

175th Anniversary Musical Revue:

*This Church is On Fire!*

February 3, 2019

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

***Please silence cell phones.***

*Bibles for use during worship are available at each entrance to the Sanctuary.*

THOUGHTS FOR PREPARATION

"I have great respect for the past. If you don't know where you've come from, you don't know where you're going."  
- Maya Angelou

PRELUDE

*Andantino*  
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

E. H. Lemare

WELCOME

Matt Fitzgerald

\* HYMN

*I Love to Tell the Story*



1. I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,  
2. I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best



Of Je - sus and his glo - ry, Of Je - sus and his love.  
Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it, like the rest.

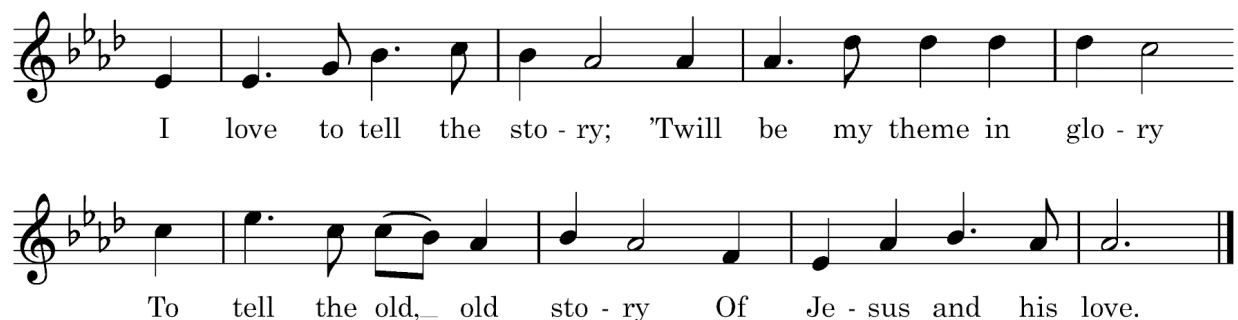


I love to tell the sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's true;  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else would do.  
'Twill be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

*\*Please stand if you are able*



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'Twill be my theme in glo - ry  
To tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and his love.

## *This Church is on Fire!*

*Prologue*

**Pastor Jeff**

*Jeff Carlson*

**Scene 1. FOUNDING OF THE CHURCH**

**Who Lived, Who Died**

**1st German Immigrant**

*Andrew Keller*

**2nd German Immigrant**

*Rebecca Fayhee*

**3rd German Immigrant**

*Charles Wilk*

**4th German Immigrant**

*Anna Schloerb*

**Founding Church Members**

High School class and the Chancel Choir  
*Emma Braband, Rebecca Fayhee,  
Andrew Keller, James Keller, Colin Murray,  
Anna Schloerb, Charles Wilk*

**Group Leader**

*Kecia Waldschmidt*

**Scene 2. FOUNDING OF ULICH CHILDREN'S HOME**

**Consider Yourself At Home**

**Founders of the Orphanage**

*Nancy Godinez, Jessica Ashley,  
Barbara Kaiser*

**Orphans**

Jr. Kindergarten and Kindergarten Class  
*Grace Ashley-McGraw, Noah Bashiti, Winnie  
Castle, Cecelia Chamberlain, Claire Gallemore,  
Karina Gidwani, Aniston Hartanov, Brooke  
Mcquire, Thomas Mix, Julianne Prangley, Kai  
Renfrow,  
Boris Tong, Lee Waldschmidt*

**Group Leaders**

*Jessica Ashley, Nancy Godinez, Barbara Kaiser*

**Scene 3. THE GREAT CHICAGO FIRE**

***This Church is on Fire***

**Charles Hofmeister  
Fire**

*Miles Davidson  
1st and 2nd Grade Class  
Cecelia Badanes, Grace Gillmore, Everett  
Hamm, Oscar Hull, Thomas Jackson,  
Rex Lawrence, Colette Schimp, Audrey Stormo-  
Malnick*

