October 11, 2026

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.

PRELUDE *Why We Sing* Kirk Franklin
St. Arbucks

CHIMES

INTROIT *Let Us with a Joyful Mind* John Milton/INNOCENTS
Chancel Choir

Let us with a joyful mind praise our God forever kind,
Rich with mercies that endure, every faithful, ever sure.
New-made earth was filled with light through God's all commanding might,
Rich with mercies that endure, every faithful, ever sure.

WELCOME Liz Nickerson

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 92)

One: It's wonderful to give thanks and to sing praises to God.
All: It's wonderful each morning to speak of God's love.
One: It's a joy to praise God with instruments and voice.
All: Let's sing for joy about the good God has done!
One: Hallelujah!
All: Praise the Lord!

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

* HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* v. 1

SCRIPTURE Mark Sancya

Philippians 4:1–9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

* 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 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* *v. 2–3*

(see previous hymn)

SERMON "With Thanksgiving" Jeff Carlson

* HYMN *How Can I Keep From Singing?*

MINISTRY MOMENT Saint Paul's Green Team Janice Keeler

OFFERTORY *Psalm 23* Craig Courtney

Chancel Choir

John Heffernan, Katherine Heise - violin • Istvan Loga - viola • David Sands - Cello

The Lord, the Lord is my shepherd. He leads me beside, beside still waters,
He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and staff: they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head, my head with oil; My cup overflows.
Surely love and goodness will follow me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever, amen.

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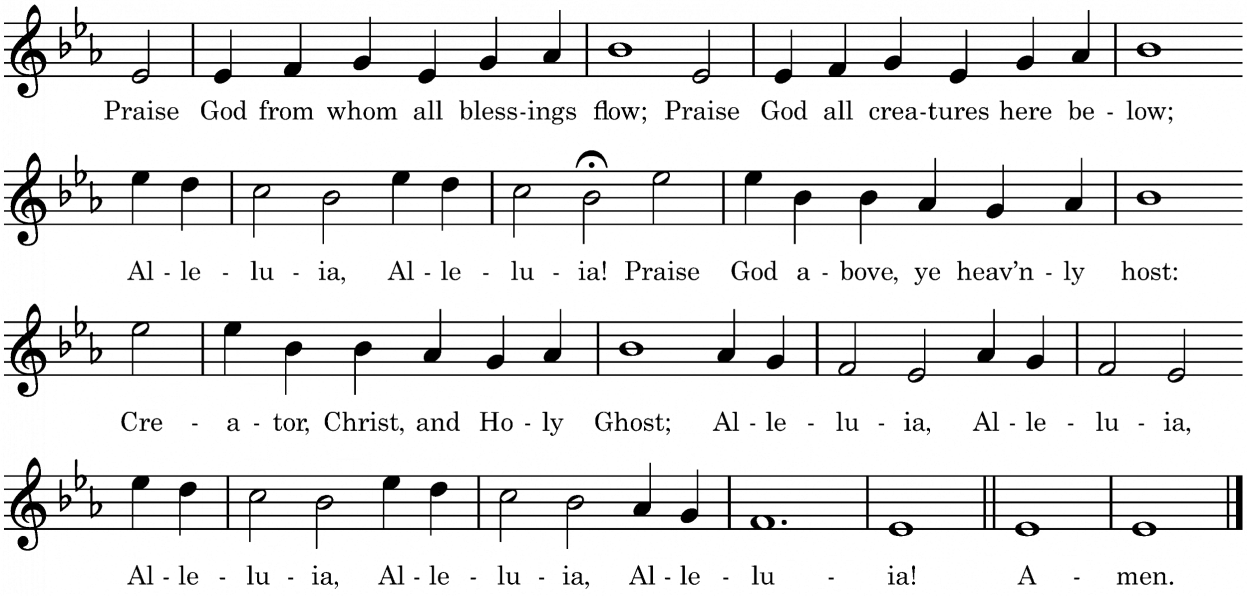
PayPal at spucc.org/paypal, or Zelle to giving@spucc.org.

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



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH Matt Fitzgerald

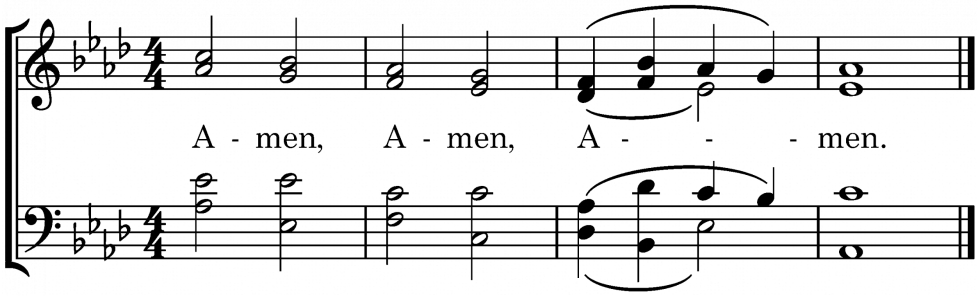
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 *How Firm a Foundation*

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE *Concerto in a minor—I, BWV 593* J. S. Bach/A.Vivaldi
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.

