

November 22, 2020

Totenfest

Virtual Worship

No matter who you are,  
No matter where you are  
On life's journey,  
You are welcome here.

#### THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

Grace and gratitude belong together like heaven and earth. Grace evokes  
gratitude like the voice of an echo. Gratitude follows grace like thunder lightning.  
Karl Barth

PRELUDE

*All Good Gifts*  
St. Arbucks Trio

Tebelak & Schwartz

CHIMES

INTROIT

*We Gather Together*  
Chancel Choir

Edward Kremser

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Benny VanDerburgh

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**All: Let us worship God with gladness!**

One: Let us come into God's presence with singing.

**All: For you, O God, are the Holy One. It is you who made us, and we  
belong to you. We are your people, and the sheep of your pasture.**

One: We come before you with thanksgiving and we bless your name.

**All: For you are good; your steadfast love endures forever, and your  
faithfulness to all generations.**

HYMN

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Led by Kurt R. Hansen

1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the splen - dor of the skies,  
2. For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3. For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child.  
4. For the good that love in - spires, for a world where none ex - clude,

For the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
Friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,  
For a faith that nev - er tires, and for ev - ery heart re - newed,

God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Sarah Garcia

**Giver of every good gift, always more ready to hear than we are to pray,  
We confess that we take your good gifts for granted.  
Our mouths tend to complain more than to give thanks.  
The beauty of the earth is defaced by our greed.  
The splendor of the skies is darkened by our smoke.  
We wound each other with our words.  
Forgive us.  
Melt our cynical hearts and renew our sense of wonder in your good world.  
Open our eyes to the good gifts that surround us every day,  
Especially the gift of mercy and grace in your Son Jesus Christ,  
In whose name we pray. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Peg Wander

*Genesis 35*

God spoke to Jacob: "Go back to Bethel. Stay there and build an altar to the God who revealed himself to you when you were running for your life from your brother Esau." Jacob told his family and all those who lived with him, "Throw out all the alien gods which you have, take a good bath and put on clean clothes, we're going to Bethel. I'm going to build an altar there to the God who answered me when I was in trouble and has stuck with me everywhere I've gone since."

Jacob and his company arrived at Bethel, in the land of Canaan. God revealed himself once again to Jacob and blessed him: "Your name is Jacob; but that's your name no longer. From now on your name is Israel."

God continued,

"I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall come from you, and kings shall spring from you. The land that I gave to Abraham and Isaac I will give to you, and I will give the land to your offspring after you."

And then God was gone, ascended from the place where he had spoken with him.

Jacob set up a stone pillar on the spot where God had spoken with him. Jacob called the place where God had spoken with him Bethel (God's House).

They left Bethel. They were still quite a ways from Bethlehem when Rachel went into labor—hard, hard labor. When her labor pains were at their worst, the midwife said to her, “Don't be afraid—you have another boy.”

With her last breath, for she was now dying, she named him Benoni (Son-of-My-Sorrow), but his father named him Benjamin (Son-of-My-Right Hand).

Rachel died and was buried on the road to Bethlehem. Jacob set up a pillar to mark her grave. It is still there today, “Rachel's Grave Stone.”

Finally, Jacob made it back home to his father Isaac at Hebron, where Abraham and Isaac had lived. Isaac was now 180 years old. Isaac breathed his last and died—an old man full of years. He was buried with his family by his sons Esau and Jacob.

#### STATEMENT OF FAITH

**We believe in God who has created and is creating,  
who has come to us in Jesus Christ to reconcile and make us new,  
who works in us and others by the Holy Spirit.**

**We trust God. God calls us to be the Church,  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to care for creation,  
to seek justice and to resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life and death, in life beyond death, God is with us.**

**We are not alone. Thanks be to God!**

*(adapted from the United Church of Canada)*

## SERMON HYMN

*Now Thank We All Our God*  
 Led by Kurt R. Hansen

Johann Crüger

1. Nun dank - et al - le Gott, mit Herz - en, Mund und Händ - en,  
 2. Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voic - es,  
 3. All praise and thanks to God Our Mak - er now be giv - en,

der gro - sse Ding - e tut an uns und al - len End - en;  
 Who won - drous things has done, In whom this world re - joic - es,  
 To Christ, and Spir - it, too, our help in high - est heav - en,

der uns von Mut - ter - leib und Kind - es - bein - en an  
 Who, from our par - ents' arms, Has blessed us on our way  
 The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore,

un - zäh - lig viel zu gut bis hier - her hat ge - tan.  
 With count - less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.  
 For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

