

June 3, 2018
Confirmation 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

"What folly to fear to belong entirely to God! It is to fear to be too happy. It is to fear to have too much courage, too much comfort and too much detachment from the things that make us miserable."

~Francois Fenelon,

1701

PRELUDE

A Search for Peace
St. Arbucks Trio

McCoy Tyner

INTROIT

CHORAL INTROIT

O God Of All Your People Past
Chancel Choir

Martin Luther

WELCOME

Sarah Garcia

*WELCOMING EACH OTHER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O God, you are the brilliance in which there is no darkness!

All: And in the church you lit the light of Christ!

One: You are the love that knows no coldness!

All: And in the church you have freed us to love each other!

One: You are the life that defeats death!

All: And in the church you have given us this life to live together!

**Please stand if you are able*

*HYMN

A Mighty Fortress

Red Hymnal No. 263

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name. From age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him,
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure:
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Rather than honoring you,
we bow before
the power of strength
the power of privilege
the power of shame
the power of self
the power of intellect
the power of nation
the power of wealth
the power of guilt.
We repent and turn to you,
the source of all,
the God of all.
Forgive us. Amen.**

KYRIE

Sam Hill

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE

Black Hymnal No. 454, v. 1

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

THE BIBLICAL WORD FOR THIS DAY

Meg Canfield

Revelation 3, selections

I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth. For you say, 'I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing.' You do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. I reprove and discipline those whom I love. Be earnest, therefore, and repent.

Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

* RESPONSE

Black Hymnal No. 454, v. 3

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

SERMON

"Preferential Option for the Adolescent"

Matt Fitzgerald

*RESPONSE

Black Hymnal No. 454, v. 4

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

THE SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: Do you believe in God?

Confirmands: *We believe in God who has created and is creating.*

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Confirmands: *We believe that God has come to us in Jesus Christ to reconcile and make us new.*

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Confirmands: *We believe that God works in us and others by the Holy Spirit.*

Congregation: **We trust God. God calls us to be the Church.**

Pastor: Will you promise to support this congregation with your time, talent, and prayers, participating regularly in the worship, fellowship and work of Saint Pauls and contributing to our life in Chicago and beyond?

Confirmands: *We do promise.*

Pastor: With your love, God will love.
With your hands, God will touch the city.
With your lives, God will bring justice and compassion to the world.

(Sponsors please rise and affirm your support of the confirmands.)

*Sponsors: *Together with you, we will celebrate God's presence, love and serve others, care for creation, seek justice and resist evil.*

(Congregation please rise and affirm your support of the confirmands.)

Congregation: **And with you, we will 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!**

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDLES

*THE CONFIRMATION COVENANT

**All: We covenant with the Lord and with one another,
 to walk together in God's ways,
 known or to be made known, whatever it should cost us. Amen.**

*HYMN *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry* Black Hymnal No. 351

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
I'll be there in case you wander off and find where demons dwell.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.
I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

OFFERTORY

O How Amiable
Chancel Choir

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,
And the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
Even they altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:
They will be always praising thee.
The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:
Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.
O prosper thou our handy work,

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.
from Psalms 84 and 90

*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!

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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

*Christ is the host at this table. All are welcome. Communion will be served in the pews.
The outer ring of cups is grape juice; the inner rings are wine.
A gluten-free option is wrapped and available on each tray.
Please hold each element until all are served so that we may eat and drink together.*

*HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

Black Hymnal No. 407

How firm a foundation for you for you has been laid,
by God in the Word, in the sacrifice paid!
What more can God say than to you has been said,
to you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Amen, amen, amen

POSTLUDE

Fugue in E Flat Major, BWV 552
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

J. S. Bach

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: Brian Hafner, Layne Lebahn, Lauren Vega, Fred Peterson

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

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

Acolyte: Rosa Schmahl

Communion bread baked by Marcia Knudson.

As has been our custom since 2004, communion today will be served by the Confirmation Class of 2018.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR were donated by the Canfield Family in honor of the Confirmands. Congratulations!

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 3 John Schmitz, Kimberlee Schmahl, Mark Mosley

June 4 Carolyn Stoner, David Palm, Toby Knotts

June 5 Sarah Good Mosley

June 6 Robert Conner, Zachary Jarzebowski

June 7 Amy Bashiti, Linda Lang

June 8 Colin Murray, Jack Kobak, Jean Weimer, Noah Bashiti

June 9 Alex Hansen, Andrew (Kai) Renfrow, Don Camp, Sue Lannin

Saint Pauls United Church of Christ
THE CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2018
173rd Confirmation Sunday June 3, 2018

Today we celebrate the following young women and men who have confirmed their faith and become members of Saint Pauls United Church of Christ:

Emma Casey Braband, Charles Edward Busker, Molly Austin Canfield, James Grayson Carlton, Isaiah Dixon Fitzgerald, Gabriella Avenne Glomp, Trevor Trowbridge Hafner, Milana Mae Jozwiak, James Joster Keller, Nicole Olivia Miller, Colin William Murray, Kyle Daniel Nietzsche, Harrison Edward Rodriguez, Greta Leilani Schmahl,
Maria Noelle Schmahl.