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

- CHILDCARE is available for babies and toddlers up to age 5 during worship from 10 to 11 a.m. downstairs in the Nursery and Toddler Room. Activity "Worship Bags" are available in the Narthex for children to use during the service.
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL and CONFIRMATION classes are not in session on October 11 and will resume next week.** K-6 students are dismissed with their teachers during the worship service, and parents pick up children immediately after the service in their classrooms.
    - K-2nd grade Room #17 (Lower Level, next to nursery)
    - 3-4th grade Room #204 (Upper Level)
    - 5-6th grade Room #28 (Lower Level)
    - Confirmands Room #211 (Upper Level)

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Liz Nickerson, Jeff Carlson, 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: Mark Sancya
Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji
Greeters: David Baker, Ron Koepke, Doug Clark
Ushers: Andrea Koepke
Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown
Camera Operators: Nana Addadzi-Koom, Jim Alrutz, Marie Ankenman, Bob Ball, Brian Hafner, Trevor Hafner
Custodian: Ramiro Gonzalez

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS in memory of Betty (McAuliffe) Pellegrino.

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

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BORN THIS WEEK IN 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.

October 11	Catalina Smedley, Christine Weil, Flynn Lechtenberg, Rachel Barton Pine
October 12	Colie Winsor, Everett Hamm, Jennifer Frei, Shelley Keller
October 13	Danielle Mayfield, Julian Rodriguez, Margaret England
October 14	Trevor Hafner
October 15	Alicia Braun, Andrew Malley, Bennett Roark, Elizabeth Raterman, Sarah Moulton, Thea Mack, Trevor Sidewand, Wynne Emmrich
October 16	Hannah Barton, Joel Bleifuss, Logan Alain Velazco Navarro, Lucille Miller, Lydia Richardson
October 17	Casey Stulce

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.

- Friends and loved ones of David Folkes. His memorial service will be held in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 21st.
- Nick, who passed on September 6, has found the peace and repose he sought for so very long.
- Jennifer Kew's father, battling pneumonia.
- Mark Albright, a Little Lights father, having a bone marrow transplant at the end of the month.
- Graham Hicks' family on the death of his grandfather, Ronald Taylor, on Sept. 13.
- Jessica Ashley's cousin, Rivers Sears, on the death of her partner, Phil.
- Ella Vincent on the death of her mother, Maggie Vincent, whose funeral was on Saturday.
- Our Director of Operations, Aubraea Cleveland, on the deaths of her father and grandfather.
- Kurt Hansen's sister, Kristin, going through major life transitions.
- Charles Michod and family as they grieve the death of his wife, longtime Saint Pauls member Susan Michod.

Continue to hold these loved ones in prayer:
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.

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 fall we will continue to fill the window sills of our sanctuary with much needed items for the Common Pantry. The most requested items are: proteins and personal hygiene (shampoos, razors, feminine hygiene, toothpaste, diapers, baby wipes, etc.). The Pantry always needs reusable bags, backpacks, duffles and roller bags for clients to transport their food items.

Recently we dropped off items collected during August. Shea Leibow, their Community and Outreach Coordinator sent the following email: "You all brought in 342 lbs of highly-needed food and personal care items! THANK YOU! We couldn't do what we do without the support of partners like St Pauls UCC.
Thank you for being such generous and consistent partners."

Let's keep FILLING OUR SILLS for our neighbors in need. Donations can be placed on the sanctuary window sills any Sunday. If you would like to donate directly to the Pantry you may use the QR code to the right.

TODAY (SUN) – MOMS' NIGHT IN - 7:00 -10:00 p.m., Drop-in!
Meet other moms, make new friends, and relax at Gretchen W.'s home. Coming at the last minute is fine. R.S.V.P. tinyurl.com/2h4vxnkk

OCTOBER 13 (TUE) - 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

OCTOBER 13 (TUE) - FALL READING GROUP - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., ZOOM
Our monthly Reading Group continues on October 13 with *Rivermouth* (A Chronicle of Language, Faith and Migration) by Alejandra Oliva. Carrie Bruggers will lead what promises to be a second lively discussion. 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

OCTOBER 14 (WED) - ZOOM NEW MEMBER CLASS - 7:00 p.m., Offsite, Zoom
Interested in learning more about St. Pauls or becoming a member? Join our pastors and fellow members for a virtual New Member Class! Together, we'll explore faith, community, and what it means to be part of St. Pauls. All are welcome, whether you're ready to join or simply curious! A Zoom link will be shared with registered participants. Register here: tinyurl.com/mr6y677b

OCTOBER 14 (WED) - 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.

