

August 14, 2022

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.
Assisted listening devices and Bluetooth hearing aid guides are in the Narthex.*

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

"Humans are hungry beings. But we are hungry for God. Behind all the hunger of our life is God. All desire is finally a desire for God." Alexander Schmemmann

PRELUDE

Meditation
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

Russell Woolen

CHIMES

WELCOME

Jeff Carlson

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come to the water, all who are thirsty!
Come and drink freely of the water of life.

**All: Come to the water, all who are weary!
Come and splash freely in the pool of God's love.**

One: God's life and God's love are abundant and free.

**All: God is among us,
To wash away the sweat and the grime.**

One: Come to the water, all who are thirsty!

All: Let us drink freely of the water of life!

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

* HYMN

All Are Welcome



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly__
2. Let us build a house where pro - phets speak, and words are strong and
3. Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
4. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vis - ions



live, a__ place where saints and chil - dren tell how hearts learn
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to__ seek to__ dream God's
stone to__ heal and strength-en, serve and teach, and live the
heard and loved and treas - ured, taught and claimed as__ words with-



to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of
reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness and as
Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the strang - er bear the
-in the Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of



faith and vault of grace: here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
im - age of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
faith and songs of grace, let this house pro - claim from floor to raf - ter:



All are wel-come, all are wel-come, all are wel-come in this place.__

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rick Peterson

**Gracious God, we confess that anxiety
keeps us from welcoming others.
We build walls of self-protection.
We hoard love rather than freely give love away.
We listen to the lie that life is about being consumers
rather than neighbors.
Help us, God.
Free us from greed and anxious grasping.
Satisfy us with your abundant life.
Let love abound within us and through us.
Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

v. 1



1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove



Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness



As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by
 morn - ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed Thy
 hand hath pro - vid - ed— Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

SCRIPTURE

Doug Heyboer

Luke 12:13–31

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But Jesus said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

Jesus said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will God clothe you—you

of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for God's kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

* 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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

v. 2

See previous hymn

SERMON

"Life is More"

Jeff Carlson

* HYMN

De Colores



1. De____ co - lo - res,____ de co - lo - res se vis - ten los
2. Sing____ of col - ors,____ sing of col - ors that o - ver the
3. Sing,____ re - joic - ing!____ Ev - ery crea - ture that breathes raise a



cam - pos en la pri - ma - ve - ra.____ De____ co - lo - res,____ de co -
hills in pro - fu - sion are spring - ing;____ Sing____ of col - ors____ of the
song to the God of cre - a - tion.____ Sing,____ re - joic - ing!____ Sing to



- lo - res son los pa - ja - ri - tos que vie - nen de a - fue - ra. ___
 birds that fly out - side my win - dow their can - ti - cles sing - ing; ___
 God who so ear - nest - ly cares, who has of - fered sal - va - tion. ___



De ___ co - lo - res, ___ de co - lo - res es el ar - co
 Sing ___ of col - ors, ___ in the rain - bow's bright col - ors God's
 Sing ___ the good news! ___ Sing the love of the Sav - ior re -



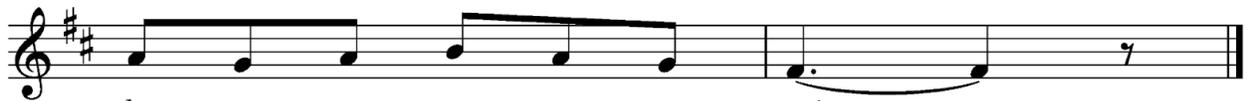
i - ris que ve - mos sa - lir, ___ Y por e - so los gran - des a -
 prom - ise of hope we re - call; ___ Sing of col - ors that make up the
 - flect - ing the col - ors of all. ___ Man - y col - ors that shine from God's



- mo - res de mu - chos co - lo - res me gus - tan a mí, ___ Y por
 earth and give thanks to the God who cre - at - ed us all. ___ Sing of
 face, man - y col - ors that tell us God's love to re - call. ___ Man - y



e - so los gran - des a - mo - res de mu - chos co -
 col - ors that make up the earth and give thanks to the
 col - ors that shine from God's face, man - y col - ors that



- lo - res me gus - tan a mí. ___
 God who cre - at - ed us all. ___
 tell us God's love to re - call. ___

MISSION MOMENT

Barb Kaiser, Connectors

OFFERTORY

Carry Me Home
(*Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*)
The Alto Section of the Chancel Choir
Breanna Coe, conductor

African American Spiritual
arr. Susan Thrift

Swing low, sweet chariot
Coming for to carry me home.

