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Dear Friends,

How are you? What are you doing that is benefitting you at this time? Are there some things in your life you are focusing on that seem especially helpful to you? Where are you seeing God at work?

These and similar questions are frequently on my mind these days.

One avenue to answering these queries is found in a consistent daily spiritual routine. My routine includes, devotions, journaling and prayer. Making regular conscious effort to express myself directly to the Lord has been very helpful. There are so many potent emotions and thoughts in my present experience that feeling overwhelmed is commonplace. Sharing them with Christ is a powerful means to understanding and receiving support.

The New Testament describes Jesus praying often. He felt it important. Prayer was an end in itself but also a means to an end. It enabled him to successfully navigate stressful and dangerous experiences in his life.

Peace,

*Pastor Greg*

revgl@stpaulsucccl.org



## New to our SCRIP program!

Due to the current circumstances St. Paul's has signed up for additional SCRIP programs. E-cards, reloads and card ordering. As always **Karen Radovich** will have a stock of cards for sale. If you would like to participate contact the church office to have an invitation sent to your e-mail.

### EASY AND CONVENIENT

These products make it easy to earn on the go.

#### PrestoPay™

The secure online payment system for families that lets them pay for orders and receive e-gift cards and reload their cards immediately.

#### MyScripWallet™

Our mobile website where families can buy physical gift cards, reloads, and eGift cards. Directly onto their phones great for when you are in line at a store you can reload or buy cards to go straight to your phone!

Amazon	6 @ \$25
BP	3 @ \$50
Buffalo Wild Wings	3 @ \$25
Buona Beef	12 @ \$10
Chili's	5 @ \$25
Chipotle	4 @ \$10
Darden—Olive Garden	8 @ \$25
Dunkin'	4 @ \$10
Fannie May	5 @ \$10
IHOP	2 @ \$25
Jewel	8 @ \$100
Kohl's	1 @ \$25 / 1 @ \$100
LL Bean	2 @ \$100
Marathon	2 @ \$100
Marianos	6 @ \$50
Meijer	3 @ \$50
Menards	1 @ \$100
Mobil	2 @ \$50
Outback	2 @ \$25
PF Chang	2 @ \$25
Panera	10 @ \$10/ 2 @ \$25
Shell	5 @ \$50
Speedway	1 @ \$25/ 1 @ \$100
Stein Mart	1 @ \$25
Subway	6 @ \$10
Target	1 @ \$25/ 1 @ \$50
Walmart	2 @ \$100/ 1 @ \$250

If you would like to browse through the list of 700+ participating retailers, contact the church office. If you would like to place an order for cards not in stock, contact **Karen Radovich** (nuknees@mc.net). Cards will be dropped off at church for pick up during business hours.

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**One Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m.**  
Via Facebook Live or streaming on website.

**Church Office Summer Hours**  
**8 a.m.—noon M-Th**

**St. Paul's Christian**  
**Preschool 815-479-9770**



Hello St. Paul's Friends,

Since I last sat down to write the Council article for the Beacon, I have attended online meetings for St. Paul's boards and committees. The Board of Christian Education met in July and the St. Paul's Christian Preschool Board and Church Council met in August. Even though we were not physically present with each other, we were able to hold a meeting much in the same way as we always have, thanks to meeting programs, such as Zoom or Google Meet. Some participants join with their laptops or tablets in order to see others and be seen; others simply call in on their phones to lend their voices. In this way, we are able to continue engaging in the church's business. For this capability, I am truly grateful.

Of course, all these groups have something in common. They are all comprised of volunteers who have dedicated a portion of their time to help plan, develop, execute and monitor projects and missions. Without them, the essential work needed at St. Paul's would be difficult at best, impossible at worst. With Autumn fast approaching, all these groups will be needing additional volunteers to replace those whose terms are expiring at the end of the year. Please consider offering your time to one of these vital committees. You can contact me, one of the Church Council members, or **Sherry** in the church office to volunteer.

