

Pancake Church  
April 16, 2023

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

***Please silence cell phones.***

*If you have special dietary needs, sugar-free, gluten-free, vegetarian, and vegan items are available on a separate table by the door closest to the kitchen.*

*The Nursery and Toddler Room are open for children ages 0-5, from 10 to 11 a.m.*

*There is no Sunday School today.*

*We will remain seated throughout worship today  
because we are eating together at the table.*

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

“Before you finish eating breakfast in the morning,  
you’ve depended on more than half the world.”

Martin Luther King Jr.

PRELUDE

*I Expect to See Him*  
St. Arbucks Quartet

Jessy Dixon

INTROIT

*This Is the Day*  
Chancel Choir

WELCOME

Matt Fitzgerald

WELCOMING EACH OTHER

ANTHEM

*Peace Like a River*  
Kinderchapel Singers  
Margot Frank, Director

Traditional Black Spiritual

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on a poem by Christina Rossetti)

One: Mix a pancake! Stir a pancake! Pop in the pan!

**All: Fry the pancake! Toss the pancake - catch it if you can!**

One: Pray at daybreak! Feast at daybreak! Breakfast is God's plan!

**All: Sing at daybreak! Lord of daybreak, we are in your hands!**

HYMN

*Enter Rejoice and Come In*



1. En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.
2. O - pen your - self to the song. O - pen your - self to the song.
3. O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one. O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one.
4. Don't be a - fraid of some change. Don't be a - fraid of some change.
5. En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.



To - day will be a joy - ful day; en - ter, re - joice, and come in.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liz Nickerson

**God the Giver,  
in the name of Jesus  
who fed his hungry friends  
breakfast on the beach,  
we confess that our abundance  
costs others gravely.  
Show us what we can do  
to help those who have no breakfast.  
Help us bless the work of those who  
strive to feed the hungry,  
welcome the stranger,  
and comfort the afflicted.  
Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE


ANTHEM

*Look Around*  
Children's Choir



Helen Kemp

Breanna Coe, Director & Karen Johnson, piano



PANCAKE PROCESSIONAL *God We Thank You for Our Pancakes* Tune: Holy Manna




1. God, we thank you for our pan - cakes, made of wheat from your own soil  
2. Thank you God for all the hands that har - vest - ed the feast we share  
3. For when we take time to thank you, our own faith is mul - ti - plied  
4. By your Spir - it keep us grate - ful for each per - son here to - day




Eggs, wa - ter and laugh - ter mix - ing in - to bat - ter with some oil  
Good church peo - ple who woke ear - ly, food by lov - ing hands pre - pared  
Grate - ful hearts can see the Giv - er, grate - ful hearts lead to clear eyes  
Friend and stran - ger, sis - ter, broth - er, each be - lov - ed by Yah - weh



Don't for - get the ma - ple tree whose sug - ar makes our break - fast sweet  
Thank you for the sac - ri - fic - es be - hind all our joy - ous meals  
So we thank you for our pan - cakes, and for ve - gan ba - con too,  
An - cient God but al - so liv - ing, youth - ful Christ you love us all



Sau - sage, too, for in Chi - ca - go, with - out pork, no meal's com - plete.  
Let our grat - i - tude be more than emp - ty words, let it be real.  
Flow - er blos - soms, jeans and T - shirts, budd - ing leaves all come from You.  
So we thank you for our pan - cakes, for each oth - er, for Saint Pauls!



## PANCAKE QUESTIONS:

*As you eat, we invite you to enjoy each other's company!  
Be sure to introduce yourself to new friends at your table.*

*If you'd like, please discuss one of these questions:*

Which of your senses senses God the best?

What is the last hint you received?

Which food smells the best as it is cooking?

Have you ever had fish for breakfast?

## SCRIPTURE

Jennifer Kew

*John 21:1-14*

Simon Peter announced, "I'm going fishing." The rest of them replied, "We're going with you." They went out and got in the boat. They caught nothing that night. When the sun came up, Jesus was standing on the beach, but they didn't recognize him.

Jesus spoke to them: "Good morning! Did you catch anything for breakfast?"