OCTOBER 15 - DECEMBER 18 (THUR/FRI) - JUMPSTART GYM – 9-10 a.m., Gym
Children ages 5 and under with a caregiver are invited Thursdays and/or Fridays to run, jump, and climb in St. Pauls beautiful full-sized gym and tumbling mat area! Sign up for a small fee, combo discount for both days. Register here: tinyurl.com/4zph5muw

OCTOBER 15 (THUR) - THURSDAY DINNER-MAKING FOR LPCS - 4:00 p.m., Kitchen
Join us in preparing and delivering dinner for residents of the Lincoln Park Community Shelter. We meet at SPUCC at 4 p.m. and deliver the meal to LPCS (600 W. Fullerton) around 6 p.m. Learn more at tinyurl.com/4wu2xb6p.

OCTOBER 15 (THURS) - THURSDAY LUNCH-MAKING FOR LPCS - 10:30 a.m., Kitchen
Join us in preparing lunch for the Lincoln Park Community Services (LPCS) afternoon drop-in program! Volunteers will gather in the St. Pauls Kitchen from 10:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. to prepare the meal. Learn more at tinyurl.com/3tuzzmtw.

OCTOBER 15 (THURS) – MOMS' GROUP - Thursday, 9:15 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.

OCTOBER 16 - DECEMBER 18 (FRI) - STAY & PLAY – 10-11:30 a.m., Rainbow Room
Our toddler playgroup meets on Friday mornings for parents/caregivers to meet and build community together. Children accompanied by an adult get to play and preview a preschool class setting for a small fee. Spots are limited and registration is required. Select your date(s) here: tinyurl.com/3bhcd6vy

OCTOBER 17 (SAT)- 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. 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

OCTOBER 17 (SAT) - HALLOWEEN OPEN GYM – 9:30-11:30 a.m., Gym
Families are invited for a Halloween-themed Open Gym including crafts, games, bounce house and spooky treats. Show off your costume and join in the fun. R.S.V.P. here: tinyurl.com/yc53hpua

OCTOBER 17 & 18 (SAT & SUN) - CLOTHING SWAP – 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Gym
Come to the swap and "shop" for FREE gently used clothing and toys (no need to donate to take).

OCTOBER 18 (SUN) - 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 18 (SUN) – STAND IN THAT RIVER: CHICAGO CHAMBER CHOIR – 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Join the Chicago Chamber Choir at St. Pauls for *Stand in That River*, a moving musical exploration of what it means to be human in a world driven by accomplishment, status, and productivity. Inspired by Ayanna Woods' Infinite Body, this performance invites us to reflect on life's joys and struggles while exploring the importance of rest, healing, and simply being. Tickets are $32 for adults and $15 for students. Learn more and purchase tickets at tinyurl.com/2ht59jvr.

OCTOBER 18 (SUN) – LGBTQ RELIGIOUS ARCHIVES 25th ANNIVERSARY GALA - 5:00 p.m., Virtual
All are invited to celebrate the 25th Anniversary virtual Gala of the LGBTQ-RAN (Religious Archives Network) honoring "Sacred Rebels" from past decades and three of "Today's Changemakers." Rick Peterson is a member of the LGBTQ-RAN Board and St Pauls is a sponsor of this event.

This event is free, but registration is required. For more information and to register, visit tinyurl.com/39d9f4ty.

OCTOBER 18 (SUN) - 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 20 (TUE) – RETIREMENT GROUP MEETING – 10:00 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.

OCTOBER 24 (SAT) - DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS XICÁGO - 3:00 p.m., Offsite
All ages, household types are welcome to join us at the National Museum of Mexican Art in Pilsen for the one day NMMA and the community co-celebrate Dia de los Muertos. We'll first walk the 40-year recap of their amazing exhibits in this Chicago treasure house and then explore the 70+ family ofrendas ("offerings") assembled throughout Harrison Park. Music and dancing by local groups; food and interesting vendors fill the parking lot. Free. Street parking available; close to CTA Pink line, Ashland and Damen bus routes. Register here: tinyurl.com/mwpepybv

OCTOBER 27 (TUE) - FOOD FOR THE SOUL - 12:00 - 1:30 p.m., Social Hall & Gym
Come Be Surprised - discussion facilitated by Jenny Benefield.
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 1:30–2:30 p.m. Take a few quiet moments to walk, reflect, and recharge. Childcare provided; register at tinyurl.com/une5bdd9

OCTOBER 28 (WED) - COOKIES FOR A CAUSE - 5 p.m., Kitchen
Join us on Wednesday, October 28th at 5:00 p.m. for an evening of fellowship and cookie baking for the LPCS and A Just Harvest. We bake hundreds of cookies, enjoy dinner in fellowship, and have a lot of fun! Service hours can be earned. Please R.S.V.P. to Gloria Joseph: glrjoseph@yahoo.com or Marcia Volk at: marcia@volkonline.com

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.

