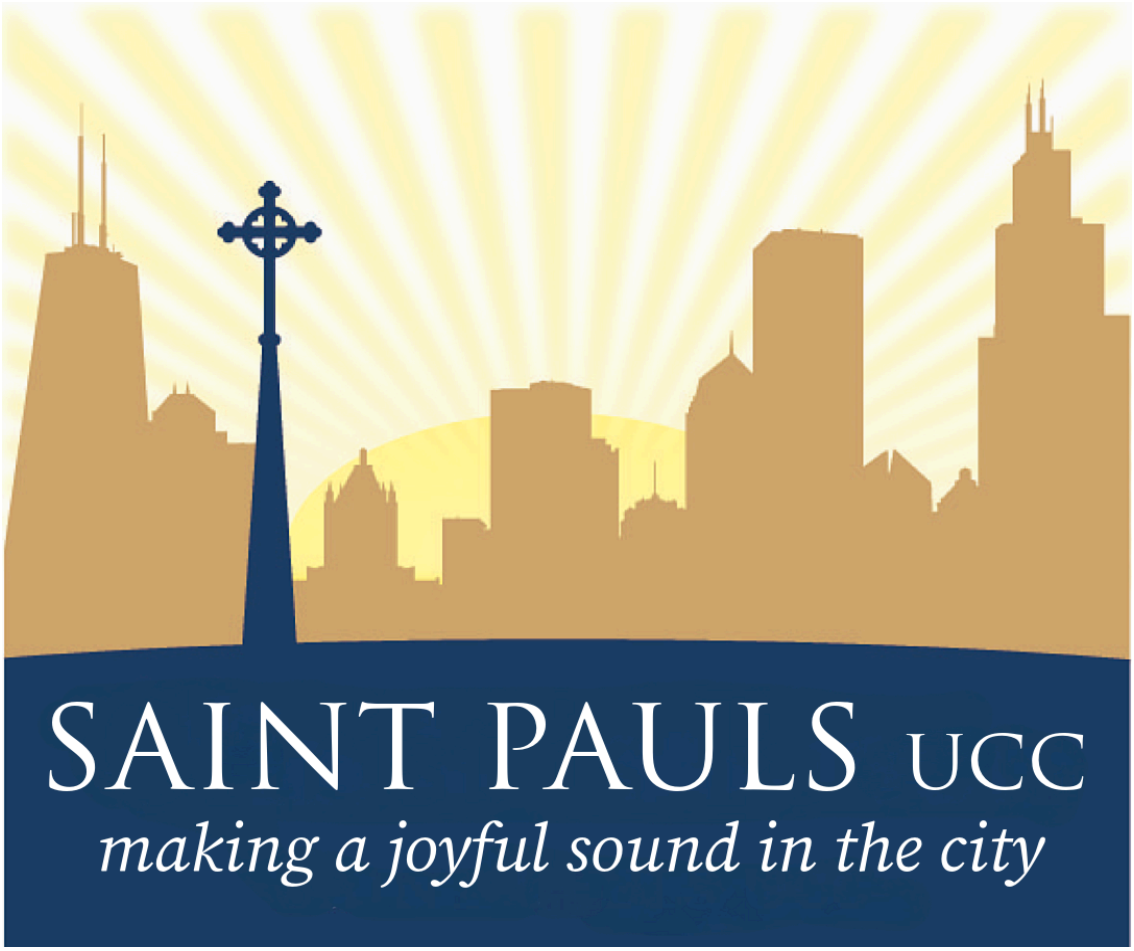


September 6, 2026
Communion

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

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION Proverbs 12:18

"The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing."