They answered, "No." He said, "Throw the net off the right side of the boat and see what happens." They did what he said. All of a sudden there were so many fish in it, they weren't strong enough to pull it in. Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!"

So Simon Peter, hearing that it was the Lord, threw on some clothes, for he was stripped for work, and flung himself into the sea. The other disciples came in by boat for they weren't far from land, a hundred yards or so, pulling along the net full of fish. When they got out of the boat, they saw a fire laid, with fish and bread cooking on it.

Jesus said, "Bring some of the fish you've just caught." Simon Peter joined them and dragged the net to shore— full of a great many fish; 153. And though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said, "Breakfast is ready."

Not one of the disciples dared ask, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord.

Jesus then took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish. This was now the third time Jesus had shown himself alive to the disciples since being raised from the dead.

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)*

SERMON "Breakfast Is Ready" Matt Fitzgerald

OFFERTORY *Hosanna, Hosanna!* Stan Pethel  
Pauls People

Brooke McGuire, Deirdre McGrath, Thomas Mix, and Lee Waldschmidt; soloists  
Kecia Waldschmidt, Director

*Today's open offering goes to support our youth mission trip  
to Tucson for service and learning with immigrant ministries.*

*You can donate to their trip electronically by:*

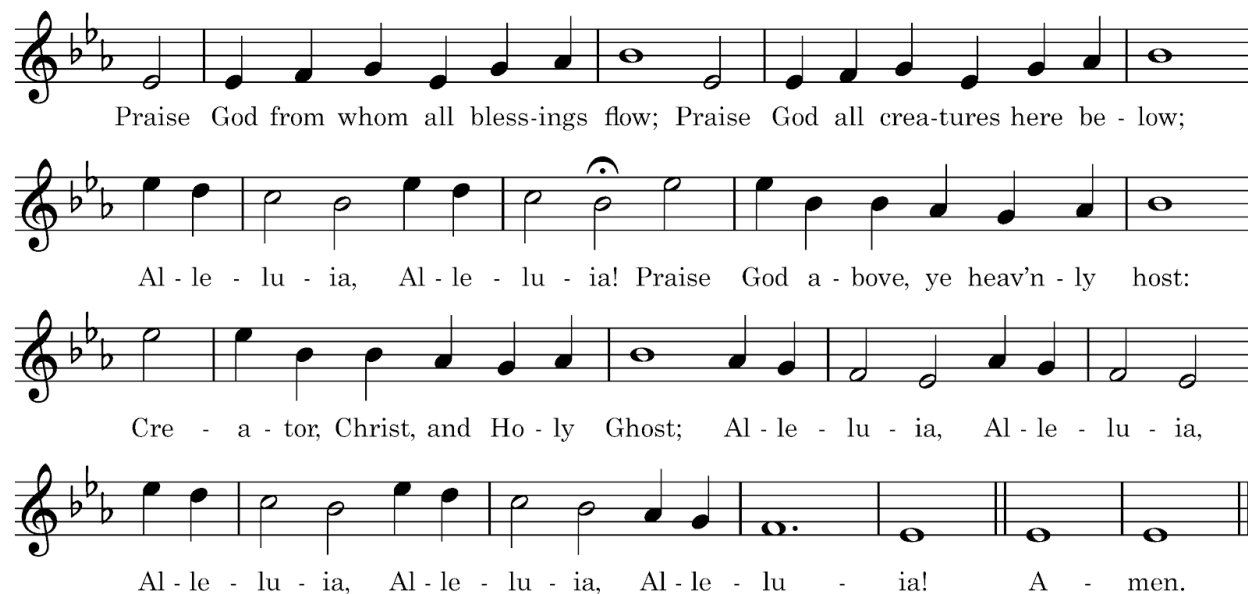
*Scanning this code with your cell phone camera,*

*At [spucc.churchcenter.com/giving/to/youth-mission-trip-donations](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/giving/to/youth-mission-trip-donations),*

*Or through Zelle or PayPal to [giving@spucc.org](mailto:giving@spucc.org), memo: Youth Mission Trip*



## 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 4/4. The melody is written in a soprano clef. 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." The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

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## PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Jeff Carlson

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### 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

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*



1. Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
2. Christ is a - ble to make us one, at his ta - ble he set the tone,  
3. Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
give us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!