OFFERING INVITATION

Matt Fitzgerald

OFFERTORY

*Goin' Home*

Antonin Dvořak

Jennifer Kew, Jana O'Brien, and Todd Coe, soloists  
Chancel Choir

Goin' home, goin' home, I'm a goin' home  
Quietlike, some still day, I'm jes' goin' home.  
It's not far, jes' close by, through an open door  
Work all done, care laid by, Gwine to fear no more  
Mother's there, 'spectin' me, Father's waiting, too  
Lots o' folk gathered there, all the friends I know. All the friends I know.  
Nothin' lost, all's gain, no more fret nor pain  
No more stumblin' on the way, no more longin' for the day  
Gwine to roam no more  
Mornin' star lights the way, restless dream all done  
Shadows gone, break o' day, real life jes' begun.

Dere's no break, ain't no end, jes' a livin' on  
Wide awake with a smile, goin' on and on  
Goin' home, goin' home, I'm jes' goin' home.  
It's not far, jes' close by, through an open door  
I'm a goin' home. I'm jes' goin' home.

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TOTENFEST TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

MEDITATION

*Because He Lives*

William J. Gaither

Christopher Bettler, tuba; and Carrie Bettler, piano

Chris and Carrie have just returned to us from two years stationed at Pearl Harbor.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Matt Fitzgerald

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

HYMN

*For All the Saints*



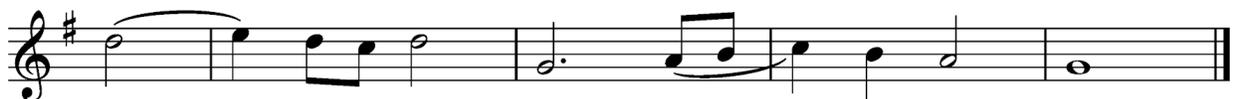
1. For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, Who  
2. Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:\_\_\_\_  
3. O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!\_\_\_\_  
4. And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,\_\_\_\_



thee\_\_\_\_ by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;\_\_\_\_  
We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet  
Steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, And



name O\_\_\_\_ Je - sus, be for - ev - er\_\_\_\_ blest.  
Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one\_\_ true\_\_ light.  
all are\_\_\_\_ one in thee, for all\_\_ are\_\_ thine.  
hearts are\_\_\_\_ brave a - gain, and arms are\_\_ strong.



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

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE



A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

POSTLUDE

*Final* from Symphony No. 1 in D Minor, Op. 14

Louis Vierne

Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

*Coffee Hour is on Zoom!*

*Please join our pastors and other members after worship for this hour of fellowship. Using a computer or smartphone app, use Meeting ID: **882 5733 7213**, Pswd: **Coffee**  
By phone, dial **(312) 626-6799**, Meeting ID: **882 5733 7213**, Password: **530750**.*

*To help contain the spread of COVID-19, worship at Saint Pauls will be streamed online until further notice. Worship services are streamed on Sundays at 10 a.m. Central, and re-streamed every day at 10 a.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Central, on Saint Pauls website, [spucc.org/streaming](http://spucc.org/streaming).*

*You can also call in to listen to our services at **(312) 626-6799** at 10 a.m. Central on Sundays and use Meeting ID: **856 9946 6278**, Password: **2335***

*If you would like someone to pray with you this week, Clergy and Stephen Ministers are available for phone calls.*

## THE MEANING OF TOTENFEST

*This is the last Sunday of the church year. The new church year begins next week with the First Sunday in Advent. Today, we remember those in our congregation who have died and we give thanks for their lives. We lift up in prayer the families and friends of those who have lost loved ones. From St. Pauls' German heritage, we call this day Totenfest, which means "a festival celebration for those who have died." The liturgical color for this Sunday is white, a symbol of resurrection.*

