

# NEWSLETTER

### SEPTEMBER 2025



### "Do Try This At Home: The Fruit of the Spirit"

#### PASTOR KYLE BACKHAUS

We have all seen those videos either online or perhaps on a show like American's Funniest home videos with a segment called "Don't Try this at Home." Trying to rewire a bedroom when you have no electrical experience probably isn't something we want to try at home. Jumping off the roof into the pool probably isn't a great idea. Dads who think the kid's power wheels car is just to slow and decides to rewire to make it three times faster, in most cases is not

something we would want to think about doing. Cutting the tree that is next to the house without having any experience or knowledge when it comes to chainsaws and tree falling, probably is a recipe for disaster.

Deciding that you are going to show off to your kids who have taken up skateboarding, or mountain biking, when you haven't gotten on a board or bike for years, may end with a trip to the hospital. There are

some things that we shouldn't try at home or maybe at all.

But Paul in his letter to the Galatians has some words of encouragement for people who desire to follow Christ. He says, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control; against such things there is no law." (Galatians 5:22-23) This is all about sanctification, the Holy Spirit's work of strengthening us to lead holy lives. But just before Paul gives the list of the Fruit of the Spirit, he includes a list of

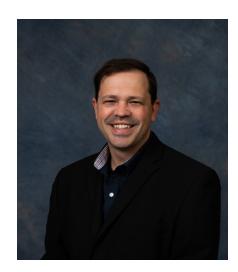
the fruit of the flesh. There "fleshly fruits" are selfish and seek to serve only the desires of the individual. Such fruits are destructive to our relationships both with God, and with others. These selfish fruits always take a toll on marriages, relationships between parents and children, and friendships.

The Fruit of the Spirit is not something that we can produce on our own. Without the Holy Spirit at work in our lives, we would fall right back into our old way of life. But by God's grace, the Holy Spirit works in us and brings forth fruit, and that fruit is always good. There is no law condemning goodness. Our Lord never forbids kindness. And true love comes from God himself. Daily devotions, Bible classes, and even Sunday services are all ways in which the Holy Spirit works through us, encourages us, and by His grace brings forth the fruit of the Spirit in our lives.

The Fruit of the Spirit is something we should try at home. It strengthens relationships and helps us as we work with others, either at school, on the assembly line or in the office. During the month of September we will embark on a sermon series called, "Do Try This at Home" where we will dive into each of the individual Fruits of the Spirit and hear God's desire for us to exemplify these things in our lives and to help others see God working through us. Join us we kick off this series August 31st.

On September 7<sup>th</sup> we will return to three services: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 AM, with Sunday School at our 9:30 service. We hope and pray that through these services, you would be strengthened and encouraged, and that the Holy Spirit would work in you to produce the Fruit of the Spirit.





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Begins September 7, 2025:

Thursday: 6:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM



"Praise the Lord, all people on earth, praise His glory and might."
1 Chronicles 16:28



- Praise Music by: Straight Street
- ✓ Free Food and Beverages
- 🗸 Family Friendly Fun



Thursday, September 18 6:00PM - 8:00PM

River Park – Large Shelter



201 Western Ave., Sheboygan Falls, WI

**Hosted By:** 







### **EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

# CHRISTINA ZEUNER, DIRECTOR PRESCHOOL@STPAULFALLS.COM

Another school year has begun! The teachers and students are excited to be back and are getting to know each other.

The Early Childhood Center will be selling Seroogy's candy bars from September 18 - October 3. Candy bars come in 8 flavors (crisp, peanut butter, mint, almond, mocha, dark, Shock Rock and melt away) and are \$2.00 a bar. They can be purchased from students, the Early Childhood Center, or the Church Office. Funds raised will be used to add or replace toys and books as needed.

Thank you for your support of the Early Childhood Center. We are still collecting used or expired ink and HP toner cartridges (usually used in offices) and cell phones, iPods or iPads. Other things we are looking for include Crystal Light tubes, extra large washers, screws and bolts, the metal basket golf balls come in, round plastic Christmas ornaments, and colored plastic lids from milk jugs. These can be dropped off at the church's Giving Center.

