

November 25, 2018

Totenfest

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

Worship begins with chimes.

The prelude is a time of reflection and preparation for the worship of God.

Please silence cell phones.

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

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

Nothing can make up for the absence of someone you love. It is nonsense to say that God fills the gap. God does not fill the gap, but on the contrary, God keeps it empty and in so doing helps us to keep alive our former communion with each other, even at the cost of pain.

~Dietrich Bonhoeffer

PRELUDE *Symphony No. 4—Adagio molto espressivo* L. Vierne
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

CHIMES

CHORAL INTROIT *O Savior, For The Saints* William Walker
Chancel Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Matt Fitzgerald

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* *Please stand if you are able*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Amen! Give God blessing and glory!

All: Give God wisdom and thanksgiving!

One: Give God honor and power and strength!

All: Forever and ever! Amen!

* HYMN

Ye Servants of God, His Glory Proclaim

Red Hymnal No. 196

Ye servants of God, His glory proclaim,
And publish abroad his wonderful name.
The name, all-victorious, of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious, he rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save,
And still he is nigh, his presence we have;
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son;
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right,
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, we open our hearts to thank you
For life lived in your exuberant creation.
Thank you for creating a world so full
of color, difference, and beauty.
The wonder of it all saves us
from the mistaken belief
that life depends on us.
Keep us mindful of our
radical, dramatic, essential,
dependence
on you.
Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE

Unite and join your cheerful songs,
with angels 'round the throne;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
yet all their joys are one.

Worthy the Lamb, the angels say,
to be exalted thus;
Amen, amen the saints reply,
the Lamb was slain for us.

Black Hymnal, No. 617, vv. 1, 3

THE BIBLICAL WORD FOR THIS DAY

Revelation 7

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" All who were standing around the Throne—Angels, Elders, Animals—fell on their faces before the Throne and worshiped God, singing:

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom,
Thanksgiving and honor and power and might,
Be to our God forever and ever.
Amen."

Just then one of the elders addressed me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" Taken aback, I said, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

* A STATEMENT OF FAITH

**We believe in God who has created and is creating,
who has come to us in Jesus Christ to reconcile and make us new,
who works in us and others by the Holy Spirit.**

**We trust God. God calls us to be the Church,
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to care for creation,
to seek justice and to resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

In life and death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

(adapted from the United Church of Canada)

* RESPONSE

Black Hymnal, No. 617, v. 4

Assist us, all above the sky,
on earth, and on the seas;
Unite and raise God's honors high,
in hymns of endless praise.

SERMON

“The Lamb will shepherd them”

Matt Fitzgerald

* RESPONSE

Black Hymnal, No. 237

I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses
And he walks with me, and he talks with me
And he tells me I am his own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing.
And he walks with me, and he talks with me
And he tells me I am his own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

I'd stay in the garden with him, though the night around me be falling; But he
bids me go; through the voice of woe his voice to me is calling.
And he walks with me, and he talks with me
And he tells me I am his own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

GIVING MOMENT

“\$175 More for 175 More”

Kristofer Hansen

OFFERTORY

Goin' Home

African-American Spiritual
set by Antonin Dvorak

Breanna Coe, Jana O'Brien, and Todd Coe; soloists
Chancel Choir

Goin' home, goin' home, I'm a goin' home
Quietlike, some still day, I'm jes' goin' home.
It's not far, jes' close by, through an open door
Work all done, care laid by, Gwine to fear no more
Mother's there, 'spectin' me, Father's waiting, too
Lots o' folk gathered there, all the friends I know. All the friends I know.
Nothin' lost, all's gain, no more fret nor pain
No more stumblin' on the way, no more longin' for the day
Gwine to roam no more
Mornin' star lights the way, restless dream all done
Shadows gone, break o' day, real life jes' begun.

Dere's no break, ain't no end, jes' a livin' on
Wide awake with a smile, goin' on and on
Goin' home, goin' home, I'm jes' goin' home.
It's not far, jes' close by, through an open door
I'm a goin' home. I'm jes' goin' home.

* 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!

TOTENFEST TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

MEDITATION

Holy Ghost

M. Parker, A. Sparhawk

St. Arbucks Trio

Terry Brancaccio Hansen, soloist

Some holy ghost keeps me hanging on . . .

I feel the hands, but I don't see anyone
Anyone

I feel the hands, but I don't see anyone
It's there and gone

Feeds my passion for transcendence
Turns my water into wine
Makes me wish I was empty

Now I don't know much
But I can tell when something's wrong
And something's wrong

But some holy ghost keeps me . . .