*Refrain (first time p, second time f)*



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

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

arr. Craig Curry

***If you would like someone to pray with you today, Stephen Ministers are present after the Postlude at the right front of the Sanctuary.***

***Please join us after worship in the Sanctuary for an informational meeting about the next phase of our Expand Our Openness Campaign.***



## TODAY'S MUSIC

***I Expect to See Him*** is by Jessy Dixon (1938 - 2011), another gospel artist and composer with deep roots in Chicago. His music was beloved outside his own community and he received seven Grammy nominations in his career. He toured the world with Paul Simon after Mr. Simon heard him and the Jessy Dixon Singers at a concert at Radio City Music Hall in New York City. He also wrote music for artists as varied as Diana Ross and Cher.

***This Is the Day*** uses a folk melody and unattributed words from Fiji. It was first published in 1967 in a hymnal in Australia. It lends itself to be sung in a call and response style.

***Peace Like a River*** is another example from the rich history of Black American Spirituals. The first three items of the "fruit of the Spirit" (Galatians 5:22) are love, joy and peace. This spiritual compares the peace of God to a placidly flowing river, the joy of Christ to a merrily bubbling fountain, and the love of God to a deep, wide ocean.

***Enter, Rejoice, and Come In*** was composed in the 1970s by Louise Ruspini (1900-2000) who also provided the text, which is based on Psalm 100. The tune borrows from the first line of the refrain: ENTER, REJOICE.

Helen Kemp (1918-2015), who composed ***Look Around***, was an American born voice teacher, church music pedagoge, composer, and children's choir clinician. She attended Westminster Choir College at Princeton University and returned later in life to be on their church music faculty. She also authored several books on children's choirs.

The text for ***God We Thank You for Our Pancakes*** is a respectful and lighthearted adaptation by Pastor Matt Fitzgerald of a text by Ruth Duck (b. 1947), *God We Thank You for Our People*. HOLY MANNA is an unattributed melody from the great American series of shaped-note hymnals from the early 19th century including *The Sacred Harp*.

Stan Pethel (b. 1950), who composed ***Hosanna, Hosanna***, is Professor Emeritus at Berry College near Rome, Georgia. When he was an active member of the faculty, he taught composition and also low brass lessons. He has composed more than 850 works for a wide range of performers and ensembles, and is published by 23 publishing firms.

***Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*** uses a tune, LINSTEAD, of Jamaican origin. Fred Kaan, (1929-2009) wrote this text in 1975. Kaan was born in The Netherlands. After surviving the horrors of occupation during WWII (his parents were active in the Dutch resistance), he became a committed pacifist. He emigrated to England after the war where he became a member of the United Reform Church.

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, Liz Nickerson, 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 Ushers:** Beatrice Jaji

**Ushers:** David Baker, Doug Clark, Tim Reed

**Gatekeeper:** Dodd Brown

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

**Custodian:** Ramiro Gonzalez

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are in celebration of Marcia Opp Ekdahl's birthday from her grandkids with love.

## BORN THIS WEEK IN APRIL

*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.*

April 16 Mark Lefens, Raymond Manasia, Van Ewing, III

April 17 Bill Beck, Deon Fayhee, Linda Riportella, Avery Vahey, Charlie Busker,  
Eric Cittadine

April 18 Betty Voice, Jessica Ashley, Katie Alrutz, Nathaniel Weglarz, Olivia Weglarz,  
Grant Mutch

April 19 Tom Scrivner

April 20 Andrea Reed, Daniel Nowack, Ella Javorcic, Sebastien Millard

April 21 Aileen Schloerb, Alex Baker, Mason Saltarelli, Bennett Grosshans

April 22 Jack Lyons, Kyle Nitzsche

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

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

*\* Events marked with an asterisk are in a non-wheelchair accessible location. Contact the church office or group leader for more information.*

### **TODAY - EXPAND OUR OPENNESS INFO MEETINGS - 11 a.m., Sanctuary**

The Church Council is pleased to announce the formation of the Building Accessibility Task Force with the purpose of solidifying the extraordinary progress of the Expand our Openness and Accessibility work over the last several years. COVID disrupted this project and with the time that has passed, it has become necessary to review the overall timeline and building needs. Please plan to join if you have questions about the next steps as we prayerfully discern Phase II of this critical project to ensure that SPUCC remains a welcoming church to all who worship and lean into God's call for each of us in our beloved space.