PRELUDE *Lord, Don't Move the Mountain* Doris Akers
St. Arbucks Quartet Arr. Brendan Henry

CHIMES

WELCOME Liz Nickerson

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

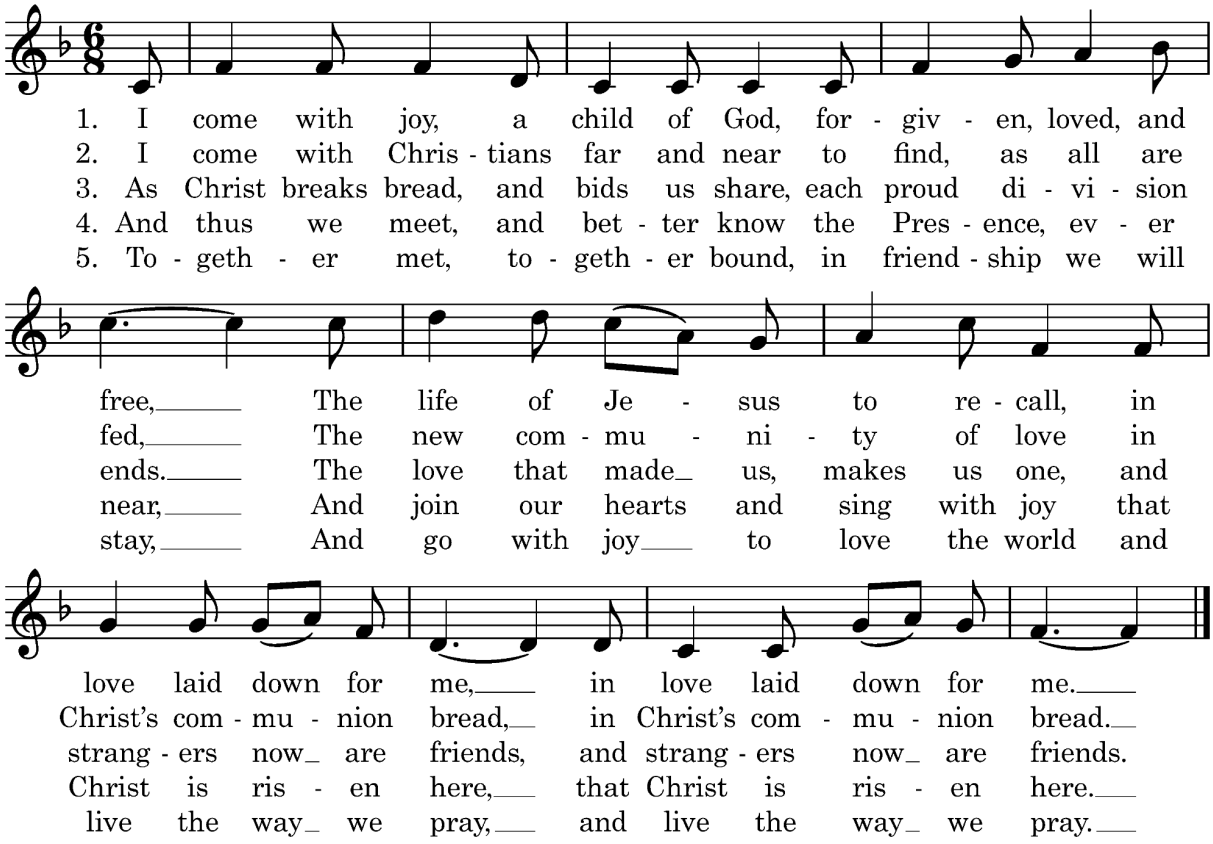
* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We do not walk this journey of faith alone.
All: We are members of one body, called to love one another.
One: When relationships are broken, Jesus calls us not to turn away, but to seek reconciliation.
All: We come seeking forgiveness, reconciliation, and peace.
One: Jesus tells us that whenever two or three gather in his name, he is there among them.
All: Christ is here among us this morning and invites us to the communion table to be fed.

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

* HYMN

I Come With Joy



CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Matt Fitzgerald

Merciful God,

You have called us to be your people,
but we confess that we do not always live as one body.

We judge quickly,
forgive slowly,
and sometimes forget how much we ourselves have been forgiven.

When relationships are broken,
give us the courage to take the first step toward healing.

When we have caused hurt,
give us humility to admit it.