The congregation extends a heartfelt thank you to the Confirmation teachers for all of their hard work and dedication: Sue Finkle and Gail Renfrow.

Emma Casey Braband is the only child of Libby and Dan Braband. She attends New Trier High School where she is part of the cross country and track teams. She also works with other students in her grade who have special needs. She would like to continue this work as an adult and wants to become a speech pathologist. Her favorite memory at St. Pauls was making Mickey Ears for all the teachers for the Pancake Breakfast. For her confirmation project "Games for Autism Programs," she worked to benefit kids with disabilities at two schools. Emma's sponsor is Nancy Voigts.

Charles Edward Busker is the middle child of Theresa and John Busker. He has an older brother, John, who also was confirmed at St. Pauls, and a younger sister, Lydia. He attends Lyons Township High School. He enjoys entertaining people and would like to become an actor when he grows up. One of his favorite things about St. Pauls is the youth mission trips and the special connections he has made there. For his project "Building Homes," Charlie worked with Habitat for Humanity. Charlie's sponsor is Lorne Frank.

Molly Austin Canfield is the middle child of Mary Beth and Phil Canfield. She has an older brother, Clay, and a younger sister, Meghan. She attends Latin School of Chicago. She loves to ride horses and spend time with her family and dogs. She is not sure what career she wants to follow in the future, but knows she wants to work hard and have a good and happy life. She loves the welcoming community of St. Pauls and has special memories of helping at the pancake breakfast. For her project, "Helping Haitian Moms," she worked with Partners in Health. Molly's sponsor is Jan Bail.

James Grayson Charlton lives with his parents Shari and Dan Carlton and his older brother Jonah, who was also confirmed at St. Pauls. He attends Evanston Township High School where he enjoys hanging out with his friends and playing on the baseball team. He is interested in becoming an architect or engineer. One of his favorite St. Pauls memories is when he was very young and dressed up like a fish for Bible Story Theater. For his project "Blankets for an Orphanage," he made blankets to benefit The Cradle. Grayson's sponsor is Greg Basil.

Isaiah Dixon Fitzgerald is the oldest son of Matt and Kelli Fitzgerald. He has two younger siblings, his brother Ethan and his sister Hannah. He attends Lincoln Park High School where he participates in Moden U.N. He loves playing basketball. In the future, he is interested in studying law. Some of his favorite St. Pauls memories involve participating in youth group and helping with Youth Sunday. For his project "Music for the Elderly," he went and played music at the Clare's memory unit with Trevor Hafner. Isaiah's sponsor is Deborah Bayly.

Gabriella Avenne Glomp is the oldest child of Chantell Johnson and Chris Glomp. She has a younger brother, Grayson, and a cousin, Riley Conway, who was also confirmed at St. Pauls. She attends Evanston Township High School where she enjoys math and science. She plays volleyball for her school as well as with the Wildcat Juniors. Gabriella hopes to become a doctor. She enjoys the fact that St. Pauls is very involved in the community and has loved cooking for the shelter with her family. For her project "The Gift that Keeps on Giving," she has worked to benefit Heifer International. Gabriella's sponsor is Kristy Tavas.

Trevor Trowbridge Hafner lives with his parents, Penny Trowbridge and Brian Hafner, and his younger sister, Hannah. He attends Lane Tech High School where he loves learning new things. He loves computer programming and hopes to become an app developer in the future. Trevor was the polar bear for the Polar Peace March for the past two years and especially remembers a little girl who was very upset when the bear had to leave. For his project "Music for the Elderly," he went and played music at the Clare's memory unit with Isaiah Fitzgerald. Trevor's sponsor is Kelly Martin.

Milana Mae Jozwiak lives with her parents, Tiffany and Mark Jozwiak, and her two younger siblings, Gisele and Devlin. She attends Latin School of Chicago where she keeps busy participating in many clubs. When she is not in school, she plays volleyball at Chicago Elite. As an adult, she would like to become a family lawyer and live on one of the coasts. One of her favorite memories at St. Pauls is the Pancake breakfast. For her confirmation project "Derby to Benefit the Shelter," she worked to benefit the Lincoln Park Shelter. Milana's sponsor is Sarah Lien.