## THE TOTENFEST ROLL

*Members of St. Pauls who have died this church year, and friends at whose services a St. Pauls pastor has officiated:*

Nancy Brandt  
December 8, 2019

Nancy Geib  
July 28, 2020

Yvonne Morreale  
May 27, 2020

Polly Sippy  
September 19, 2020

Lois Stack  
June 28, 2020

Mary Mako Helbert  
Oct 12, 2020

## TOTENFEST MEMORIALS

**Colleen Yoder Henry** from Tom and the Henry and Kompare families  
**George Mosley** from Mark and Sarah Mosley  
**Sam Hill** from the Raiman and DuPont families  
**Wilray and Carrie, Ann and Dennis, Charlotte and Warren** from their grandchildren, the Mack family  
**Norma Jean** from her children and grandchildren, the Mack Family  
**Dr. John E. Biegert and Evelyn J. Biegert** from their daughter, Diane Biegert  
**Dr. Douglas J. Biegert** from his sister, Diane Biegert  
**Ed Zasadil** from his spouse, Larry Simpson  
**Sally Anderson** from Larry Simpson  
**Howard Bobren** from Larry Simpson  
**Sharon Tosseth** from her cousin, Larry Simpson  
**Robert McVay** from his cousin, Larry Simpson  
**Fred Steiner** from Larry Simpson  
**Yvonne Morreale** from Larry Simpson  
**Sandy Buchanan** from Larry Simpson  
**Violet Schwarz** from Larry Simpson  
**Helga Singwi** from Larry Simpson  
**Mary Mako Helbert** from Larry Simpson  
**Polly Sippy** from Ann and Brent Carstensen  
**Lois Stack** from Ann and Brent Carstensen  
**Ed Zasadil** from Ann and Brent Carstensen  
**Anneliese Henninger** from Ann and Brent Carstensen  
**Nancy Brandt** from Ann and Brent Carstensen  
**Ron Kinnamon** from Ann and Brent Carstensen  
**Dottie Fletcher** from the Fletcher and Thomas families  
**Ginny Heidloff** from the Fletcher and Thomas families  
**Scott Reichard** from the Fletcher and Thomas families  
**Wanda Ellithorpe-Fletcher** from the Fletcher and Thomas families  
**Edward Seely Davis** from Andrew and Lynn Davis  
**Leroy and Henrietta Dykstra, and Lee Dykstra** from Lynn and Andrew Davis  
**Betty Scholten Van Tubergen** from her niece, Lynn Dykstra Davis  
**John and Doris Drost** from Beth and George Drost

## **VIRTUAL WORSHIP PRODUCTION TEAM**

Chuck Kent

Mary Beth Hughes, Big Thinking By The Hour

Jim Courtright, Big Thinking By The Hour

## **VIRTUAL MUSIC PRODUCTION TEAM**

Kevin Dzierzawski

Breanna Coe

Kristofer Hansen

## **BORN THIS WEEK IN NOVEMBER**

*We celebrate and give thanks for your life at St. Pauls.*

*A perfect way to celebrate is by giving one dollar for each year of your life to our  
Birthday Fund, which supports A Just Harvest.*

Nov 22 Gretchen Steffenson, Mitchell Holzrichter

Nov 23 Cale Roschen, Jim Miller, Kyle Mack

Nov 24 Hannah Mutch, Jake Lippert, Lincoln Thomas, Pierce Prangley,  
Shari Charlton

Nov 25 Daniel Lias, Emma Davis, Max Davis, Randall Kooistra

Nov 26 Owen Taylor

Nov 27 Bennett England, Steve Mannina

Nov 28 Barbara Arsenault, Lisa Patterson, Michael VanSomeren

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **UCAN's ANNUAL GIFT DRIVE**

Toys, games, gift cards, and more can be purchased through their Walmart Gift registry, [www.ucanchicago.org/gift-drive](http://www.ucanchicago.org/gift-drive). All items will be shipped directly to UCAN's headquarters and distributed to participants in programs such as Foster Care, Violence Intervention and Prevention Services, Counseling and Youth Development Services, and Teen Transitional Services. Each child, teen and young adult will receive \$50 worth of gifts or a \$50 gift card. Please make your donation by Monday Dec. 7, so UCAN staff have enough time to organize and distribute the gifts.

