

June 17, 2018  
Baptism Sunday

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.*

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

"I am the vessel. The draught is God's. And God is the thirsty one."

Dag Hammarskjöld

PRELUDE

*Song For My Father*  
St. Arbucks Quartet

Horace Silver

INTROIT

*Take Me To The Water*  
Chancel Choir

African American Spiritual

WELCOME

Sarah Garcia

\*WELCOMING EACH OTHER

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rejoice!

**All: This is the day that the Lord has made!**

One: Be glad!

**All: This is the day that the Lord has made!**

One: Rejoice and be glad!

**All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

*\*Please stand if you are able*

\*HYMN

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

Red Hymnal No. 30

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
That givest man both warmth and light,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye, Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on him cast your care.  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless,  
And worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, three in One.  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We are made to praise You,  
But devotion goes sideways  
& we wind up worshiping  
strength, skin,  
self, intellect, wealth.  
Redirect our adoration  
until, returned and redelivered  
love for You rolls through us like a river.  
Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE

Black Hymnal No. 21, v. 1

God reigns o'er all the earth! Green hills and valleys low,  
The farms and town in golds and browns God's grace and beauty show.  
God reigns o'er all the earth! City life and spreading plains,  
In rainbow hues - reds, yellows, blues - busy streets and country lanes.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM of

Charles Henry Coe, Declan James Good, & Charlotte Elizabeth Ross

Pastor: Charlie, Declan, and Charlotte, receive now the Light of Christ. May you walk always as children of light. May your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to God. Charlie, Declan, and Charlotte are now received into the love and care of the church. See what love God has given us that we should be called children of God.

**All: Almighty God, giver of life, you have called us by name and pledged to each of us your faithful love. We pray for your children, Charlie, Declan, and Charlotte. Inspire their lives. May they sing many songs, know many joys, heal many wounds, and embrace many people in your name. We pray for their parents, that they may be guided by your love so that they may know your presence. May we walk together with their families as witnesses to your gospel, as those for whom you have lived and died and live again. Amen.**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

**All: Amen**

\*RESPONSE

Black Hymnal No. 325, v. 1-3

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign;  
With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

Child of love, our love's expression, love's creation, loved indeed!  
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits, into joy and laughter lead.

Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are from God you came.  
Back to God we humbly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.

THE BIBLICAL WORD FOR THIS DAY

Don Camp

Psalm 92

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,  
to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.  
For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;  
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.  
How great are your works, O Lord! Your thoughts are very deep!  
The dullard cannot know, the stupid cannot understand this:  
but you, O Lord, are on high forever.  
You have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox;  
you have poured over me fresh oil.  
The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.  
They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God.  
In old age they still produce fruit;  
they are always green and full of sap, showing that the Lord is upright;  
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

\*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)*

\*RESPONSE Black Hymnal No. 21, v. 3  
God reigns o'er time and space! In history's bygone days,  
Christ's faithful folk in reverence spoke to bring God earnest praise.  
God reigns o'er time and space! O'er galaxy and sun,  
Through timeless years the cosmos hears the heavenly music run.

SERMON "the smile poured through us like a river" Matt Fitzgerald

\*RESPONSE Black Hymnal No. 21, v. 4  
God reigns! Emmanuel! God with us every day,  
In all our past and to the last, our comfort and our stay.  
God reigns! Emmanuel! Let praise to Christ be sung!  
God's presence here makes all things dear. Let joyful bells be rung!

