



Pancake Worship

April 8, 2018

*HYMN OF TABLE GRACE *God We Thank You for Our Pancakes* Tune: Holy Manna

God, we thank you for our pancakes, made of wheat from your own soil
Eggs, water and laughter mixing into batter with some oil
Don't forget the maple tree whose sugar makes our breakfast sweet
Sausage, too, for in Chicago, without pork, no meal's complete

Thank you God for all the hands that harvested the feast we share
Good church people who woke early, food by loving hands prepared
Thank you for the sacrifices behind all our joyous meals
Let our gratitude be more than empty words, let it be real

For when we take time to thank you, our own faith is multiplied
Grateful hearts can see the Giver, grateful hearts lead to clear eyes
So we thank you for our pancakes, and for vegan bacon too,
Flower blossoms, jeans and t-shirts, budding leaves all come from You

By your Spirit keep us grateful for each person here today
Friend and stranger, sister, brother, each beloved by Yahweh
Ancient God but also living, youthful Christ you love us all
So we thank you for our pancakes, for each other, for Saint Pauls!

PANCAKE QUESTIONS:

As you eat we invite you to share with each other your answers to these questions:

What are you thankful to God for today?

How has the church nourished you?

THE BIBLICAL WORD FOR THE DAY

Luke 24:13-31

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they did not recognize him.

He asked them, "What are you discussing?"

One of them asked him, "Are you the only one who does not know the things that have happened?"

"What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had

hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

As they approached the village, Jesus continued on. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

Acts 2:43-46

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts.

*A 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)

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

Beautiful Things

Gungor

Congregation please join in on the chorus.

You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us (Repeat)

You make me new,
You are making me new
You make me new,
You are making me new (Repeat)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Medley/Improvisation

St. Arbucks Trio

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Members of the Confirmation 2 class are helping to lead worship today.

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: David Baker, Brian Haffner, Doug Clark, Layne Lebahn

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

Consider the Lilies: Sarah Dietz, Linda Patton

BORN THIS WEEK IN APRIL

Donations to the Birthday Fund support A Just Harvest

We celebrate and give thanks for your life at St. Pauls. A perfect way to celebrate and help St. Pauls: give one dollar for each year of your life to our Birthday Fund.

April 9 Daniel Vaughn, Gay Kelly, Sarah Brick

April 10 Margarita DiMonte

April 11 Annie Johnson, Katherine Beck, Kelly Singles

April 12 Marcia Opp

April 13 Tim Reed

April 14 Jay Abraham, Jennifer Ziesemer, Lisa Henry, Mark Huddle, Michael Toomin

Giving Option - Text: 773-825-6816

You can now text your offering to 773-825-6816. The Vanco-based system will ask you to enter your dollar amount (example: 100 -- no dollar sign needed). You'll then be sent a link. Click on the link to complete your gift and receive a receipt. Thank you for your generous support of St. Pauls!

SPRING SHORT CIRCLES: REGISTER TODAY

Short Circles are six-session small groups for people who want to experience growth in their spiritual lives. In these circles we will connect to God and one another. We will meet for 50-60 minutes once a week for six weeks, beginning the week of April 15th at a variety of set times. Each week your Short Circle will focus on a few short verses of scripture, using the ancient method of "lectio divina" or "spiritual reading." The aim is for you to discover what God is calling you to do or to become.

Sunday Short Circle, 11:30am

Location: St. Pauls UCC

Leaders: Greg and Rebecca Dekker

Monday Short Circle, 7pm

Location: 4933 N. Oakley Ave.

Leader: Cindy Zinn Ball

Wednesday Morning Short Circle, 10am

Location: St. Pauls UCC

Leader: Corie Gallemore

Wednesday Afternoon Short Circle, 1pm

Location: 2230 N. Dayton St.

Leader: Kristin Lane Mack

Wednesday Evening Short Circles @ church, 6pm and 7pm

Location: St. Pauls UCC

Leader: 6pm Carrie Bruggers, 7pm, Layne Lebahn

Wednesday Short Circle, 8pm

Location: 1750 W. Julian St. #2

Leader: Shannon Castle

Thursday Short Circle, 10am

Location: 2911 N. Damen

Leaders: Deborah Bayly and Kelly Martin

Friday Short Circle, 10am

Location: St. Pauls UCC

Leader: Kelli Fitzgerald

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBER CLASS - Our next round of New Member classes will be held April 15 and April 22. We would LOVE for you to attend. All who are curious about Saint Pauls are welcome. Contact mfitzgerald@spucc.org to register.