Most importantly, we ask for your prayers for the Early Childhood Center, it's families and teachers, as we learn more about Jesus everyday.







### CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

### SAVANNAH HENN, DIRECTOR SAVANNAHH@STPAULFALLS.COM

### Sunday School

Sunday School begins Sunday, September 7 at the 9:30 am service. We are very excited for the new school year and look forward to all that we will learn. This month our 3K - 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will be learning about how God answers our prayers. Our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be learning about how the Bible came to be.

#### AWANA

AWANA begins Wednesday, September 3 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. AWANA this year will be learning about different parts of the Catechism as well as explore a unit on the Red Letter Challenge. We will start off the school year learning about the 10 Commandments.

Registration for AWANA and Sunday School is closed. If you would like to register your child please contact Savannah Henn.

#### Vacation Bible School Recap

Last month, 75 children and 50 volunteers came together for True North Vacation Bible School here at St. Paul. After many month of planning and preparing, we were able to have a wonderful VBS. The theme of VBS this year was True North which was themed after the Alaskan frontier. The main point that we learned each day was how we can trust Jesus in this wild world.







- On Day 1 we learned that when we wonder, we can trust Jesus. Children learned about John baptizing Jesus.
- On Day 2 we heard about the story of Jesus leaving the 99 to find the one lost sheep. This Bible story fit in with the Bible Point of the day that when we feel alone, we can trust Jesus.

- On Day 3 we learned that when we need hope, we can trust Jesus. There's no better story about hope than Jesus dying on the cross and giving us new life.
- On our final day at Vacation Bible School, we learned that when we need help, we can trust Jesus. We got to learn about Jesus giving the Great Commission and the story of Pentecost.

Thank you to everyone that was involved in VBS this year.

Save the date for VBS 2026: July 26-29, 2026 | 3 - 6PM



### Thank You Volunteers

Special thank you to our AWANA and Sunday School Teachers who are dedicating their time and talents to Children's Ministry. We are blessed to have an awesome group of people with servant hearts.

### CYF Event

Come and join us September 21 5:00 - 7:00 pm at Tom and Jerry's in Plymouth for mini golf and dinner. Cost is \$5 a person. Hope to see you there!

# TOM & JERRY'S MINI GOLF

**CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY EVENT** 

Sept. 21 | 5 - 7 PM
Bring the whole family
out for evening of fun!
Cost is \$5 per person
for mini golf and supper!





### Camp Luther

In October, St. Paul will be heading up to Camp Luther in Three Lakes, WI to do a weekend of service. Camp Luther is an LCMS camp that serves over a 1,000 people each year. Families are welcome to come up and serve alongside St. Paul and other Lutheran churches October 17-19.

We will be doing various service projects to better camp. Children ages through 6-11 years old must attend with an adult. Children ages 12 and up can attend alone, with supervision under youth leaders.

If interested, please see Savannah or Nicole to sign a letter of intent or get more information. Deadline to sign up is <u>Sept 28</u>.

### YOUTH MINISTRY

# NICOLE DOLLEVOET, DIRECTOR NICOLED@STPAULFALLS.COM

### Quick Recap of the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering!

Our bus group of 43 people joined 21,000 youth and adults from around the world for five days in God's Word in the vibrant host city of New Orleans. The theme of Endure, from Hebrews 12, was echoed again and again throughout our time together.

We were blessed with safe travels, no bad weather, no injuries—and plenty of delicious Cajun food to enjoy! Side trips included the City Museum in St. Louis, a gator tour, and a paddle boat ride. We also joined 500 people from the South Wisconsin District for lunch and entertainment in the heart of New Orleans. We thank you, the members of St. Paul, for your continued support of trips like this for our youth. We're already looking forward to San Antonio in July 2028!









#### Summer Reflections and Fall Ministry

Summer seems to fly by, and here we are knee-deep in back-to-school activities! During the month of August, I had the joy of doing 12 home visits to welcome our new class of Confirmation students. It's a blessing to be welcomed into homes and to share what comes next in their faith walk. We have an amazing team of adult leaders serving as mentors this coming school year. We thank them for their time and dedication to this ministry! Our youth have a heart for service, and we're excited for several service opportunities this fall. The sign-up for the FMSC event can be found at the Welcome Center. Confirmation groups and St. Paul youth are encouraged to serve on Friday evening, October 10.



