



March 8, 2020
Second Sunday In Lent
Communion 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

"Good things as well as bad, you know, are caught by a kind of infection."

C.S. Lewis

WELCOME Matt Fitzgerald

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: May God be with you!

All: And also with you!

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to God!

One: Let us give thanks to God!

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise!

** Please stand if you are able to do so.*

* HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see;
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y;
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 On - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y;

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
 Per - fect in power, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSON

O God, we are thirsty.

**We have drunk deeply from the well of regret,
and we have had our fill of emptiness.**

**The satisfaction of success does not last,
and the tranquilizers have worn off.**

But you, O God, are evergreen.

Renew us with your Spirit.

Let us drink deeply of your eternal life,

Satisfy us with the grace of Christ.

Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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.

SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Please come forward for communion.

Take the bread from a pastor and eat it. Then take the cup and drink.

Deposit the cups in the baskets on the way back to your seat.

*The outer ring of cups contains grape juice. The inner rings contain wine.
A gluten-free bread option is wrapped and available on a separate tray.*

Return to your seat by the side aisles.

All are welcome to take part in communion.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Let Us Break Bread Together



1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; _____
2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; _____
3. Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; _____



- Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees._____
Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees._____
Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees._____



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Lord, I Want to Be A Christian

The musical score consists of two staves of music in common time, key signature of one flat. The top staff is for treble clef and the bottom staff is for bass clef. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The lyrics are:

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris - tian In my heart, in my heart;
2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart, in my heart;
3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart, in my heart;
4. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris - tian In my heart.
Lord I want to be more lov - ing In my heart.
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart.

In my heart, In my heart, In my heart, In my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris - tian In my heart.
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart.
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart.

* SUNG PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *Let Us Break Bread Together* v. 3
See previous hymn.

During this time, Sunday School students are invited to go to their classrooms.

*If you would like to accompany your child, you are welcome
to drop them off and return to worship.*

THE BIBLICAL WORD FOR THIS DAY

Steven Schwartzberg

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through 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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

The musical score consists of four staves of music in 3/4 time, featuring a treble clef and a bass clef. The music is set in common time (indicated by a '4' over the staff) but changes to 3/4 time for the lyrics. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below each staff. The first staff begins with a half note followed by a quarter note. The second staff begins with a quarter note. The third staff begins with a half note. The fourth staff begins with a half note.

Love di - vine,_ all loves ex - cel - ing, Joy of heav'n,to earth come down,
Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell-ing, All thy faith-ful mer - cies crown;
Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion; Pure, un - bound-ed love thou art;
Vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.

SERMON

"Infected"

Jeff Carlson

HYMN

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

The musical score consists of five staves of music in common time, key signature of one sharp (F#), and treble and bass clefs. The vocal line is in soprano and bass voices. The lyrics are integrated into the musical lines.

1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me_ and rest;
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this lost world's Light,

Lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, draw near, and drink, and live."
Look un - to me; your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad,
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found my guid - ing Star, my Sun;

And there I found a rest - ing place, where Je - sus made me glad!
My thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I am re - deemed.
And in that light of life I'll go till trav - eling days are done.

OFFERTORY

Ave verum corpus
(Sung in Latin)
Chancel Choir

W.A. Mozart

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary.
Who has truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mortals,
Whose side was pierced, whence flowed water and blood:
Be for us a foretaste of heaven during our final examining.
O Jesus sweet, O Jesus pure, O Jesus,
Son of Mary, have mercy upon me. Amen.

* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here be - low;
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:
Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost; Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

* HYMN

Lift High the Cross

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim; Let
all a - dore and praise that sa - cred name.

1. Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod, the
2. Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied bears
3. O Christ, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree, your
4. Set up your throne, that earth's de - spair may cease, be -

Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ the Child of God.
on the brow the seal of Christ who died.
death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
-neath the shad - ow of its heal - ing peace.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

A musical score for two voices and piano. The top staff is treble clef, B-flat major, 4/4 time. The bottom staff is bass clef, B-flat major, 4/4 time. The lyrics "A - men, A - men, A - - - men." are written below the notes. The piano part consists of simple chords.

POSTLUDE

Walk All Over God's Heaven
St. Arbucks Trio

Thomas A. Dorsey &
Mahalia Jackson

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.***

TODAY'S MUSIC - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756 - 1791) composed this communion motet to a text from the 13th century by Pope Innocent III or IV. This prayer recalls Christ's sacrifice on the cross and where that sacrifice leads us as believers.

