

September 25, 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.*

PRELUDE                      *Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier*, BWV 731                      J. S. Bach  
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

INTROIT *God of Grace and God of Glory*  
Chancel Choir

CHIMES

WELCOME Jeff Carlson

\* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We did not choose God,

**All: God chose us.**

One: We are not loved because we're good.

**All:**     *God is good. We are beloved.*

One: Iron glows when set next to flame.

**All: Shine brightly! Grace blazes!**

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

\* HYMN

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation*

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a -  
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly reign -  
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend  
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

- tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal -  
- eth, Shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so gent - ly sus -  
thee; Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at -  
him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

- va - - tion! Come, ye who hear, Broth - ers and sis - ters draw  
- tain - - eth! Hast thou not seen All that is need - ful hath  
- tend thee. Pon - der a - new All the Al - might - y can  
- fore him. Let the A - men Sound from his peo - ple a -

near; Praise him in glad ad - or - ra - - - tion!  
been Grant - ed in what he or - dain - - - eth?  
do, He who with love doth be - friend thee.  
- gain: Glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Matt Fitzgerald

**God who creates and commands,  
we did not make ourselves.  
We do not understand ourselves.  
We cannot reconcile ourselves.  
So we come to you for help.  
Forgive our sins!  
Remove our shame!  
Restore our faith!  
Double our ability to love!  
We are bold to ask these things,  
*but you made us bold in Jesus Christ.*  
Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*Sunday School students are invited to go to their classrooms.  
If you would like to accompany your child(ren),  
you are welcome to drop them off and return to worship.*

ANTHEM

*Beautiful*  
Diana Perez, soloist  
Alex Hansen, piano

Diana Perez  
arr. Alex Hansen

Will I be enough . . .  
Will I be enough for you Lord?  
If I am enough,  
Help me to accept that I am.

Wonderfully made,  
I'm precious in your eyes.  
You're beautiful to me,  
And I'm the same to you.

I'm knitted and woven  
And crafted created in glory.  
I'm everything to you.

Search me, know me, call me beautiful.  
Embrace me, secure me, I am called your own.

Every lie gives weight.  
Every lie it kills me softly.  
Every lie destroys.  
Immerse me in your truth that I am . . .

Wonderfully made; . . .

More than enough,  
Worthy of love,  
There's no place I can't go.  
You hold my heart and my soul.  
*Text inspired by Psalm 139*

## SCRIPTURE

*Luke 16: 19–31*

There once was a rich man, expensively dressed in the latest fashions, wasting his days in conspicuous consumption. A poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, had been dumped on his doorstep. All he lived for was to get a meal from scraps off the rich man's table. His best friends were the dogs who came and licked his sores.

Then he died, this poor man, and was taken up by the angels to the lap of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In hell and in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham in the distance and Lazarus in his lap. He called out, "Father Abraham, mercy! Have mercy! Send Lazarus to dip his finger in water to cool my tongue. I'm in agony in this fire."

But Abraham said, "Child, remember that in your lifetime you got the good things and Lazarus the bad things. It's not like that here. Here he's consoled and you're tormented. Besides, in all these matters there is a huge chasm set between us so that no one can go from us to you even if he wanted to, nor can anyone cross over from you to us."

The rich man said, "Then let me ask you, Father: Send him to the house of my father where I have five brothers, so he can tell them the score and warn them so they won't end up here in this place of torment."

Abraham answered, "They have Moses and the Prophets to tell them the score. Let them listen to them." "I know, Father Abraham," he said, "but they're not listening. If someone came back to them from the dead, they would change their ways."

Abraham replied, "If they won't listen to Moses and the Prophets, they're not going to be convinced by someone who rises from the dead."

**\* 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)*

\* HYMN

*Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and needy-y, weak and wound-ed, sick and sore;  
2. Come, ye thirst-y, come, and wel-come, God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy;  
3. Come ye wea - ry, hea - vy lad - en, lost and ruin - ed by the fall;  
4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness fond-ly dream;

Je - sus read-y stands to save you, full of pit - y, love, and power.  
true be - lief and true re - pen-tance, ev - ery grace that brings you nigh.  
if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, you will nev - er come at all.  
all the fit - ness he re - quire-eth is to feel your need of him.