We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ,
who is spiritually present with us now.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Please come forward for communion.
Take the bread and eat it. Then take the cup and drink.
Deposit the cups in the baskets on the way back to your seat.
The outer ring of cups contains grape juice. The inner rings contain wine.
A gluten-free bread option is wrapped and available on a separate tray.
Return to your seat by the side aisles.
All are welcome to take part in communion.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God,

Thank you for meeting us at this table
and reminding us that we are not alone.

As we have shared one bread and one cup,
make us one in Christ.

May we carry your presence with us
and share your love wherever we go.

In Christ's name, we pray. Amen

COMMUNION MUSIC *Truth* Kamasi Washington

St. Arbucks Quartet

Sunday School students are invited to go to their classroom #204.
If you would like to accompany your child(ren),
you are welcome to drop them off and return to worship.

* COMMUNION HYMN *As We Gather At Your Table*

SCRIPTURE Nancy Heffernan

Matthew 18:15–22

"If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them. Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

* 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 *Thank Our God for Christian Siblings* Verse 1

SERMON "Go . . ." Liz Nickerson

* HYMN *Thank Our God for Christian Siblings* Verses 2 & 3

See the previous hymn

OFFERTORY *Lauditio* Bernhark Krol

Chancel Choir

Thomas Clancy, Horn

Laudatio (defined as commendation, praising; or eulogy), written for Hermann Baumann, opens with a motif which represents a spiritual question. What follows is a journey, a search for understanding. The question reappears many times, often following the nearly-schizophrenic emotional roller coaster of musical events. Prayer ensues twice, the question is asked again in fragmented form, and an authentic cadence brings the listener to the final answer. - Michelle Stebleton

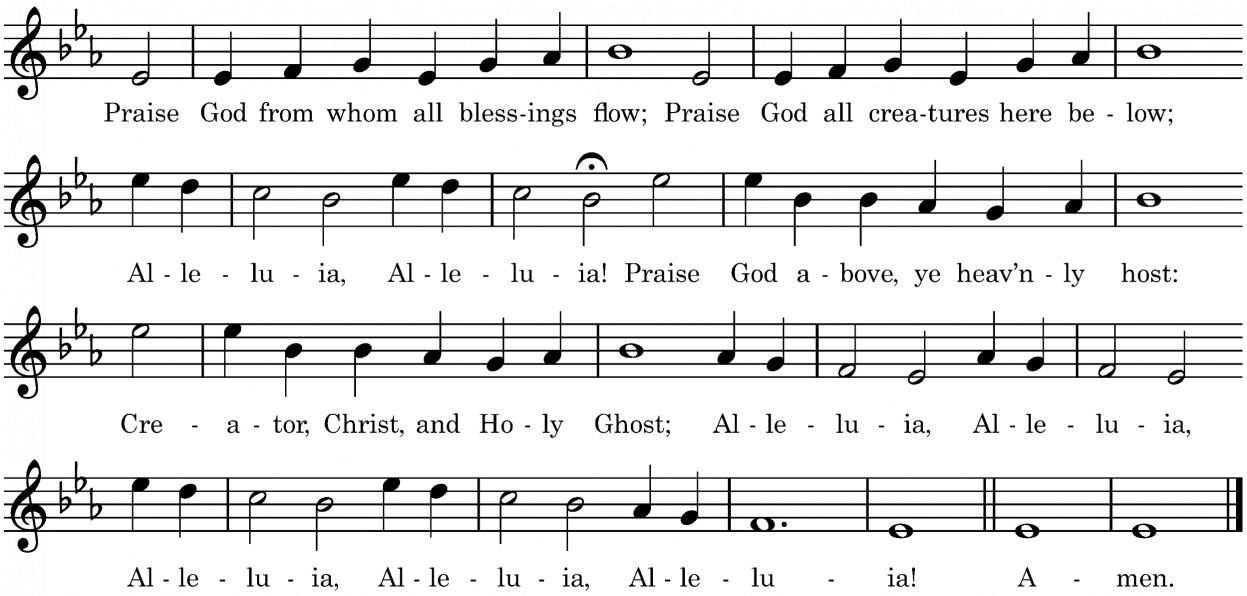
ELECTRONIC OFFERING OPTIONS

Scan this code with your cell phone camera,
Church Center at spucc.churchcenter.com/giving,
PayPal at spucc.org/paypal, or Zelle to giving@spucc.org.