A GIFT in memory of Carl Vespa was given by Juanita Barlow.

SHORT CIRCLES - Do you want to experience growth in your spiritual life? Short Circles, our spring small prayer groups, are forming now. We meet weekly, for six weeks beginning in mid-April. Contact asardar@spucc.org to register.

DEVOTIONAL CLASSICS - Pastor Matt will lead a four-session, early morning discussion of four short (2-3 pages) devotions by Julian of Norwich, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Kathleen Norris and GK Chesterton. 7:30 a.m. April 10, 17, 24, May 1. Contact Matt Fitzgerald at mfitzgerald@spucc.org to register.

ST. PAULS GARDEN GIFTS FOR YOU - The plantings around our current sign need to find a new home! All plants will be saved and ready for adoption after church on Sunday April 22 at the St. Pauls Garden Shop. If you have any garden plants, ornaments, pots or tools that you would like to add to our sale, please bring them to the Garden Shop on April 22nd located in the St. Pauls courtyard. Money raised from the sale will be used to landscape around our new sign. If you have questions, contact Julie Culver at jbcshanghai@yahoo.com.

ST. PAULS SUMMER CAMP FOR KIDS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN - In July, we're offering half-day camp for 2 and 3 year olds and full day camp for 4 to 12 year olds. Also offering before and after-care. Campers play in the local parks, go to the zoo, beach, museums, pool and have tons of fun. Email sgarcia@spucc.org for information.

SUNDAYS - THE WORD OF THE DAY, 9 a.m. Conference Room. Each Sunday, we explore the Bible passages that our pastors will preach on, because reflecting on scripture with a group enriches our worship and understanding. No Bible experience necessary. Your questions are welcome. Childcare is provided. Contact: jcarlson@spucc.org

APRIL 9 - CHRISTIANITY 101, 7:30 p.m. - Parlor. Join Pastor Jeff and young adults for a lively discussion of the real-life questions we face in our daily lives. There is no need to prepare in advance. Please contact Hannah Basil at youngadults@spucc.org with questions and to RSVP.

APRIL 15 - MONTHLY BRUNCH, 11:30 a.m. Join the Young Adults Group for brunch after worship. We will meet at social hour and walk somewhere close. Help us pick a great spot! Please contact Hannah Basil at youngadults@spucc.org with suggestions and to RSVP.

APRIL 15 - WHERE DO YOU PUT THE PULPIT? 11:30 a.m. Sanctuary. That question was hotly debated between Martin Luther and John Calvin at the time of the Protestant Reformation in the 16th Century. Concentrating on the design of St. Pauls Sanctuary, Pastor Emeritus Tom Henry will take a look at how their differing beliefs about worship have influenced church architecture right down to the present.

APRIL 21 - Games and Beermiscous, Join Young Adults Group for beer, wine, snacks, and games at Beermiscous, a Beer Cafe, at 2812 N. Lincoln Ave. More details and RSVP in the Punchbowl invite. Questions? Email Maggie at maggie.arden@me.com

APRIL 22 - MISSION TRIP LUNCH AND SILENT AUCTION, 11:15 a.m. Gym. Join us for our fundraiser towards hurricane relief work in Puerto Rico this June! Cost is \$20 per adult, \$6 per child and kids 5 and under eat free. Family ticket for \$40.

APRIL 24 - UCAN OPEN HOUSE - Join us for a tour of UCAN's new campus and an opportunity to learn about their programs and Violence Intervention and Prevention Services. The open house will be held Tuesday, April 24, 3 - 5 p.m. at 3605 W. Fillmore, Chicago. Please contact Rebecca Brown for questions at rebecca.brown@ucanchicago.org and Jan Bail for carpooling options at janbail@me.com

APRIL 28 - REBUILDING TOGETHER DAY - from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Join our team of volunteers working to repair two homes in the Lawndale neighborhood. Open to anyone 10 years old and up. Email sgarcia@spucc.org if you are interested.

APRIL 29 - SOUVENIRS D'HAITI - Members of our Haiti mission trip team will share about their experience volunteering with Three Angels Orphanage, School and Clinic. 11:30 in the Parlor.