Holy, Holy, Holy - It is interesting to note that the text for this hymn draws from both Jewish and Catholic liturgy. The Jewish prayer for every Shabbat service is *Kadosh, kadosh, kadosh* and the Catholic prayer is *Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus*. Reginald Heber (1783 - 1826) penned this text in 1826 just before his death. He won poetry contests at Oxford in his student days. He became a member of the clergy, and took over his father's parish. The tune, NICAEA, was named after the Council of Nicaea (325 CE) when the Church formulated the concept of the Trinity. It was composed by John Dykes (1823 - 1876) who created many famous English hymn tunes.

Our introit and sermon hymn, *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*, employ the tune, KINGSFOLD, which first appeared in a 19th century collection of English folk melodies, but may date back to the Middle Ages. The text was composed by Scottish clergy, Horatius Bonar (1808 - 1889). He came from a long line of ministers and composed many hymn texts and religious poems.

Let Us Break Bread Together - The tune and text for this well known communion hymn are unattributed, but became widely known after being printed in 1926 in *The Second Book Of Negro Spirituals*, which was curated and compiled by the famous poet, James Weldon Johnson, and equally prominent composer, J. Rosamond Johnson. The history of the text and tune probably predates the Civil War.

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian is another in a long line of great African-American spirituals. Neither the tune or text are attributed. The origin may date as far back as 1750. The first publication to include it was *Folk Songs Of The American Negro* (1907), compiled by brothers Frederick (no dates) and John (1871 - 1925) Work. John Work was also the music director of the famous Fisk Jubilee Singers.

The text for *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* was written by Charles Wesley (1707 - 1788). His brother, John, was the founder of the Methodist faith. The words are set to the famous Welsh tune, HYFRYDOL, composed by Rowan Hugh Prichard (1811 - 1887) when he was only 19. We also sing this tune to the text *Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven*. This text is one of the few that is the source of a "hymn battle" over which tune to sing. The other well known tune for this text is BEECHER.

Lift High The Cross - George William Kitchin (1827 - 1912) was the original author of the text, but there is a second "contributor" referred to as an "alterer," Michael R. Newbolt (1874 - 1956), who added to and improved the Kitchin text. The tune, CRUCIFER, was composed in 1916 at the height of the Great War by Sydney H. Nicholson (1875 - 1947). He was Organist/Choirmaster at Westminster Abbey in the 1920's, and had a deep influence on English hymnody.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: Layne Lebahn, David Baker, Brian Hafner

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Greeters: Sheryl Mooney, Thomas Clancy

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

Acolyte Coordinator: Tiffany Jozwiak

Acolytes: Max Waldschmidt, Owen Waldschmidt

Communion Coordinators: Jana O'Brien, Kevin O'Brien

Communion Servers: Jenny Benefield, Benny VanDerburgh

Communion bread baked by Marcia Knudson

St. Arbucks Trio: Brendan Henry, piano; Alex Austin, bass; Matt Plaskota, drums

BORN THIS WEEK IN MARCH

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.

March 8	Madeline Forman, Megan Polson
March 9	Beth Wiser, Ellie Nagle, Greg Basil, Kimberly Carter
March 10	Cate Gallemore, Darlene Braun, Tiffany Jozwiak
March 11	Lennon Fangman, Nancy Pifer
March 12	Dana Hofer, Penny Trowbridge
March 13	Ron Banks
March 14	Juanita Barlow

LENT AND EASTER AT ST PAULS

- SUN, MAR 15 REQUIEM by Maurice Duruflé - 10 a.m.
-Sung with organ & orchestra by our Chancel Choir during worship
- SAT, APRIL 4 EASTER EGG HUNT - 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
-Egg hunt in the Sanctuary, pictures with the easter bunny, crafts
- SUN, APRIL 5 PALM SUNDAY - 10 a.m.
-Palm branches, songs, Elmhurst College Jazz Band
- THU, APRIL 9 MAUNDY THURSDAY - 7 p.m.
-Dinner Church: eat, pray, sing. Please RSVP at
spucc.org/worship-music/2020-lent-easter
- FRI, APRIL 10 GOOD FRIDAY - 7:30 p.m.
-Communion, Tenebrae with choir
- SUN, APRIL 12 EASTER SUNDAY - 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
-Communion, choir, brass
- SUN, APRIL 19 PANCAKE CHURCH
-Worship over breakfast, Gym

ALSO

LENTEN GROUPS & SHORT CIRCLES

Six-week small groups, devotional classics readings, movie group, women's book group. Sign up at [signupgenius.com/go/30e084baaac2daaf94-2020](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084baaac2daaf94-2020)

SINGING OUR FAITH - Kurt Hansen will present a two-part series on a brief "History of Music In Worship," from 11:30-12:30 in the Confirmation Classroom off of the Social Hall.