**Group Leaders  
Teachers**

*Nancy Godinez, Emily Martin  
Adrienne Lundquist, Chris Mcguire*

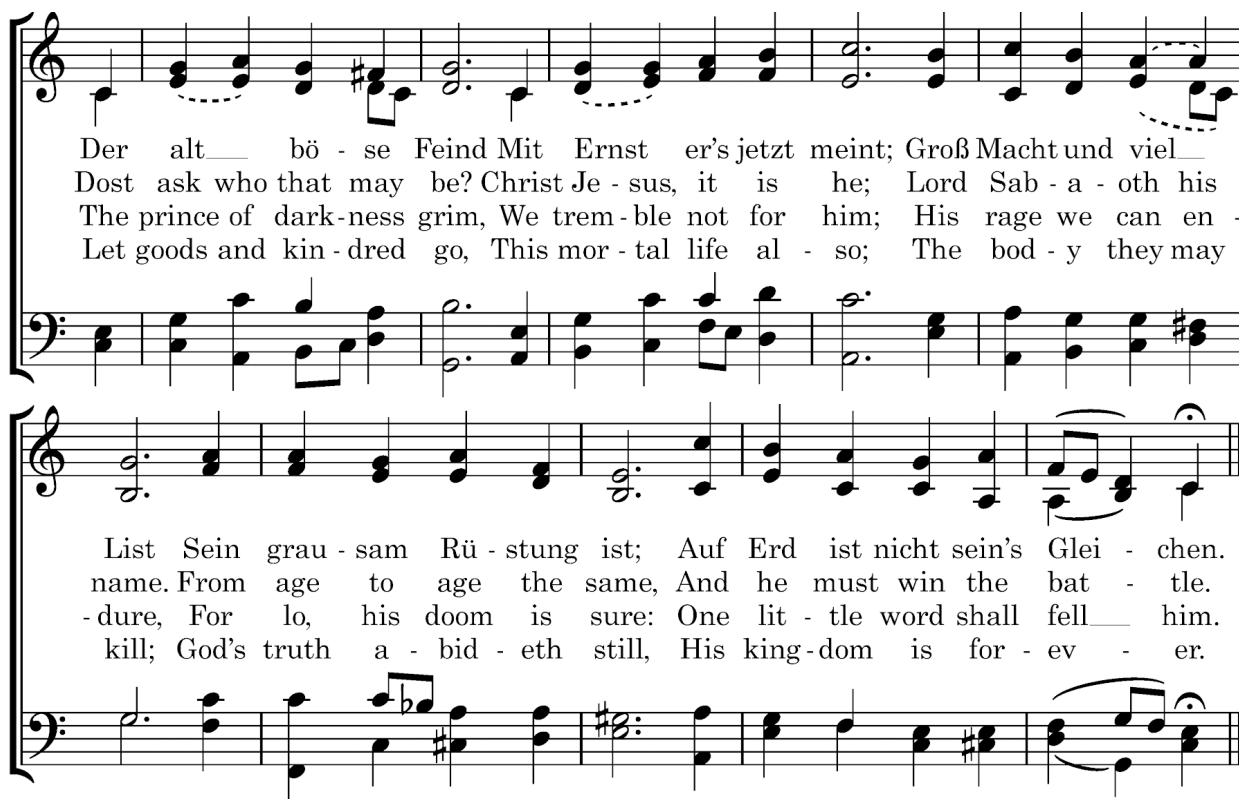
**OFFERTORY**

***Ein Feste Burg***

*The choir will sing the first stanza in German and the congregation is invited to join in for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th stanzas in English.*

1. Ein fe - ste Burg ist un - ser Gott, Ein' gu - te Wehr und Waf - fen.  
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, Our striv - ing would be los - ing,  
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, Should threat - en to un - do us,  
4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, No thanks to them, a bid - eth;

Er hilft uns frei aus al - ler Not, Die uns jetzt had be - trof - fen.  
Were not the right man on our side, The man of God's own choos - ing.  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us.  
The Spir - it and the gifts are ours Through him who with us sid - eth.