#### Looking Ahead

We're excited to announce that another Youth Mission Trip is being planned for summer 2026! Details will be posted on our website and Facebook page once approved. Youth in 6th grade through post-high school are eligible to participate. See me for a Letter of Intent to secure your spot! As school, fall programming, and many ministry opportunities kick off in September, we hit the ground running. May God bless our efforts as we "Connect People to Christ!"

### Youth Group Kicks Off September 7

Youth Group begins Sunday, September 7! All students in 6th grade and older are invited to join us. We'll meet at Entrance 3 at 5:30 p.m., check in, and enjoy an evening of outdoor games. Around 6:30 p.m., we'll come inside for supper and close the evening in God's Word. We hope you'll join us!

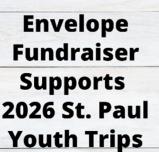
### Care Packages & Fundraiser

We're collecting addresses of our young adults (ages 18–24) who are away from home. Care packages will be sent in September. Please contact Nicole with any addresses! Our annual envelope fundraiser is taking place September 4–14 in the back of church. Please stop by the display, and thank you for continuing to support the youth of St. Paul!

## Youth Group Ministry Kick Off Night!

Sept. 7 | 5:30 - 7:30 PM HERE at Church! Outdoors games, food, & devotion.





Pick up an envelope in the back church, fill it with donation, & turn back in.



### LCMS HISPANIC MINISTRY

Greetings from The Hispanic Outreach members! The Lord continues His work through the Hispanic Ministry in Sheboygan County. Thanks be to God for His continued work in our midst!

Good news! The Lord continues to enlarge this Ministry. On June 29th, 2025, Janet M. was received as a member through the Rite of Confirmation (adult). Thanks be to God! Currently I'm working with few families and hoping they became members soon!

Operation Backpack was held on Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, at Good Shepherd Sheboygan. 39 families were served the day of the event for a total of 133 backpacks! This week so far, we have served 7 more families with a total of 16 backpacks. Thanks be to God. Special thank you to our sister churches and community members for providing for this event. Without your help this wouldn't be possible.

<u>FINANCIAL UPDATE:</u> Our fiscal year ended in June. We closed the year with an \$11,471 loss. We have money in a dedicated (savings) account which we used to cover this loss. Once the loss was paid, we have \$18,826 remaining in the dedicated account. This is concerning to the future of our ministry. I strongly encourage everyone to prayerfully consider supporting Hispanic Ministry and I thank those of you that already do.

Thank you for reading this letter! Thank you for your continuing support for OUR Hispanic Ministry! Thank you for partnering with us. Please continue to pray for us! May God richly bless you! Looking forward to what the Lord has for us!

Serving Christ through His humble servant and yours, Rev. David Blas











### CHURCH COUNCIL AUGUST MINUTES

**Youth Ministry Update**: Nicole completed 16 home visits with 6<sup>th</sup> graders to prepare them for Confirmation. All mentors and helpers are in place. The Camp Luther trip in June went great. The 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans was fantastic, with long days and fun adventures.

There were monthly touch points during the summer for families. Kickball was last week with 40 people in attendance. A full year's worth of monthly family activities are planned. We have started including ECC families and surrounding Lutheran churches as well.

Charleston Youth Mission Trip 2026: The Council approved this trip.

Camp Luther Mission Weekend 2025: The Council approved this trip.

**Senior Pastor Update:** Pr Kyle shared a detailed outline of the Sermon Series planned through Thanksgiving 2026.

Pr Kyle contacted about 20 regular attenders that hadn't attended for a quarter. Several of them have become shut-ins or thanked him for reaching out.