March 8 - Hebrew chant, Gregorian chant, Catholic service music

March 22 - Protestant hymns and choral music

MALCOLM, MARTIN and AMERICA - March 21, 2 p.m. Chapel

Dwight Hopkins, the Alexander Campbell Professor of Theology at the University of Chicago Divinity School, will lecture on the two most prominent public leaders and public intellectuals emerging from the African American Community in the 1950's and 1960's, Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, and their relationship to our current moment. A reception will follow in the Parlor. Please RSVP to Pastor Jeff, jcarlson@spucc.org.

Martin, Malcolm & America

March 21, 2pm



TODAY

SINGING OUR FAITH - 11:30-12:30, Confirmation 1 (East Social Hall)

Kurt Hansen will present the first of a two-part series on a brief "History of Music In Worship." Today's genres are Hebrew chant, Gregorian chant, and Catholic service music. March 22 will be Protestant hymns and choral music.

SHARE THE TABLE OF JESUS - Narthex

On Communion Sundays, we are collecting food items for the Marjorie Kovler Center. The Center provides emotional and physical health support to people who have experienced politically sanctioned torture. They are seeking emergency food supplies for their clients, who are often without basic necessities. We have a basket in the Narthex for you to drop off any of the following items: tomato products, peanut butter, fufu flour, canola oil, bouillon cubes, low sodium vegetables, Domino Premium Pure Cane Sugar in easy to pour reclosable tops, and Pillsbury All Purpose Flour. Thank you for your continuous generosity to those who are facing enormous challenges as they try to settle in our country. If you have any questions, please call Pauline Taylor at 312-497-4401.

ELIJAH JARS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX - We invite you to engage in St. Pauls Lenten tradition of collecting your change and donating it to our weekly Wednesday lunches for the homeless. Take an Elijah jar home, fill it up and return it on Palm Sunday. We remember when Elijah told the struggling widow to collect her empty jars and fill them and she would have all she needed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE YOUTH MISSION TRIP SILENT AUCTION MARCH 15 - If you have items to donate for the auction, such as sports tickets, gift certificates, art, etc., please contact Karaçan at kara@spucc.org and bring the items to the church office by March 12.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM is now available on the last page of the bulletin! You can remember a loved one by purchasing a lily or other flowering plant for the Easter Festival Altar. Purchased plants may be taken home after the 11 a.m. service on Easter Sunday. See the form for more details.

YOUTH OUTREACH - Every Tuesday night, we offer food, gym time and community building to marginalized middle school and high school students. They come because St. Pauls is a safe place for them, and they want and need connection and support. Feeding 30 hungry teenagers is no small task. If you have any interest in providing pizza or any other dinner for our youth outreach meal on Tuesdays at 5 p.m., please contact Pastor Sarah sgarcia@spucc.org. It really will make a difference and help us to share God's love with youth who need it.

BOOK NOOK – NEW LOOK - Love to read? Stop by the Book Nook on the north side of the Social Hall. Find your next good read or drop off books to share with others. There is something for everyone – fiction, history/biography, business, health & nutrition and kids/tweens. Donations are always welcome – just add them to the shelf for “new arrivals.” Questions or comments, contact Linda Nitzsche at lindanitz@yahoo.com. Happy reading!

SPRING 2020 - DIRT DISCIPLES SOFTBALL - Join the Young Adults 16" softball team's 7th season at Oz Park! Games are Sunday afternoons beginning April 19. Sign up today so we can get a headcount and have practices before the season starts. We want to make this our best year yet! Cost is \$60 per person, which includes eight games, T-shirt, beer after the games, and more. Sign up through the YA newsletter and email Todd Coe with any questions, toddsingstenor@gmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH 15 - YOUTH MISSION TRIP LUNCH & AUCTION -

11:15 a.m., Gym, Oscar Mayer Room

We hope you will join us for some wonderful Tex Mex food, live music, silent auction, and the chance to support the youth who will be going to the U.S./Mexico border for their mission trip this June. Tickets are \$20 per person and \$50 per family. Financial assistance available. RSVP to Pastor Sarah at sgarcia@spucc.org. We are still looking for donations for the silent auction, so if you are willing and able, please contact Karaçan at kara@spucc.org.