### **CHRISTMAS TREES AND WREATHS**

You can decorate your home this year and the proceeds of this sale will be split between Three Angels Children's Relief in Haiti and the ongoing outreach work of St. Pauls. Order a gorgeous Wisconsin-grown tree or wreath at [spucc.org](http://spucc.org). Pick up your purchase in our church parking lot on December 5 from 11 a.m - 3 p.m. We will do everything necessary to ensure that picking up trees and wreaths is as safe as possible. There's even a socially-distanced home delivery option.

### **NIGHT MINISTRY STOCKINGS**

Sign up to fill a stocking for people served by The Night Ministry. The stocking stuffing list and dropoff details will be sent to everyone who signs up once we have more information. [www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084baaac2daaf94-night](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084baaac2daaf94-night).

### **PASTORS' VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS**

Want to talk? Ask for a prayer? Share an idea? Be consoled? Seek forgiveness? Think through a problem? Hear a word of hope? Start a church program? Find a referral to a therapist? Think about the future? Search for God? We are here for you! You can always reach out to one of our pastors, but we are also offering regularly scheduled virtual office hours, beginning next week. To "drop in" during virtual office hours, contact Claire Higgins to make an appointment: [chiggins@spucc.org](mailto:chiggins@spucc.org) 773-348-3829.

Pastor Matt: Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Pastor Sarah: Stay tuned!

Pastor Jeff: Fridays, 3-5 p.m.

Benny, Pastoral Intern: Mondays, 3-5 p.m.

### **SAVE THE DATE: 7TH ANNUAL POLAR PEACE MARCH, JANUARY 17**

Join us in honoring the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with Peace Sunday Worship, followed by a Virtual Polar Peace March to benefit UCAN. Before the event, do your own mini-march in your neighborhood and invite others to sponsor your walk for UCAN. Take a video of you, your friends and family walking for peace and we'll include it in the program. This year's theme: Five Simple Steps for Justice: (1) Create a Fundraising Page; (2) Pick up your Polar Peace March yard sign, face mask and shirt; (3) Put your PPM yard sign in your yard or window; (4) Take photos or videos of yourself marching in your neighborhood; (5) Watch yourself on the webcast of the virtual Polar Peace March. Visit **POLARPEACEMARCH.ORG** for details and to support UCAN's work in reducing violence in Chicago. If you'd like to post a video of your mini-march, please contact Rebecca Sandoval at [Rebecca.Brown@ucanchicago.org](mailto:Rebecca.Brown@ucanchicago.org), or Pauline Taylor at [paulinetaylor933@gmail.com](mailto:paulinetaylor933@gmail.com).

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM (CEP)** - CEP meals at St. Pauls continue in an outdoor format! Volunteers are needed **December 13, December 20, and December 27** to provide individually packed lunches with beverages. St. Pauls welcomes homeless and hungry people to enjoy a meal and get access to hygiene services as part of the Community Engagement Program (CEP). Volunteers have the option to drop off 30 lunches at 1 p.m. on Sundays in the St. Pauls courtyard or stay onsite to serve guests in person. Each Sunday's meal can be provided by a single household or split with another volunteer. To sign up or get more information, contact Jennifer Kew at [CEPsupper@gmail.com](mailto:CEPsupper@gmail.com).

**LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SERVICES NEEDS YOUR HELP!** - This St. Pauls founded organization provides comprehensive social services to our neighbors experiencing homelessness. LPCS is looking for individuals to provide meals during this time and Saint Pauls has signed up to provide lunches on the following Wednesdays: **December 2, 9, and 23, January 6 and 13**. Please contact Sally Fletcher to sign up at [sfletcher1443@gmail.com](mailto:sfletcher1443@gmail.com), or (312) 848-5400. Needed are 20 lunches, including 3 vegetarian, at the 600 W. Fullerton location on each of these days. For other LPCS volunteer opportunities, visit their website at [lpcschicago.org](http://lpcschicago.org) to get involved, or contact volunteer coordinator Jameela Chaudhry at [volunteer@lpcschicago.org](mailto:volunteer@lpcschicago.org).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### **NOV 24 - WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP - 7:30 p.m., Zoom**

We are continuing our book, *Be the Bridge - Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation*, by Latasha Morrison. We will discuss the third section. Contact Corie Gallemore for more information and the Zoom link, corie.gallemore@gmail.com.

