is a two bedroom / two bath, with kitchen and with a pull-out couch, comfortably sleeps up to six people. The unit will be awarded to the highest bidder (minimum bid is \$500) in a blind auction with the winning bidder notified on October 1st. Auction proceeds will be deposited to the St. Paul Short-Term mission fund to support future SPL MOST mission trip goers.

Please submit a short statement of your interest along with your bid to Jeff Henning (Jhenning90@comcast.net) by September 30, 2026. If you should have any questions or want more information, please reach out to Jeff Henning or Chris Burgess. Chris and Ann Burgess took advantage of this opportunity last year and would be happy to describe their wonderful experience to interested bidders!



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

Bible Quizzing is a great way to learn Scripture with friends and with the motivation of competition. This year we'll be going over the Gospel of John, which is a great place to get started in Scripture! Kids in 2nd-12th grade are welcome to join. Membership at St. Paul is not required. All experience levels welcome (no prior Bible knowledge required!).

Join us for a 20 minute Bible Quizzing demo with short games, activities, and Q&A in the school building on August 16 and August 23.

We'll run it after both services, so make it to whichever one works best for you. No commitment required. Check out what Bible Quizzing is all about!

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



OUR NEW MEMBERS

Lisa and Francis Murkowski are our newest members to our St. Paul family. Lisa has a Science and Language arts background, she is a retired teacher and she enjoys writing, reading and crafts. In her previous congregation she was a "Divorce Care Facilitator" and has served with VBS and Mission Trips. She would like to be a reader here. Francis is a retired Marketing Manager and likes reading and fishing. He would like to serve here as a reader and help with marketing.

We welcome **Megan Kutz** officially as a member of St. Paul although she and her family have been worshiping with us for quite some time now. Megan transferred her membership from Saint Matthew Lutheran Church in Walled Lake. She is a Special Ed Teacher in Northville Public Schools. She likes writing, reading and yoga. She has already helped with several events including VBS and is on the prayer chain. She would like to help with FOG meals and be a reader. So happy to welcome her.

Please welcome **Courtney Julien and her two sons Isaac (14) and Samuel (11)** to the St. Paul family. The Julien family participated in VBS this year. Samuel and Isaac were youth helpers and Courtney took pictures. Courtney listed photography and helping at events here as some of her interests. She has already put her photography skills to work and she and Isaac helped with the grounds clean up day earlier this spring. Thank you and we look forward to working beside you more.

Romans 15:7 - "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you."



Your Voice. Our School. Our Future.

We want to hear from you! We're asking everyone in our congregation to take a few minutes to complete a survey about our school. Your feedback matters. Your thoughts, ideas, and experiences can help us to celebrate what's going well and identify ways we can make our school even stronger. Please take the survey and let your voice help shape the future of our school! Scan this QR Code to access the survey



(Paper copies are also available in the narthex hallway and can be turned in at the school office or with Debbie Jenter).

The Family of God meal on Wednesday, August 19th went well thanks to our volunteers who stepped up. The menu was Chicken a la king (with peas and carrots) over biscuits, cranberry sauce, crunchy coleslaw, brownies, bananas and beverages. Chris and Dawn Englert, Barbara and Will Hoffmeier served the meal to about 75 people with most of them coming back for seconds to make about 120 meals. The brownie bakers were Alison Babic, Gretchen Hasse, Beth Hempel, Megan Kutz, and Sue Poole. Barbara did the shopping and Nancy and Doug Berg helped her prepare the meal in the school kitchen. Will Hoffmeier prepared the meat the day before. The cost per meal was about \$2.35 - pretty amazing compared to a meal they would get at a fast food restaurant! The funds in the designated account to pay for our groceries with these meals is running a little low. If YOU would like to contribute to this mission project, you can write a check to "St Paul Lutheran Church" and on the memo line put "Family of God meals." Your contributions will be greatly appreciated so we can continue this ministry to our brothers and sisters in Christ in southwest Detroit. If YOU would like to help this mission, please contact Barbara Hoffmeier #248.756.3035 or Sue Poole #248.904.9080. Thank you. With many hands the work goes quickly and smoothly. Will YOU be a volunteer for us?