### **APR 18 - RETIREMENT GROUP - 10 a.m., Parlor\***

The Retirement Group meets on the third Tuesday of the month. Think retirement is all grandkids and travel? It's not all Hallmark. Please join us to discuss our transition paths, ways we found ourselves here, what's meaningful, what's next with or without planned health, funds or companionship. For more info contact Marcia Knudson at (773) 480-4189 or [marciaknudson@gmail.com](mailto:marciaknudson@gmail.com).

### **APR 22 - EARTH DAY: BELMONT HARBOR CLEAN-UP - 10 a.m., Belmont Harbor**

St. Pauls folks are invited to join the Green Team to help clean up Belmont Harbor or nearby beaches. This is part of our promise to "care for creation," and to help serve as God's hands in the city. This Earth Day event is coordinated by the Alliance for the Great Lakes (AGL). We will meet at 10 a.m. at the Chicago Yacht Club at Belmont Harbor. To participate, you must register on AGL's website, [tinyurl.com/3uy77km9](https://tinyurl.com/3uy77km9). Please register on Church Center as well, so we know who is coming from St. Pauls, [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1718143](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1718143). For more information, contact Janice Keeler, [jskeeler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jskeeler@sbcglobal.net), or Rick Peterson, [rnpeterson2017@gmail.com](mailto:rnpeterson2017@gmail.com).

### **APR 23 - NEW MEMBER CLASS - 11 a.m., Sanctuary**

Join pastors, members and others curious about St. Pauls for our Spring 2023 New Member Class. Together we'll talk about faith and our community, and we'd love you to be part of the conversation! We'll meet in the Sanctuary after worship, and childcare will be provided as needed (please let us know in your registration). Register here: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1688047](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1688047)

**APR 23 - ARCHIVES TOUR - 11:15 a.m., Archive Rooms\***

What can you find in 60+ file drawers, four large cabinets, 14 shelves, nine flat boxes, digitally saved computer files, and the southwest corner of the Clark Street Bridge? Our church history! St. Pauls documents, photos and artifacts are housed in four archive rooms in the church. If you would like to tour these rooms and learn more about the history of our church, join church archivist Barb Arsenault. We will meet in the Sanctuary Lobby at the bottom of the stairs at 11:15 a.m. The rooms are small, so we are limited to seven people. If the registration is full and/or you'd be available another date, please sign up for the waitlist. Sign up here:  
[spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1691915](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1691915)

**APR 23 - DRIEHAUS MUSEUM - 2 p.m., 40 E. Erie St., Chicago**

Adults of all ages are invited to join St. Pauls Social and host Doug Clark for an afternoon at the Richard E. Driehaus Museum. We'll explore the various rooms, many of which are furnished from the Gilded Age, and view the photographs of a special exhibit. The museum is wheelchair accessible. Admission is \$20 (\$15 for 65 and over). Parking is \$15 at ROW Parking, 50 E. Ohio St. See the Driehaus Museum website for more information. Please RSVP to Doug at [mgtbc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mgtbc@sbcglobal.net).

**APR 26 - WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY- 12 p.m., Zoom**

A new Bible Study begins on a book we've never studied before - Leviticus! It can be off-putting with its rituals and animal sacrifices, but it's also the book from which Jesus got "love your neighbor as yourself." Join us for an adventure as we look for treasure in unfamiliar terrain! RSVP to Jeff, [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

**APR 29 - REBUILDING TOGETHER DAY - 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Chicago West Side**

Join us for "Rebuilding Together Day" to rebuild a family's home on Chicago's West Side. We need people of all skill levels. Working with union electricians and plumbers, we will transform a home in one day. Anyone 10 and older can participate. Contact Gerald Wilk for more information: [gciwilk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gciwilk@sbcglobal.net). Sign up to participate here:  
[spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1697608](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1697608).