James Jostes Keller is the youngest child of Shelley and Edward Keller and has two older brothers, Chris and Andrew, who were both confirmed at St. Pauls. He attends North Shore Country Day School. He loves music and plays the violin. In the future, he would like to become a computer scientist or engineer. One of his favorite St. Pauls memories is Trevor as the bear for the Polar Peace March. For his project "Food for the Hungry," he worked to benefit Feed My Starving Children. James' sponsor is Bob Ball.

Nicole Olivia Miller is the youngest child of Elaine and John Miller and her two sisters, Sophia and Alexis, who were also confirmed at St. Pauls. She attends Lane Technical High School. When she is not busy playing volleyball for Chicago Elite, she likes to write poetry and read books. In the future, she would like to own her own business in the fashion or tech industry. One of her favorite memories of St. Pauls is the Pancake Breakfasts. For her project "Dig Pink," she benefited the Think Pink Club at Lane Tech. Nikki's sponsor is Jennifer Heiney.

Colin William Murray is the oldest son of Tom and Lydia Murray and has a younger brother, Zack. He attends Whitney Young High School. He keeps himself busy with a book club, playing bridge, and joining the Scholastic Bowl. In the future he wants to do something that benefits others. Some of his favorite memories of St. Pauls involve the mission trip, Oktoberfest, and Bible Story Theater. For his project "Books for Pre-Teen Boys," he has worked to benefit the Chicago Public School Library. Colin's sponsor is Wayne Parman.

Kyle Daniel Nietzsche is the middle child of Linda and Dan Nietzsche. He has an older brother, Jake, who was confirmed at St. Pauls and a younger sister, Claire. He attends Lane Tech High School and enjoys playing sports, especially soccer. He is still trying to decide what he wants to do in the future. Some of his favorite St. Pauls memories involving volunteering with friends he has made here. For his project "Supporting the Less Fortunate," he worked to benefit Cradles to Crayons. Kyle's sponsor is Durham Barnes.

Harrison Edward Rodriguez has many adults in his life including his parents, Bill and Jill, and his stepmother, Michele. He has an older brother, Aidan, and a younger brother, Charles. He attends Lakeview High School and enjoys playing football. He plans to attend college and is not sure what he wants to do after that. Some of his special St. Pauls memories are helping with Cookies with Santa and the Oktoberfest. For his project "Help for Veterans," he worked to benefit Veterans of America. Harrison's sponsor is Jack Knight.

Greta Leilani Schmahl lives with her parents Kimberlee and David Schmahl, her twin sister Maria, who is also being confirmed today, and her younger sister, Rosa. She attends Chesterton High School where she participates in Show Choir, plays alto sax in the band, and plays on the tennis team. In the future she would like to go to medical school to become an OB/Gyn doctor. Her favorite St. Pauls memory is the Christmas Eve Service when the church is full of candles, light, and happiness. For her project, "Food for Hospice," she worked with her sister to benefit VNA Hospice Center in Valparaiso. Greta's sponsor is Kathy Berghoff.

Maria Noelle Schmahl lives with her parents Kimberlee and David Schmahl, her twin sister Greta, who is also being confirmed today, and her younger sister, Rosa. She attends Chesterton High School where she participates in Show Choir and is on the tennis team. In the future, she would love to go to India and Nepal and help orphaned children. One of her favorite St. Pauls memories is helping to service food for the shelter. For her project, "Food for Hospice," she worked with her sister to benefit VNA Hospice Center in Valparaiso. Maria's sponsor is Bev Petrunich.

TODAY

JUNE 3 - PRESENTATION ON PUERTO RICO 11:15 a.m. Parlor.

Alderman Ariel Reboyras from Chicago's 30th Ward will host a conversation about Puerto Rico's current conditions and the way our Chicago Puerto Rican neighbors are affected and involved. All are welcome.

JUNE 3- BRUNCH PICNIC AND SOFTBALL CHEERING, 11 a.m.

Join the Young Adults Group for brunch after worship, and if you're able, come over to Oz Park to cheer on the Dirt Disciples for our 1 p.m. game afterwards. We are 2-1 this season and looking for a win! We will gather during Social Hour and walk to Nighthawk: AM, 2273 N. Lincoln Avenue. We'll take our food to go and walk to Oz Park and enjoy lunch. Please bring a towel or picnic blanket.

JUNE 3 - PARENTS OF LITTLE ONES COOKING CLASS - Join us in the kitchen with Chef Molly McGrath (who used to be a chef at North Pond) to learn some great ways to make her family's favorite dinner: chicken! Learn to break down chickens from whole, then talk about poaching, roasting, and making chicken stock. Child care will be provided. Cost of \$15 per person for ingredients.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH GRANDPARENTS, Sponsored by the Connectors and POLO
Registration Deadline, Sunday June 17th.