### **NOV 26 - THANKSGIVING GRATITUDE GATHERING - 11 a.m., Zoom**

Join Pastor Sarah virtually on Thanksgiving morning to hear scripture that encourages us to give thanks, offer prayers of gratitude and take time with one another to lift up what we have to be thankful for this year.

RSVP to sgarcia@spucc.org.

### **DEC 2 - WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: Stories of Advent - 12 p.m., Zoom**

(No Bible Study Nov. 25) To prepare for Christmas, we'll look at the stories in Matthew and Luke that anticipate the birth of Christ. You can participate online, or call in from your phone. Email Pastor Jeff with questions or to get the meeting invitation and instructions, jcarlson@spucc.org.

### **DEC 3 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL VIRTUAL WINE TASTING - 7-8:30 p.m., Zoom**

Join St. Pauls Social and Dan Berghoff, a certified sommelier and winemaker, as we hone our tasting skills and expand our appreciation for wine, all while having a good time! Pick up your "mystery" wines from church on December 2 from 5-6 p.m. A voluntary donation to the church of \$15 is suggested. RSVP no later than November 30 to: Jeff Carlson at jcarlson@spucc.org.

### **DEC 8 - BOOK DISCUSSION OF BEST SELLER, *CASTE* - 7 p.m., Zoom**

Join us for our second discussion on *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*. No need to have attended the first session to participate! In *Caste*, Isabel Wilkerson examines the often unspoken caste system that has shaped America and shows how our lives are still defined by a hierarchy of human divisions. Beautifully written and published in August 2020, *Caste* is a best seller and a 2020 selection of Oprah's Book Club. As part of St. Pauls ongoing discussions of white privilege and racism, St. Pauls members are leading three structured Zoom discussions of the book. December 8, pages 165 - 278; and January 12, pages 279 to the end. Please contact Rick Peterson, rnpeterson2017@gmail.com, for further information.

## **DEC 10 - CHRISTMAS POETRY NIGHT - 7-8 p.m., Zoom**

Join St. Pauls Social and Pastoral Intern Benny VanDerburgh (and friends) for a Christmas-centered poetry night! This event is for serious poets and poetry curious folks alike! You are encouraged to bring your favorite piece of writing about the season, yours or another's, to read aloud to us. Perhaps you would like to share something that speaks to the meaning of your favorite week in Advent. We will mimic an "open mic" format and read to each other to get into the spirit, but if you would rather just listen, that is beautiful as well. To RSVP, please email Benny at [bvanderburgh@spucc.org](mailto:bvanderburgh@spucc.org). No need to let us know what you would like to share ahead of time.

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

**CONNECTORS** reach out providing networking and support for members and friends of St. Pauls. Membership is open to all who have the time and the inclination to help. Contact Marcia Volk at [marcia@volkonline.com](mailto:marcia@volkonline.com).

**EMAIL LIST SIGN-UP** - Are you new to St. Pauls and want to get more connected, or have you been a longtime friend and missed signing up for our email? Either way, you can go here: [spucc.org/connect-learn/signups](http://spucc.org/connect-learn/signups) to fill out our virtual fellowship card to begin receiving our weekly email and special congregational emails, introduce yourself and receive a call from a pastor, and request more information about Children and Youth Programming and more!

**FAITH IN ACTION** – Some people call it showing up for a protest. Others call it public witness for the values inherent in our faith. Most of us appreciate being able to do both with like-minded congregational members. We are continually building a Faith-in-Action list of people who wish to receive notice of such protests and gatherings – frequently on short notice due to swift governmental action. Please join this email list by contacting Claire Higgins at [chiggins@spucc.org](mailto:chiggins@spucc.org).