Der alt bö - se Feind Mit Ernst er's jetzt meint; Groß Macht und viel  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sab - a - oth his  
The prince of dark - ness grim, We trem - ble not for him; His rage we can en -  
Let goods and kin - dred go, This mor - tal life al - so; The bod - y they may

List Sein grau - sam Rü - stung ist; Auf Erd ist nicht sein's Gle - chen.  
name. From age to age the same, And he must win the bat - tle.  
- dure, For lo, his doom is sure: One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
kill; God's truth a - bid - eth still, His king - dom is for - ev - er.

**Scene 4. SAINT PAULS BABY BOOM**

***Saint Pauls Had Some Babies, 13,000 Babies***

<b>Baby Boomers</b>	<i>Chancel Choir</i>
<b>Pastor Hartmann</b>	<i>Matt Fitzgerald</i>
<b>Hans Schätzchen</b>	<i>Todd Coe</i>
<b>Hilda Schätzchen</b>	<i>Breanna Coe</i>
<b>Group Leader</b>	<i>Jana O'Brien</i>

**Scene 5. FOUNDING OF SAINT PAULS HOME FOR THE AGED**

***Reach Out, I'll Be There***

<b>Emilie John</b>	<i>Peg Wander</i>
<b>Penny-A-Day Club Leader</b>	<i>Ethan Ashley-Ferguson</i>
<b>The Aged</b>	Confirmation Classes <i>Samantha Fayhee, Hannah Hafner, Emily Hein,  Vivian Hein, Olivia Kearns, Katlyn Mcvey,  Jonah Schloerb, Nolan Tavas, Nick Walvoord,  Henry Weil</i>
<b>Group Leaders</b>	<i>Jana O'Brien, Wayne Parman</i>
<b>Teachers</b>	<i>Gail Renfrow, Peg Wander, Bob Ball  John Schloerb</i>

*Scene 6. THE SECOND TIME THE CHURCH BURNED DOWN*

***This Church is on Fire Reprise***

**The Fiery Faithful**

*Eleanor Mcguire, Katlyn McVey,  
Valerie Schimp, Anna Schloerb*

**Group Leaders**

*Anna Schloerb, Kecia Waldschmidt*

*Scene 6. PROTESTS*

***7 Nation Army***

**Hertha Mohr**

*Barbara Kaiser*

**Welcoming Church Members**

*Carrie Bruggers, Barbara Kaiser,  
Wayne Parman, Gerald Wilk*

**Protestors**

*5th, 6th and 7th Grade Classes  
Miles Davidson, Ethan Fitzgerald,  
Katie Kobak, Zoe Lawrence, Zack Murray,  
Claire Nitzsche, Jareth Renfrow, Charles  
Rodriguez, Jack Sansya, Valerie Schimp,  
Jay Spielman-Rice, Clark Tavas,  
Braden Van Zeyl, Owen Waldschmidt,  
Claudia Walvoord*

**Group Leader**

*Philip Smedley*

*Scene 7. THE CHURCH PERSEVERES*

***We Will Survive***

**Shirley Rieck**

*Kecia Waldschmidt*

**Persevering Church Women**

*Cindy Ball, Diane Biegert, Breanna Coe,  
Michelle Fayhee, Winnie Kearns, Gay Kelly,  
Jennifer Kew, Jana O'Brien, Ashley Saluga*

**Group Leaders**

*Jana O'Brien, Kecia Waldschmidt*

*Scene 8. THE CHURCH BECOMES OPEN AND AFFIRMING*

*We're Coming Out*

**Liz Raiman**

*Emma Braband*

**Celebrating Church Members**

3rd and 4th Grade Class

*Lucy Bashiti, Julia Brizzolara, Evelyn Drew,  
Ellie Gillmore, Jennie Hamm, Andrew  
Hein, Annika Hull, Annabel Jackson, Holden  
Lechtenberg, Elise Prangley, Blake Spielman-  
Rice, Asher Stormo-Malnick,  
Max Waldschmidt*

