



Readings for the week of August 22, 2021

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament Reading- Isaiah 29:11-19

Epistle- Ephesians 4:1-16

Holy Gospel- John 6:22-35

Ctrl+Click this link for the Shadow of the Cross

website: <http://stpaulsfarmington.com/>

and this link for secure electronic giving:

<http://stpaulsfarmington.com/give-st-pauls/>

Worship service livestream:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM0cM0gle1sMO4AbuYc5I7Q>

Sunday services are 8:30 a.m., and 11:00 am.

Fellowship hour with refreshments will follow the 8:30 am and 11:00 am services. Pastor Dupre's Sunday Bible study has begun and it is at 10:00 am.

Holy Communion will be on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays during the 11:00 service and the 2nd and 4th Sunday during the 8:30 am service.

COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted in the state and also here at SOTC. Social distancing and mask are still respected however they are not required. We ask if you have not been vaccinated please wear your masks. Please do not come to church if you have a fever, other flu like symptoms or if you have been around someone who has tested positive for the Corona Virus in the past two weeks.

Aaron Clark has created a SOTC YouTube channel and will be streaming the service. Please direct all questions to the church office 248 474-0675, Mon – Friday, 9:45 am – 2:00 pm. Thank you. Tuesday Bible Study is at 11:30 am. You can also join us via Zoom, contact the office for the information.

“The Answer to the WHY Question”

~ Pastor Brian Dupre~

Proverbs 3:3-8 – “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones”

Matthew 5:4 – “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” A 5-year-old child dies of coronavirus. A mother of two young children is stricken with cancer and dies 6 months later. A father of four dies in a car crash leaving his wife and kids without insurance and without income. A three year old child is killed by a stray bullet in a drive-by shooting. How do you begin to comfort those that suffer such a loss? And where is the love of God that Christians speak of at these times?

It's not easy finding an answer to the question “why” when tragedy strikes and there are no simple answers. The truth is we don't know why tragedy strikes when and where it does. But we are keenly aware that this statement provides no comfort to those that mourn in loss. The temptation is to either blame God or attempt to explain the apparent absence of His grace and mercy in these events. In the latter, we say, “God needed mom more than we did” or “Something good will come out of this.”

My friends, this type of self-medication may make us feel better in the short run, but never provides us with lasting comfort. When tragedy strikes, we may feel the need to “justify our loss” by rationalizing it. But it is just not that simple. Neither blaming God nor rationalizing our loss

satisfies the “why”. One pushes us away from our Lord and creator while the other is merely a mask for our inability to understand and accept what has happened.

The sad truth is that tragic events happen because sin has come into this world and distorted all that God once called ‘Good.’ This is the only answer to the “why” question. And not even the most God-fearing Christian is exempt from the effects of this sin-sick world. The sad truth is that bad things are going to happen to all of us. It is here that I must remind you that God did not promise any of us a life without hurt, sorrow, pain, illness or affliction.

But the glorious truth is that He has promised us that come what may, He will never leave us nor forsake us (Deut. 31:6, Joshua 1:5, Heb. 13:5) and will be with us always, even to the very end of the age (Mt. 28:20). He has also promised that for those of us who endure (remain faithful) and perseveres under trial, even unto death shall be given the crown of life (Jas. 1:12, Rev. 2:10).

Our hope and our joy can be found in these promises. Our joy is that regardless of what happens to us in this life, we will not endure it alone. Our joy is in the fact the Jesus Christ has conquered death so that we may have everlasting life. Our joy is that the death of those we love is not the end of the story, for all who believe that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, who died for our sins and was resurrected so that we may no longer be a slave to death, shall be saved from death and shall be resurrected to eternal life with our King, He who created us.

What do you say to those grieving the loss of a loved one? What do you say when they ask “why”? Take them back to the cross. Remind them of these truths and promises that God has given us in His Word. And remind them that, “God so loved the world that He gave up His Son, so that whoever believes in Him would not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). God bless you all!

The peace of the Lord be with you -Rev. Brian Dupre, Pastor, SOTC

TELL ME HIS NAME ~Merlin Fields~

Tell me more about Jesus

Tell me more to help me see the light

There’s a reward for living under His guiding light

There is a place for those who want to learn more about His Glory

Even those who only newly, have seen the light

The great reward for knowing Jesus; is His

knowledge of us, in our search for Him

There can never be enough; He has done so much

He sees and knows; those who seek to know Him more

There is one answer; He knew us long before we could see and love Him.

YARN PAINTING SOTC members are invited to join the ESL ministry for a yarn painting workshop during our ESL social group activity time on Tuesday, August 24th. Activity time is 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm. All materials are provided.