WELCOME CARD

If you are a visitor, welcome! Thank you for worshiping with us today!
If would like to learn more about the church, please scan the QR code.

* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY

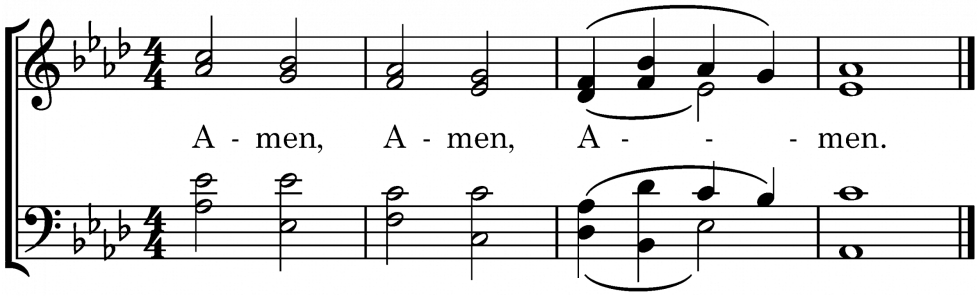


* HYMN

Help Us Accept Each Other

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE *Fugue in g minor ("Little")* J. S. Bach
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

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

Are you going through a crisis, such as the death of a loved one, a diagnosis, a divorce, a job loss, etc? Extensively trained in Christian caregiving, Stephen Ministers are also available to listen, support and offer confidential caring on a weekly basis to our members at a mutually agreeable time. If you wonder whether this may be helpful to you, please contact Pastor Jeff, jcarlson@spucc.org

Following worship all are invited for coffee and snacks in the Social Hall downstairs, directly beneath the sanctuary. If you're visiting, please stop by the Welcome Table so we can greet you.

Special Meeting of the Congregation — September 20th

Please join us for a brief congregational meeting in the sanctuary following worship on Sunday, September 20. At this brief meeting, we will do a bit of financial housekeeping in order to align our financial year with the budget approved at each year's March Annual Meeting. The congregation will vote on:

- Moving St. Pauls' annual budget year from the calendar year to April 1-March 30.
- Authorizing a one-time, three-month transition budget managed by the Church Council in the first quarter of 2027.

This change will align congregational approval of the budget with the budget's implementation. Currently, our financial year begins January 1, three months before the budget is actually approved. This bookkeeping change will not affect the timing of our annual Giving Campaign or year-end giving statements. All are welcome to attend, St. Pauls' members may vote.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Liz Nickerson, Matt Fitzgerald
Music Director: Stephen Edwards
Organist: Kevin Dzierzawski
St. Arbucks Quartet: Brendan Henry, piano; Alex Austin, bass; Matt Plaskota, drums; Kris Hansen, trumpet & vocals
Scripture Reader: Nancy Heffernan
Communion Coordinator: Jana O'Brien
Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji
Ushers: Doug Clark, David Baker, Fred Pearson
Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown
Camera Operators: Nana Addadzi-Koom, Jim Alrutz, Marie Ankenman, Bob Ball, Brian Hafner, Trevor Hafner
Custodian: Ramiro Gonzalez

Communion bread baked by Kristin Lane.

Would you like to donate altar flowers? Sign up here: tinyurl.com/4w6fu5js.

BORN THIS WEEK IN SEPTEMBER

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.

September 6 Bob Wild, Brian Butler, Greg Pine
September 9 Joe JaQuay
September 11 Mary Brown
September 12 Eric Moulton, Lucas Banks, Matt Raterman

ST. 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. You may also share your request at tinyurl.com/3j6sayku. 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.