OFFERTORY *This Is The Day* John Rutter  
Chancel Choir

This is the day that which the Lord hath made:  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.  
O praise the Lord of heaven;  
Praise him in the height.  
Praise him, all ye angels of his:  
Praise him, all his host.  
Praise him, sun and moon;  
Praise him all ye stars and light,  
Let them praise the Name of the Lord;  
For he shall give his angels charge over thee:  
To keep all thy ways.  
The Lord himself is thy keeper:  
The Lord is thy defense upon thy right hand;  
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day,

Neither the moon by night.  
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:  
Yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.  
The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in:  
From this time forth forevermore.  
He shall defend thee under his wings.  
Be strong, and he shall comfort thy heart,  
And put thou thy trust in the Lord.  
*text from Psalms 118, 148, 91, 121, & 27*

**\*FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts,  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**PUERTO RICO MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING**

**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**

*We Praise You, O God*

Black Hymnal No. 420

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;  
We bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers;  
Through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been.  
When perils o'ertake us, you never will forsake us,  
And with your help, O God, in life's struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer,  
And gladly our song of thanksgiving we raise.  
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing;  
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE          Amen, amen, amen

POSTLUDE

*Finale*  
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

D. Gawthrop

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

TODAY'S OFFERTORY was commissioned for the wedding of HRH Prince William and Catherine Middleton on April 29, 2011 and was also reprised for the baptism of their first child Prince George, October 23, 2013. The opening phrase of the anthem is actually the prescribed Psalm text for Easter in the Episcopal, Catholic, and Lutheran Churches, but any parent will understand that the birth and baptism of a child is a day "the Lord hath made."

### **Puerto Rico Mission Trip Volunteers**

Katherine Beck, Rebecca Brown, Carolyn Bruggers, Charlie Busker, John Busker Sr., John Busker Jr., Natalie Campbell, Molly Canfield, Meghan Canfield, Hyla Carr, John Donnell, Bowie Duncan, Susan Finkle, Hannah Fitzgerald, Kelli Fitzgerald, Isaiah Fitzgerald, Sarah Garcia, Amy Gieseman, Trevor Hafner, Hannah Hafner, Marcy Harman, Barbara Kaiser, Olivia Kearns, Winifred Kearns, Andrew Keller, Brianna Love, Jack Lyons, Paris Matthews, Greg Mooney, Colin Murray, Kyle Nitzsche, Matthew Raterman, Maureen Reilly, Aidan Rodriguez, Harry Rodriguez, William Rodriguez, Angel Rodriguez, Allison Roehm, Mackenzie Rogers, Greta Schmahl, Maria Schmahl, Linnea Shu, Adam Sienkiewicz, Eliza Watts, Spencer Weldon, Theo Weldon, Charles Wilk, Jean Wilk, and Gerald Wilk.

*Waking with Russell*

Whatever the difference is, it all began  
the day we woke up face-to-face like lovers  
and his four-day-old smile dawned on him again,  
possessed him, till it would not fall or waver;  
and I pitched back not my old hard-pressed grin  
but his own smile, or one I'd rediscovered.  
Dear son, I was *mezzo del cammin*  
and the true path was as lost to me as ever  
when you cut in front and lit it as you ran.  
See how the true gift never leaves the giver:  
Returned and redelivered, it rolled on  
until the smile poured through us like a river.  
How fine, I thought, this waking amongst men!  
I kissed your mouth and pledged myself forever.

Don Paterson

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

**Head Usher:** Beatrice Jaji

**Ushers:** Fred Pearson, Brian Hafner, Doug Clark, Bruce Voice

**Head Greeter:** Greg Mooney

**Gatekeeper:** Dodd Brown

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are in celebration of Laura and Tim Nowack's 18th wedding anniversary.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given to the Glory of God by Stephen and Marilyn Swanson in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. Steve and Marilyn were married at St. Pauls by Rev. Frederick Trost on June 8, 1968. They were members of the St. Pauls Choir between 1967 and 1975. They are visiting St. Pauls today with their family and friends.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are in celebration of the baptism of Charlie Coe.

BORN THIS WEEK IN JUNE

**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.*

June 17     Andreas Hecht, Beverley Petrunich, Chuck Palm

June 19     Thomas Jackson

June 20     Zoe Montgomery

June 21     Paul Kendall

June 22     Geoff Gist

June 23     Benjamin Hamm, Chris Kohler

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **NEW SAINT PAULS T-SHIRT! FREE IF YOU MARCH IN THE PRIDE PARADE**

Be Christ's welcome next Sunday by walking in the Pride Parade with Saint Pauls. Next week in coffee hour we'll sell a high quality "175th Anniversary" Saint Pauls T-shirt made of for \$18.00. Join the parade and your shirt is free! Marchers will meet by the bell after worship and we'll ride the "L" to the Wilson stop.