MARCH 15 - CONFRONTING RACISM AND WHITE PRIVILEGE WITH *WHITE FRAGILITY*

11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m., Confirmation Room (East Side of Social Hall)
The Faith and Public Issues book study group has decided to continue meeting and has selected *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* as its next discussion text. *White Fragility* is the 2018 New York Times bestseller that explores the counterproductive reactions white people have when their assumptions about race are challenged, and how these reactions maintain racial inequality. The author, Robin DiAngelo, a white antiracist educator, explains how white privilege develops, how it protects racial inequality, and what we can do to engage more constructively. Questions: please contact Rick Peterson at rnpeterson2017@gmail.com.

MARCH 16 - LONG, CLASSIC NOVELS READING GROUP - 7 p.m., Parlor

Come to the first of four discussions in 2020 on selections from the Zora Canon of novels by African American Women. We will mull over *Moses, Man of the Mountain*, by Zora Neale Hurston (1939). Anyone is welcome to join us for one or all four. See the opportunities section for more details. Please RSVP to Pastor Jeff for email updates: jcarlson@spucc.org.

MARCH 20 - POLO PIZZA AND BOUNCE PARTY - 5-7 p.m.

Come join Parents of Little Ones families in the Gym for pizza and the bounce house. Families are asked to contribute \$10 per family to help defray the cost of dinner. Contact Joanne Tong at jctong@yahoo.com with any questions.

MARCH 20 - YOUNG ADULTS WHIRLEYBALL OUTING - 7 p.m., 1825 W. Webster Avenue.

Find out if the luck of the Irish lasts a full week! Show off your Whirleyball skills by joining the Young Adults Group for (arguably) Chicago's best winter sport, along with drinks and appetizers beforehand. RSVP to the Punchbowl evite. The first 20 people to RSVP are guaranteed at least two matches per person. Cost is a maximum of \$30, payable the evening of the event. Afterwards, we'll go to Jack and Ginger's for drinks. Questions? Email Derek at derek.diemer@gmail.com.

MARCH 21 - MALCOLM, MARTIN and AMERICA - 2 p.m. Chapel

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MARCH 28 - GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY VOLUNTEER DAY - 1 p.m. - 3:45 p.m., 4100 W. Ann Lurie Place. Give back to the community by helping to sort and repack donated food at the GCFD warehouse. We need 15 volunteers ages 11 and up. RSVP to Maureen Reilly by March 21 at mreilly773@gmail.com.**MARCH 29 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL GOES TO THE THEATER** - 2 p.m., Greenhouse Theater, 2257 N. Lincoln. Enjoy musicals? Join St. Pauls Social to watch our own Nancy Hays Heffernan play Judy Garland in *Judy & Liza*. The show recalls a mother-daughter concert, including familiar songs, movement and banter. Tickets are \$25, \$20 for seniors, plus \$6 fee. GreenhouseTheater.org 773-404-7336. Purchasing tickets at the theater saves \$5, plus \$5 with code seniorJL or JUDYLIZA. Tuesday-Saturday 12-8:30 p.m., Sunday noon-4 p.m. Open seating. Meet us for lunch before at 12:15 p.m. at Simply It, 2269 N. Lincoln. Questions? Call or text Marcia Volk at 773-307-6866. If you are coming for lunch, please let Marcia know. Parking discounts available.**MARCH 31 - WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP** - 7:15 - 8:45 p.m., Parlor

Please join us for the second meeting of a women's book group, during which we will discuss the second chapter of the book *Inspired*, by Rachel Held Evans. All are welcome - even if you missed the first meeting or haven't read the chapter. Email Corie Gallemore for more information: corie.gallemore@gmail.com.

APRIL 17 - SAINT PAULS SOCIAL PLAY READING - 6:00 p.m., Parlor

Release your inner thespian! Join St. Pauls Social as we read a play from Lux Radio Theater. We will be asking for donated refreshments and libations. More details to follow. "Act well your part; there all the honor lies." Questions? Contact Rick Peterson, rnpeterson2017@gmail.com.

APRIL 18 - GAME NIGHT -- 6-10 p.m., Rebecca Brown's home

Join the Young Adults Group for a game night. From Guesstures to Clue, we have an array of games to pick from. You're also welcome to BYOG - bring your own game! Food and some drinks will be provided. This event is free - just bring a snack or beverage to share. Space is limited to the first 15 people who RSVP. Contact Rebecca Brown at rebstormbrown@gmail.com for questions and RSVP to the upcoming Punchbowl invite.

