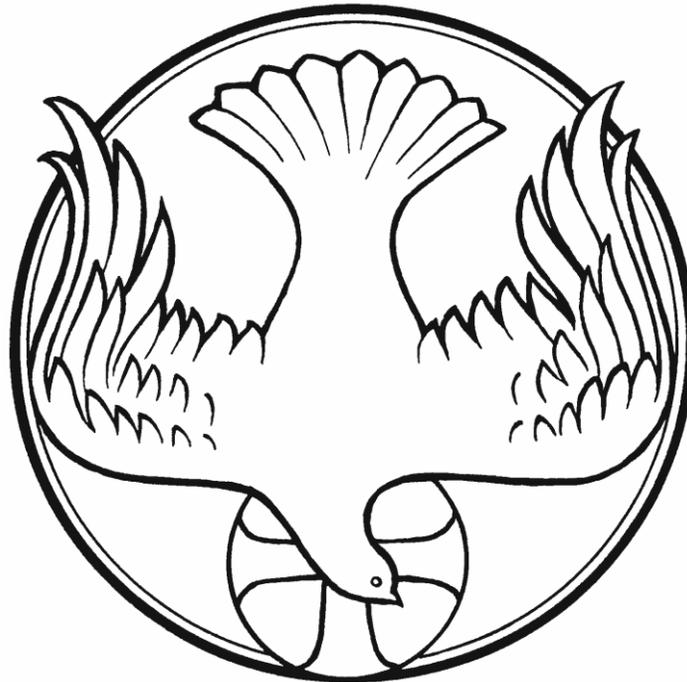


## WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



We gather to celebrate the Divine Service. It is at the Divine Service that our Triune God is pleased to serve us. We are sinners who dare to stand on holy ground, confident that the Lord will receive us for the sake of Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross. We confess our sin and, therefore, our need for God's mercy and salvation. Since God is pleased to bestow his forgiveness through Word and Sacrament, that is the purpose of our gathering. In Word and Sacrament, the Holy Spirit delivers to us Jesus who presents us to the Father as his precious saints.

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"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,  
even the Spirit of truth." (John 14:16)

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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AD 2020, May 17<sup>th</sup>

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### Worship Tidbit for the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

The Liturgy of the Sacrament – The *Agnus Dei*: Just after the bread and the wine are consecrated for the Holy Meal, we sing the *Agnus Dei* (AHN-yus DAY-ee), which is Latin for “Lamb of God.” Dating back to the 8<sup>th</sup> century AD, this song confesses that Jesus, the Lamb of God, is the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world. He gave his body into death and shed his blood for our sins. It is this very body and blood, present in the Lord's Supper, that he gives us for the forgiveness of our sins. In some liturgical rites, the pastor lifts up the host and the chalice, proclaiming, “Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” After that, the congregation responds with the *Agnus Dei*.

## THE COMMON SERVICE – PAGE 15 *(without communion)*

*It is a laudable custom to make the sign of the cross on yourself where you see the sign of the cross (+) in the order of service.*

### Opening Hymn -- 153      Alleluia! Jesus Lives

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



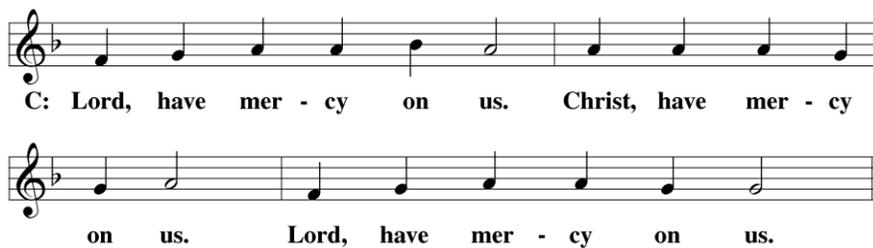
### CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

### LORD, HAVE MERCY

*Kyrie*



**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

*GLORY BE TO GOD or another song of praise is sung.*

### GLORY BE TO GOD

*Gloria in Excelsis*



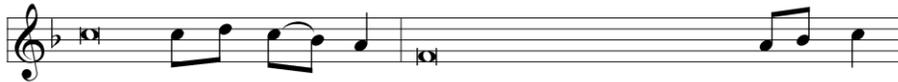
**C:** Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



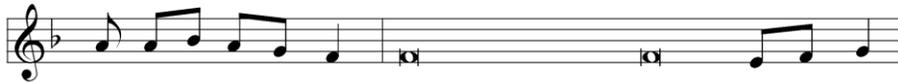
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### Prayer of the Day

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Let us pray.

Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make out petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## FIRST LESSON

## Act 17:22-31

So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for “‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, “‘For we are indeed his offspring.’

Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

## Psalm of the Day -- Psalm 66

Cantors -- Verses (Cantors: Ally Graves; Dan Rauchholz)

Congregation -- Refrain & Gloria Patri

*Refrain*

At the works of your hands, O Lord, I  
lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

*Psalm tone*

### *Refrain*

At the works of your hands, O Lord, I lift up my voice in song;  
I sing for joy.

Shout with joy to God, all the earth!\*

Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!

Praise our God, O peoples,\*

let the sound of his praise be heard.

He has preserved our lives\*  
and kept our feet from slipping.

**Refrain**

Come and listen, all you who fear God;\*  
let me tell you what he has done for me.

If I had cherished sin in my heart,\*  
the Lord would not have listened;

but God has surely listened\*  
and heard my voice in prayer.

**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    1 Peter 3:13-22**

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

**Verse of the Day**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! Alleluia. 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. Alleluia. (John 14:23)



*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

M: The Holy Gospel for today is from the Gospel according to St. John, chapter 14, beginning at the 15<sup>th</sup> verse.

### GOSPEL John 14:15-21

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

*Readings are from the English Standard Version*

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

### 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.**

### CHIEF HYMN – 377

### Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

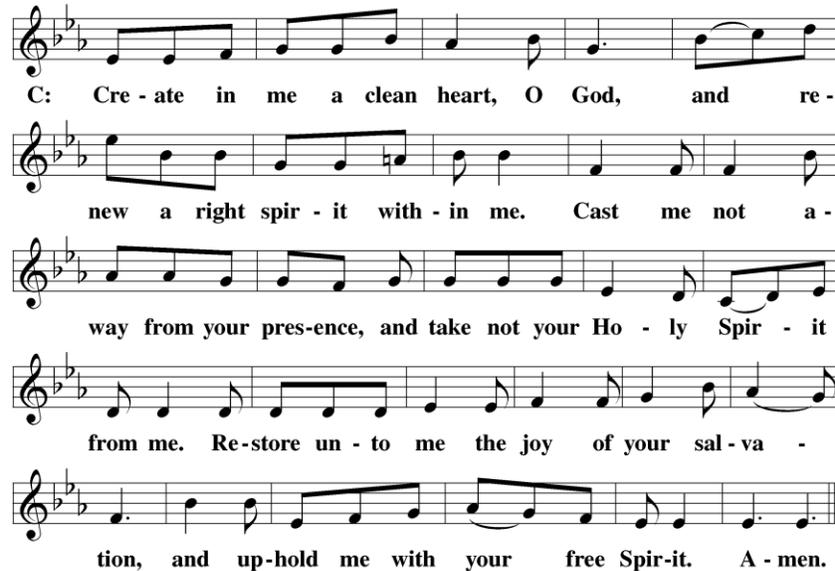
*Verses 3, 5, 7 -- choir*

*All other verses -- congregation*

M: Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**SERMON TEXT** -- 1 Peter 3:13-22

**SERMON THEME** -- JESUS CHRIST IS OUR SURE DEFENSE.



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

### SERMON PRAYER

Supplication during the COVID-19 pandemic

Found here: [http://goodshepherdnovi.org/yahoo\\_site\\_admin/assets/docs/COVID19Supplication2020.99105734.pdf](http://goodshepherdnovi.org/yahoo_site_admin/assets/docs/COVID19Supplication2020.99105734.pdf)

### INTERCESSIONS

*Intercessions that are requested prior to the bulletin's printing will be included in the bulletin. Requests may be made prior to the service as well.*

- For the family of Janice Schroeder, aunt of Pastor Schroeder, called to eternal rest (5/11).
- For the family of Jan Papsen, called to eternal rest (5/15).
- For the graduates of Martin Luther College who are about to be assigned as Lutheran school teachers (5/16) and for graduates of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary who are about to be assigned as pastors (5/21).