- For Ella Vincent's mother, Maggie Vincent, struggling with serious health issues.
- For our Director of Operations, Aubraea Cleveland, on the deaths of her father and grandfather.
- For Kurt Hansen's sister, Kristin, going through major life transitions.
- Friends and loved ones of Pat Kirby at her death. Pat's memorial service will be held in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 19th.
- Charles Michod and family as they grieve the death of his wife, longtime Saint Pauls member Susan Michod.
- To the family of Ninon Freeman's dear friend, Tim Rooney, upon the death of his mother, Magda Rooney.
- Friends and loved ones of Dianne Witkowski at her death.
- The Coleman family as they seek strength, healing, justice, and peace through life's many challenges.
- Nadia Jiménez's cousin Dayana being treated for cancer.

Continue to hold these loved ones in prayer:
Randy Lyons, Jim Stovall, Megha Whiteman, David Folkes, Donn Schimp, Beverley Petrunich, Doug Dobmeyer

The sanctuary is reserved monthly on the fourth Tuesday from 1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. for prayer. The gym is reserved for un-hosted labyrinth walks Sept. 22, Oct. 27, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY – FILL THE SILLS
This summer, we will continue to collect items for the Common Pantry. The Pantry has many gluten-intolerant clients but rarely has gluten-free items in the pantry. St. Pauls has been asked to help fill their shelves with gluten-free items. There is also a continued need for personal hygiene items (shampoos, razors, feminine hygiene, toothpaste, diapers, baby wipes, etc.) and, of course, proteins are always in demand. The Pantry can always use reusable bags, backpacks, duffles, suitcases and roller bags to transport their food items. Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need.

SEPTEMBER 8 - AFTER SCHOOL LEGO CLUB - 4:30–5:30 p.m., Room 017
Young builders aged 5 –13 and their parents or guardians are invited to use their imaginations to build and create together with LEGO bricks. This free club builds creativity and community connection in a fun environment. Join us anytime during the hour to participate. Register: tinyurl.com/nhj6m8nj

SEPTEMBER 8 - FALL READING GROUP - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., ZOOM
Our monthly Reading Group continues on September 8 and October 13 with *Rivermouth* (A Chronicle of Language, Faith and Migration) by Alejandra Oliva. Carrie Bruggers will lead what promises to be lively discussions. On November 10, Lydia Murray will lead our adventure with *The Book of the Dun Cow* by Walter Wangerin, Jr. All discussions are over ZOOM at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Questions? Contact Marti Pechnyo at mpechnyo@gmail.com. Join us! Sign up here: tinyurl.com/yjutaszj

SEPTEMBER 9 - YOUNG ADULT WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP - 7 p.m., Off-site
If you're 22 to 35, join us on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for a weekly summer Small/Life Group at a member's apartment. Form stronger bonds with women at church, make new friends, and grow in your faith! For more information, email youngadults@spucc.org.

SEPTEMBER 13 - 2ND GUIDED TOUR OF LILY POOL - 12 p.m., Offsite
Green Team has arranged a guided tour of the Alfred Caldwell Lily Pool, a recently restored hidden jewel in Lincoln Park. Alfred Caldwell designed this sanctuary to represent a glacial river with Midwestern native plants. Its structures are strongly influenced by the Prairie School of Architecture. Due to the Lily Pool's small area, this tour is limited to eight people. Please e-mail Ninon Freeman at: nlanda05@yahoo.com to indicate your interest.

SEPTEMBER 13 - K-6TH SUNDAY SCHOOL ORIENTATION & BREAKFAST - 9:00 a.m., Social Hall - All families of children K-6 are invited to breakfast! Come meet your child's teachers, learn about the theological framework for learning at each stage of your child's development, the service and social events this fall, and connect with other families here at St. Pauls!