**Group Leaders & Teachers**

*Christina Cedeno, Leslie Chamberlain,  
Kirsten Hull*

*Scene 9. LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS*

*Where is the Love?*

**St. Pauls Outreach Volunteers**

High School Class

*Emma Braband, Rebecca Fayhee,  
Trevor Hafner, Andrew Keller, James Keller,  
Collin Murray, Anna Schloerb, Charles Wilk*

*Finale.*

*Entire Cast*

*Music Accompaniment*

**Piano**

*Kecia Waldschmidt*

**St. Arbucks Trio**

*Brendan Henry, piano; Joel Kelsey, bass;  
Matt Plaskota, drums*

*Chancel Choir*

**Music Director**

*Kurt R. Hansen*

**Organist**

*Kevin Dzierzawski*

**Sopranos**

*Christie DeForest*

*Heidi Gillmore*

*Gay Kelly*

*Jennifer Kew*

*Rebecca Kornick*

*Karin Magnuson*

*Nancy Pife*

*Ashley Saluga*

*Kecia Waldschmidt*

**Tenors**

*Scott Banjavcic*

*Larry Butcher*

*Todd Coe*

*Andy Davis*

*Doug Heyboer*

*Rick Peterson*

*Nathan Streeter*

**Altos**

*Cindy Ball*

*Amy Barton*

*Lois Basil*

*Terry Brancaccio Hansen*

*Carrie Bruggers*

*Breanna Coe*

*Karen Johnson*

*Winnie Kearns*

*Patricia Mayer*

*Amy Petersen Beck*

*Jana O'Brien*

**Basses**

*Dario Amador-Lage*

*Bill Borden*

*Andrew Dow*

*Allen Heinemann*

*Lee Lichamer*

*Mark Mosley*

*Mark Swanson*



*Musical Revue 2019 Artistic & Production Staff*

<b>Director</b>	<i>Sarah Garcia</i>
<b>Music Director</b>	<i>Kecia Waldschmidt</i>
<b>Choreographers</b>	
<b>Orphans</b>	<i>Nancy Voigts</i>
<b>Fire</b>	<i>Nancy Voigts</i>
<b>Baby Boom</b>	<i>Jana O'Brien</i>
<b>Saint Pauls House</b>	<i>Jana O'Brien</i>
<b>Fire Reprise</b>	<i>Anna Schloerb</i>
<b>Protests</b>	<i>Philip Smedley</i>
<b>We Will Survive</b>	<i>Jana O'Brien</i>
<b>Open and Affirming</b>	<i>Christina Cedeno, Kirsten Hull</i>
<b>Outreach</b>	<i>Anna Schloerb</i>
<b>Finale</b>	<i>Anna Schloerb</i>
<b>Lyricists</b>	<i>Christina Cedeno, Rebecca Fayhee, Sarah Garcia, Jana O'Brien, Wayne Parman, Anna Schloerb, Phillip Smedley, Kecia Waldschmidt, Charles Wilk</i>
<b>Script Writers</b>	<i>Jeff Carlson, Sue Finkle, Sarah Garcia,</i>
<b>Stage Manager</b>	<i>Carrie Bruggers</i>
<b>Assistant Stage Managers</b>	<i>Brianna Love, Jean Wilk</i>
<b>Production Manager and</b>	<i>Sue Finkle</i>
<b>Costumer Extraordinaire</b>	
<b>Costume Design Team</b>	<i>Amy Bashiti, Jorie Hamm, Brianna Love, Jana O'Brien, Linda Patton, Gabrielle Stormo, Jean Wilk</i>
<b>Backstage Team</b>	<i>Amy Bashiti, Trevor Hafner, Olivia Kearns, Leo Lawrence, Brianna Love, Emily Martin, Amy Newman, Pat Ruch, Charles Wilk, Gerald Wilk, Jean Wilk, Cindy Zinn</i>
<b>Makeup Team</b>	<i>Amy Bashiti, Renae Bradshaw, Jorie Hamm, Pamela Kelly, Gabrielle Stormo, Kevin Dzierzawski</i>
<b>Sound Consultant &amp; Engineer</b>	<i>Gerald Wilk</i>
<b>Stage Construction</b>	<i>Nate Combs</i>
<b>Stage Design</b>	<i>Gerald Wilk, Sue Finkle, Ramiro Gonzalez,</i>
<b>Stage Setup</b>	<i>Brianna Love, Jean Wilk, Charles Wilk</i>