*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:

### LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it:  
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er:  
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion:  
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness:  
 5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing



I am bap - tized in - to Christ! He, be -  
 I am bap - tized in - to Christ! I have  
 I am bap - tized in - to Christ! Drop your  
 I am bap - tized in - to Christ! When I  
 To this life - long com - fort sure! O - pen -



cause I could not pay it, Gave my full re -  
 com - fort e - ven strong - er: Je - sus' cleans - ing  
 ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion; I am not so  
 die, I leave all sad - ness To in - her - it  
 eyed my grave is star - ing: E - ven there I'll



demp - tion price. Do I need earth's trea - sures  
 sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y con - science  
 soon en - ticed. Now that to the font I've  
 par - a - dise! Though I lie in dust and  
 sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a - waits its



man - y? I have one worth more than an - y  
 seize me Since my bap - tism did re - lease me  
 trav - eled, All your might has come un - rav - eled,  
 ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance bright - ly flash - es:  
 rais - ing, Still my soul con - tin - ues prais - ing:



That brought me sal - va - tion free,  
 In a dear for - giv - ing flood,  
 And, a - gainst your tyr - an - ny,  
 Bap - tism has the strength di - vine  
 I am bap - tized in - to Christ;



Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
 Sprink - ling me with Je - sus' blood?  
 God, my Lord, u - nites with me!  
 To make life im - mor - tal mine.  
 I'm a child of par - a - dise!



## CONCERNING PASTORAL CARE

**Online Worship:** You can join in our services via Facebook Live (Sundays, 10 AM). You can find it here, or by searching for "Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church." Make sure you click to the one in Novi.

**Archived Resources:** We now have a YouTube channel. A search for "Good Shepherd Novi" should bring up services. Currently, there are only two posted. As always, sermon manuscripts are posted on the pastor's blog ([www.LutheranSubject.blogspot.com](http://www.LutheranSubject.blogspot.com)). You can use the search bar to find a particular date, day of the Church Year, or Scripture reference.

**Person-to-person care:** Pastor Schroeder will be in his office to offer private devotions, Holy Absolution, and Holy Communion to members in small groups or to individuals. You may come in without appointment at these times: Mondays and Thursdays, 8:00 AM - Noon and 6:00 - 9:00 PM. You may also set up an appointment at any time. Visits by appointment can be done either at church or at your home.

**In case you contract COVID-19:** Please contact Pastor Schroeder. He will alert the congregation so that your fellow members may pray for you, and he will keep everyone informed of your condition. If possible, Pastor Schroeder will visit you during your quarantine. At the very least, he will keep in contact with you and provide devotional materials. 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.

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## CARE FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS

Despite the public health emergency that has placed limitations on in-person visits to mental health providers, Christian Family Solutions (CFS) is continuing its outpatient counseling, day treatment and intensive outpatient programming via telehealth solutions, removing obstacles for those who need care. Mental health issues are not suspended during national emergencies. If anything, anxiety, depression, and the challenges of addiction are heightened at this time.

CFS has been providing telehealth services since 2008, so we are experienced and effective at delivering services via secure, HIPAA-compliant video connection. We have been focused on refining our practices to obtain the same great outcomes for what is traditionally in-person programming – at a time when video counseling is so greatly needed.

We have expanded our reach to offer both outpatient and IOP/Day Treatment to people in a number of states via telehealth options. Telehealth means many of the old geography limitations are gone. We have openings to serve anyone regardless of their distance from a particular clinic.

If you or someone you know could benefit from evidence-based counseling integrated with a Christian perspective, please reach out to CFS, as we stand ready to assist and will remain focused on our mission to provide the healing and helping mission of Jesus Christ.

Simply call 800-438-1772 or visit [www.ChristianFamilySolutions.org](http://www.ChristianFamilySolutions.org) and click on REQUEST APPOINTMENT.

## THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

<b>Sunday (5/17)</b>	Divine Service – Facebook Live at 10:00 AM HVL Conference of Congregations via Zoom – 2:00 PM
Monday	Pastor's office hours for personal pastoral care – 8:00 AM – Noon Pastors' Circuit Meeting via Zoom – 10:00-11:00 AM Pastor's office hours for personal pastoral care – 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Tuesday	Redford Pregnancy Care Center Bible Study – 10:00 AM (via Zoom) Church Council – 7:00 PM
Wednesday	Adult Bible Class -- 7:00 PM (via Zoom; registration necessary)
Thursday	Pastor's office hours for personal pastoral care – 8:00 AM – Noon Pastor's office hours for personal pastoral care – 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
<b>Sunday (5/24)</b>	Divine Service – Facebook Live at 10:00 AM

## ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Our Adult Bible Class meets via Zoom on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. Our series is "Bible Symbols." Class materials are emailed out on Tuesdays. In order to make sure you receive the study guides and to get the password for the Zoom sessions, you will need to register for this class. Even if you will attend only occasionally, please register. Recordings of these sessions may be coming soon. Look on the pastor's blog for the link. Materials for the class (a pdf file) can be sent to you upon request.

If you happen to have the book, God's Imagery, you can refer to that for each class period. The chapters that correspond to each session are below. NOTE It is not necessary to have the book for the class.