SEPTEMBER 13 - KICK OFF SUNDAY FINGER FOOD POTLUCK - 11:00 a.m., Gym
Celebrate the start of a new church year together! Reconnect with friends and welcome new faces with food and fellowship. Bring a dish based on your last name to share. R.S.V.P. on Church Center: tinyurl.com/4rbcbtt9

SEPTEMBER 13 - MEAL-MAKING FOR LPCS - 11:15 a.m. & 4 p.m., Kitchen
Join us in the kitchen to prepare meals for the residents of Lincoln Park Community Services. We have two opportunities to serve:

- Lunch-making: 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Help us assemble sack lunches right after church. Sign up for Lunch: tinyurl.com/e4m9v9zz
- Dinner-making: 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. Prepare dinner at the church and help deliver the meal to LPCS (600 W. Fullerton). Sign up for Dinner: tinyurl.com/5n92ywpk

SEPTEMBER 15 – RETIREMENT GROUP MEETING – 10 a.m., Parlor
Please join other retirees to discuss our transition paths, what's meaningful, what's on our minds, what brings (and has brought) us joy and sorrow, what's keeping us occupied, and what's next. For more information, contact Jana O'Brien at (708) 846-9415 or janaobrien1@gmail.com.

SEPTEMBER 17 – MOMS' GROUP - Thursday, 11:30 a.m., Nursery
Pastor Liz is looking forward to a meaningful discussion with you! Come meet other moms, make new friends, learn from each other, get advice, pray, and get renewed! Each month has a relevant theme on an issue you face as a mom. Free professional childcare is available. Babies can stay with their moms. R.S.V.P. to lnickerson@spucc.org.

SEPTEMBER 19 – GREAT LAKES CLEAN-UP - Saturday, Offsite
The Alliance for the Great Lakes' mandate is to protect the ecology and water of the Great Lakes — our source of drinking water. Every year they coordinate an international beach clean-up, usually involving a morning of collecting and counting trash. This humble job is important for researchers to estimate the amount and kinds of pollution entering the Great Lakes system.

The Green Team is looking for volunteers for a beach clean-up in one of the nearby beaches. More details to come. Pre-registration required. For additional information please contact Ninon Freeman at nlanda05@yahoo.com.

SEPTEMBER 21 - PEACH JAM MAKING - 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Offsite
Have you ever wanted to learn how to make jam? Join St Pauls Social and host Jan Bail for a hands-on "jam session" to make peach jam. Bring a friend and join us for a paJAMa party. Wear your pajamas and please bring a pair of new large pajamas to be donated to the guests at the Lincoln Park Community Shelter. Each person will go home with their very own jar of jam, and the remainder of the jam will be given to the LPCS for their guests to enjoy. We'll be jammin'! R.S.V.P. to janbail@me.com, Church Center: tinyurl.com/3pj9v2wy or text (773)472-5678 There is a class maximum.

SEPTEMBER 22 - FOOD FOR THE SOUL - 12:00 - 2:00 p.m., Social Hall & Gym
"End of Life Decision-Making Before End of Life" facilitated by Lynn Dysktra Davis. Adults of all ages are invited. Connect with new and old friends with lunch (please bring your own), fellowship, fun and discussion. After lunch, all are welcome to continue the afternoon with a Labyrinth Walk in the gym from 1:30–2:00 p.m. Take a few quiet moments to walk, reflect, and recharge. Childcare provided; register at tinyurl.com/une5bdd9

SEPTEMBER 26 - OKTOBERFEST - 1:00 - 8:00 p.m., Courtyard
Oktoberfest is just a few weeks away, and we are looking forward to tapping into the excitement of this Bavarian tradition with authentic German food, local Oktoberfest beers, live music and dancing, a jumpy-house, and other fun activities. This year's live entertainment will include acclaimed children's entertainer, Laura Doherty (1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.), and the Midwest's premier oompah band, Die Musikmeisters (3:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.).

It takes over 100 volunteers to pour 700 beers, serve 500 brats and hot dogs, and run kids' activities for seven hours. Can we count on you to join our team? As a volunteer, you will work a 2-hour shift and receive a free food/drink ticket.