### *Acknowledgements*

Thank you to St. Pauls pastoral staff, especially Pastor Jeff for his historical knowledge of Saint Pauls and deep appreciation for our church's roots; to the office staff, especially Virgie Berry and Claire Higgins; to Fernando Diaz and Ramiro Gonzalez and the maintenance staff; and to Kurt Hansen, Kevin Dzierzawski and the Chancel Choir for taking on a bigger role in the production this year. Thank you to the creative team of Jana, Philip, Kecia, and Sue who helped make this all come together. I cannot put into words how grateful I am for you, the Sunday school teachers, for all you do for our St. Pauls children and young people.

It was sad to hear this past fall that Sharon Phillips had decided to retire from directing Bible Story Theatre at Saint Pauls. Just last year we celebrated BST's 40th anniversary. What an amazing tradition she created here. Whether she is part of the show or not, her presence and creative gifts continue to influence us in wonderfully significant ways and she is still very much part of the musical revue this year. Thank you Sharon for such an incredible legacy.

### *Director's Note from Sarah Garcia*

We are at a pivotal moment in the life of our church. Hundreds of new residents are about to move next door. Our building is more available to us for our own use than it has been in 40 years. Our country is mired in the struggle of conflict and division. It leads us to so many questions. What are we going to do with our new neighbors? What are we going to do with our building? What are we going to do in our world to follow Jesus and share God's love? We can better answer those questions and find our direction for our future if we understand our past. Knowing that others came before us, drew strength from their faith and persevered through fires, wars, financial challenges, political struggles, and so much more, strengthens us for the challenges and opportunities we face. We find inspiration in the bold action, vision and courage of our founders. We celebrate this milestone anniversary of Saint Pauls Church reaching 175 years by remembering the important stories of our past. Those stories have shaped who we are and will shape who we become. Whether you were onstage today or not, you are also part of the story of Saint Pauls. What part will you play in our future? I can't wait to find out together.

***If you would like someone to pray with you today, Stephen Ministers are present after the postlude at the right front of the Sanctuary.***

***Following Worship, all are invited for coffee and snacks downstairs in the Gym.***

***Make sure to stop by the Youth Mission Trip Bake Sale for yummy treats!***

**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:**

**Head Usher:** Beatrice Jaji

**Ushers:** Lauren Vega, Layne Lebahn, Brian Haffner, Doug Clark

**Head Greeter:** Greg Mooney

**Gatekeeper:** Dodd Brown

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are from Forrest Sturm, with loving memories of her father.

**BORN THIS WEEK IN FEBRUARY**

**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.*

Feb 3 Niels Peterson, Christie DeForest

Feb 4 Marcia Knudson

Feb 5 Emma Peterson, Kathleen Truskey

Feb 6 James Weimer, Rebecca Brown

Feb 7 Aaron Fangman

Feb 8 Sherrie Myers

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** - Curious about Saint Pauls? Our next round of classes will be held February 24 and March 10 after worship. We will meet in the Conference Room at 11:30 a.m. and wrap up around 1:30 p.m. Contact Pastor Matt to register at [mfitzgerald@spucc.org](mailto:mfitzgerald@spucc.org).