Grace and peace,  
**Jennifer Good**, President, Church Council



9/1	Donna Butler
9/3	Gordon Triefenbach
9/4	Garrett Gee
9/6	Linda Christensen
9/7	Caitlin Lindstrand
9/9	Kathi Seibt
9/10	Eric Mason
	Barb Jelinek
9/12	David Loehner
9/13	Tasha MacKenzie
9/17	Bonnie Poulton
	Bill Eich
	Jessica Butler
9/18	Jennifer Melahn
	Luann Hopkins
	Gerilyn Whetham
9/19	Margaret Tobin
9/20	Connie Chappell
9/21	Marianne Spencer
9/26	Jackie Mason
	Jordan Lotesto
	Meghan Schneeweiss
9/26	Warren Spencer
9/27	Becky Berg
9/28	Olivia Schultz
9/29	Linda Kranz
	Randolph Kriegel
	Krista Huffman
9/30	John Sroka

This month we are spotlighting our Buildings and Grounds guys, **Ken Thrun, Steve Tobin & Ken Hansen**. Even though we have not had physical services here since March. Building and Grounds, head guy **Ken Thrun** has been here on a regular basis, making repairs, updating the altar guild room, making sure that every thing is working properly and functioning. Sometimes things break down when they are not being used on a regular basis. **Ken** has been the silent hero, replacing, painting, and repair various things.

We also would like to spotlight **Steve Tobin** for donating his time and expertise with the concrete work that **Ken & Steve** have been doing around the property over the summer. There are many times **Steve** is here helping out. Not just the concrete but helping with projects and other repairs. Taking time out of his busy work schedule.

Thank you **Ken Hansen** for the electrical work that he does here, we would be in the dark if not for his help. Thank you for taking the time to help the group.

Thank you to all the others that have helped with various projects for Buildings & Grounds, the bi-annual church cleanup. And other larger projects that needed more hands.

There are so many things that they have done here at St. Paul's that goes unnoticed, unacknowledged and unknowingly unappreciated. As we have been celebrating the anniversaries of the buildings this summer, we also need to celebrate the group that keeps these buildings functioning, safe, and nice for all of St. Paul's family and friends to enjoy.

Thank you, **Ken Thrun, Steve Tobin & Ken Hansen and other volunteers!**

# History of St. Paul's Board of Christian Ed.

The Board of Christian Education (BOCE) has been overseeing educational opportunities at St. Paul's for many years. In the beginning it was simply called the Sunday School Board. Currently Sunday School, adult education, confirmation, and VBS are all included under the BOCE.

The goals of the BOCE are for all ages to see themselves as children of God, grow in Bible knowledge, and find God's meaning, purpose and love in their lives. The BOCE also works to keep learning fun, interesting and relevant.

Sunday School has changed many times over the years, from meeting in the "parlor" of the old church, to all classes meeting in the current Fellowship Hall which was divided by curtains (very noisy), to classes meeting in the education wing named in honor of the **Rev. William Bloesch** in 1969.

The BOCE is always welcoming new members to the board. If you would have an interest in serving on this mission, please call the church office.

## Fun Facts

### St Paul's Sunday School Over the Years

According to a handwritten ledger dated 1932-1938 the board met in the "parlor" of the original church. The treasurer's report showed a monthly balance of anywhere from \$7.21 to \$28.59.

Children's Day was celebrated at St Paul's on Father's Day in June of 1935

In 1938 the Sunday School Board contributed \$5.00 to the painting of the church parlor. Some months they paid the lighting bill.

In the 30's the Sunday School Christmas Program was on Christmas Eve.

In 1949 \$200.00 was given to the Sunday School Board by a church in Indianapolis. The money was to be used to buy a projector and films.

1969 was the groundbreaking year for the new education wing on the Woodstock Street church.

In September 1980, Sunday School started with a balloon launch called "Lift Off Sunday". Each student received a helium balloon with a bible message attached telling of God's love. They hoped to receive a message back telling who found their balloon and where.

Eight students were confirmed that year.

An adult Bible Study was offered on Wednesday mornings.

In 1982 the 5th annual Kite Fly was celebrated by the Sunday School students. According to newspaper articles there were at least 19 of these annual events.

In 1995 Rally Day included a dunk tank and a moon walk.

May 11, 1997 God's Kids music group at St Paul's presented a cantata. Also, that year 50 children and youth attended VBS. It was titled Wild Frontier.