I will a - rise and go to Je - sus; he will em-brace me with his arms;

in the arms of my dear Sav-ior, O there are ten thou - sand charms.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The score includes a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

SERMON

"Not Even Evel Knievel"

Matt Fitzgerald

RESPONSE

*Amazing Grace*

vv. 1 & 2

1. A - maz - ing\_ grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a\_\_  
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my\_\_  
wretch like me!\_\_\_\_\_ I once\_\_ was\_\_ lost, but  
fears re - lieved;\_\_\_\_\_ How pre - cious did that  
now\_\_ am\_\_ found, was blind but\_\_ now I see.\_\_\_\_\_  
grace\_\_ ap - pear The hour I\_\_ first be - lieved!\_\_\_\_\_

MISSION MOMENT

*Small Groups*

OFFERTORY

*Sh'ma koleynu*

Max Janowski

(Sung in Hebrew)

Terry Hansen, Kurt R. Hansen, and Lee Lichamer, soloists

Chancel Choir

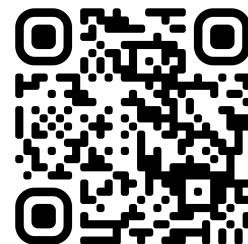
Hear our voice,  
O eternal our God,  
Spare us, have mercy upon us,  
And accept our prayers with compassion and favor.  
Return us, O Eternal,  
Unto Thee and we will return;  
Renew us as in our days as of old.

*You can give to St. Pauls electronically by:*

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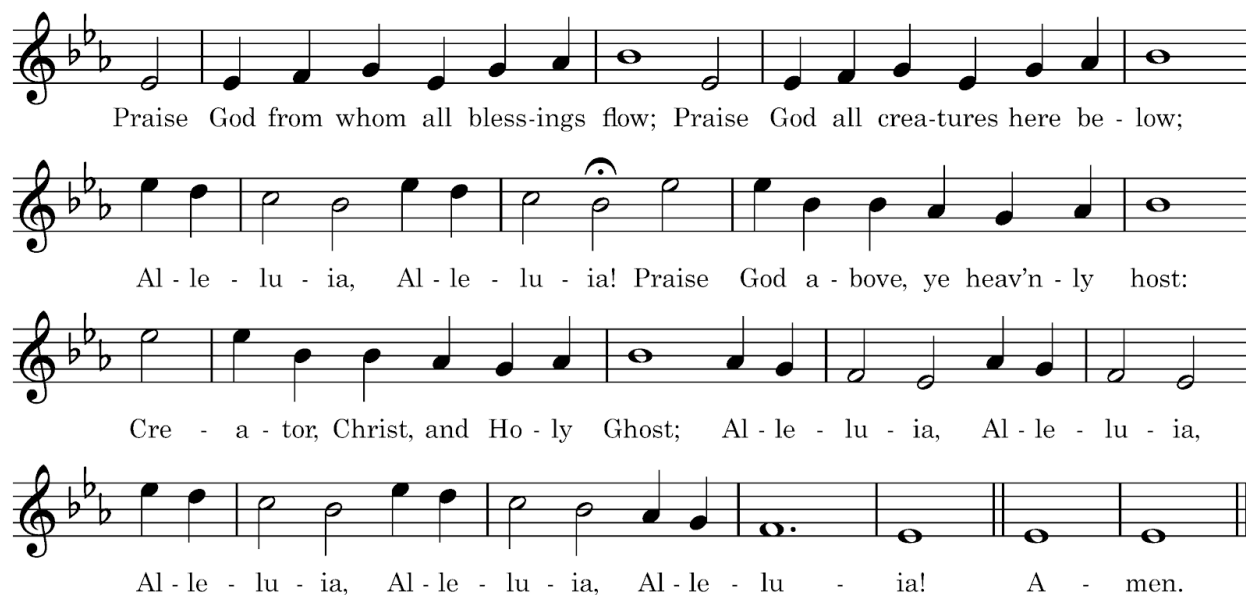
*At [spucc.churchcenter.com/giving](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/giving),*

*Or through Zelle to [giving@spucc.org](mailto:giving@spucc.org).*





\* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



The musical notation is written on four staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The lyrics are: "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."

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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.