### **TODAY**

**SUPER BOWL BAKE SALE MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER** - In the gym following the musical revue. The youth are going to do work projects in New Orleans this coming June and they need support to buy materials and supplies for their work. Please come by and support them by buying a yummy treat or making a donation.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **POLAR PEACE MARCH RAISES MORE THAN \$55,000 FOR UCAN!**

Thank you to all of the planners, volunteers, supporters, chefs, bakers and more than 300 marchers for helping us raise awareness and funds for UCAN's violence prevention programs. The weather helped us live up to our name as it was POLAR outside, but inside our hearts and our Sanctuary, we could feel the love as we celebrated Dr. King's legacy of peace.

**AVOID THE GIVING PHONE-A-THON!** - For those who have yet to submit your 2019 St. Pauls giving intentions, we ask you to avoid the dreaded upcoming reminder phone calls (you know, those ones that none of us really want to make!) by completing a giving card from the pew rack/church office or an online giving form at [SPUCC.org](http://SPUCC.org) (click GIVE at top of homepage). We welcome any gifts of time, talent, and/or treasure, and thank you in advance for your generous support of St. Pauls. We can't be our wonderful church without your gifts!

**JOIN OUR ORCHESTRA** - The St. Pauls Intergenerational Orchestra will perform in worship on Sunday March 3rd. Orchestra members include teens and adults of all ages and abilities. We rehearse after worship in the Oscar Mayer Room on 2/10, 2/17 and 2/24. If you are interested, please contact our conductor Mark Mosley at 773-732-0625 or [mwmosley@gmail.com](mailto:mwmosley@gmail.com). If you play a string, woodwind, brass or percussion instrument, please join us as together we "Make a Joyful Sound in the City!"

**FEBRUARY 4 - CHRISTIANITY 101 - 7:30 p.m., Parlor**

Join Pastor Matt and fellow 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. Email Hannah at [youngadults@spucc.org](mailto:youngadults@spucc.org) with RSVP or questions.

**FEBRUARY 9 - BOARD GAME NIGHT- 7 p.m., Dice Dojo, 5550 N. Broadway, Chicago**

Join the St. Pauls Young Adults Group for a board game night! The Dice Dojo is located just off of the Bryn Mawr Red Line and has some residential parking in the neighborhood. All games are free to play and outside food and drink is welcome! Contact Jim Alrutz at [jimalrutz@gmail.com](mailto:jimalrutz@gmail.com) with questions and to RSVP.

**FEBRUARY 10 - ISSUES OF IMMIGRATION - 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Social Hall**

St. Pauls member Tara Magner will provide a history of U.S. immigration policy and discuss current issues of importance in Chicago. Tara spent several years working on immigration policy in the U.S. Senate. She now directs the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's local grantmaking. For more information on this Faith Formation/Faith and Public Issues event contact Steve Peterson [sspeterson01@gmail.com](mailto:sspeterson01@gmail.com).

**FEBRUARY 17 - MONTHLY BRUNCH - 11:30 a.m.**

Join the Young Adults Group for brunch after worship. We will gather during Social Hour and walk somewhere close. Have a suggestion of where we should go? Email Hannah at [youngadults@spucc.org](mailto:youngadults@spucc.org) with your idea and RSVP.

**FEBRUARY 27-LITTLE LIGHTS EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM OPEN HOUSE-6-**

**7:30pm.** Interested in enrolling your child in St. Pauls early education program? Come learn more about our program at our open house. You will have the opportunity to meet the lead classroom teachers, visit the classrooms, and meet current Little Lights families. Questions? Email [vberry@spucc.org](mailto:vberry@spucc.org)

**MARCH 9 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL POTLUCK - 6-9 p.m.**

Join Saint Paul's Social and collector Susann Craig at her Logan Square loft designed by world famous architect Jeanne Gang. This pot luck dinner is limited to the first 25 people that register by calling her at 312-399-8843. Each guest should bring a dish or drinks.