I looked over Jordan and what do I see
(Coming for to carry me home)
A band of angels coming after me
Coming for to carry me home.

Swing low, sweet chariot ...

If you get there before I do
(Coming for to carry me home)
Tell all my friends I'm coming too
Coming for to carry me home.

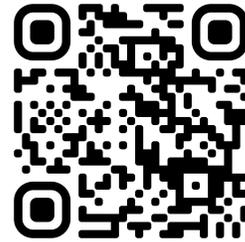
Swing low, sweet chariot ...

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At spucc.churchcenter.com/giving,

Or through Zelle to giving@spucc.org.



* 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.

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

God of Grace and God of Glory



1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2. From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the
 3. Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4. Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that
 5. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
 Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us—
 your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,
 they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,
 we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.
 in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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

POSTLUDE *I'm Gonna Live the Life I Sing About in My Song* Thomas A. Dorsey
St. Arbucks Quartet

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 in the Social Hall.

TODAY'S MUSIC

The Chancel Choir is on summer break and will return on September 11.

We welcome The Altos from the Chancel Choir who will sing our offertory anthem. They are led by their section leader, Breanna Coe. Singing today are Pamela Woll, Amy Beck, Jana O'Brien, Marti Pechnyo, Carrie Bettler, Pat Ruch, Micki Fayhee, Karen Johnson, Winnie Kearns, Cindy Zinn Ball, and Carrie Bruggers

Russell Woolen (1923-1994), who composed *Meditation*, was a Connecticut born pianist, organist, and composer. In his works, he combined elements of Medieval music with a more modern harmonic vocabulary. He was also ordained a priest in the Roman Catholic Church in 1947. In the 1960s, the "pressures of secular life" caused him to leave the priesthood. He continued to compose and perform until his death. One of his works, *In martyrum memoriam* (1968-69), was performed by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Chorus under the direction of Margaret Hillis in 1979. It was composed as a memorial tribute to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

All Are Welcome is a recently composed hymn and one of our favorites from a past hymnfest. The tune is TWO OAKS. It dates from 1994 and the words and music were both created by Marty Haugen (b. 1950), an American composer of numerous hymns and liturgical music. This hymn was shared with Kurt R. Hansen by a college friend, Alisa Kasmir, and has quickly become an anthem of St. Pauls' Open and Affirming ministry.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness, tune FAITHFULNESS, dates from 1923 and was composed by William M. Runyan (1870-1957). He finished his ministry in Kansas and was particularly fond of the poet Thomas Chisholm (1866-1960), who wrote this text. Runyan set 25 of Chisholm's poems to music. Chisholm based this text on Lamentation 3:22 & 23: "*Because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed.*"

De colores is a folk song from the rich resources of Mexican music. It gained wide popularity when it was sung at meetings and marches of the United Farm Workers. Our *New Century Hymnal* was the first to share it with a wider audience and the translation is unattributed.

Susan Thrift arranged this great African American spiritual, ***Carry Me Home***, in 2014. She taught both middle school and high school music for 16 years and still serves as Minister of Music in her church in Waco, TX. The arrangement is dedicated to her parents, Paul and Helen Ledbetter, "who have already been carried Home."

God of Grace and God of Glory has, for us, the unusual Welsh tune name CWM RHONDDA. The text we know is by the famous American author and Baptist clergy, Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969). He wrote this text in 1930. The well-known tune was composed in 1905 by John Hughes (1873-1932). He had very little formal education and became a deacon and precentor, lay minister positions, in his Baptist church. He wrote this tune for a Welsh Baptist choral festival.