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

*God Reigns O'er All the Earth*

1. God reigns o'er all the earth! Green hills and val - leys low, the  
2. God reigns o'er hu - man life! Through youth and ag - ing years, in  
3. God reigns o'er time and space! In his - tory's by - gone days, Christ's  
4. God reigns! Em - man - u - el! God with us ev - ery day, in

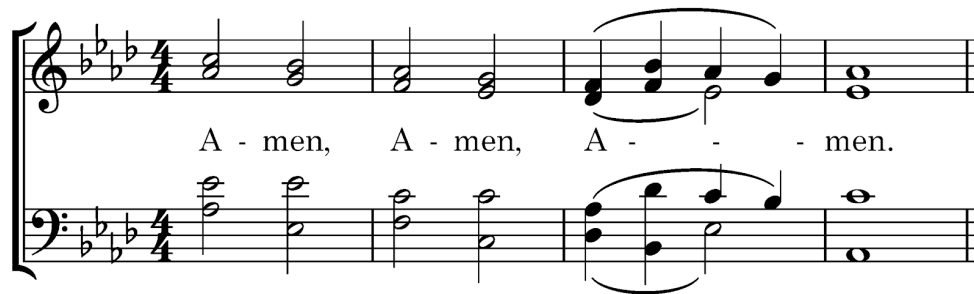
farms and towns in golds and browns God's grace and beau - ty show.  
death, in birth, in grief, in mirth, in all our hopes and fears.  
faith - ful folk in rev - erence spoke to bring God earn - est praise.  
all our past and to the last, our com - fort and our stay.

God reigns o'er all the earth! Stone banks and spread - ing plains,  
God reigns o'er hu - man life! Our in - spi - ra - tion still.  
God reigns o'er time and space! O'er gal - ax - y and sun,  
God reigns! Em - man - u - el! Let praise to Christ be sung!

in rain - bow hues— reds, yel - lows, blues— of streams and coun - try lanes.  
Through all our schemes, in all our dreams, we see God's reign - ing will.  
through time - less years the cos - mos hears the heaven - ly mus - ic run.  
God's pres - ence here makes all things dear. Let joy - ful bells be rung!

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
St. Arbucks Trio

arr. Craig Terry

***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 Gym.***

### TODAY'S MUSIC

***Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier***, *Dearest Jesus, We Are Here*, is a chorale prelude, which is a compositional genre where the composer creates an "arrangement" using a well known melody as a theme. The chorale, hymn and melody was composed by Benjamin Schmolck (1672-1737). Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) thought so highly of this chorale that he set it for organ four times.

***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.

***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*** is another great hymn from our German heritage. The tune, LOBE DEN HERRN, is the first line of the first stanza of the German text. The composer of the music is unknown and it was first published in a hymnal in

1668. The original text was written by Joachim Neander (1650-1680). Although he was reported to have spent a “riotous youth,” he became the first important hymn writer of the German Reformed Church.

**Diana Perez** and **Alex Hansen** both are June 2022 graduates of Elmhurst University. They have formed a duo, **Diial**. You can find them on Spotify. ***Beautiful*** is a collaborative work. Diana has a musical presence on Facebook, Sound Cloud and other platforms. Alex can be found on Spotify as *ahans*. We are so grateful that they returned to share their music and friendship today.

***Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy***, to the tune RESTORATION, is mined from the wonderful early 19th century American shape-note hymnals including *Southern Harmony*. Its composer and lyricist are unknown, but it was first published in 1835. The melody is characterized by a folk-like swing.

The text for ***Amazing Grace*** is by John Newton (1725-1807), who was a slave ship captain, but became an Anglican clergy and fervent abolitionist. He once said that writing this text saved his soul. The tune, NEW BRITAIN, is most likely an African American spiritual and was first published in 1829.

***Sh'ma koleynu*** was composed by Max Janowski (1912-1991). He was born in Berlin, and after fleeing after *Kristallnacht*, he eventually came to this country and became Cantor and Director of Music at KAM-Isaiah Israel Congregation in Chicago for 50 years. Kurt and Terry Hansen sang with him for his last 17 years. Mr. Janowski was truly one of the “great lights” of Jewish music of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. *Sh'ma koleynu* is a devoted and impassioned prayer for mercy from the *S'lichot* service. *S'lichot* is a service at “midnight” on the Sabbath preceding *Rosh Hashanah*. This summer, our Chancel Choir participated in a CD recording of his music.

***God Reigns O'er All the Earth*** is sung to the tune: TERRA BEATA. The source of the music is an English folk melody which first appeared as a hymn in 1906. The text was written in 1981 and is by Jane Parker Huber (1926 - 2008), one of the most prolific contemporary authors of hymn texts. She was born to missionary parents in China and was a lifelong Presbyterian who focused her hymn texts and ministry on peace-making, justice and inclusiveness.