**Linda Bichler, Joe & Jan Rickard**  
2020-2021 BOCE Co-Chairs

THE *Value* of  
**CHRISTIAN**  
*Education*



# History of St. Paul's Board of Christian Ed.



1979 & 1980 articles for Kite Fly.



"Lift Off Sunday"



Christmas Show

Black and white Lift Off photos.



Lift Off School.

# St. Paul's *hers* and *his*-stories—

## Part 1 The Henneman Family

As part of our 125-year anniversary celebration our focus is on families in the church with strong generational ties to St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Crystal Lake, IL.

For some being part of a church means you are part of a family, and for others being part of a family means you are part of a church.

In 1959 **Jim Henneman** and his bride **Ruth**, along with their three young children moved from the two flat home they shared with Jim's parents **Walter** and **Bertha** in Chicago IL.

In part, **Jim and Ruth** made the decision to move to Crystal Lake IL, for the schools. At the same time **Walter** and **Bertha** took up residence in Florida.



James Henneman Family



Old St. Paul's on Sherman & Ellsworth

Since **Jim** and **Ruth** had belonged to an Evangelical and Reformed church in Chicago, they sought out the same once they moved to Crystal Lake. They soon visited St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church located on Sherman and Ellsworth Streets.

However, it wasn't long before they felt left out in cold by this church. It turns out during one visit their youngest son **Jack** began fussing during the service, and Mom (**Ruth**) sought to comfort him by leaving the service to care for him. Unfortunately, that meant being put out in the cold. Literally. You see the original Church on Ellsworth Street had no place to bring a crying child. There was no narthex separate from the sanctuary and in order to leave the service with a fussing child, **Ruth** had to step outside the building. Since it was the middle of January, **Ruth and Jim Sr.** agreed, this would not be acceptable for this young family.

After that experience they searched for another church, but they never felt that welcome home feeling.

After the new St. Paul's was built in 1960 on Woodstock Street and there would be a place to bring a fussing baby while still inside the church, **Jim Sr. and Ruth** tried again and as **Ruth** remembered fondly, "We had found our church home and continued to be active members."

**Jim Sr.** served on the church council, and also served as council president. He was a long-time member of the choir and many other committees. **Ruth** taught Sunday school, was a member of Mary Circle and served on that board and as president.

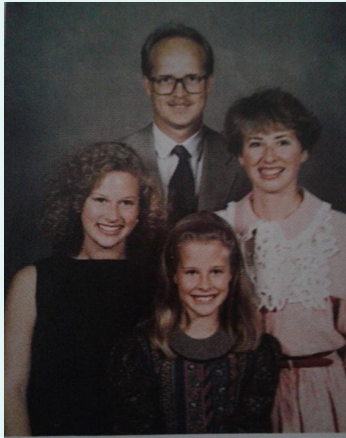


New St. Paul's on Woodstock St.



From left, Gene Lackore, Mary Ellen Singer, Mary Lou Haakanson, Jim Jeffers, Bev Jeffers, Jim Henneman, Sr.





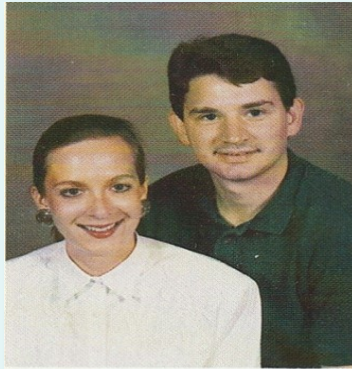
LUDWIGSEN, JOHN & DIANE  
AMY, JENNIFER

**Jim Sr. and Ruth's** children were all confirmed at St. Paul's. **Diane** in 1964, **Jim Jr.** in 1968 and **Jack** in 1970.