Thomas Dorsey (1899-1993) is truly the originator of gospel music, a fusion of church music with jazz. He is a Chicago original and beloved worldwide. He wrote ***I'm Gonna Live the Life I Sing About in My Song*** in 1956 for Mahalia Jackson (1911-1972). Dorsey and Jackson collaborated many times since first meeting here in Chicago at Pilgrim Baptist Church.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Jeff Carlson

Worship Leaders: Stephen Ministers - Barb Kaiser and Rick Peterson

Music Director: Kurt R. Hansen

Organist: Kevin Dzierzawski

St. Arbucks Quartet: Brendan Henry, piano; Alex Austin, bass; Matt Plaskota, drums; Kris Hansen, trumpet & vocals

Scripture Reader: Doug Heyboer

Lay Liturgical Administrator: Kevin O'Brien

Head Ushers: Beatrice Jaji, Jen Luerssen

Ushers: Mary Brown, Fred Pearson

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

Camera Operators: Jim Alrutz, Marie Ankenman, Bob Ball, Jose Cruz, Brian Hafner

Custodian: Ramiro Gonzalez

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in celebration of Nancy Pifer and Mark Swanson's 23rd wedding anniversary.

BORN THIS WEEK IN AUGUST

We give thanks for your life at St. Pauls. A perfect way to celebrate is by giving one dollar for each year of your life to our Birthday Fund, which supports A Just Harvest.

Aug 14 David Burnett, Lorri Gunn Wirsum, Scott Jackson, Adria Kornick,
Justin DuPont, Olivia Kearns

Aug 15 Laura DuPont, Sally Acker, Winnie Castle, Susan Howell

Aug 16 Claire Gallemore, Neil Peterson

Aug 17 Winnie Kearns, Felix Hecht, Zack Murray, Kevin O'Brien

Aug 18 Al Cerkan, Mark O'Brien

Aug 19 Betsy Bueschel, Daniel Limina, Kimberly Williamson, Erik Peterson,
Jide Jaji, Jeremy Liabo

Aug 20 Asha Gidwani, Jude Gonzalez-Greenberg, Karl Peterson, Maeve Gleason

WELCOME, ASSOCIATE PASTOR LIZ NICKERSON

We are excited to announce that **Pastor Liz Nickerson** has been hired as St. Pauls next Associate Pastor! Liz has deep roots in Chicago and comes to St. Pauls from Southminster Presbyterian Church in Arlington Heights, where she served as the Associate Pastor for Family Ministry.



Liz is organized, creative, thoughtful, and full of enthusiasm for St. Pauls. She is a gifted preacher, who won the award for pulpit excellence upon graduating from McCormick Theological Seminary. She knows how to plan and follow through, skills built in her time and training as an architect. She is collegially minded, and eager to join our team. She and her husband are raising their family in our neighborhood, and understand the challenge and promise of ministry in Lincoln Park. Her years of pastoral experience leave her with a thorough sense of what it takes to revitalize and lead our Sunday School.

Liz will join the St. Pauls staff full-time on October 1. Her collaborative leadership style will make her a wonderful addition to our staff. **On Sunday, September 11, Liz will join us for worship** as we kick off our Fall programming. Mark the date, and plan to meet your new pastor as we welcome her to St. Pauls together!

ABOUT THE PROCESS

Hiring decisions for Associate Pastors at St. Pauls are made by the Executive Committee of the Church Council and the Senior Pastor. This effort began in January with a job description written by the Youth and Children's Ministry Revitalization Task Force. This description and our Local Church Profile were posted on the UCC's national job board.

We received interest from more than twenty pastors. Applications were reviewed and applicants were screened in three phases by Pastor Matt and our Interview Team. The Interview Team members were Nancy Curotto, Sharon Collins, Ben Emmrich, Renae Bradshaw, Justin Hartanov, and Pastor Matt.

After receiving enthusiastic feedback about Pastor Liz following the first two steps in this process, the Interview Team viewed several of her sermons and met with Liz for group interviews. These concluded with the Team's unanimous agreement that she would be an excellent Associate Pastor for St. Pauls. The Executive Committee shared the Interview Team's excitement and agreed, unanimously, to extend a call, inviting Rev. Liz Nickerson to serve as an Associate Pastor as the third member of St. Pauls pastoral staff.