### **CHURCH GRANDPARENTS**, Register today during coffee hour.

We will pair Saint Pauls "grand members" with church families who have infants and young children. As these new friendships form, each will take its own shape. Activities could include praying for each other, reading stories, visiting, etc. Saint Pauls older members are incredible people! Saint Pauls young families are remarkable as well. Let's get to know each other.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR** - If you enjoy being with children and are interested and willing to explore the Christian faith with them, you should consider being a Sunday School teacher. We have teaching teams so you do not have to teach every Sunday. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Sarah [sgarcia@spucc.org](mailto:sgarcia@spucc.org)

**ALL CHURCH RETREAT** - Sign up now to join us for a weekend of relaxation, fellowship and growing in faith at the Lakeside Inn in beautiful Lakeside, MI, July 27 to 29. All church members are encouraged to come! Cost is \$300 per room and includes breakfasts and dinners. Some financial assistance available. Email Pastor Sarah [sgarcia@spucc.org](mailto:sgarcia@spucc.org) if you would like to sign up.

**BOOK NOOK** - Please help yourself to any of the books on the bookcase in the Social Hall. There is no need to return the book after reading - simply pass it on to someone else. If you want to donate a book in the next two weeks, place it on the top shelves labeled "new arrivals." General fiction, broad interest nonfiction, youth and children books are ideal. If you have any questions or comments, contact Tilly Wilhoite at [tilly1017@gmail.com](mailto:tilly1017@gmail.com)

**FEED THE HUNGRY** - Open dates in July, August, and September for Community Engagement Program (CEP) meals. Each week St. Pauls welcomes homeless and hungry people to Sunday dinner. Volunteers prepare and serve dinner. To find available dates and to sign up, contact Brent Carstensen at [bcarsten959@yahoo.com](mailto:bcarsten959@yahoo.com)

**PETITION TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE** - Petition for the Combating Illegal Gun Trafficking Act (SB 337). This Act would require that state policy certify gun dealers. This certification may help reduce guns entering into illegal markets and allow law enforcement to crack down on corrupt gun dealers. Download and sign a petition being circulated by the Illinois Coalition for Gun Violence Prevention and others at [https://ilgvp.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/ILGVP\\_Petition.pdf](https://ilgvp.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/ILGVP_Petition.pdf)

**ST. PAULS SUMMER CAMP FOR KIDS** - July 5 - August 3.

We're offering half-day camp for 2 and 3-year-olds and full day camp for 4 to 12-year-olds. Also, we're offering before and after-care. Campers play in the local parks, go to the zoo, beach, museums, pool, and have tons of fun! Email Sarah Garcia at [sgarcia@spucc.org](mailto:sgarcia@spucc.org) for more information.

**JUNE 17** - "BUY A BED, GIVE A BED" MATTRESS SALE EVENT, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Gym. St. Pauls will host a mattress sale in the gymnasium benefitting Lincoln Park Community Shelter. Try out mattresses from Tempur-Pedic, Beautyrest, Serta, Simmons, and Sealy. Prices will be up to 50% lower than at local retail stores. For every bed purchased, LPCS receives a new mattress to help furnish its new facility.

**JUNE 17**- SOFTBALL CHEERING, 2 p.m., Oz Park.

Cheer on the Dirt Disciples during our 16" softball season! We are 2-2 and play on the Northwest Field in Oz Park, just a short walk from church. Look for our Carolina Blue shirts. After the game join us for a celebratory drink at McGee's Tavern, the league sponsor.

