



MAY 2015 DEVOTION

St. Paul Community Lutheran Church - Pontiac, MI

**You may begin with singing Hark, The Voice of Jesus Crying (LSB #826)
or How Shall They Hear, Who Have Not Heard (LSB #831)**

Leader: "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd," (Matthew 9:36). St. Paul Community Lutheran Church seeks to share the compassion of Christ with the Pontiac community.

Leader: Father, we thank and praise You for what You have begun to accomplish through the work of Pastor Dietrick and Becky Gladden and others for those who are less fortunate.

All: Thank You for their congregation and the volunteers and financial support from surrounding suburban churches. Strengthen them to lead others to You.

Leader: Their activities have attracted many to their events. They provide food for a hungry community, including Wednesday night family dinner and Bible study, Overcomers lunches (like AA), Friday youth nights, and Vacation Bible School (VBS) family breakfast and lunch. Because the need is great, they provide for many other human care needs especially in crisis situations.

All: Bless all the workers and attendees at these events.

Leader: After sending out a postcard mailing to the wider community during the summer of 2012, there were nearly 500 people attending a neighborhood BBQ, followed by record numbers of children attending VBS, and a number of baptisms and new families in worship.

All: Lord, bless all the new believers and give them a passion to learn more about You.

Leader: Lord there is a great need for Your Good News to be spread among these residents. With Your continued abundant blessings, St. Paul Community Lutheran Church has a wonderful potential to bring the light and hope of Jesus to a large community desperately in need of You.

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank You for the blessings You have poured out on the community in Pontiac, Michigan. For Pastor and Becky Gladden, for the volunteers from their congregation and other churches, for the community of new believers, we give You all praise and glory. Raise up new workers in this harvest field to continue the momentum that has begun.

In Your precious Son's name, we pray. Amen.