APRIL 30 - THE HOMELESS MONOLOGUES, 6:30 p.m., The Owen Theatre at the Goodman Theatre. Support Lincoln Park Community Services by attending "The Homeless Monologues," an episodic play featuring the stories of LPCS guests and graduates performed by professional actors. \$15. More info bit.ly/thehomelessmonologues or lpcsinfo@lpcsonline.org.

MAY 5 - UCC CHICAGO METROPOLITAN ASSOCIATION SPRING MEETING - Join with folks from other Chicago UCC churches for a time of worship, fellowship and learning. The theme is "Better Together." Includes lunch. 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Epiphany UCC, 2008 W Bradley Place. For registration info contact Pastor Jeff, jcarlson@spucc.org or CMA website: <https://goo.gl/Zs1mNi>

OPPORTUNITIES

ST. PAULS SOCIAL - Get better acquainted with other adults at St. Pauls. If interested in hosting, please contact Jen Luerssen, jenluerssen@yahoo.com and stay tuned for future events.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT - Save the date for the annual All Church Retreat. We'll be going July 27 - 29 to Lakeside Inn in Lakeside, MI.

FAITH IN ACTION - Saint Pauls' Strategic Plan calls us to be "Increasingly bold and active as we try to live out our faith in an age of rising injustice." If you would like to receive advance notice of protests and actions that call for our faithful witness, join the Faith in Action email list by contacting Anna Sardar at asardar@spucc.org

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP - Providing flowers for the altar is a great way to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or honor someone special in your life. You can sign up in the Social Hall or online at <http://tinyurl.com/h55pl82>. There are many Sundays available, but be sure to sign up early so you can bring flowers on your preferred date. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

AMAZON SMILE - If you would like to support St. Pauls when buying Amazon products. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from eligible purchases to St. Pauls. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/2179808>

BIBLE STUDY - Meets one Saturday a month. This in-depth study explores a book of the Bible from start to finish, looking at its original context, as well as its meaning for us today. Next Study: April 28, 10-11:45. Contact Pastor Jeff at jcarlson@spucc.org

COLLEEN HENRY WRITING CENTER- Tutors Needed

This program at Lincoln Park High School was initiated by St. Pauls and developed in connection with the English and Social Studies Departments. Tutors volunteer once a week, Monday through Thursday. Training and mentoring are available. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Nancy Brandt, nhbrandt@sbcglobal.net

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

CONSIDER THE LILIES - Deliver our Sunday altar flowers to members and friends who need to know St. Pauls is thinking of them. If you would like to be part of this initiative, please contact Maureen Grunst at mvgrunst@aol.com. Join us!

FAITH IN ACTION/FAITH AND PUBLIC ISSUES - Whether you're interested in supporting women or LGBTQ persons or immigrants and refugees, or interested in planning programs on critical issues, you can find St. Pauls people involved and join them now. Contact Toby Rogers at toby@rogers-home.com for more information.

FEED THE HUNGRY - Each week St. Pauls welcomes homeless and hungry people to Sunday dinner. Several open dates in May, June, and July! To volunteer to prepare and serve dinner to guests of the Lincoln Park Community Shelter, contact Brent Carstensen at bcarsten959@yahoo.com

FOOD FOR THOUGHT - Visit our Food for Thought blog
<http://www.spucc.org/blogs/food-for-thought>

GET YOUR NEW NAME TAG! - Email Virgie at vberry@spucc.org

LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER NEEDS OVERNIGHT VOLUNTEERS
- To sign up: volunteer@lpcsonline.org or call 773-549-6111.

LITTLE LIGHTS is a St. Pauls early childhood program with classes for 2, 3, and 4 year olds. We are now accepting applications for 2018-2019. Check out www.littlelightslp.org. If you are interested email Virgie Berry at vberry@spucc.org to schedule a tour!

LONG, CLASSIC NOVEL READING GROUP Read and discuss George Eliot's "Middlemarch" this spring. Next discussion is June 19. "Les Miserables" is coming in Fall 2018. RSVP jcarlson@spucc.org

NEW OR EXPECTING PARENTS - If you have a new baby or are expecting a baby, please let Corie know so that we can find ways to support you (meals, prayer, etc.) and so that we can inform you of opportunities in our Parents of Little Ones (POLO) group. Also let us her know if you have small children and are new to the church. Contact Corie Gallemore at corie.gallemore@gmail.com

SARAH'S SISTERS gather every Wednesday morning to make 40 bag lunches to be distributed to homeless people. Come to the church kitchen at 9:30 a.m.