**FAITH AND PUBLIC ISSUES** – Help us connect our faith to critical public issues. Do you wish you knew more from a faith perspective about current issues that are important to our public life? Racism, climate change, immigration, to name a few? FPI programs provide opportunities to ask questions, help us understand issues in depth, and discuss possible action. The FPI Task Force plans these programs and we could use your ideas. Contact Toby Rogers at [toby@rogers-home.com](mailto:toby@rogers-home.com) for information about meetings.

**FEED THE HUNGRY** – Community Engagement Program (CEP) Suppers at St. Pauls welcome homeless and hungry people to enjoy a meal and get access to health services each week. Volunteers drop off 30 lunches at 1 p.m. on Sundays in the St. Pauls courtyard. Each Sunday's meal can be provided by a single household or split with another volunteer. See the “Announcements” blurb for Sundays to sign up, or get more information by contacting Jennifer Kew at CEPsupper@gmail.com.

**GIFTS, PASSIONS, SKILLS** – If you have not already completed our GPS Survey, we still need to hear from you. Please go to [forms.gle/jK54YezLs8Ea27uW8](https://forms.gle/jK54YezLs8Ea27uW8) to fill it out. This is an important component of our overall member engagement initiative, as mentioned in the November 10, 2019 congregational meeting. If you prefer to complete a paper document, they are available on the front counter of the office next to the labeled return box. Thank you in advance for your participation.

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**LITTLE LIGHTS** is a St. Pauls early childhood program with classes for 2-, 3-, and 4-year olds. We are now accepting applications for 2020. Check out [www.littlelightslp.org](http://www.littlelightslp.org). Email Little Lights Director Erin Fitzgerald at [littlelights@spucc.org](mailto:littlelights@spucc.org).

**LONG, CLASSIC NOVELS READING GROUP –  
2020 Selections are Four Novels by African American Women**

This year, the “Long, Classic Novels Reading Group” is reading books from the Zora Canon. Our fourth and final book is: *A Mercy* by Toni Morrison (2008) - Discussion Date: December 14, 7 p.m. via Zoom. Anyone is welcome to join us. Please RSVP to Pastor Jeff for email updates: [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

**NEW OR EXPECTING PARENTS** – If you have a new baby or are expecting a baby, please let Corie Gallemore know so that we can find ways to support you (meals, prayer, etc.). Email Corie at [corie.gallemore@gmail.com](mailto:corie.gallemore@gmail.com).

**OUTREACH AND BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE** – Do you have a passion for reaching out to others? The St. Pauls O&B Committee would love to have you join us in keeping our church engaged in community outreach. For more information contact Pauline Taylor, paulinetaylor933@gmail.com, or Pastor Jeff, jcarlson@spucc.org.

**PARENTS OF LITTLE ONES (POLO)** has play dates, Moms night out, Dads night out, family pizza parties, prayer groups, and more activities to support families with little ones between the ages of 0 and 5. If you have young children and would like to get involved, please contact Joanne Tong at jctong@yahoo.com.

**SAINT PAULS SOCIAL** – Get better acquainted with other adults at St. Pauls. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Jen Luerksen at jenluerksen@yahoo.com. Subscribe to the distribution list at eepurl.com/gQ4Eg1, or look out for future events announced in the bulletin calendar.

**SAINT PAULS TOGETHER** - Our Facebook Group, “Saint Pauls Together,” is for St. Pauls Members and Friends to connect and share uplifting thoughts and stories. Check out our Facebook Page to request an invitation if you’re a member or friend!

**STEPHEN MINISTRY AT ST. PAULS** – If you’re in need of support through a tough time and would like to be matched with someone who would support you with companionship and prayer, or you’re feeling called to offer support, speak to Pastor Jeff Carlson (jcarlson@spucc.org), Marti Pechnyo (mpechnyo@gmail.com), or Barb Kaiser (bkaiser2213@gmail.com).

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** – Now meeting every Wednesday at noon via Zoom. Newcomers are always welcome. Increase your faith and your knowledge of the Bible. RSVP: Pastor Jeff at jcarlson@spucc.org to get the Zoom link.