You will also meet new friends and can help extend St. Pauls' hospitality to our guests and neighbors. Please sign up at: tinyurl.com/yf4ehv42

SEPTEMBER 27 - GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - 11:30 - 12:45 p.m., Room 211
You don't have to grieve alone. Grief can feel overwhelming, isolating, and difficult to explain. Our peer-led Grief Support Group offers a safe, welcoming, and supportive space for people who are grieving to come together, share their experiences, listen to others, and find connection.

What to Expect:

- A welcoming and supportive environment
- Opportunities to share your story—or simply listen
- Conversations about coping with grief and loss
- Support from others who understand
- Practical ways to care for yourself during the grieving process
- Respect for each person's unique experience and pace

No one is required to share. We'll meet one Sunday a month. Led by Stephen Ministry Leader Joe JaQuay. You can sign up to join the group here: tinyurl.com/hktte7xd

OCTOBER 4 – VACCINATION CLINIC BY MARIANO'S PHARMACY-9 a.m., Gym
Vaccinations will be provided by Mariano's pharmacy, including COVID boosters, shingles, pneumonia, and flu shots. Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Don't forget to bring your COVID vaccine card and your Medicare or insurance card! **Register now** at tinyurl.com/kroger-scheduler to book your appointment!

1. **Enter the Benefit Code**: Use **SPUCCVAC26** when prompted.
2. **Select Your Vaccines**: Choose which vaccines you want to receive
3. **Find an Appointment**:
   - Select **10/4/2026** for the date.
4. **Pick Your Time**: Choose your preferred time slot.
5. **Check Your Eligibility:** Provide your information to confirm eligibility for vaccination.
6. **Patient Details**: Enter your contact, address, and basic info for healthcare records.
7. **Complete Consent**: Finish by filling out and electronically signing the consent form.

OCTOBER 18 - CALMING OUR NERVOUS SYSTEM & LABYRINTH WALK - 11:15 a.m., Gym - Join us after worship for a discussion of ways we can calm our nervous system and cultivate a more relaxed and peaceful mind based on the newest neuroscience research. We will then walk the labyrinth, which is an ancient spiritual practice that can help us achieve this relaxation, peace, and a deeper connection with God. All are welcome. Register and learn more: tinyurl.com/3z9j4tt9

OCTOBER 17 & 18 - OPEN HOUSE CHICAGO - 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Onsite
For the first time ever, St. Pauls will open our doors as one of the sites for Open House Chicago, a free public program of the Chicago Architecture Center where buildings around the city are open to the public to visit. Hundreds of visitors will be coming to visit our beautiful church, and we need YOU to be one of our volunteer greeters and welcome folks into St. Pauls. No experience necessary! Greeters will be spaced throughout the church to help direct people through our building. We'll need nine greeters for each of the two-hour shifts on Saturday between 9:30-5:30 and Sunday between 11:30-5:30. You can sign up for more than one shift. Questions? Contact Pastor Jeff, jcarlson@spucc.org. You can sign up for a Volunteer Greeter shift here: tinyurl.com/3sth5mek

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION
Please register for Nursery/Preschool childcare, K-6th Sunday School, 7th and 8th grade Confirmation, and High School classes by scanning this QR code.

Nursery
Our nursery is staffed by trustworthy child care professionals who have been with Saint Pauls for years. Parents are welcome to drop their children off before worship. The nursery is next to our Social Hall, on the garden level directly under the sanctuary. Parents will be contacted during worship if their infant or toddler needs assistance.

Sunday School K-6th
All families of children K-6 are invited to breakfast at 9 a.m. in the Social Hall on 9/13. Meet your teachers and learn about the theological framework and goals for learning at each stage of your child's development. There are three parts to youth education at St. Pauls: Sunday School, Service Projects, and Social Events to build community. Come learn about how your children will grow in their faith and connect with families here at St. Pauls!

Confirmation (7th & 8th Grades)
Confirmation students meet on September 13th in Room 210, at the east end of the Upper Level at 9:55 a.m. A week later there will be a Confirmation lunch for families at 11:15 a.m. in the Social Hall. St. Pauls offers a two-year Confirmation program. Classes meet regularly throughout the year at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. A

student entering this program is not signing on to be confirmed, but rather is entering a process to help her or him decide if they would like to be confirmed.