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 Diana Laskaris dianaminlead@gmail.com

SAINT PAULS BASKETBALL WEDNESDAYS - 7 p.m. Our weekly pickup game is co-ed. Ages range from young and fast to old and not as fast. Skill levels range from enthusiastic to "I think she played in college, you guard her." All are welcome! Contact pastormatt@spucc.org

ST. PAULS PLAYGROUP for children from birth to 3 years old in the church Nursery. Drop in anytime from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Wednesdays. Corie Gallemore at corie.gallemore@gmail.com

UCC DAILY DEVOTIONAL - To register: http://www.ucc.org/daily_devotional

WANT MORE VARIETY AT COFFEE HOUR? - Sign up to bring it at <http://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=w.ProcessDateWindow>

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 youngadults@spucc.org

YOUTH GROUP for kids in 4th-8th grade meets each Tuesday from 4-6 p.m. with pizza dinner, fun and Christian fellowship. Meet in the gym. Contact sgarcia@spucc.org

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send any announcements you would like in the following week's Friday email to announcements@spucc.org no later than 10 a.m. on Tuesday. Please limit announcements to 70 words. Thank you.

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SAINT PAULS PRAYS

Please clip this page, take it home and pray for those who are named below. We only print requests we receive. To make a request, simply ask a pastor in person, on the phone or by email. Our new 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.

- Philip Smedley and family upon the death of his father.
- Maryn, 6 year-old friend of the Ashley family, with a rare brain tumor.
- Grieving family of Hilda Hoffman, who passed away.
- Scott Jones' mother, Anne, who is exploring option to treat a thyroid tumor.
- Betty Voice, recovering from knee surgery.
- Marti Pechnyo's friend, Jane, being treated for ovarian cancer.
- Mary Stainton, in the midst of rehab and cancer treatment.
- Dorothy Franklin, in hospice care.
- Jeff Elko
- Justin Bonn, recovering from recent brain surgery.
- Louis Arata and family, whose father, Stephen Arata, died.
- The Howells' daughter-in-law, Meredith, awaiting a stem-cell transplant.
- For all grieving and traumatized by the shooting in Parkland, and for real change to dramatically reduce gun violence.
- Steve Stack, recovering from another stroke.
- Dede Koldyke, in treatment for cancer.
- Jack Hogan, in treatment for cancer.
- Rob Castle's mother, Kathie, entering hospice care for Alzheimer's disease.
- Rodney Higginbotham's father following a seizure and possible stroke.
- For Aylmer Gifford's friend, Mario, facing difficult health challenges.
- Bobbi Gannello, diagnosed with lymphoma.
- Amy Newman's sister, Linda, being treated for cancer.
- Gloria Joseph's husband, Nial, who is in the hospital in poor health.
- Carole Knuti, undergoing treatment for cancer.
- Carole Crowley, recovering from a stroke.
- All those struggling to conceive.
- All those struggling with eating disorders.
- Grieving family of Jim, who died at age 43.

NEARLY 1 IN 5 ADULTS STRUGGLE WITH A MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE. 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.

Silent Auction Donation Form

The youth and adults going on the Puerto Rico Mission Trip to do hurricane repair work this June are having a luncheon and silent auction on April 22 to raise money for materials and supplies they will need to rebuild. Your donations to the silent auction would be greatly appreciated. We are looking for gift certificates, sports tickets, theatre tickets, artwork, baked goods, gift baskets, wine, etc.

If you have an item that you would like to donate, you can fill out the bottom of this page, rip it out and put it in the offering plate. We will contact you.

If you have any questions please email Pastor Sarah at sgarcia@spucc.org

Name:

Email:

Phone #:

Name of donation item:

Description of donation item:

Full Price of Item:

Minimum Bid Allowed:

ABOUT ST. PAULS
Making a joyful sound in the city

Saint Pauls UCC has a vibrant history in the city of Chicago. Founded in 1843, we are one of the city's oldest churches. In 1989 we became one of America's first congregations to declare ourselves "Open to and Affirming of" LGBT women and men.

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 importantly, over the past 174 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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Free Parking is available on Sundays from 9am-1pm at Children's Memorial Hospital
2300 Block of North Lincoln Ave. – Vouchers Not Needed



WELCOME TO SAINT PAULS UCC!

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.