**YOUNG ADULTS** – A group for fun and fellowship for folks in their twenties and thirties. All are welcome! Volunteers needed! Any ideas for future events? Email them at youngadults@spucc.org.

**ZOOM MEETINGS** – The St. Pauls Zoom account is available to start or continue groups. Email Claire Higgins at chiggins@spucc.org to schedule your meeting.

### **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please send any announcements you would like in the following week’s bulletin or Friday email to chiggins@spucc.org no later than 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

Verbal announcements are due by Wednesdays at noon.

**Please limit announcements to 100 words.** Thank you!

## SAINT PAULS PRAYS

*Please clip this page and pray for those who are named below. To have your prayer request included, simply ask a pastor in person, on the phone or by email.*

*Our practice is to run each prayer request for four weeks and then remove it.*

*If you would like to continue a prayer request after four weeks, let a pastor know.*

- The Nitzsche family at the tragic death of Dan.
- Kristin Mack and family at the deaths of her grandfather, Dennis Carlson, and granny, Charlotte.
- Ninon Freeman at the death of her mother, Alba Young.
- Jan Bail's sister, Marty, diagnosed with cancer.
- Shirley Rieck, hospitalized and in pain.
- Michael VanZeyl's Aunt Betty, hospitalized, and Laura VanZeyl's parents, Lionel and Donna, coping with isolation.
- Jenny Benefield, for her upcoming shoulder surgery and recovery.
- Molly Dierks, in the hospital.
- Larry Simpson, dealing with a cancer diagnosis.
- Erick, an Army friend of Bruce Voice.
- Bruce Voice, recovering from surgery.
- A mother and her two children going through a very difficult time.
- Peter Doerr at the death of his father, Alan.
- A couple in Michigan, friends of Barb Arsenault, who both have had significant medical issues happen at the same time.
- Emilia, Juanita Barlow's sister, having a knee replacement.
- Patty, friend of Petrine and Garold Ashley, as she undergoes a third knee transplant.
- Mark Huddle at the death of his father, Mike.
- Sarah Good's brother, David, being treated for throat cancer.
- Sheryl Mooney, who is receiving treatment for leukemia.
- Mary Train, recovering from a broken wrist.
- Amy Newman, being treated for cancer.
- Rob and Shannon Castle's friend, Mike, in treatment for cancer.
- Pat Ruch's sister, Aline, beginning treatment for brain cancer.
- Carole Crowley, recovering from a stroke.
- Karl Wirsum, in rehabilitation for mini-strokes.

**You are beloved** – to others, to the world you live in, and most important, to God. God knows your struggles and failures, as well as your joys and triumphs. Even when you walk through the valley of shadows, God is with you. If you or someone you love has lost hope, is feeling completely alone or like life doesn't matter, reach out for help. Contact one of the pastors today for information about mental health care advocacy and resources that can help you and your loved ones. Contact information for the pastors is at the back of this bulletin.

ABOUT ST. PAULS  
*Making a Joyful Sound in the City!*

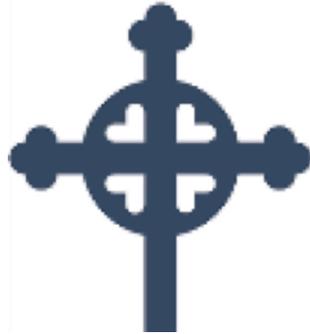
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From founding Chicago's largest provider of social services to at-risk children to starting a home for the elderly, from housing protestors at the 1968 Democratic Convention to hosting Lincoln Park's first MLK day march against violence on Chicago's streets, we are proud to make a joyful sound in the city.

Most important, over the past 177 years we are glad to have introduced thousands of children and adults to the amazing, inclusive, life changing, uplifting love of God. We do so in worship that is traditional, but far from conventional.

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Welcome to those whose hearts are on fire with faith, and to those who bring their doubt inside our doors.

Welcome to our first time guests and our longtime members.

Welcome to single people, tiny children, grandparents and families of all configurations.

Welcome to those who rejoice and to those who grieve.

Welcome to each and to everyone.

We are an Open and Affirming church.

We welcome all.

We are blessed by your presence and we are glad you are here.