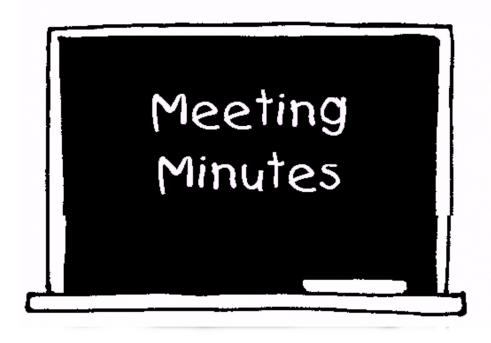
The Director Team had planned a Friendship Sunday as an open house for Fall. A welcome video was also planned for the website. Due to a staffing change in our Media & PR Coordinator, we have pushed this to Spring and will align it with the Red Letter Challenge Campaign.

Instead, we will do a stronger push to the community for Trunk or Treat in October. We have applied for a micro-grant from the District to assist in funding.

**Columbarium:** The first urn has been placed. A few more niches were also sold now that the units are in place. Landscaping is anticipated to begin next week.

**Circuit Lay Leaders:** Jeff Berg will attend the Circuit Forum held at St. Paul on September 28 at 1pm to vote for the Circuit Pastor and Lay Leader delegates for the Synodical Convention in July 2026.

Mark Buffington will be St. Paul's Lay Leader representative on the ballot to potentially serve as the Circuit Lay Leader for the Synodical Convention.



### **CELEBRATE RECOVERY**

### JULIE JONES, MINISTRY LEADER

SAVE THE DATE

Thurs Sept 18, 2025

Join the CR family for **PRAISE IN THE PARK** – Food, music, and family

Everyone is welcome!

Everyone has issues and struggles in life.

Depression, Anxiety, Anger, Feelings of Unworthiness and Being Less Than, Paranoia, Perfectionism, Obsessive Thoughts, Co-Dependency, Loneliness, Control, Fear, Resentment, Addiction to Food, Drugs, Sex, Bad relationships, Unforgiveness, Money Issues, Emotional or Sexual Abuse, Pornography, Jealousy, Selfishness, Judgement of Others, Unfaithfulness, etc.

Only 2 out of 3 people attend CR for NON-addiction issues.

At Celebrate Recovery we CELEBRATE God's amazing healing and restoration!

Are you tired of carrying the pain from past hurts?

Are you willing to try a different approach to dealing with the pain in your life?

Are you ready to take that first step in your journey of recovery from life's difficulties?

God has a Plan and Purpose for your life!

You were never meant to walk this life journey alone...

Come join us at Celebrate Recovery!

Your forever family is waiting!

You are not alone! Celebrate Recovery follows a Christian 8 Principal / 12 Step process to heal from life's hurts, hang-ups, and habits!

BABYSITTING is available! Contact Julie for more information.

Entrance #4 – 300 Wing Dinner: 6:00PM

Large Group: 6:30 - 7:30PM

Open Share Group (Gender Specific) 7:30 - 8:30PM

Fellowship: 8:30 - 9:00PM

No Sign-Up necessary!

The only requirement is confidentiality!

Everyone is Welcome!

We are waiting for you!

For additional information contact Julie J. @ (920) 207-1397

### **LOVE INC**

### **BONNIE JONES, MINISTRY LEADER**

We invite you to our 8th annual

### LIVING OUT LOVE

Dinner & Auction on Saturday, October 11, 2025 5:30 - 8:30 pm | Blue Harbor Resort

LOVEINCSHEBOYGANCOUNTY.EJOINME.ORG/LOL25



### **Event Program**

Impact & Testimony
Live Auction | Raffles
Games | Surprises

Don't miss out - attend this uplifting and fun-filled event in person!

#### **Online Silent Auction**

You must pre-register your credit card with our secure online auction platform.

Bid on these amazing baskets from generous donors beginning October 9, 2025

Everyone can participate! You do not need to be present to win.

#### **MENU OPTIONS**

Chicken Option
Pork Option
Vegetarian Option (V)

Served with salad, vegetable, dinner roll, coffee & dessert

#### 50/50 Raffle

Tickets are \$10 each

NO limit on the number you can buy!

Available at the event only.

Lucky winner receives half of the total amount sold!