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Jeff Carlson

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

For All the Saints

Red Hymnal No. 296

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

A Cure of Souls by Denise Levertov

The pastor
of grief and dreams

guides his flock towards
the next field

with all his care.
He has heard

the bell tolling
but the sheep

are hungry and need
the grass, today and

every day. Beautiful
his patience, his long

shadow, the rippling
sound of the flocks moving

along the valley.

THE MEANING OF TOTENFEST

This is the last Sunday of the church year. The new church year begins next week with the first Sunday in Advent. Today we remember those in our congregation who have died and we give thanks for their lives. We lift up in prayer the families and friends of those who have lost loved ones. From St. Pauls German heritage we call this day Totenfest, which means "a festival celebration for those who have died." The liturgical color for this Sunday is white, a symbol of resurrection.

THE TOTENFEST ROLL

Members and friends of St. Pauls who have died this church year:

Rosemarie Hau
October 27, 2017

Hilda Hofmann
March 18, 2018

Ed Zasadil
December 8, 2017

Edwin Goranson
June 29, 2018

William Heye
January 1, 2018

Faith Wilk
August 1, 2018

Steve Warsh
January 9, 2018

William Andrews
August 3, 2018

Gordon Lang
February 20, 2018

Jack Hogan
August 11, 2018

Carl Vespa
March 8, 2018

David Smith
September 27, 2018

TOTENFEST MEMORIALS

Edward Zasadil from his spouse, Larry Simpson
Hal Rossow from his cousin, Larry Simpson
Beverly Woessner from her second cousin, Larry Simpson
Mason Seglin from Larry Simpson
William Heye from Winnie and Larry Kearns
Charles and Marion Joachim from Maxine Joachim
William "Bill" Heye from Emily Heye
Colleen Henry from the Kompare and Henry families
Jose Guadalupe Meraz, brother of Ramiro Gonzalez, from friends.
Edward Zasadil from Ann and Brent Carstensen
Anneliese Henninger from Ann and Brent Carstensen
Ed Goranson from Jack and Karen Lyons
Carl Vespa from his wife Hazel Vespa
Daniel and Irmingard "Bunnie" Korbelak from Hazel Vespa
William and Lempi Marie Kantola from their daughter Hazel Vespa
Roger Kantola from his sister Hazel Vespa
Elfriede Perschke from Hazel Vespa
Diane Perschke Vespa from Hazel Vespa
Arlene Vespa from Hazel Vespa
Terry Barton, grandfather of Sylvia Barton Pine, from Hazel Vespa
Sam Hill from the Raiman and DuPont families
Bill Althen from his family
Scott Lee Reichard from the Fletcher and Thomas family

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: Cheryl Kennedy, Bruce Voice, Laren Vega, Layne Lebahn

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

Acolyte Coordinator: Tiffany Jozwiak

Acolytes: Owen Waldschmidt, Max Waldschmidt

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in memory of Bryce Bandstra from his husband, Rick Newbury.

BORN THIS WEEK IN NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

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.

Nov 25 Sandra Benedict, Randall Kooistra, Daniel Lias

Nov 26 Carrie Bettler

Nov 27 Steve Mannina

Nov 28 Barbara Arsenault, Lisa Patterson

Nov 29 Abigail Otte

Nov 30 David Bradley, Mark Atkinson

Dec 1 Dodd Brown, Brooke Walvoord, Leo Lawrence, Rex Lawrence

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT ST PAULS

- SAT, DEC 1 WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS BRUNCH & TREE TRIMMING - 9:30 a.m.
-Decorate the Social Hall tree, German-style, with traditional ornaments & popcorn
- SUN, DEC 2 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE
-Worship - 10 a.m., Sanctuary
-Night Ministry and St. Pauls House Stocking Drive
-Watch for the Light, session one - 11:30 a.m., Oscar Mayer Room
- WED, DEC 5 FIRST WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON - 12 p.m., Parlor
-Sing carols with Pastor Jeff. RSVP to chiggins@spucc.org
- SUN, DEC 9 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE
-Worship - Christmas Cantata, *Navidad Nuestra* - 10 a.m., Sanctuary
-Christmas Market - 11:30 a.m., Oscar Mayer Room
-All-Church Advent Party, Potluck - 11:30 a.m., Gym
- SAT, DEC 15 COOKIES WITH SANTA - 10 a.m.- noon, Gym
-Decorate cookies, make crafts, drink hot chocolate, welcome our neighbors, and take photos with Santa
- SUN, DEC 16 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF JOY
-Worship - 10 a.m., Sanctuary
-Watch for the Light, session two - 11:30 a.m., Oscar Mayer Room
- WED, DEC 19 LITTLE LIGHTS ART SHOW & CHRISTMAS CONCERT - 5:15 p.m.
- THURS, DEC 20 WINTER SOLSTICE & LABYRINTH WALK - 6 p.m.
-A service of song and reflecting on the longest night of the year
- SAT, DEC 22 THE CHRISTMAS STORIES - 10 a.m.
-This special Bible study will dig into the stories of the birth of Jesus that we hear on Christmas Eve
- SUN, DEC 23 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF LOVE
-Worship - 10 a.m., Sanctuary
-Luminary Workshop