Pick up a hard copy of the full announcement and letter from Pastor Liz in the Narthex, or see it online here: mailchi.mp/spucc/welcome_pastor_liz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLING BST ALUMS

We're getting together a chorus to sing "All Good Gifts" from Godspell at Sharon Phillips' memorial service on August 27. Rehearsal will be on Sunday August 21 after worship, around 11:15 a.m. We'd love to have a good showing from folks young and old who have been in past Bible Story Theater productions as we celebrate Sharon's life. If you can sing, contact Kecia Waldschmidt at keciagerman@hotmail.com.

LINCOLN PARK ZOO ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Recycle old cell phones, small electronic devices, and battery chargers at Lincoln Park Zoo Searle Visitor Center, **now through September 24**. Lincoln Park Zoo is partnering with institutions across the globe for "Gorillas on the Line." This cell phone recycling initiative directly supports gorilla conservation. Coltan (used to manufacture small electronics) is hand-mined in the Democratic Republic of Congo, prime gorilla habitat. The deforestation of coltan mining displaces these critically endangered species. "Gorillas on the Line" is a reminder there are ways to take small daily actions to help save species – no matter where you live!" said Curator of Primates Jill Moyses. lpzoo.org/gorillas-on-the-line-will-you-answer-the-call

CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team

REDUCE ELECTRICITY USAGE.

- Tips for washing: This is one of the easiest ways to conserve energy at home. Simply wait for a full load before running your dishwasher and washing machine. Yep, no need to do laundry every day.
- Let your dishes air-dry instead of using your dishwasher's drying feature. For clothes, hang them outside to dry.
- And for one of the best energy savings tips, when washing your laundry, use the cold setting on your washing machine. You'll save around \$115 every year.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC

How do we learn to recognize and respond to racism's many manifestations?

How do we create "safe and brave spaces" to support the healing of racial trauma? Join the free, online, interfaith event, "Addressing Racism in the Faith Community," to discover answers and actions. Register here: tinyurl.com/4u64mny6.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

See our full event calendar online at spucc.churchcenter.com/calendar

Evening meetings enter through the courtyard door

TODAY - BOOK DISCUSSION: *THE ROAD TO HEALING* - 11 a.m., Oscar Mayer Room. Please join us to discuss *The Road to Healing: A Civil Rights Reparations Story in Prince Edward County, Virginia (TRTH)* by Ken Woodley, local newspaper editor. As he states, "The narrative unfolds in Virginia but it is a deeply American story. Prince Edward County's ongoing journey of reconciliation blazes a hopeful and redemptive trail throughout difficult human terrain, but the signs are clear enough for a divided nation to follow: We cannot erase the past. The future belongs to someone else. This moment is ours...There can be racial reconciliation. There can be healing."

AUG 17 - WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - 12 p.m., Zoom

Join our study of the Gospel of Luke. All are welcome! Get the Zoom link from Pastor Jeff at jcarlson@spucc.org.

AUG 20 - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROJECT LUNCH - 9:30 a.m., Kitchen

We are seeking 4-6 volunteers to prepare lunch for the Community Engagement Project (CEP). A team leader will plan a meal, assign shopping lists, and volunteers will cook a meal together for 35 in the St. Pauls kitchen, which we will bring to the Lincoln Park Community Services shelter at the 600 W. Fullerton location to serve at 11:30 a.m. Learn more and sign up for one or both dates here: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/category/48250

AUG 27 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL: MOVIE IN THE PARK - 7:30 p.m., Oz Park

Join St. Pauls Social and host Carrie Bruggers to watch *The Wizard of Oz* at Oz Park (2021 N. Burling St). What could be more perfect than this movie in its namesake Oz Park? Bring a blanket/chair to sit on and a snack and beverage to share. If you're driving, feel free to park in the St. Pauls lot on Kemper! Please RSVP here: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1389350

SEPT 4 - MEMORIAL ORGAN RECITAL BY NATHAN LAUBE - 2 p.m., Sanctuary

Nathan Laube, internationally renowned organist and longtime friend of St. Pauls, will present a free organ recital in memory of his friend, our beloved Larry Butcher. A free will offering will be received to benefit the Chapel Recital and Piano Maintenance Fund which was started by Larry. Please don't miss this opportunity to hear a great artist on our Phoenix organ. For more information contact Kurt R. Hansen at KurtSingsBach@gmail.com.