**JUNE 24** - PICNIC IN THE PARK FOR PARENTS AND LITTLE ONES, Oz Park.

After church come to Oz Park flower garden and playground for a picnic and time to play together. Contact Joanne Tong for more info [jctong@yahoo.com](mailto:jctong@yahoo.com)

**JUNE 30** - SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY 10 - 11:45 a.m., Parlor.

This summer we're looking at Ephesians and Colossians, two New Testament books attributed to Paul, but did he really write them? We'll consider that question and dig into some great stuff and struggle with some content many contemporary Christians find objectionable in these two influential books from the early church. Meets one Saturday a month. RSVP: [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org)

**JUNE 30 AND JULY 15 - BEACH VOLLEYBALL, 2 - 4 p.m., North Ave. Beach.**

Join the Young Adults Group for an afternoon of volleyball! We'll meet at the courts adjacent to Castaways towards the south end of the beach. You don't need to bring anything more than your serves of steel and any light snacks to share. All skill levels welcome. RSVP to the Punchbowl invitations and email Derek at [youngadults@spucc.org](mailto:youngadults@spucc.org) with any questions.

**JULY 7 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL, 6 p.m., Pritzker Pavilion Lawn.**

Join the St. Pauls Social for an evening of music at the Grant Park Music Festival. We will gather at 6 p.m. on the Pritzker Pavilion Lawn for a potluck dinner. The concert (Tchaikovsky and Bolcom) begins at 7:30. Contact Tilly Wilhoite at [tilly1017@gmail.com](mailto:tilly1017@gmail.com) for specifics and to RSVP.

**JULY 9 - 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.

**JULY 10 - HAITIAN HISTORY BOOK DISCUSSION - RELOCATED**

Laurent Dubois' book, "Haiti: The Aftershocks of History," chronicles the history of Haiti directly relevant to our contemporary attempts to struggle with issues of race, economic development, political dysfunction, and the complicated traumas of the past. Led by Steve Peterson and Steve Schwartzberg, the final session on this book will be Tuesday, July 10 at 7 p.m. in the Saint Pauls parlor. Email [sspeterson01@gmail.com](mailto:sspeterson01@gmail.com) for more info and address.

**JULY 11 - MOMS NIGHT OUT - Parents of Little Ones is having a Moms Night Out at 7:30 p.m. at Drawl 2423 N. Clark St. RSVP to Pastor Sarah at [sgarcia@spucc.org](mailto:sgarcia@spucc.org)**

**JULY 14 - SQUARE ROOTS FESTIVAL, 6 p.m.,** Begin at Maggie's home before heading to Lincoln Square. Join the Young Adults Group for an outing to the folk music street fest. Bring wine or makings for your favorite cocktails. Hang out in Maggie's AC before heading over to the Square Roots Festival down the street. Suggested donation at the entrance. Contact Maggie Arden at [maggie.arden@me.com](mailto:maggie.arden@me.com) to RSVP.

**JULY 22 - ROCK 'N ROLL HALF MARATHON & 10K, 6:30 a.m., Grant Park.**

Come run with the Young Adult group! The Humana Rock 'n Roll 10K and half marathon is a scenic lakefront course that begins and ends downtown near Grant Park. You'll be done in time to limp over to church afterwards. RSVP to the Punchbowl evite to join the running group. Questions? Email Derek at [derekjaydiemer@gmail.com](mailto:derekjaydiemer@gmail.com).

**JULY 28 & 29 - VOLK'S FARM WEEKEND GETAWAY, Starved Rock.**

St. Pauls women are invited to the Volk's farm the weekend of July 28-29. You may hike at Starved Rock, tour an old mansion, pick wildflowers, zipline, watch the birds, visit farm animals, or just enjoy the great companionship. Carpools usually available. Bed available for the first 12 to sign up. Email Marcia Volk for details at [marcia@volkonline.com](mailto:marcia@volkonline.com) or call 773-307-6866.

**OPPORTUNITIES**

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

**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** - 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>

**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](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@aol.com](mailto:mvgrunst@aol.com) and join us!