- MON, DEC 24 CHRISTMAS EVE
-Family Service - 5 p.m., Sanctuary
-Candlelight Service - 9 p.m., Sanctuary
-Christmas story, carols, candles, sermon, and choir
- SUN, DEC 30 WORSHIP - 10 a.m., Sanctuary
-Watch for the Light, session three - 11:30 a.m., Oscar Mayer Room
- SUN, JAN 20 POLAR PEACE MARCH - 11:15 a.m.
-March to support UCAN's work for non-violence, and honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL CHURCH ADVENT POTLUCK - This event is one of the times when the whole congregation sits down together. Celebrate Advent's blessings with friends and family. On December 9th, come to the Gym immediately after worship. Look for more details soon!

CHRISTMAS MARKET/BAKE SALE ITEMS NEEDED - We are accepting items for the Christmas Market on December 9. Please bring any regifiable items (jewelry, candles, frames, decorations, toys, handmade items, etc.) to the office. After church on December 9, you will be able to "shop" our market. Please bring bake sale items to the Oscar Mayer Room on 12/9. Funds raised will go towards the Polar Peace March.

WATCH FOR THE LIGHT - "We sense the deeper meanings of Advent, but grasp at them in vain; and in the end, the holiday bustle leaves us spiritually frustrated." Join Pastor Matt on December 2, 16 and 30 at 11:30 a.m. in the Oscar Mayer Room as we grab ahold of Advent's deeper meanings in these three conversations. Each week we'll discuss Advent devotions written by Sylvia Plath, Karl Barth, Annie Dillard, Soren Kierkegaard and others. Readings will be distributed in the Friday email.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP - Save the dates June 22-29, 2019. The trip is open to youth going into 8-12th grade. We are currently brainstorming ideas for the trip destination. Email Pastor Sarah with suggestions or to learn more about the trip.

POLAR PEACE MARCH - NEW TIME and SAVE THE DATE! - Join us January 20, 2019 at our 1.5 mile walk to benefit UCAN and its violence prevention initiative. This family friendly event will start at 11:15 a.m. after a 10 a.m. worship service celebrating Dr. King's legacy of PEACE. The march will conclude with soup in the Gym. Invite your friends and family to be a part of your team. Register now at polarpeacemarch.org. YOU CAN be part of the solution to a more peaceful Chicago.

SPONSOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION - Does your employer make grants to charitable organizations doing good work in Chicago? We are looking for sponsors for our January 20, 2019 Polar Peace March that supports the violence prevention initiatives of UCAN. For more information contact Jan Bail, janbail@me.com.

LISTEN! - That's what Stephen Ministers do. In January 2019, we'll be training a new class of Stephen Ministers to walk beside our members who are going through a difficult time. If you'd like to know more about how to become a part of our one-to-one caregiving ministry contact Pastor Jeff or Stephen Leader Marti Pechnyo, mpechnyo@gmail.com.

AMERICA TO ME - Would you like to watch and discuss "America to Me" in the New Year? This 10-part docuseries follows a year in the life of students, teachers, and administrators at Oak Park-River Forest High School as they search for answers around issues of race, equity and education. If you are interested in joining this 10-week group, please contact Kirk Chernansky at bchernansky@sbcglobal.net. Meeting times will be agreed on by the group.

2019 ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP - The 2019 Altar Flower Sign Up is now available downstairs in the social hall or online at <http://tinyurl.com/h55pl82>. Sign up soon if you have a special Sunday when you would like to bring flowers!

NOVEMBER 30 - ST PAULS SOCIAL GAME NIGHT - 7-9 p.m., Parlor

Join host Patricia Calore for fun and fellowship during Trivia Night! Play solo and impress the crowd, or combine talents with randomly selected teams as we explore the trivial side of various topics. Please bring a beverage of choice, snack, or dessert to share with others. RSVP to Patricia at pfcalore@yahoo.com. If you need childcare please indicate when you RSVP.

DECEMBER 1 - ST PAULS HOUSE HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

St. Pauls House is having a holiday craft fair featuring local artisans, crafters and vendors. It will be in the St. Pauls House Auditorium at 3800 N. California Ave., Chicago, IL 60618.

DECEMBER 3 - CHRISTIANITY 101 - 7:30 p.m., Parlor

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

DECEMBER 15 - CAROLING AT ST. PAULS HOUSE - 4:15 p.m.