**MAY 7 - THE BIG PAYBACK MOVIE AND DISCUSSION -11 a.m., Oscar Mayer Room**

*The Big Payback* follows the fight in Evanston to pass a tax-funded reparations bill, and in Washington, DC, to pass H.R. 40, a bill to examine the merits of introducing reparations for slavery to African Americans. More than 150 years after the Emancipation Proclamation, the Black community still bears the burdens of state-sanctioned racial discrimination. It's time for common sense, locally driven reparations policies that begin to remedy the impact of centuries of racial discrimination against Black Americans. We invite you on this journey to breathe new life into the discussion about reparations and help communities across the U.S.

reimagine what justice and equality can look like. Facilitator Kirk Chernansky will lead us on an exploration of the full components of reparations, why it matters for all of us, and what roles we can play. Optional lunch for \$10 when you register:  
[spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1708933](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1708933).

**MAY 20 - BIRD WATCHING - 7 a.m., 200 W. Montrose Harbor Drive**

Adults of all ages are invited to join St. Pauls Social and host David Baker for a morning of bird watching at Montrose Point Bird Sanctuary. The group will meet at 7 a.m. at the entrance. Metered parking is available by the entrance. To reach the Sanctuary, take the Montrose exit off Du Sable Lake Shore Drive and proceed east. Turn right at the "T" by the green bait shop. Dress in layers, wear sturdy shoes, and bring binoculars. Please RSVP, [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1715252](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1715252)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALLING ALL GRADUATES!**

Do you have a high school, college, or graduate school graduate? Please email their name and graduation date to Erin Fitzgerald at [erin.fitzgerald@spucc.org](mailto:erin.fitzgerald@spucc.org). They will be recognized in worship on June 4 at the youth mission trip commissioning on Baccalaureat Sunday!

**MEN'S GROUP FORMING**

A new St. Pauls Men's Group is being formed. If you'd like to join, please contact Jim Jansma: [jjansma14@gmail.com](mailto:jjansma14@gmail.com). The group is going to meet each Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Lincoln Station, right around the corner on Lincoln Avenue. Make friends, find support and enrich your life with other St. Pauls members.

**LUTHER IN A YEAR**

Join Pastor Matt to go back in time more than 500 years for "Luther in a Year." We will read Martin Luther's most important works, and the work of his best modern critics. At the year's end, you will understand the beliefs Saint Pauls stands upon, you will be changed by thrilling ideas and great conversation, Christ's importance will be underlined, you will know one of history's most outrageous characters, and your faith will be strengthened. You might also be surprised by what a filthy vocabulary Martin Luther had. We will meet on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. via Zoom, **beginning April 10**. Reading list will be shared upon registration. Register here: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1656138](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1656138).

### **POP TAB PROGRAM: RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITY**

Help support families and children through our Pop Tab program by collecting and donating the aluminum tabs you pull to open soda, soup, and other cans. This is one of the most popular ways to get kids involved in learning to help others and donating to charity. Simply find a clean container, add your own decorations or download the printable pop tab container wrap ([rmhccni.org/get-involved/pop-tabs](http://rmhccni.org/get-involved/pop-tabs)) and start collecting! Bring your pop tab donations to the Narthex and add them to our collection bin. Little things like pop tabs can make a big difference!

### **ENROLL FOR ST. PAULS COMPASSION CAMP FOR KIDS!**

**Compassion Camp: What Every Living Thing Needs.** Kids will explore what all living things need to live – shelter, food, water, air, and community. Using Psalm 104 as our guide, kids will learn compassion for each other and the earth. We will have group activities, play games, sing songs, and spend quality time outside.

Days: Monday-Thursday in two 2-week sessions

**Session 1:** July 10-13 & July 17-20 **Session 2:** July 24-27 & July 31-August 3

Preschoolers age 2-4: 9 a.m. -12 p.m.

Elementary school age 5-12: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

[spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1617569](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1617569)

### **VOLUNTEER WITH LPCS**

Lincoln Park Community Services has a new volunteer opportunity on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., or 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. You will prepare lunches for their street outreach program and welcome folks coming for drop-in services such as taking a shower or doing their laundry. This is a perfect opportunity for retirees or folks with free time during the day. LPCS provides the food. To learn more about this program, contact volunteer coordinator Lynne Brenan at [lynnebrenan@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnebrenan@yahoo.com) or (630) 542-7012. Learn more here: [tinyurl.com/4sfbcmpx](http://tinyurl.com/4sfbcmpx).