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

**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.

**CLASSIC NOVEL READING GROUP 2019** - This year we'll be reading three novels. *Silence* by Shusaku Endo, discussion March 18th; *The Idiot* by Dostoevsky, discussion June 17th; *Don Quixote* by Cervantes, discussions in fall and winter. To join the group and receive updates, email Pastor Jeff, [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto: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 two hours once a week, Monday through Thursday. Training and mentoring are available. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Nancy Brandt, [nhbrandt@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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](mailto: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@gmail.com](mailto:mvgrunst@gmail.com).

**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 Claire Higgins at [chiggins@spucc.org](mailto:chiggins@spucc.org).

**FAITH AND PUBLIC ISSUES** - Whether you're interested in supporting women or LGBTQ persons, or immigrants and refugees, or 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](mailto:toby@rogers-home.com) for more information.

**FEED THE HUNGRY** - We need volunteers for March 17 and April 28. Each week St. Pauls welcomes homeless and hungry people to Sunday dinner as part of the Community Engagement Program (CEP). Volunteers prepare and serve dinner. To sign up, contact Jennifer Kew at CEPsupper@gmail.com

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

**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 2019-2020. Check out [www.littlelightslp.org](http://www.littlelightslp.org). Email Virgie Berry at vberry@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.) Corie Gallemore at corie.gallemore@gmail.com.

**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 to 5. If you have young children and you would like to get involved please contact Molly Mcgrath, mollymcgrath906@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.

**ST. PAULS BASKETBALL** - 6 p.m. Sundays, 7 p.m. Wednesdays  
Our weekly pick-up games are co-ed. Ages range widely and skill levels go from from enthusiastic to "I think she played in college, you guard her." All are welcome!  
pastormatt@spucc.org

**ST. PAULS PLAYGROUP - NOW ON FRIDAYS** - For children from birth to 3 years old and their parent or caregiver in the church Nursery. Drop in anytime from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. on Friday mornings. Corie Gallemore at corie.gallemore@gmail.com.

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

**SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY** - One Saturday a month, 10-11:45 a.m. Newcomers are always welcome. Increase your faith and your knowledge of the Bible in this monthly study. Next meeting: January 26. RSVP: Pastor Jeff [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

**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](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org)), Marti Pechnyo ([mpechnyo@gmail.com](mailto:mpechnyo@gmail.com)), or Barb Kaiser ([bkaiser2213@gmail.com](mailto:bkaiser2213@gmail.com)).

**WANT MORE VARIETY AT COFFEE HOUR?** - Sign up to bring it by emailing Claire Higgins at [chiggins@spucc.org](mailto:chiggins@spucc.org).

**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](mailto:youngadults@spucc.org).

**YOUTH GROUP** - For kids in 4th-8th grade. Meets each Tuesday from 4-6 p.m. in the Gym. Pizza dinner, fun, and Christian fellowship. Contact Pastor Sarah for more details at [sgarcia@spucc.org](mailto:sgarcia@spucc.org).

### **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please send any announcements you would like in the following week's Friday email to [announcements@spucc.org](mailto:announcements@spucc.org) no later than 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

Please limit announcements to 70 words. Thank you.



## SAINT PAULS PRAYS

*Please clip this page 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 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.*

- Jana O'Brien and family at the death of her mother, Evelyn Rosebrock.
- Karen Hein's mom, Christine Schmidt, recovering from a stroke.
- Jen Kew and her friends who are mourning the death of their dear friend, Mike.
- Moira Jon McDonald, who has pancreatic cancer.
- Carole Knuti gives thanks for a completely clear MRI brain scan.
- Friends and family of Gordon Fishburn mourning his death.
- The thousands who lost homes and jobs due to the floods and fires this fall, and to those who gave them shelter.
- Liz Rein at the death of her sister, Becky.
- The family of Stacie B., sister of Mark P., at the death of her sister-in-law.
- All the patients at Lurie Children's Hospital fighting for healthy lives, and prayers for their parents.
- Kathie Castle, in hospice care for Alzheimer's disease.
- Jessica Ashley and family during her boyfriend Darren McGraw's one-year deployment with the Army National Guard.
- Mary, a beloved friend of Stacy and Brent, and her doctors and children, as she recovers from a brain aneurysm and is still at great risk.
- Carrie Bruggers after the death of her good friend and co-worker.
- Carole Crowley, recovering from a stroke.
- Karl Wirsum, in rehabilitation for mini-strokes.
- Dede Koldyke, beating cancer.
- Amy Newman's sister, Linda, being treated for cancer.