Craig Curry, who arranged this great hymn tune, ***For the Beauty of the Earth***, is a graduate of Wheaton College Conservatory of Music and the University of Miami. He is an active composer whose arrangements and compositions have been widely performed.

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Clergy:** Matt Fitzgerald, Jeff Carlson

**Music Director:** Kurt R. Hansen

**Organist:** Kevin Dzierzawski

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

**Lay Liturgical Administrator:** Kevin O'Brien

**Head Usher:** Beatrice Jaji

**Ushers:** David Baker, John Balevic, Mary Brown, Doug Clark, Jen Luerssen, Jeff Matthews, 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 from Bob and Cindy Ball in celebration of their 32nd wedding anniversary.

## **BORN THIS WEEK IN SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER**

*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.*

Sept 25 Matt Fitzgerald, Christie Crouch, Christine Schmidt, Kim Chamberlain,  
Kay Wilde, Nicole Chaiken, Sarah Quinton, Tess Scrivner

Sept 26 Jorie Hamm, Kristi Noonan

Sept 27 AJ Smart, Douglas Roewer, Will Carter

Sept 28 Betsy Kalmar, Toby Rogers, Brian Gallagher, Olivia Block, Cole Roark

Sept 29 Jill Brennan, Jonathan Leaf, Andy Vahey, Hannah Fitzgerald, Miles Davidson

Sept 30 Layton Olson, Claire Terborg

Oct 1 Amy Akers, Paul Schrimpf, Theresa Herlevsen, Katlyn McVey, Lisa Donofrio

## 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 3rd. Her collaborative leadership style will make her a wonderful addition to our staff.

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### 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](mailto:mailchi.mp/spucc/welcome_pastor_liz)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **REGISTER FOR (re)NEW SMALL GROUPS!**

What part of your life needs a jumpstart? Bring those needs to church this fall and join a (re)NEW GROUP. These are small groups of church members who will meet weekly for eight weeks. Renew Groups will reintroduce you to a God who is making all things new, while introducing you to new friends and a renewed faith.

**Tomorrow is the last day to sign up** to be placed in a group – you can note group affinity preferences in the sign-up. Groups will begin the week of October 2.

Questions? Please contact Pastor Matt, [mfitzgerald@spucc.org](mailto:mfitzgerald@spucc.org).

Register here: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1425620](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1425620)

### **VOLUNTEER FOR OKTOBERFEST, Saturday, October 1, 3-9 p.m.**

St. Pauls Oktoberfest block party returns this fall. How do we pour 600 beers, serve 500 brats/hot dogs, and run kids' activities for six hours? With the help of many volunteers! Can we count on you to be one of them? As a volunteer, you will work a 2-hour shift and receive a free food/drink ticket, as well as enjoy the chance to meet new friends, support St. Pauls neighborhood outreach efforts, and have fun! Please sign up here, [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1429089](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1429089), or contact Lorne Frank at [lornefrank@lornefrank.com](mailto:lornefrank@lornefrank.com). PROST!

### **CARDS FOR A CAUSE FUNDRAISER**

It's time for our annual fundraiser for Little Lights - Cards for a Cause! Choose between 5 greeting card boxes with 30-50 greeting cards, each for \$30, and Little Lights will receive 40% back in funding for our programs! The cards are beautifully embellished and come with coordinating envelopes, while the box itself is sturdy and attractive enough to use for future storage needs. You can place your order here now through next Sunday, October 2: [forms.gle/xTiXddEbyxdCgnHN6](https://forms.gle/xTiXddEbyxdCgnHN6). Check out the different card options and find Erin Fitzgerald on Sunday before or after worship to see some samples of boxes and cards in person! Thank you for your support!

### **RECYCLE CRAYONS, MARKERS, HIGHLIGHTERS, GLUE STICKS & MORE!**

#### **Sponsored By Green Team & Little Lights**

Overconsumption and a throwaway culture have led to our global waste crisis. While waste piles up in landfills damaging our environment, virgin materials are used for new products. Crayons are one example of a petroleum product that takes years to biodegrade. Help divert these items from landfills or incineration. Collect these school, office, and art supplies and place them in designated boxes in the Narthex.