Join the Young Adults Group for the 5th annual Christmas Caroling event at St. Pauls House. We will meet at the facility (3800 N. California Ave.) and stay for a pizza dinner afterwards. Carol books will be provided, and all singers of all abilities are welcome. Friends and guests are always welcome too! RSVP to the Punchbowl Invitation.

DECEMBER 16 - MONTHLY BRUNCH - 11:30 a.m.

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

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/36-2179808>

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 two hours once a week, Monday through Thursday. Training and mentoring are available. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Nancy Brandt, nhbrandt@sbcglobal.net.

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 - Saint Pauls Strategic Plan calls us to be “Increasingly bold and active as we try to live out our faith in an age of rising injustice.” If you would like to receive advance notice of protests and actions that call for our faithful witness, join the Faith in Action email list by contacting Claire Higgins at chiggins@spucc.org.

FEED THE HUNGRY - Thank you to all of our 2018 volunteers! The 2018 calendar is completely booked so we have opened up dates in 2019. Each week St. Pauls welcomes homeless and hungry people to Sunday dinner as part of the Community Engagement Program (CEP). Volunteers prepare and serve dinner. To find available dates and to sign up, contact Jennifer Kew at CEPsupper@gmail.com

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>.

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 - Summer/Fall book is Victor Hugo's classic "Les Miserables." Second half discussion: December 17, 7 p.m., Parlor. New members are always welcome. For more information or to RSVP: Jeff Carlson at 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 Barb Kaiser (bkaiser2213@gmail.com).

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

SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY - One Saturday a month, 10-11:45 a.m. Newcomers are always welcome. Increase your faith and your knowledge of the Bible in this monthly study. Next meeting: December 22 when we'll dig into the Christmas story. RSVP: Pastor Jeff jcarlson@spucc.org.

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

WANT MORE VARIETY AT COFFEE HOUR? - Sign up to bring it by emailing Claire Higgins at chiggins@spucc.org.

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

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 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.

- Phyllis Grimm's mother facing health challenges.
- The family of Stacie B., sister of Mark P., at the death of her sister-in-law.
- Sylvia Pine, on the death of her grandfather, Terry Barton.
- The daughters and extended family of Meghan Liddy, including her friend Katie Passon. Meghan died of malaria last week.
- Michael, nephew of Juanita Barlow, as he undergoes surgery on November 30, and for his recuperation.
- The family and fiancée of Nathan Ward, a singer and recent Northwestern graduate, who died by suicide.
- Joe JaQuay's father, Harry, as he begins radiation and chemotherapy.
- Kathie Castle in hospice care for Alzheimer's disease.
- Mary, a beloved friend of Stacy and Brent, and her doctors and children, as she recovers from a brain brain aneurysm and is still at great risk.
- Lincoln Park Community Services as they build their new facility to serve more community members facing homelessness.
- Jessica Ashley and family during her boyfriend Darren McGraw's one-year deployment with the Army National Guard.
- Toby Knott's aunt Diane Smith fighting cancer
- Carole Crowley, recovering from a stroke.
- Karl Wirsum, in rehabilitation for mini-strokes.
- Dede Koldyke, beating cancer.
- Amy Newman's sister, Linda, being treated for cancer.

You are beloved - to others, to the world you live in, and most important, to God. God knows your struggles and failures, as well as your joys and triumphs. Even when you walk through the valley of shadows, God is with you. If you or someone you love has lost hope, is feeling completely alone or like life doesn't matter, reach out for help. Contact one of the pastors today for information about mental health care advocacy and resources that can help you and your loved ones. Contact information for the pastors is at the back of this bulletin.

ABOUT ST. PAULS
Making a joyful sound in the city

Saint Pauls UCC has a vibrant history in the city of Chicago. Founded in 1843, we are one of the city's oldest churches. In 1989 we became one of America's first congregations to declare ourselves "Open to and Affirming of" LGBTQ women and men.

From founding Chicago's largest provider of social services to at-risk children to starting a home for the elderly, from housing protestors at the 1968 Democratic Convention to hosting Lincoln Park's first MLK day march against violence on Chicago's streets we are proud to make a joyful sound in the city.

Most importantly, over the past 175 years we are glad to have introduced thousands of children and adults to the amazing, inclusive, life changing, uplifting love of God. We do so in worship that is traditional, but far from conventional.

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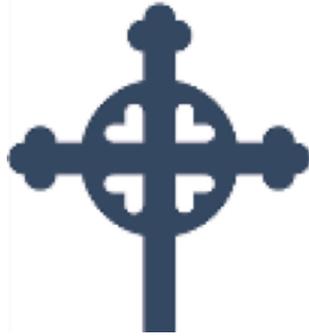
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WELCOME TO SAINT PAULS UCC!

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.