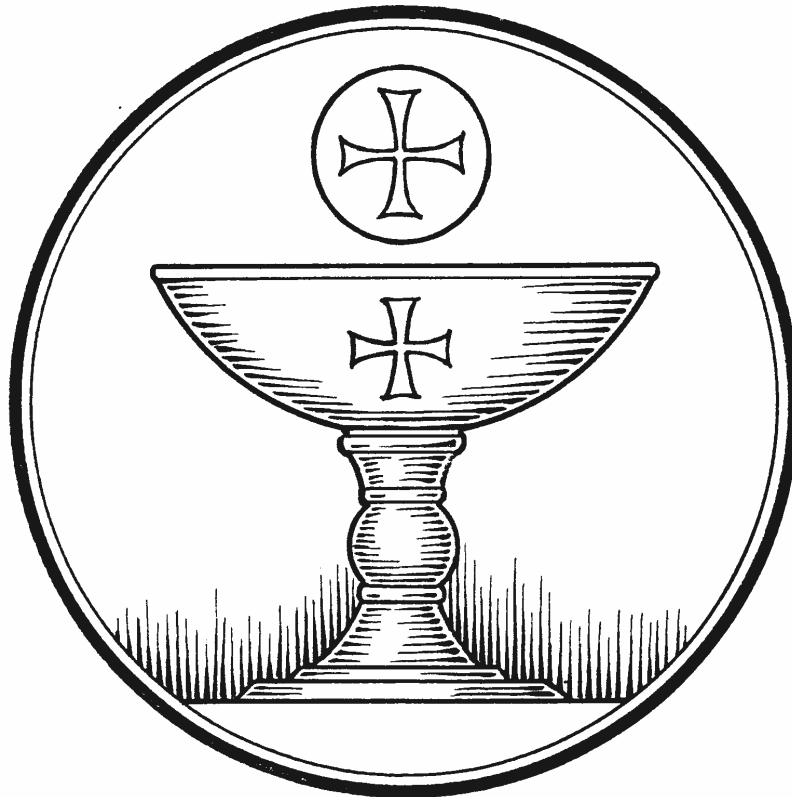


The Divine Service



Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." (John 6:35)

11th Sunday after Pentecost



AD 2021, August 8

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Good Shepherd is a member of the WELS (www.wels.net)

SERVICE OF THE WORD

This service offers the congregation a form of worship that focuses on the proclamation of God's Word. Believers respond to this divine gift with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

HYMN 232 ~ Lord of My Life, Whose Tender Care

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/232>

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

M: Let us pray.

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

FIRST LESSON Exodus 16:2-15

And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?" And Moses said,

“When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’” And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. And the LORD said to Moses, “I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”


In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

M: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 145

Refrain



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Psalm tone



Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Refrain

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;*
his greatness no one can fathom.

One generation will commend your works to another;*
they will tell of your mighty acts.

The LORD upholds all those who fall*
and lifts up all who are bowed down.

Refrain

The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food at the proper time.*
You open your hand
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

The LORD is near to all who call on him,*

to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;*
he hears their cry and saves them.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

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SECOND LESSON Ephesians 4:17-24

Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. But that is not the way you learned Christ!— assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

M: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Jesus replied, “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.” (John 14:23)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL John 6:24-35

M: The Gospel according to John chapter 6, beginning at the 24th verse.

C: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.



HYMN OF THE DAY

Hymn 376 ~ Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/376>

Sermon: Matthew 6:33

Theme: Seek first His Kingdom and His Righteousness.

STAND

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there 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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: **We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C: **Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C: **Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

In our prayers....

While we offer up prayers for specific requests in our services, petitions and intercessions can be offered up throughout the week for continued concerns. Please continue to remember these in your prayers:

- For Jon Rumics, son of David & Diane Rumics, who is undergoing chemo treatments again
- For Harold Boehler, father of Caitlin, Caleb Schroeder's girlfriend, undergoing treatments for cancer
- Thanksgiving for Earl Schroeder, father of Pastor Schroeder, who has returned home
- For the family of Pastor James Bartz (served Grace Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, MI) who was called to eternal rest (July 8).
- For Pastor Geoff Kieta (serving at Peace Lutheran Church in Livonia) who has tested positive for COVID

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: **We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

C: **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.**

HYMN 382 ~ My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/382>

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

or

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

HYMN 510 ~ I Pray You, Dear Lord Jesus

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/510>

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Preacher & Celebrant

Rev. Mark Porinsky who had served at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Dexter, Michigan until his retirement.