Please RSVP by emailing the church office with time stamped no later than Sunday, August 22nd. I need to assure materials for everyone in attendance. We have room for 10 guest.

Just write in the subject line: Your name and Yarn painting. Instructor: Margo Dupre

2021 ALS WalkTeam “Marc’s Muscles”

SOTC we are gearing up for our 2021 ALS Walk to defeat ALS. We walk in memory of Ava Davis’ son and Lexus Giddings father Marcus Davis. We walk and raise funds to support people that are fighting this terrible disease today. The funds are donated go to the ALS of Michigan. We keep it local to support our “People with ALS” (PALS). The funds help to purchase their medical equipment, like computers that assist them to communicate after they have lost their ability to speak and electric wheel chairs when they can no longer walk, and so much more. **The date is October 2, registration is at 10:30 am and the walk will begin at 11:00 a.m.** Due to COVID-19 we will not be walking at the Detroit Zoo as we had in the past but prayerfully we will next year. It will be **a virtual walk again this year and we will**

be walking around Shadow of the Cross

Lutheran Church (lets pray for good weather again). Below you will find the link to register on line and/or donate for Marc's Muscles. Register as a walker or just support in spirit.

- http://webmi.alsa.org/goto/Marcs_Muscles

or you can see Ava Davis, Myita Davis, Barbara Profit or call the church office. We hope to see you there!

SOTC Zoom Account

Any chairperson needing to use the Zoom account for their ministry, please contact the Church office. There is a sign-up sheet in the office to reserve your date and time.

The SOTC International Friendship Cen. ESL

If you know of others looking for an opportunity to study using their native language Bibles while practicing ESL, please give them information about the Tuesday, 11:30 study. At 12:30, we are enjoying social opportunities.

It is our hope to move into our dedicated space this summer so that we can begin the Saturday program.

Thank you for continuing to pray for the International Friendship Center and the ESL ministry. Please share this information with others. Margo

The National Youth Gathering

The LCMS Youth Gathering is an event held every three years for youth of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) to spend time together in worship, God's Word, prayer, song, and service. The Gathering provides young people an opportunity to learn more about God, Christianity, and their Lutheran identity. This event is organized by LCMS Youth Ministry in Saint Louis, MO. The next Gathering takes place July 9-13, 2022, in Houston, TX. For more information you may contact Heather Rooker or Barbara Hatcher.



**JOIN US FOR
SUNDAY SCHOOL Online**

(DATE CORRECTION)

The Sunday School Dept. is having our first Sunday School Rally and we are so excited!! The rally is on September 11, 2021, 11:00 am until 3:00 pm. Our **Sunday School Rally** is for all ages and it is extended to our surrounding community. We want to share the love of Christ and tell how awesome He is. There will be carnival games, prizes, food and drinks. We will also give away book bags with school supplies to the school children. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors. Please join us

Volunteers are needed to man the carnival games and prize tables. We would like to give everyone a prize that participates in the games. **Donations are needed** for the prizes and school supplies. We will pass out flyers to our community. Flyers can be put on community bulletin boards, stores, and give them to your friends & neighbors. *"But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God." Mark 10:14 (ESV)*

Sunday school is back and we are meeting in person on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Our adult Sunday school will continue on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom and we hope to see you there. If you have any questions regarding our Sunday school please feel free to call any of the Sunday school staff, Dawn Kivimaki, Lori Smith, Laina Burk, Shirley Bowden, Myita Davis, Roderick McClure, Barbara Profit or the church office 248-474-0675. The Zoom link will remain the same until further notice. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6176422508?pwd=Rzdpd09PU05CWwZCU1NROE14bll5dz09>
Meeting ID: 617 642 2508, **Passcode:** 648947

HOLY HUMOR

Spiritual One Liners

- * Give God what's right - not what's left.
- * "Pray" is a four-letter word you can say anywhere - except in public schools.
- * Man's way leads to a hopeless end - God's way leads to an endless hope.
- * A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.]
- * He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.

Bible Trivia:

- * What was God's sign to Noah that he would never destroy the earth again?
Answer: A rainbow
- * How many brothers did Joseph have?
Answer: 12
- * What did Jacob give Joseph that sparked jealousy from his siblings?
Answer: A coat of many colors
- * What did Joseph tell his brothers about his dreams that upset them?
Answer: The dreams said he would become greater and rule over them.
- * How did Moses' mother save him from the Egyptian soldiers?
Answer: Put him in a basket in the river.
- * Through what did God speak to Moses in the desert?
Answer: A burning bush.