The remaining schedule for this class is as follows:

- May 20 Apocalyptic Literature (Chapter 8)
- May 27 Types of Christ (Chapter 18)

## **A LOOK AT THE UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

*NOTE: All dates will be confirmed the closer we get to them.*

**MAY** *Note: All dates are subject to review, based on the COVID-19 updates.*

- 17 Divine Service – (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 17 HVL Conference of Congregations – 2:00 PM (via Zoom?)
- 19 Church Council – 7:00 PM
- 20 Adult Bible Class – (Zoom; registration necessary – 7:00 PM)
- 21 Ascension Day
- 24 Divine Service – (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)
- 27 Adult Bible Class – (Zoom; registration necessary – 7:00 PM)
- 31 Divine Service – (Facebook Live – 10:00 AM)

## **JUNE**

- 1 Palabra de Vida Board Meeting – 7:00 PM
- 7 Elders' Meeting – 11:20 AM
- 16 Church Council
- 20 Meet-Your-Neighbors breakfast – 9:00-11:00 AM

## **REDFORD PREGNANCY CARE CENTER**

Here is an update on what is happening at the Pregnancy Care Center during these trying times. We have been closed since the middle of March. Because of the age of our volunteers, we have been encouraged to not come into contact with the clients. Nevertheless, we have helped one mom twice as she requested aid, and we made sure we practiced social distancing! We are able to receive calls via our 24 hour hotline and would help anyone who is in an emergency situation in need of diapers or formula.

We appreciate your wonderful support of our work and pray that we can be back servicing our moms soon. Before shutting down, we were seeing quite a few more moms than in the past. We miss our work tremendously, especially the opportunity to share God's Word. We realize we will need to change the way we see our girls, once we are able to open again. We are exploring different options. Please keep our moms and the center in your prayers. We know God is in control and will do what is best for all of us.

Look for us on Facebook and Like us!

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## **NOTES from Huron Valley Lutheran High School (HVL)**

**HVL Conference of Congregations Meeting - May 17** - HVL will be having its annual May conference of congregations meeting at 2pm on Sunday, May 17 as scheduled. This will be a virtual meeting and include reports, the 2020-21 budget, and board of regents elections. Elections will take place using an electronic survey.

**Celebration for Seniors - Thursday, May 21** - The seniors will be lined up in front of HVL (spaced apart) and we are inviting everyone to drive by and congratulate them. Feel free to decorate your car and/or make signs. Cars should enter at the normal HVL entrance and then follow a route that will take them to the north east side of our parking lot and then past the Seniors and out the normal exit. The "parade of cars" will run from 3:00-3:45, so come anytime during that time frame. Try to wear HVL gear and make sure to stay in your vehicle. We will have a back-up date of May 22 at the same time in case of rain.

## **HVL Graduation - Sunday, June 14**

We are pushing back our graduation date to June 14, in hopes of being able to do something on campus. It is likely that attendance will be limited to graduates and their families, but we will live stream the service. More information will come as the date approaches.

**HVL Financial Position** - \$11,000 was received for the Giving Tuesday Now campaign & an additional \$10,600 was received last month through the Thrivent Donors Choice matching promotion. Thanks to all our generous supporters! Throughout the year HVL has received a little over \$200,000 in individual gifts and support. To God be the glory!

**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.

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

<b>Sylvia Campbell</b>	1745 Wickhamn	Royal Oak, MI 48073
<b>Jim Hobley</b>	6950 Farmington Road	West Bloomfield, MI 48322
<b>Margaretha Lester</b>	935 Union Lake Road Apt. 218	White Lake Twp., MI 48386
<b>Elaine Patton</b>	42600 Cherry Hill Road, Rm. 115	Canton, MI 48188
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**WELS CHURCH LOCATOR** - If you are traveling out of town or on vacation, you can visit [www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net) and click **Find a Church/School** at the top of the page, to find a WELS Church near you.

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Pastor's Cell Phone    (248) 719-5218

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](http://www.splp.org)

Becky Lohrmann, teacher

**St. Paul Lutheran School**

(Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade)  
17810 Farmington Road  
Livonia, MI 48152  
(734) 453-0460

[www.stpaulslivonia.org](http://www.stpaulslivonia.org)

Mr. Paul Leifer, principal

**Huron Valley Lutheran High School**

(9<sup>th</sup> grade thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade)  
33740 Cowan Road  
Westland, MI 48185  
(734) 525-0160

[www.hvlhs.org](http://www.hvlhs.org)

Mr. Matt Foley, principal