Organist

Carol Nielson

Worship Tidbit for the 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Following the sermon, the pastor often speaks what is called the “Votum.” The Votum is a blessing upon God’s people who have just been nourished by the preached word. Like the benediction, it is not a wish that the pastor expresses, but a promise of God that is upheld. One votum often used by the pastor is this: “The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:7) In other words, the peace which was proclaimed through the merits of Christ is yours now and always.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Divine Service is Sundays at 10:00 AM, in person and on Facebook Live.

Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, and Bible Matters will resume in September.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends, Pastor Schroeder’s office hours will be a bit more sporadic than usual. To ensure his availability, it is best to make an appointment. He will remain available by phone or text (248-719-5218). You may also email (welsnovi@aol.com), but the response may be slower.

OUT OF TOWN

Pastor Schroeder and some of his family will be out of town from Thursday, August 5 through Tuesday August 10. In case of emergency, please contact Pastor Gregory Gibbons of Lola Park Evangelical Lutheran Church in Redford at (734) 968-3523.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday (8/8)

Divine Service – In person and Facebook Live at 10:00 AM

Wednesday

Chapel at Farmington Hills Inn – 1:30 PM

Chapel at American House (West Bloomfield) – 2:30 PM

Thursday

Chapel at Pomeroy Living (Northville) – 10:30 AM

Sunday (8/15)

Divine Service – In person and Facebook Live at 10:00 AM

Long-Range Planning Meeting – 11:15 AM

Usher Schedule

Aug. 8th: Rob Skrycki, Dan Rauchholz, FB Live: Dan Rauchholz

Aug. 15th: Dan LeFevre, Bob Wozniak, FB Live: Bob Wozniak

LONG-RANGE PLANNING MEETING

On Sunday, August 15 after church, we will have our monthly Long-Range Planning meeting. The main focus is to determine a vision for what we want our congregation to look like in three years, five years, and/or ten years. Once we have a goal in mind, we can take the steps necessary to get there. The steps will be delegated to the committees we have. All are welcomed and encouraged to be a part of the Long-Range Planning meeting and the committees that will follow up to see that our plans are put to work. Planning great things only goes so far. We need our members committed to doing them and praying that God will bless them. If you have question about the Long-Range Planning committee, please speak to Rob Skrycki.

CONCERNING PASTORAL CARE

Besides Facebook Live and YouTube, you can find the pastor's sermons archived on this blog. You can use the search bar to find a particular date, day of the Church Year, or Scripture reference.

Pastor Schroeder will be available for private devotions, Holy Absolution, and Holy Communion to members in small groups or to individuals. You may call to set up an appointment at any time. Visits by appointment can be done either at church or at your home.

If you want to ask for intercessions for loved ones, we will certainly remember them in our prayers, too. If your loved one has no pastor, ask if they would like Pastor Schroeder to visit them.

WINDOWS AND SIDING

Our congregation signed a contract with Kerns Brothers to replace the windows and siding on the church. The total cost of the project is about \$62,500, and through June our generous offerings have raised \$33,250 for the project. In the May Council meeting the final \$7,192 in the Alice Laho Trust memorial was added to the Windows & Siding Fund to increase total available funds to \$40,442. That leaves us with \$22,058 needed to completely fund the project. Should it be necessary, we have applied for a loan through Lutheran Association for Church Extension (LACE). Council members are currently weighing the merits of possibly using some of our existing savings in lieu of paying the costs associated with borrowing. Your thoughtful consideration for a gift toward this project is appreciated

GOOD SHEPHERD 40TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK

A pictorial retrospective of Good Shepherd has been produced and is at church. You are welcome to look through it. While there are many photos, there is also a lot of information about the history of the congregation. So, if you look at it, you will probably not be able to read through all the articles. The copy at church will be placed in Good Shepherd's library, but you may want your own copy. We will contact Shutterfly to see what kind of discounted rate we can get for a bulk order. (Without discounts, the books runs well over \$100.) We will see how many are interested in a copy, understanding that you may change your mind if the cost ends up being too high.

BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

One or two men who are members of good standing are needed to fill various board positions. These include:

- 1) The **Redford Pregnancy Care Center** meets six times a year to oversee the care of pregnant women or at-need mothers, and the maintenance of our building. For more information, please contact Jay Kempf at jay.kempf@thrivent.com.
- 2) **Cristo Palabra de Vida** is our Hispanic mission in the Springwells neighborhood of Detroit. This board has the general oversight of the mission including finances, property maintenance and repairs, and the overall mission of the congregation. We meet four times a year. The ability to speak Spanish is not necessary to serve on this board. For more information, please contact Pastor Schroeder (welsnovi@aol.com) or Pastor Kolander (kolander.ryan@gmail.com).

LAST WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD (8/1)	
Attend/Communion	
26/23	
Offerings	
General Fund	\$3,555.00
Missions	\$50.00
Building Fund	\$40.00
Siding/windows	\$200.00
TOTAL:	\$3,845.00

A LOOK AT THE UPCOMING SCHEDULE

AUGUST

Note: All dates are subject to review.

- 8 Divine Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)
- 11 Chapel at Farmington Hills Inn – 1:30 PM
- 11 Chapel at American House (West Bloomfield) – 2:30 PM
- 12 Chapel at Pomeroy Living (Northville) – 10:30 AM
- 15 Divine Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)
- 15 Long-Range Planning Meeting – 11:15 AM
- 16 Elders' Meeting – 6:30 PM
- 17 Church Council Meeting – 7:00 PM
- 18 Chapel at Farmington Hills Inn – 1:30 PM
- 18 Chapel at American House (West Bloomfield) – 2:30 PM
- 19 Chapel at Pomeroy Living (Northville) – 10:30 AM
- 20 Redford Pregnancy Care Center Bible Study via Zoom – 10:00 AM
- 22 Divine Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)
- 25 Chapel at Farmington Hills Inn – 1:30 PM
- 25 Chapel at American House (West Bloomfield) – 2:30 PM
- 26 Chapel at Pomeroy Living (Northville) – 10:30 AM
- 29 Divine Service – 10:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)
- 29 Sunday School Teachers' Meeting – 11:15 AM

Equipping Members for Personal Witness

Personal witnessing has always been important. But in our increasingly unchurched culture, it is more important than ever. In his book, *You Found Me*, author Rick Richardson reports that when unchurched people were asked "How effective would invitations to church be through the following methods?" 51% said an invite from friends would be very effective. Compare this to just 29% for an online video invite and 18% from a Facebook ad. In a survey conducted by the Barna Group in 2019, unchurched people were asked how they would like to explore faith. 30% said a casual one-on-one conversation was preferred—the highest percentage of any method. Compare this to just 5% who would prefer a tract and 7% who would prefer to explore faith via video. These findings only confirm what we likely already know by intuition and experience—personal witnessing is the most important form of evangelism we need to be doing.

The WELS Commission on Evangelism is dedicated to helping WELS members be more active and prepared to be personal witnesses of Jesus Christ.

To this end, the Commission is releasing two new resources—Everyone Outreach and Let's Go.

Everyone Outreach is a culture-shaping program designed to help congregations build cultures of outreach so that it isn't just something the pastor or evangelism committee does. It is what every member and every ministry is doing. The program consists of a two-day workshop hosted by the congregation where members discover how their current thought habits may be keeping them from participating in outreach. Following the workshop, resources are provided to assist members in creating new thought habits that will result in more outreach efforts.

Let's Go provides video-based personal witness training. It consists of seven lessons in which Christians are taught a simple, three-part process for sharing their faith—*Love* the unchurched people God has brought into their lives; *Listen* carefully to their cares, concerns, and questions; and *Lead* them to the gospel so that the Holy Spirit can change their hearts and lives. The lessons can be used in a large- or small-group Bible study setting or by an individual Christian.