- All crayons - broken, used, new, wrapped or not (separate box than rest)
- All brands markers/caps, highlighters/caps, pens/caps, mechanical pencils, glue stick tubes/caps, watercolor paint trays, flexible packaging from these items

## **REGISTER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!**

If you plan to have your child or youth participate in Sunday School during the 2022-2023 school year, we ask that you please register them at the link below. This is a one-time registration for the school year. Please register each child who will be attending. Sunday School is open to children 2-years-old to high school. Our Nursery will be open for children under age 2. Email questions to Children's Program Coordinator Danielle Mayfield at [danielle.mayfield@spucc.org](mailto:danielle.mayfield@spucc.org). Register here: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1306755](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1306755)

## **NEXT SUNDAY - SHARE THE TABLE OF JESUS**

We're collecting food for the Common Pantry every communion Sunday - which is next week. St. Pauls helped found the pantry in 1967. Unexpired food and personal items most needed are listed below. Modest-sized products are best for distribution to the folks they serve (e.g., a few 24 oz. containers of cooking oil are preferable to one 64 oz. container). Items can be left in the bin in the Narthex.

Needed Items: cereal (whole grain, less sugar varieties), nuts, brown rice, jelly/jam (low sugar), peanut butter (natural, no hydrogenated oils), cooking oil, pasta sauce (low sodium), soup (low sodium), easy prep meals (e.g., Hamburger Helper, low sodium or whole grain varieties if possible), ground coffee, toothpaste, deodorant, disposable razors, shampoo, conditioner, mouthwash.

**COMMON  
PANTRY**



## **ELECTION WATCH 2022: Contact Voters!**

During the 2020 election, we estimate that St. Pauls members (in very loose coordination) contacted more than 1,000 voters around the country via postcards and phone calls to encourage them to vote. Let's continue this in 2022! Vote Forward is one voter encouragement service with which many St. Pauls members are involved. Volunteers send heartfelt handwritten letters to low-propensity voters encouraging them to participate in our democracy. There are even Vote Forward, [votefwd.org](https://votefwd.org), letter-writing get-togethers to make the project more fun. In addition, for those with a special interest in climate change and the environment, Greenpeace USA has established the "Build the Climate Vote" plan, [voteclimate2022.org](https://voteclimate2022.org). In just the 2022 primaries, Greenpeace volunteers sent more than 50,000 personalized letters to climate voters in key congressional districts, and they plan to expand this success into the midterm elections.



## **JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC**

### **September 15 – October 15 is National Hispanic Heritage Month (NHHM).**

NHHM celebrates the history, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. The date September 15 is significant because it is the date of independence for numerous Central American countries. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18 respectively. As of July 2021, the U.S. Hispanic population is about 60 million, which constitutes 18.9% of the U.S. population, making people of Hispanic origin the nation's largest racial or ethnic minority.

## **CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team**

### **REUSE/REPURPOSE/REIMAGINE**

Recycling aluminum cans saves about 92% of the energy that's required to produce new cans and reduces carbon dioxide emissions and the amount of waste headed into landfills. Before recycling, think about reusing. Examples: cookie cutters, jewelry, candle holders, pencil holders, vases, tea light lanterns, seasonal wreaths, storage, herb gardens, bird feeders, plant label stakes, ingredient labels, garden markers.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

*See our full event calendar online at [spucc.churchcenter.com/calendar](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/calendar)*

*Evening meetings enter through the courtyard door*

### **TODAY - ST. PAULS MEDICAL FAIR - 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Gym**

We will cover: 1. AED Demonstration, 2. Blood Pressure, 3. 5 Wishes, 4. Vaccinations, given by Aisha, Rph from Walgreens, no appointment needed. Covid, Shingles, Pneumonia, and Flu shots. Kids under 18 need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Remember to bring your Covid vaccine card and your Medicare card or insurance card for the pneumonia and shingles shots. See the event link for more details! [spucc.churchcenter.com/calendar/event/109116485](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/calendar/event/109116485)

### **TODAY - NEW MEMBER CLASS - 11 a.m., Social Hall**

Join pastors, members, and others curious about Saint Pauls for our Fall 2022 New Member Class. Together we'll talk about faith and our community, and we'd love you to be part of the conversation!

### **SEPT 28 - WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - 12 p.m., Zoom**

Our last three sessions will be the last three chapters of the Gospel of Luke from the Last Supper to Easter. All are welcome! Get the Zoom link from Pastor Jeff at [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

**OCT 2 - ST. PAULS HANDWORK MEET-UP** - After Worship, Social Hall

If you enjoy handwork, you're invited to continue our time with each other by sitting together in communion and community on the first Sunday of the month at a drop-in handwork group. We will gather in a corner of the Social Hall for one hour after the worship service. Bring along a sandwich if you wish. New to handwork? We have expert knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, and sewers to help you get started with a project.