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

**What must reparations look like?** “[R]eparations should be directed toward building a future where all human beings are respected as the sacred creations that they are and thereby free to live into the fullness of their sacred creation. For faith communities, reparations must not be only an effort to compensate for past harms, they must also chart a pathway to a just future. Otherwise, reparations become little more than a salve for white guilt while the sin of white supremacy continues to thrive.” What steps are necessary? Read *A Christian Call for Reparations* to explore these questions in depth, [shar.es/afHkv0](http://shar.es/afHkv0).

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

### **RESTORE OUTDOORS**

Consider letting part of your yard “go native” and celebrating your weed season. Choose plants that naturally grow in your area, especially ones that feed birds and butterflies and help pollinators. Native plants:

- Require less water than lawns or annuals.
- Help prevent erosion.
- Do not need fertilizers.
- Reduce air pollution.
- Increase shelter and food for pollinators and birds.

## **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 2023 dates at [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1517246](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1517246).

**THE BOOK NOOK** – Find your next good read or drop off books to share on the north side of the Social Hall. 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 Saint Pauls members and friends. 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** – Follow this link for additional information: [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 2023/24 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? 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)

**POLO STAY & PLAY** – This is a friendly group for parents and caregivers with babies and small children (ages 0-4) and expectant parents, to meet together and enjoy playtime with your children. Our group will meet in the nursery downstairs by the Social Hall on Fridays from 10 a.m.-12:00 p.m. *Please note, this is not a drop-off event.* Adult supervision is required.

**SCRIPTURE READER VOLUNTEERS** – 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/1508612](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1508612).

**ST. 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 below, or look out for future events in the bulletin calendar: [spucc.churchcenter.com/groups/saint-pauls-groups/st-pauls-social](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/groups/saint-pauls-groups/st-pauls-social)

**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)).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION** – Please register your kids for the 2022-23 Sunday School year at the link below. Sunday School is open to children 2-years-old to high school. Our Nursery is 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](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1306755)

**THURSDAY BASKETBALL** – Join us for a weekly pickup game! All skill levels are welcome. Email Pastor Matt to get on the updates list, [mfitzgerald@spucc.org](mailto:mfitzgerald@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](mailto:youngadults@spucc.org).

#### **YOUTH & FAMILY NEWSLETTER**

Make sure you stay in the know with youth events! A weekly email is sent to parents to share activities, including Sunday School lessons and other useful news. Please contact Erin Fitzgerald at [erin.fitzgerald@spucc.org](mailto:erin.fitzgerald@spucc.org) to be added to the list.

**YOUTH CHOIRS** – If your child has any interest in music, please join us! Kecia Waldschmidt is leading Paul's People for 4th-8th graders. Breanna Coe and Karen Johnson are leading the Children's Choir for kids K-3rd grade. Rehearsals are at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. We can't wait to hear our youth choirs singing again!

#### **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.*

- Mary Frances Winking's stepfather, Melvin, recovering from a stroke.
- Colleen, the wife of a friend of Brian Hafner's, who has suffered multiple strokes.
- Pat Kirby's friend, Mike, for a surgery and recovery complicated by a chronic health condition.
- Cheryl Kuba's friend, Nancy, in a second journey through cancer.
- For Kim Brunssen, dear friend of Kurt Hansen, moving into hospice care.
- Comfort, strength & peace to those dealing with death of loved ones.
- Pat Ruch, Ashley and Heather Cerkan, and friends of Al Cerkan at his death.
- Friends of the Van Zeyls, Sarah, Timmy, and their daughter Grace, as their older daughter Hannah recovers from open heart surgery.
- Winnie Kearn's mother, Patti, for healing of a wound.
- For the safety of Steve Schwartzberg's friend, Anthony.
- David, a 28-year-old recovering from an emergency operation.
- Michael Toomin, as he recovers from a back injury and is undergoing physical therapy.
- 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!*

St. 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 179 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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Parking validation is available in the Narthex.



## **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.