PASTOR & CHURCH STAFF APPRECIATION
October is widely observed as Pastor and Church Staff Appreciation Month. It is a dedicated time for congregations to honor pastors and all church staff for their hard work and spiritual leadership. The Care & Connection Ministry invites you to pause and consider the wealth of blessings provided by our amazing, talented, caring staff and pastors. Join us in showing gratitude to this wonderful group this month and always. Cards are available at the Connectors table in the Social Hall if you would like to send a message.

MEAL-MAKING FOR LPCS
Every month we have five opportunities to make meals for the guests of Lincoln Park Community Services. You don't need to plan the meal, just sign up and pitch in to help..

To volunteer for an upcoming meal, sign up at the links:

Second Sunday of the Month - Make lunch right after church.
tinyurl.com/4s7ybs2c

Second Sunday of the month - Make dinner from 4-6.
tinyurl.com/yhc2t82b

Second Thursday of the Month - Make dinner from 4-6.
tinyurl.com/mvjnrnrb

First and Third Thursdays - Make lunch from 10:30-12:15.
tinyurl.com/mr3fbfrv

If you'd like to contribute to the cost of the meals, you can donate here and select "community meals fund" from the menu: https://spucc.churchcenter.com/giving.

SAVE THOSE CLOTHES!
Clothes swapping is one of the most environmentally friendly ways to reduce waste, and it's community care! We are accepting clothes, books, or toys in good-excellent condition now through October 14th. Infant through adult sizes are welcome. Please label and sort items by size. Come "Shop" for FREE (no need to donate to take) October

17-18. Reach out to erin.fitzgerald@spucc.org if you have swap questions or would like to help.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGE REMINDER AND INFORMATION
This December will mark the end of the three-year pledge/giving window for the *Campaign to Expand and Elevate Our Openness*. To save on our bridge credit interest, please try to complete your planned giving by that time. Some important info to note:

- If you give by check, please note the capital campaign in the memo line.
- If you give by securities, contact Claire Haraburda (capcamcoordinator@spucc.org) for instructions.
- If you have already or plan to set up an automatic deduction for your campaign giving, be sure to contact Claire at the email above to tell her to stop these payments once your capital campaign pledge or giving commitment is fulfilled.
- We welcome new campaign giving from our new or non-pledged members to help fully pay for our beautiful new courtyard and now fully accessible St. Pauls!

Bless you for your generosity, and thank you for completing by December your planned giving to this truly transformative St. Pauls endeavor!

WINDY CITY WINDS CONCERTS -- SAVE THESE DATES!
Windy City Winds is a 60-member symphonic band that rehearses and performs at St. Pauls UCC. Season 12 will include three concerts in the sanctuary on Friday evenings at 7:30pm:

- **November 13** -- "American Dreams" -- with guest conductor Dr. Elizabeth Peterson, director emeritus at the University of Illinois
- **March 5** -- "La Fiesta Mexicana" -- including music from other destinations, including Scotland and Korea
- **May 14** -- "Piccolo Concerto" -- featuring guest soloist Jennifer Gunn of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra

Please save these dates -- we hope to see you there!

REFUGEEONE: WINTER COAT AND BOOT DRIVE
RefugeeOne is making plans to help their clients with warm winter clothes. There is an Amazon gift registry that has the items RefugeeOne is looking for. If you're interested in participating, please use this list and have the items shipped directly to RefugeeOne by selecting the RefugeeOne (Winter Coat Drive) address when you checkout. Please order your items by Monday, October, 19th so that RefugeeOne will receive them in time to distribute them. Amazon link: tinyurl.com/3xbc5zv2 Thank you!

CREATION CORNER by Green Team

From Portage to Community Park

In October, three parishes, including St. Pauls, worked to clean-up litter and prepare the ground for a children's playground at Clark Park. Throughout the year, volunteers clean the site both on land and by canoes. The greatest problem is the amount of plastic trash entering the river.

Once Clark Park was part of the transport corridor of native peoples— Neshnabe, Kickapoo, Saulk, Fox. After the removal of native Americans, these grounds became successively a skeet-shooting center and an amusement park until 1967. Clark Park is now part of the Chicago Park District and is heavily trafficked.

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?
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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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at the Lincoln Common Parking Garage, 2316 N. Lincoln Ave.
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.