In 1976 **Diane** married **John** and they had two children who also were confirmed at St. Paul's. **Diane** was asked by **Rev. Gene Lackore** if she would lead an adult bell choir in the early eighties and so she did. During her time as bell choir director, the church through donations from members purchased new bells. (For more history on the genesis of St. Paul's bell choir please visit our Facebook page (August 6, 2020 post "A little history on our bell choir")

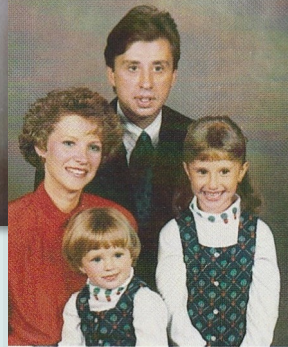


**Jim Jr. and Janet** were married by **Rev. Gene Lackore** in 1983 at St. Paul's. With a grin **Jim** shared a funny story about **Rev. Lackore** slipping up during their wedding ceremony by asking **Jim** if he would "take **Janet** as his lawfully wedded husband", **Jim** said he "had the presence of mind to correct him and still gets a kick out of hearing it" as he has an audio recording of it.



HENNEMAN, JACK & TAMI

**Jim Sr. And Ruth's** young est son **Jack** moved away before his first child was born.



HENNEMAN, JAMES & JANET  
JILL, LAUREN

**Jim and Janet** also had two children who became confirmed members of St. Paul's. **Lauren and Jill**.

**Jim Jr.** shared the following feelings and remembrances of his family and St. Paul's Church family.

We have been attending St. Paul's since the completion of the current building.

"When my **Grandfather Walter** became ill, he and my **Grandmother Bertha** moved from Florida to Crystal Lake and also attended St. Paul's."



Walter and Bertha Henneman



MRS. WALTER HENNEMAN

Bertha Henneman from St. Paul's directory 1972.



Mary Circle 1971 ( First row-Bertha Heneman 4th from left, Ruth Heneman 7th from left)

**Jim Jr.** also recalls his experience as a member of St. Paul's.

*So many people had a positive impact on me as I remember St. Paul's, in my younger years, as a place of comfort, tradition, and a place I always felt affirmed.*

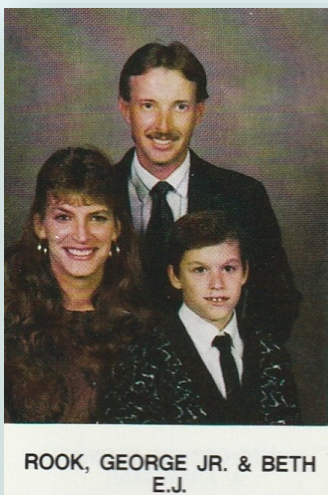
*I remember youth trips with the men of the church, staying in campers and cooking outside.*

*I have built lifelong friendships some of which kept me playing the trumpet with the likes of **George Rook** who I have been playing with for about 55 years!*

*Sunday School was fun as we celebrated birthdays, put our money into the plastic church bank and listened to **Fern Phieffer** and **Betty Disch** read Bible stories.*

*I never liked the Christmas program because of the attention it put on me. On one occasion when my class was walking down the aisle up to the front of the church, my Dad saw I was upset so grabbed me as I was walking by and I watched my class do their part as I sat in the pew! Oh, how times have changed.*

*After graduation from college, I moved to Arlington Heights but attended most Sundays because of my connection to the music programs. Music has been a big part of my St. Paul's experience in that I have rung bells for about 30+ years and played in the brass group for about the same time.*



ROOK, GEORGE JR. & BETH E.J.



Betty Disch (left) Fern Phieffer (foreground holding plaque)



"Music under the stars" (year?) Jim Heneman Sr., Jim Heneman Jr., Bill Strom and Pete Phillips practicing for "Music under the stars" event.



When **Janet** and I married in 1983, I convinced **Janet** to move back to Crystal Lake.

**Janet** and I got involved with Baby Sunday School and I lead the youth group and stayed active in the music programs. The youth group was fun, because one, I took **Lauren** with me on trips and I had great kids.

I have had the privilege of being the Council President three times and my Dad is proud to say that he thinks we are the only Father/Son duo that have been Council Presidents. My kids have grown up in the church and stay active, **Janet** has been Sunday School Superintendent, Co-chair of the Fall Fair and a member of Council. I still find St. Paul's as a place of comfort, tradition, and affirming. It is the place that keeps me centered and focused on what's important.