#### **RESERVATIONS**

\$100/plate | \$800/table of 8 Reservations can be made online or by phone at 920.783.6701, press 0

Mail your check to Love INC, 807 Forest Ave, Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085 Be sure to include menu choice(s)

#### OUR HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!





CHARLIE & LINDY MALINGOWSKI



### **THANK YOUS & OTHER NEWS**

A.I.M. Classes: Are you interested in learning more about the faith & ministry of St. Paul Lutheran Church? Our Membership Class called A.I.M. will be offered Wed. evenings from 6:00 - 7:30 PM beginning Sept 17. Upon completion of the course, those who would like to become a part of the mission and ministry of St. Paul will have the opportunity to become members of our church.

For more information, or to register to attend, contact Karri in the Church Office at (920) 467-6449 or <u>karrib@stpaulfalls.com</u>.

Senior Citizen Bible Breakfasts: Tuesdays are for BREAKFAST! Senior citizens, you are invited to join us in the LHS atrium for a Bible study led by Executive Director, Matt Tschudy, a delicious hot breakfast, and Christian fellowship. Kindly RSVP to Carmen Dolson at <a href="dolson@lutheranhigh.com">dolson@lutheranhigh.com</a> or (920) 452-3323 so we can have the coffee flowing!

The dates for the Bible study are as follows:

- · September 16
- · October 21
- · November 18
- · December 16

GriefShare: Are you grieving the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend? GriefShare is a weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after loss. Led by people who have experienced grief themselves, each session offers care, understanding, and practical help for the days ahead.

Tuesdays | 6:00-8:00 PM

Beginning September 9, 2024

Room 112 - St. Paul Lutheran Church

You don't have to go through grief alone. We're here to walk with you.

Job Openings: To help streamline efficiency, we now have a "Employment" page on our website. We have one current opening:

### Choir Accompanist

We're seeking a piano player to accompany our Adult Choir (Tuesdays 6:30–8:00 PM, August–May), including services on Sundays and Reformation Sunday, Christmas Eve, and Holy Week. Part-time (~8 hrs/week, paid).

For full job descriptions and to apply, visit our Employment page at <a href="https://stpaulfalls.com/resources/employment/">https://stpaulfalls.com/resources/employment/</a> or contact the Church Office.

### Albertin Scholarship

The Rev. Edward W. Albertin Living Memorial Fund scholarship grants for 2025 are \$2,000.00 to Anna Splittgerber, fourth year, Concordia University, Mequon, WI, Elementary education and \$1,500.00 to Josephina Albertin, second year, Concordia University, Mequon, WI, Secondary education.

#### St. Paul Book Club

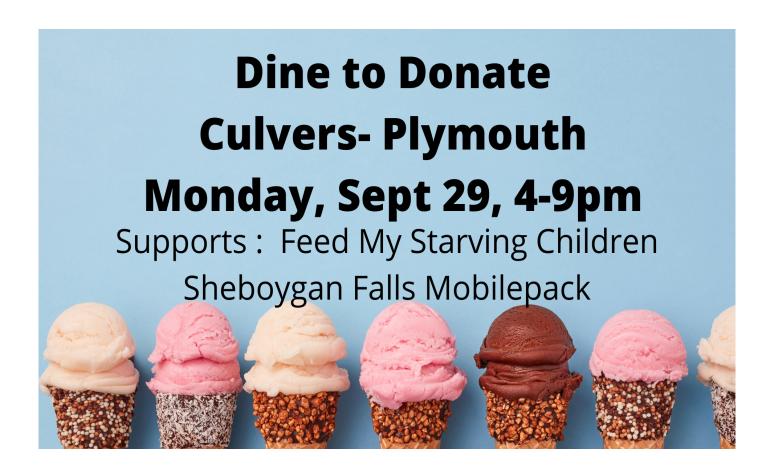
St Paul's Book Club will be meeting again this fall. We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00 PM in Room 108-112.

- · September: "The Edge of Belonging" by Amanda Cox
- · October: "Band of Sisters" by Cathy Gohlke
- · November: "Lulu's Cafe" by T.I. Lowe

Please reach out to Heather Schmitz if you have any questions. We hope to see you there!