OPPORTUNITIES

ACTIVISM & ADVOCACY MINISTRY – Do you have a passion for reaching out to others? The St. Pauls Activism & Advocacy Ministry would love you to join us in keeping our church engaged in community outreach. For more information, contact Jennifer Kew, JenniferLKew@gmail.com, or Pastor Jeff, jcarlson@spucc.org.

ALTAR FLOWERS – Providing flowers for the altar is an excellent way to celebrate a special event in your life: an anniversary, a birthday, a holiday, or just because you like flowers! Sign up for 2022 dates at spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1078968. There are still many dates available this year!

THE BOOK NOOK – Find your next good read or drop off books to share on the north side of the Social Hal. Donations are welcome – just add them to the shelf for “New Arrivals” or leave them on the floor next to the bookcase. We appreciate all genres, including books for kids. Questions or comments, contact Linda Nitzsche at lindanitz@yahoo.com.

CHURCH CENTER – spucc.churchcenter.com is our portal for the Saint Pauls community. See our calendar, register for events, update your information, join our photo directory, manage your online donations, see your giving history, and more!

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.

EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM & CARDS – You may follow this link for additional information on this form developed by the Connectors: spucc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/178271.

GREEN TEAM – Help us as a congregation live out what we say in our Statement of Faith: “God calls us to care for creation.” The Green Team welcomes your input, participation and ideas. Joe Womack and Jan Fraccaro are co-chairs. If interested or to offer suggestions, email Jan at jan.fraccaro@gmail.com.

LITTLE LIGHTS is a St. Pauls early childhood program with classes for 2, 3, and 4-year-olds. We are now accepting applications for the 2022/23 school year. Check out www.littlelightslp.org. If you would like to schedule a tour or have additional questions, contact Little Lights Director Erin Fitzgerald at littlelights@spucc.org.

PICKLEBALL

Have you tried the growing sport of Pickleball yet? It's like a small court version of tennis and is gaining in popularity all over the U.S. We're holding pick-up games in the St. Pauls gym every week. Sign up at the ChurchCenter link below and show up at one of the allotted times! We have spare paddles and balls. All skill levels are invited. If you have questions, call or text Steve Garrett at (312) 208-0636.
Game Times: Tuesdays: 5:30-8:30 p.m; Fridays: 2-3 p.m.
spucc.churchcenter.com/groups/saint-pauls-groups/pickleball

SAINT 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.

SCRIPTURE READER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Volunteers are needed for the 10 a.m. in-person worship service each week to read the scripture passage of the day. Learn more and sign up here:
spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1079008

SPARC (St. Pauls Anti-Racism Cluster) meets monthly to discern how we as a congregation can answer the call to live our faith in an age of injustice. We invite you to join us in identifying the educational opportunities, resources, and actions to take on our journey toward racial justice. To participate or share your ideas, contact Cindy Ball at cindyzinn11@gmail.com.

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).

SUMMER SUNDAY CHILDCARE – If you plan to have your 2-year-old and under child(ren) attend Summer Church Child Care from June to August 2022, please register at spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1306425. Email questions to Children's Program Coordinator Danielle Mayfield at danielle.mayfield@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 Wednesday.

Please limit announcements to 100 words. Thank you!

SAINT PAULS PRAYS

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

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

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

- A memorial service for Carole Knuti will be held on August 20 at 10 a.m.
- A memorial service for Sharon Phillips will be held on August 27 at 2 p.m.
- Annie Johnson at the death of her mother Jean.
- Pat Ruch and Al Cernak as they navigate complicated medical care issues.
- Becky Blank, her husband, Hanns Kuttner, and their daughter Emily as Becky undergoes treatment for an aggressive form of cancer.
- Michael Toomin, as he recovers from a back injury and is undergoing physical therapy.
- Jan, friend of Gloria Joseph, suffering with pain and complications from a heart procedure.
- Sergio, grandson of Ivy Sanz, who doctors are concerned might have leukemia.
- Carole Crowley, recovering from a stroke.

Prayer, Support, Mental Health Resources

Even when you walk through the valley of shadows, God is with you. If you or someone you love is feeling completely alone or like life doesn't matter, reach out for help. Help is available for every kind of issue. Contact one of the pastors today for support, referrals, and information that can help you and your loved ones.

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 and Affirming" of LGBTQ people.

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 178 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.