APRIL 24 - LPCS METAMORPHOSIS GALA - Newberry Library

Join Lincoln Park Community Services in celebrating 35 years of empowering individuals facing homelessness at our Metamorphosis Gala! On February 12, 1985, LPCS opened its doors thanks to our neighbors and founding churches, including St. Pauls. On our first night, we provided shelter to five individuals. Today, we provide housing, comprehensive services and an empowering community of support to 120 guests at our two locations. Tickets to the event include cocktails, dinner, music, a live auction and great company. Contact Lexi Gallopolous at Lexi@lpcschicago.org with any questions. Tickets available at lpcsonline.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/Metamorphosis2020.

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 email Claire Higgins to check open Sundays, chiggins@spucc.org.

COLLEEN HENRY WRITING CENTER - Tutors Needed

Tutors volunteer two hours once a week, Monday through Thursday. Training and mentoring are available. For more information or to volunteer, contact Linda Patton, lpatton21@yahoo.com.

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@gmail.com.

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.

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 for information about meetings.

FEED THE HUNGRY - Seeking volunteers to serve on April 5, April 19 and April 26. Each week, St. Pauls welcomes homeless and hungry people to Sunday dinner in the afternoon as part of the Community Engagement Program (CEP). Teams of 4-6 volunteers prepare and serve dinner. To sign up, contact 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 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.

LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SERVICES HAS EXPANDED! - This St. Pauls founded organization serves homeless individuals for breakfast and dinner at two locations: 1521 N. Sedgwick and 600 W. Fullerton. Serving meals at two facilities means that LPCS is looking for new individuals and groups to volunteer to provide food. It's a great way to gather your friends, family, or colleagues together for an engaging and rewarding opportunity. For more information on how to get involved, email Abby at volunteer@lpcschicago.org, or call 773-549-6111 ext. 208.

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. Email Little Lights Director Erin Fitzgerald at 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" will be reading:
Moses, Man of the Mountain, Zora Neale Hurston (1939) - Discussion date: March 16
Oreo, Fran Ross (1974) - Discussion Date: June 15
Parable of the Sower, Octavia E. Butler (1993) - Discussion Date: September 21
A Mercy, Toni Morrison (2008) - Discussion Date: December 14
Anyone is welcome to join us for one or all four. Please RSVP to Pastor Jeff for email updates: jcarlson@spucc.org.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES - We have new member classes throughout the year. Come after worship to these meetings – announced in the calendar section – and talk with pastors and members about faith and the community here at St. Pauls. Contact Pastor Matt for more information at mfitzgerald@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.

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.

SARAH'S SIBS 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 - 7 p.m. Wednesdays

Our weekly pick-up games are co-ed. Ages range widely and skill levels go from enthusiastic to "I think she played in college." All are welcome!
mfitzgerald@spucc.org.

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

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. RSVP: Pastor Jeff at 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), Marti Pechnyo (mpechnyo@gmail.com), or Barb Kaiser (bkaiser2213@gmail.com).

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.

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.

Please limit announcements to 100 words. Thank you!

NOTES

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.

- Andreas Hecht, whose father passed away suddenly at his home in Brazil.
- Hugo Osorio, whose son, Julio Esteban Sanchez Fierro, was killed in gun violence in Brazil.
- Denese S., friend of Pat Kirby, dealing with significant health problems.
- Rob and Shannon Castle's friend, Mike, in treatment for cancer.
- Pastor Sarah and her father's family upon the death of her uncle.
- The Corbin family as they get settled in D.C. and navigate Ann's health issues.
- The Basil family at the death of Lois's mother, Carol Stoub.
- Pat Ruch's sister, Aline, beginning treatment for brain cancer.
- Prayers of healing for the young patients at Lurie and Comer Children's Hospitals.
- Tom Klein, grieving his mother's death.
- Carole Crowley, recovering from a stroke.
- Karl Wirsum, in rehabilitation for mini-strokes.
- Veterans and those in wars.

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!

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 important, over the past 176 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 Sundays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Lincoln Common Parking Garage, 2300 block of North Lincoln Ave. – Parking validation is available in the Narthex.

EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS ORDER FORM

You can remember a loved one by purchasing a lily or other flowering plant for the Easter Festival Altar. Enclose your gift of \$30 or more per plant with this order form. Purchased plants may be taken home after the 11 a.m. service on Easter Sunday.

In Memory, or **in Celebration of**

(*print name(s) as you wish to appear*):

From (*your name(s) as you wish to appear*):

Daytime phone: _____

Email: _____

Drop this form in the offering plate or it mail to:

St Pauls UCC
Attn: Easter Flower Order Form
2335 N. Orchard Street
Chicago, IL 60614

This form, along with your check, **must arrive at the church by April 3**. Any orders received after that date will not be printed in the bulletin.



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.