#### Guatemala Mission Team

The Guatemala mission team is looking for any local small businesses or craftsmen/women who would be interested in making a donation toward our upcoming basket auction. We are looking for items that can be displayed in the Gathering Area for silent auction and would need items in hand by October 15th. Our hope would be to draw attention to your business and potentially draw in some new customers for you, so include any brochures you would like us to share with the winners! Please contact Aaryn Feile, (920) 980-9290 with any questions.



### FINANCIAL REPORT

F	inancial	Report - Ju	uly 20	025						
	Fiscal Year Ju	ıly 1, 2025 - June	30, 202	26						
Financial Results- Fiscal Year End Actual, Budget & Variance										
		1 Month ded 7-31-25 Actual	End	l Month led 7-31-25 Budget	fr	Variance from Budget (Short)/Over				
General Offerings	\$	102,231	\$	117,871	\$	(15,640)				
Other Income	\$	1,652	\$	655	\$	996				
Mission Offerings	\$	5,608	\$	6,750	\$	(1,142)				
Total Income	\$	109,491	\$	125,276	\$	(15,785)				
Operating Expenses	\$	117,728	\$	119,973	\$	(2,245)				
Mission Support	\$	5,608	\$	6,750	\$	(1,142)				
Total Expense	\$	123,337	\$	126,723	\$	(3,386)				
Suplus (Deficit) Total	\$	(13,846)	\$	(1,447)	\$	(12,399)				

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		Monthly Activity Increase (Decrease)		Balance at Month End		
Capital Improvement Fund	\$	166	\$	353,665		
Membership Report						
Baptized Members	344	Confirmed Members		1,495	Total Members	1,839

### FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

### 2025 Feed My Starving Children MobilePack is Almost Here!

The twelfth Annual Feed My Starving Children MobilePack is quickly approaching with pack dates of October 9 - 11, 2025. Feed My Starving Children provides life-saving meals to people in more than 70 countries worldwide, truly turning Hunger into Hope.

We have one more opportunity to provide financial support. Mark your calendar for a Dine and Donate scheduled at <u>Plymouth Culver's</u> on September 29 from 4:00 – 9:00 PM. Come enjoy a meal, so we can help provide one to someone who so desperately needs it.

This MobilePack at St. Paul is a testament to our mission as a church: "As Friends of God through Jesus, empowered by the Spirit, we are connecting people to Christ by sharing His love in word and action everywhere." God confirms this mission in Proverbs 22:9: 'Blessed are those who are generous because they feed the poor.' God bless the food we pack and those who so desperately need it.

THANK YOU for your continued support. We could not do it without you.

### Money Tubes

Money tubes are now available at the Welcome Center. This is a great opportunity to teach the act of giving to the little ones in your life! Drop a quarter in at each meal to help give others a meal.

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#### <u>Pastors</u>

Kyle Backhaus, Senior Pastor Adam Wolfe, Associate Pastor Tom Gudmundson, Pastor Emeritus Donald Hasse, Pastor Emeritus

> <u>Worship Schedule</u> Thursday: 6:30 PM Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 AM

The Gathering Place

& Memory Matters
(920) 627-6847
The Gathering Place

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday:
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Memory Matters

Thursday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Children & Youth
(During the school year)
Sunday School: 9:30 AM service
AWANA Wed Night: 6:00 PM
Confirmation Wed Night: 6:00 PM
Youth Group Sunday Night: 5:30 PM



Tom Splittgerber, Congregation President Jeff Berg, Congregation Vice President John Rische, Head Elder Donna Felch, Treasurer

Early Childhood Center
ECC Phone: (920) 467-6733
3 year-old Class
(during school year)
Tuesday & Thursday:
9:00 - 11:30 AM or 12:30 - 3:00 PM

4K Class (During school year) Monday, Wednesday, & Friday: 8:30 - 11:30 AM

Child Care
Monday through Friday:
7:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Ages 2 ½ - 5 years — call for drop-ins

<u>Wee Care Nursery</u> During Sunday Service: 9:15 AM - 12:00 PM







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