Our Church Grandparent program 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. We will pair grandparents with families. If you already have an intergenerational church friendship, let us know. Activities could include praying for each other, holding a baby while her parents fold laundry, 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. Grandparents and families can register by contacting Matt, Sarah or Marcia Volk.

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL is June 10. On that day the fourth graders will receive Bibles, students will receive attendance awards, and Sunday School teachers will be honored for their year of service.

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, then you should consider being a Sunday School teacher. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Sarah 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 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.

FEED THE HUNGRY - Open dates in June, July, and August 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.

ST. PAULS SUMMER CAMP FOR KIDS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN -

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 for more information.

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

Join Pastor Jeff and young adults for a lively discussion of the real-life questions we face in our daily lives. There is no need to prepare in advance. Please contact Hannah Basil at youngadults@spucc.org with questions and to RSVP.

JUNE 9 - MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR STEVE WARSH 10 a.m. A service of memorial and celebration for the life of Steve Warsh, who passed away in January, will be held at St. Pauls. If you plan to attend, please let Pastor Jeff know in order to help Steve's family plan for the day: jcarlson@spucc.org.

JUNE 12 & JULY 10 - HAITIAN HISTORY BOOK DISCUSSION

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. Steve Peterson and Steve Schwartzberg will lead two sessions on this book - Tuesday, June 12 at 7 p.m. at Steve Peterson's house and Tuesday, July 10 at 7 p.m. at Steve Patton's house. Email sspeterson01@gmail.com for more info and addresses.

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 24 PICNIC IN THE PARK FOR PARENTS AND LITTLE ONES 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

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.

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 for specifics and to RSVP.

JULY 14 - SQUARE ROOTS FESTIVAL, 6 p.m., Maggie's home then 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 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

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 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

CONNECTORS reach out providing networking and support for members and friends of St. Pauls. Membership is open to all who have the time and the inclination to help. Contact Marcia Volk at marcia@volkonline.com

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

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

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

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

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

LITTLE LIGHTS is a St. Pauls early childhood program with classes for 2, 3, and 4 year olds. We are now accepting applications for 2018-2019. Check out www.littlelightslp.org. Email Virgie Berry at 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

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

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

STEPHEN MINISTRY AT ST. PAULS - If you're in need of support through a tough time and would like to be matched with someone who would support you with companionship and prayer, or you're feeling called to offer support, speak to Pastor Jeff Carlson jcarlson@spucc.org, Marti Pechnyo mpechnyo@gmail.com, or Diana Laskaris dianaminlead@gmail.com

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

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

UCC DAILY DEVOTIONAL - To register: http://www.ucc.org/daily_devotional
WANT MORE VARIETY AT COFFEE HOUR? - Sign up to bring it at <http://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=w.ProcessDateWindow>

YOUNG ADULTS - A group for fun and fellowship for folks in their twenties and thirties. All are welcome! Volunteers needed! Any ideas for future events? Email youngadults@spucc.org

YOUTH GROUP for kids in 4th-8th grade. Meets each Tuesday from 4-6 p.m. in the gym. Pizza dinner, fun, and Christian fellowship. Contact Pastor Sarah for more details at sgarcia@spucc.org

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.
- 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.
- Grieving family of Jim, who died at age 43.

NEARLY 1 IN 5 ADULTS STRUGGLE WITH A MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE. Contact one of the pastors today for information about mental health care advocacy and resources that can help you and your loved ones. Contact information for the pastors is at the back of this Bulletin.

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.

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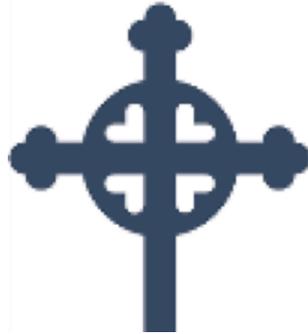
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Free Parking is available on Sundays from 9am-1pm at Children's Memorial Hospital
2300 Block of North Lincoln Ave. – Vouchers Not Needed



WELCOME TO SAINT PAULS UCC!

Welcome to those whose hearts are on fire with faith,
and to those who bring their doubt inside our doors.

Welcome to our first time guests and
our longtime members.

Welcome to single people, tiny children,
grandparents and families of all configurations.
Welcome to those who rejoice and to those who
grieve.

Welcome to each and to everyone.
We are an Open and Affirming church.
We welcome all.

We are blessed by your presence and
we are glad you are here.