High School
High School students, bring a friend to our kickoff party on Friday, September 18th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Join Pastor Matt and others as we feast on good food, enjoy games and conversation, and plan for an excellent year.

VOLUNTEER WORSHIP TRANSPORTATION
Help a fellow member attend Sunday worship by providing transportation assistance for Mary Stainton on selected Sundays. Volunteers will meet Mary at Warren Barr (66 W. Oak St.) at approximately 8:15 a.m. and ride the PACE bus with her to St. Pauls, then accompany her on the return trip around 12:00 p.m. (times may vary slightly each week). Your support helps ensure every member can fully participate in our church community. For more information or to volunteer, please call or text (205)799-8979.

VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE RELIEF
Critical help is needed for Venezuelans following the recent earthquakes. Immediate impacts include loss of shelter, infrastructure, disruption of basic services, and psycho-social distress. Long-term impacts are expected to include prolonged displacement and loss of livelihoods.. The UCC is working with Global Ministry partners to deliver aid. You can find out more and donate to the efforts here: tinyurl.com/4v7ejndv

TAKE ACTION TO FIGHT HUNGER
St. Pauls' letters on hunger to congresspeople are having a positive effect. For the rest of August, the Activism and Action Ministry recommends that you contact Senator Dick Durbin's office. He sits on the Agriculture Committee which has a key vote coming upon the Farm Bill. You can find a sample letter here: tinyurl.com/3kj2wppb

POP TAB COLLECTION MILESTONE
Thank you to all who have contributed to the Ronald McDonald pop tab collection bin. With our last donation, we surpassed the 100 pound donation mark! That's 100 pounds of pure aluminum that is being recycled to benefit the programs of our local Ronald McDonald House. Keep popping those tabs. Our donation bin is located in the Social Hall!

BLAST FROM THE PAST

After our founding in 1843 and the schism which resulted in the establishment of First St. Pauls Lutheran, our membership skyrocketed. This was the result of political unrest in Germany. German refugees flooded Chicago so much that our pastor, Reverend Hartmann, could not keep up on calls to members living south and west of the Chicago River. With our support these members in 1858 formed the Zion German Evangelical congregation. It was founded on the west side near Ashland & 14th St. In the mid-1920s, the church moved further west to the Austin neighborhood at 5442 W. Van Buren. It dissolved in the early 1970s due to the changing neighborhood.

CREATION CORNER by Green Team

Caring for Creation During Heat Waves

Heatwaves are the deadliest types of extreme weather events, greater killers than hurricanes and floods. Moreover, deaths do not increase parallel to the heat's severity, in fact, mortality increases much faster. What can you do?

- Look after your neighbors, particularly if they are elderly, disabled or live alone — they are most vulnerable;
- If they do not use air conditioning because of cost, offer to help
- Donate unused fans, air conditioners, and water
- Offer rides to cooling centers or host during a heat emergency
- Visit friends/neighbors in nursing homes to check conditions.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Scan the QR codes to discover ways to connect with others.

CONNECT & GROW

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SPECIAL SERVICES

KIDS ACTIVITIES

NEW MEMBERS

HOLIDAYS

SUBMIT AN ANNOUNCEMENT

For St. Pauls sponsored events, please fill out the new form **by 10 a.m. on Wednesdays for publication in the Friday email and the next Sunday bulletin**. Share personal announcements/events on our Facebook group page, St. Pauls Together.
Please limit announcements to 100 words. Thank you.

NEW! OPT-IN TO TEXTING FROM ST. PAULS
Want to receive reminders and announcements via text?
Simply scan the QR code to the right and fill out the form!

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, during the past 180 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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Associate Pastor Jeff Carlson, jcarlson@spucc.org
Associate Pastor Liz Nickerson, lnickerson@spucc.org

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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 LGBTQ+ people.
Welcome to each and to everyone.
We are blessed by your presence and
we are glad you are here.