**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.

## **St. Pauls UCC 20/20 Vision Implementation February 3, 2019**

### Introduction

Much has occurred over the fall in implementing our St. Pauls 20/20 Vision plan. Please review the work of our task forces and committees below.

David Baker, Chair, 20/20 Vision Committee

### Completed/Ongoing

*God is calling us to grow toward each other...*

- The Governance Task Force was established, with Co-Chairs Karen Johnson and Pastor Carlson. A proposed new structure will align with the six Calls of the Vision 20/20 plan and hopefully increase participation and engagement. The proposed restructuring should be ready for broad review prior to the annual meeting
- The Hospitality Task Force has been organized under the leadership of Pastor Garcia and is now meeting to make recommendations on how to sustain our welcome to visitors and new members.
- Held both the 175th birthday reception after church in October and the Advent potluck. Both were well-attended
- Carrie Bruggers, Peg Wander, Nick Swinehart and Matt Fitzgerald are working on a new scheduling program for Sunday morning lay leaders, incorporating new members into things like ushering, greeting and reading scripture.

*God is calling us to growing toward God together...*

- Nearly 100 church members participated in the fall Short Circles, doing *lectio divina* together. Nine groups have formed and will meet weekly for six weeks.
- During Advent, additional small groups were held.

*Increasing diversity in our partnerships and congregation...*

- Celebrated a joint service with the Lighthouse Church on January 20th, which coincided with our MLK Polar Peace March event.
- As background, St. Pauls has provided a place to worship for the Lighthouse Church, an African-American LGBTQ congregation. We formally sponsored Lighthouse to join the UCC. Lighthouse lost their worship home when their landlord, a theater from which they sublet, was evicted. The Church Council is working with Lighthouse on a possible longer term space sharing relationship.

### *Living our faith in an age of injustice*

- On January 20, 2019, St. Pauls partnered with UCAN to conduct an extremely successful Polar Peace March that raised \$55,000 for UCAN (matched 2:1 by an anonymous donor) and called attention to the impact of gun violence on youth. Television coverage included CBS, NBC and WGN.
- Faith and Public Issues held a workshop on the impact of aldermanic privilege on affordable housing in the city.

### *Using our building for service and mission*

- The Building Task Force was formed under the leadership of Pastor Fitzgerald, Marcia Frank and Wayne Parman. It met all summer, establishing a set of potential concepts for the future use of the Church's facilities aligning with our mission and desire to work towards replacement of lost revenue in 2019.
- We have engaged with the Illinois Facilities Foundation, a non-profit consulting group that advises non-profits about their property needs. LPCS and UCAN are both past clients.
- Currently we are focusing on building accessibility, the requirements necessary to expand Little Lights into a larger program, and the potential to rent office space to a suitable mission partner.
- An RFP is being developed to submit to potential architectural firms to support the short- and long-term goals of the Task Force.

### *Tending our finances faithfully...*

- St. Pauls is planning its first capital campaign in more than a decade commencing with its 175th Anniversary. To help inform the campaign, 50 church members met Saturday, September 29th, to review and rank the concepts for the future of the church facilities.
- St. Pauls Annual Giving Campaign was also launched with the 175th Anniversary Kick-off on Sunday, October 28th.

## NOTES

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" LGBTQ 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 175 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 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.