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

**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](mailto:toby@rogers-home.com) for more information.

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

**LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER NEEDS OVERNIGHT VOLUNTEERS**

- To sign up: [volunteer@lpcsonline.org](mailto: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](http://www.littlelightslp.org). Email Virgie Berry at [vberry@spucc.org](mailto:vberry@spucc.org)

**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](mailto: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 her know if you have small children and are new to the church. Contact Corie Gallemore at [corie.gallemore@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org), Marti Pechnyo [mpechnyo@gmail.com](mailto:mpechnyo@gmail.com), or Diana Laskaris [dianaminlead@gmail.com](mailto:dianaminlead@gmail.com)

**SAINT PAULS BASKETBALL WEDNESDAYS** - 7 p.m. Our weekly pickup game is 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](mailto: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](mailto:corie.gallemore@gmail.com)

**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](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, 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.*

- Loved ones of Rachel Rockwell, friend of Caroline Heffernan, grieving her death.
- Julie, friend of Pat Kirby, recovering from hip replacement.
- Ivy's brother and his wife, who are going through serious financial difficulty.
- Don Vossburg, former St. Pauls member.
- Debbie Martin, mother of Dan and Kevin, recovering from heart surgery.
- Paula Kearns, mother of Larry Kearns, who is battling lung cancer in Miami.
- Darlene Braun's cousin, who is recovering from surgery and doing well.
- Natasha, a friend of Terry and Kurt Hansen, enduring difficult times.
- Maryn, 6-year-old friend of the Ashley family, with a rare brain tumor.
- Betty Voice, recovering from knee surgery.
- Marti Pechnyo's friend, Jane, being treated for ovarian cancer.
- Dorothy, in hospice care.
- For real change to dramatically reduce gun violence.
- Dede Koldyke, beating cancer.
- Rodney Higginbotham's father following a seizure and possible stroke.
- Bobbi Gannello, diagnosed with lymphoma.
- Amy Newman's sister, Linda, being treated for cancer.
- Carole Crowley, recovering from a stroke.
- All those struggling to conceive.
- All those struggling with eating disorders.

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.

## St. Pauls UCC 20/20 Vision Implementation

### Introduction

This is the first brief update for the Congregation of the many actions underway to implement St. Pauls 20/20 vision. Much has happened since the Congregation approved the plan in November 2017. We will continue to provide these updates as our committees and task forces address the many initiatives called forth by the plan. The implementation actions are organized under each of the Six Callings, either "completed/ongoing" or "in progress."

David Baker, Chair, 20/20 Vision Committee

### Completed/Ongoing

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

- New "Lectio Divina" prayer groups led by St. Pauls Worship Committee and clergy.
- Revising membership process involving longtime members as "Shepherds."
- Planning for Puerto Rico mission trip.

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

- Dinner church.
- Pancake Church.
- Prayer groups.
- Continue Youth Education Opportunities and ways to fold youth into church life.

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

- Ensure Sunday School curriculum and materials are diverse.
- Ensure hiring process is diverse.
- Expand church youth population.

*Tending our finances faithfully...*

- Presented a 2018 budget that reduced the deficit by 32% over 2017.

## In Progress

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

- Invite partner ministries to regularly worship at St. Pauls.

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

- Social justice table.
- Social justice in sermons.
- Broaden visibility of existing social justice opportunities.

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

- Begin a capital campaign to address costs.

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

- Increase percentage of new and current member households/gift amount and number of households involved.
- Educate and encourage major gifts.
- Develop plan for timeline and initiatives to achieve a balanced budget.
- Educate new members on financial health of the church.
- Hold three finance church meetings per year.

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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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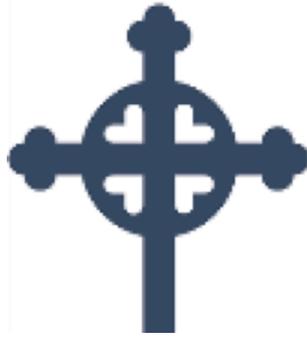
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## WELCOME TO SAINT PAULS UCC!

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.