A Message from the CDC on Covid-19

precautions: (updated regularly) click link:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> COVID Data Tracker

Find maps and charts tracking cases, deaths, and trends of COVID-19 in the United States, updated daily by 8 pm ET.

New Vaccination and Case Trends tab displays trends in people receiving at least 1 dose of vaccine and being fully vaccinated along with trends in cases, by age group. Users can now filter all maps on County View tab to display only metropolitan counties or only non-metropolitan counties

COVID Data Tracker Weekly Review

An interpretive summary of this week's data

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How Do I Find a COVID-19 Vaccine?

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Your Community. Stay up to date on the latest data in your community at the state and county level.

County View

Track cases, deaths, hospitalizations, and more for your community.

Community Profile Report

View key indicators for all regions, states, core-based statistical areas, and counties across the US.

Community Profile Report -

Forecasting

See expectations for case increases or decreases for your state and across the US

Publisher's note: If you have information, prayer request, something you would like to share with your church family, a poem, a song, a scripture, a picture of something that puts a smile on your face, please send it to Ava's email

sotclutheran.officemanager@gmail.com or Dawn's email sotclutheran.secretary@gmail.com

Information for the Newsletter, please submit by the 20th of each month for the following month's publication. Thank you and Blessings!

LCMS Youth Gathering.....The LCMS Youth Gathering is a major event that brings together 25,000+ Lutheran youth and adults every three years, and next year's Gathering is going to be in Houston, Texas. This event is open to all youth who will be age 14-19 as of July 9, 2022, which typically means that if you are finishing grade 7-11 right now, you probably qualify to attend.

SHADOW OF THE CROSS YOUTH FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

Sunday, August 29 – Assist with Worship Service

Sunday, October 31 – Assist with Worship Service

TBD: Fund-raising Schedule for National Youth Gathering–July 9-13, 2022 Houston, Texas

TBD: Meetings – with other Lutheran Churches



Regarding the Pledge..... You can make your pledge in as many payments as you like but please have them paid by the end of this year. The weather is going to start getting bad and we would like to have the work done. Thank you for your pledges!!

Roof Repair/AC Pledge Drive July Report THANK YOU!!

1. Total amount of pledges: \$14,120.00 of our \$50,000.00 goal.
2. Actual Funds Received (as of 7/13/21): \$6,880.00

PLEDGE COMMITMENTS – Roof/AC

Jeanette Adams	Herschel and Angie	John Rousseau
George and Kay Barnes	Hembree	Lola Sample
Carole Boulware	Joyce Hilpert	Diane Smith
John Burhop	Robb Howell	Felicia Smith
Brenda Clavon	Bob and Mary Jo Keller	Ronald and Carol Smolka
Ava Davis	James and Dawn Kivimaki	Joe and Sandy Soukup
Pastor and Margo Dupre	Russ and Lindsay	Norma Speier
Doug Eiben	Lapworth	Dorothy Tankard
Shirley Eiben	Ann Little	Ellis Threadcraft
Herb and Nancy Engling	Sharon Martin	Daniel and Connie
Timothy and Clare Engling	Dorothy McClure	Strausberg
Merlin Fields	Roddy McClure	William & Robin Ward
Nancy Faith	Patricia Melton	Chester & Linda
Veronica Green	Ruth Palmer	Wilcoxson
Barbara Hatcher	Mary Rooker	Charleen Woodfield
	Steve and Heather Rooker	

This list will be updated as pledges come in. Thank you!



10th Annual Concordia GOLF OUTING



Presented by Jay Fontaine and
The Fontaine Real Estate Group

August 29, 2021

Whispering Willows Golf Course

20500 Newburgh Rd, Livonia, MI 48152

18 holes of Golf with Cart & Lunch

Donuts and Juice available at 7:00 a.m.

GAMES

Registration: 7:00 a.m.

PRIZES

Shotgun Start: 8:00 a.m.

Cost: \$110 per person or \$400 foursome

Lunch only-1:00ish: \$25 per person

Prizes for Longest Drive/Closest to the Pin/50-50

Awards for: 1st & 2nd Place Teams: Men (3 or more Men) and Mixed (2 Men Max.)

Team:

Captain: _____
Phone: _____
Address: _____

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Address: _____

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Address: _____

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Address: _____

Lunch Only:

Name: _____ # of Guests: _____

SEND TEAM INFORMATION
WITH CHECK PAYABLE TO:

Concordia Lutheran School
9600 Leverage
Redford, MI 48239

or pay www.concordials.org
on-line at: on the events page

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Michelle or Gwen at the CLS Finance Office
313-937-2233 or clsoffice@concordials.org