**OCT 3 - FALL MEETING OF THE CHICAGO METRO ASSOCIATION OF THE UCC**

6-8 p.m., Zoom

Want to find out more about what's going on in our local UCC? You're invited to attend the fall meeting of the Chicago Metropolitan Association. Topics will include solar power for churches, supporting mental health in congregations, and the work of A Just Harvest. Local leadership will also be elected. Register for the link here: <https://tinyurl.com/2kfbz4ry>.

**OCT 8 - LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION REVIVAL FUNDRAISER** - 12 p.m. Meeting House Tavern.

Lighthouse is hosting their first ever in-person fundraising event! Join them for the Revival Fundraiser, an afternoon of spiritual renewal in support of the Black Queer Equity Index (BQEI)! Gather with friends old and new at Meeting House Tavern for live gospel music, rap performances, tacos, and show-stopping lip-sync performances. You'll hear from Executive Director Jamie Frazier about the power of the BQEI to improve the experiences of Black Queer employees and board members in Chicago's social service sector, and in turn, improve care for their clients. \$25 tickets are available at <https://bit.ly/3BPnCh7>.

**OCT 15 - TOM HENRY MEMORIAL** - 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

The memorial service honoring beloved St. Pauls Pastor Emeritus Tom Henry will be Saturday, October 15, at 10:30 a.m. A reception in the Social Hall will follow the service.

**NOV 6 - THE BATTLE OF LINCOLN PARK BOOK DISCUSSION** - 11:15 a.m., Oscar Mayer Room. In the years after WWII, a movement began to bring the middle class back from the Chicago suburbs to Lincoln Park, which was full of old, poorly maintained apartments. But as the old buildings came down, cheap studios were combined to create ever more spacious, luxurious homes. Property values rose and people were evicted and conflict developed: Who is this neighborhood for? And who gets to decide? Chicago author Daniel Kay Hertz will be with us to talk about his book. And we'll also discover what St. Pauls was up to during these years of conflict. Sign up to attend here: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1445978](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1445978).

## 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](mailto:JenniferLKew@gmail.com), or Pastor Jeff, [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto: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. There are still many dates available this year! Sign up for 2022 dates at [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1078968](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1078968).

**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](mailto:lindanitz@yahoo.com).

**CHURCH CENTER** – [spucc.churchcenter.com](https://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](mailto: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](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/178271).

**GREEN TEAM** – As people of faith, members of St. Pauls are called to “Care for Creation.” To that end, the Green Team is seeking new members, particularly young adults and youth, as we become a Creation Justice church, recognized by the UCC. We would love to have you! If you are interested, please contact either of the new interim Green Team co-chairs, Ninon Freeman at [nlanda05@yahoo.com](mailto:nlanda05@yahoo.com) or Rick Peterson at [rnpeterson2017@gmail.com](mailto:rnpeterson2017@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](http://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](mailto: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 hold 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](http://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 Luerksen at [jenluerksen@yahoo.com](mailto:jenluerksen@yahoo.com). Subscribe to the distribution list at [eepurl.com/gQ4Eg1](http://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](http://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 [cindyball11@gmail.com](mailto:cindyball11@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](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org)), Marti Pechnyo ([mpechnyo@gmail.com](mailto:mpechnyo@gmail.com)), or Barb Kaiser ([bkaiser2213@gmail.com](mailto:bkaiser2213@gmail.com)).

**YOUNG ADULTS** – A group for fun and fellowship for folks in their twenties and thirties. All are welcome! Volunteers needed! Any ideas for future events? Email them at [youngadults@spucc.org](mailto:youngadults@spucc.org).

## **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please send any announcements you would like in the following week's bulletin or Friday email to [chiggins@spucc.org](mailto: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.*

- Brendan Phillips, hospitalized following a series of strokes.
- Family and friends of Pat Ruch's sister, Aline Ruch Frank, at her death.
- Al Cerkon on his continuing health journey.
- Kompare family, displaced from their home after a fire in their building.
- Pat Kirby, facing serious health issues that may lead to blindness.
- Mary Stainton, recovering from surgery.
- Deon Fayhee and family on the death of his grandfather, Raymond.
- Jennifer, sister-in-law of Sarah and Mark Mosley, as she continues her recovery from an aneurysm.
- The family and friends of Pastor Emeritus Tom Henry at his death.
- Annie Johnson at the death of her mother, Jean.
- 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.
- 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. 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.