In other words, the goal of Everyone Outreach is to create an *aspiration* for personal witnessing and the goal of Let's Go is to create an *affinity* for personal witnessing.

You can learn more about Everyone Outreach at everyoneoutreach.com.

You can find the Let's Go resources at welscongregationalservices.net/lets-go/.

NOTES from Huron Valley Lutheran High School (HVL)

Join HVL's Mailing List - Go to HVLHS.org and click on "Sign up for Newsletter" or call or email the school office at mail@hvlhs.org to be added.

Upcoming Activities

- Aug 9 - Fall Sports Practices Begin
- Aug 10-12 - Soccer & Volleyball Camps for Grades 4-8 (6:00-7:30pm)
- Aug 25 - Grade 9 Orientation
- Aug 26 - First Day of School
- Aug 28 - HVL Golf Classic

Now Enrolling at HVL - It's not too late to register for the 2021-2022 school year. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the blessings and benefits of a Christ-centered secondary education, please contact HVL to learn more.

International Host Families Needed - HVL's International Program is a unique ministry that allows us to share Jesus with young people all over the world. Host families are asked to provide meals, transportation to/from school, and a room/bed. The international student's natural family provides for all other needs (spending money, clothes, entertainment, etc.) Host families receive a stipend each year to host an international student. (Amount varies between \$550-\$800/month) Families would host the student from late August 2021 until the beginning of June 2022. We will likely have two applications in the next couple weeks from students coming from Europe that will need a host family in order to enroll at HVL. Please let us know ASAP if this is something your family would consider.

HVL Golf Classic - The annual HVL golf outing will be held at the Fox Hills Golf Course on Saturday, Aug 28th. Register at www.hvlhs.org.

Peace Lutheran School (Livonia) -- Preschool Help Needed

Our preschool is in need of an aid this year. This is a paid position, starting at \$13.50 per hour, five days a week, from 7:30 until noon. The only educational requirement is a high school diploma, but the aid will need to become qualified to administer CPR and meet other state requirements, including passing a background check. Interested parties should contact Pastor Kieta (313) 506-2346, Board of Education chairman Eric Ruth (734) 637-2683 or preschool director Rachel Jacobsen (989) 971-8998.

SHUT-INS - Please remember our shut-ins in your thoughts and prayers.

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| Sylvia Campbell | 1745 Wickhamn | Royal Oak, MI 48073 |
| Jim Hobley | 6950 Farmington Road | West Bloomfield, MI 48322 |
| Margaretha Lester | 935 Union Lake Road Apt. 218 | White Lake Twp., MI 48386 |
| Elaine Patton | 42600 Cherry Hill Road, Rm. 115 | Canton, MI 48188 |
| Mary Zuehlke | 29451 Halsted Road Apt. 118 | Farmington Hills, MI 48331 |

WELS RADIO HOUR broadcasts 10:30-11:30 AM, Sundays, out of Lola Park Evangelical Lutheran Church of Redford. It airs on WLQV, AM 1500 and 92.7 FM. It is also simulcast on faithtalkdetroit.com and can be heard on the [faithtalkdetroit](http://faithtalkdetroit.com) phone app.

WELS CHURCH LOCATOR - If you are traveling out of town or on vacation, you can visit www.wels.net and click **Find a Church/School** at the top of the page, to find a WELS Church near you.

We encourage our members to utilize opportunities for Christian education, grounded in the Evangelical-Lutheran faith. While we do not own and operate a school on our property, we are able to enroll our children at the following schools.

St. Peter Lutheran School

(Pre-K only)

1343 Penniman Avenue

Plymouth, MI 48170

(734) 421-9022

www.splp.org

Becky Lohrmann, teacher

St. Paul Lutheran School

(Pre-K through 8th grade)

17810 Farmington Road

Livonia, MI 48152

(734) 453-0460

www.stpaulslivonia.org

Mr. Paul Leifer, principal

Huron Valley Lutheran High School

(9th grade thru 12th grade)

33740 Cowan Road

Westland, MI 48185

(734) 525-0160

www.hvlhs.org

Mr. Matt Foley, principal