Some members of the youth group that Jim and Janet lead. (Matt Martin, Jamie Radovich and Jennifer Ludwigsen)



French Dinner (year?) from left- Betty Disch, Jim Henneman Jr., Ruth Heneman, Donna Reber, Bob Reber, Laurie Revak.



From left- Jill, Janet, Lauren.

Jim Jr.'s daughter **Lauren Henneman** also shared some thoughts:

Growing up in the church it is hard to narrow down my memories/thoughts! My whole family; grandma, grandpa, aunts, uncles and cousins would all attend Sunday service. It was always a day set aside for family and faith that I looked forward to. Especially mac and cheese at my grandparents after church! The countless lock-ins, plays, music, youth group, mission trips have shaped me into who I am today; not to be afraid to grow in my faith and want to continue as an adult.



The Henneman Family 2019

Dear God,

Thank you for the **Henneman family**. We thank you for families in a church who have worshipped and served one congregation for many generations. We also thank you Lord for church friends who feel like family. Be near us dear God as we, just like any family have our ups and downs. Guide us in our relationships with one another to be kind and loving just as your son Jesus was and is for all who believe in Him.

Amen

**Donna Butler**  
Church Life



# St. Paul's Crafters

Even though there will be no Country Arts & Craft Fair in November, that has not stopped the St. Paul's crafters from making lovely items that were started before the fair was cancelled. It was decided to make a few "any season" items that perhaps people might be interested in purchasing now for themselves or for gifts for friends or family. You may know someone who is expecting a baby for whom you need to purchase a gift: perhaps someone has done a favor for you during this pandemic and one of the lovely door knob hangings would be perfect to give as a thank you gift: Perhaps a special little girl is having a birthday and one of the lovely aprons might be an appropriate gift. We have more toys, door knob hangings and other things that are available also and table runners and pillows that were left from last years' fair that may be of interest to you.

We are hoping that it may be possible to have a "mini fair" of the craft items sometime before Christmas, if the virus makes a miraculous disappearance, but otherwise we have items available including some for fall and Christmas. If you are interested in seeing anything up close just call **Cheryll Triefenbach** and we can arrange to meet (wearing masks, of course) or just call the church office.



**\$50. Quilts + \$15. for matching pillow**



**\$25. ea.**



**\$8. ea.**



**\$8. Moon mobile**

**\$7. ea. Giraffe / Elephant**

**\$15. Hooded Blanket**



**\$8.**



Items to right

**\$5. ea.**

Hand puppets

**\$6. ea.**

Bunnies

**\$8. ea.**

Tooth Fairy pillows





# Calling EVERYONE – Light Painting Assistance Needed!

**Saturday, August 29th. Mark that date on your calendar!**

Perhaps you have seen the exterior windows at the rear and east side of the church? Terribly chipped and peeling paint believed to last be painted during the Lincoln presidency – maybe!

Well time has come to get all these windows repainted to preserve our church structure. The good news is that ALL the chipped and peeling paint have been blasted off by way of power washing. In addition, they have all been power sanded!

That just leaves the painting and ANYONE can paint! There are 8 “banks” or sections of windows. We need 16 people (ideal for couples or teams of 2) to sign up for just ONE section to paint. That’s it!

The painting will require a primer coat (due to bare wood in many places) and then the established green paint overcoat. All paint will be provided to painters.

We are designating Saturday, August 29th, as the main day to get this done... On the 29th, we will be painting from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and also 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (the afternoon provides shade of the building to most of the sections. HOWEVER..... if you CAN'T make this date, YOU can pick the date and time most convenient for you to paint your section! Time required....only about 2 hours!! Easy peasy!

This is your way to contribute to the continuing beauty of our church. We need YOU....especially if you have NOT helped out before or for a long time. Socially distancing will be practiced and if you would rather, we do have sections that just require ONE individual and are not close to anyone else’s work.

So.....no excuses or reasons not to sign up for a section! Let’s git er done!

Sign up by way of emailing me, **Rob Revak**, and I will provide further information on your designated section and I will be present at the above times as well. We REALLY appreciate your help so please step up and assist us!! My contact is: robrrr52@gmail.com

**Rob Revak**  
Vice-President, Church Council

## Check out St. Paul’s NEW Website!

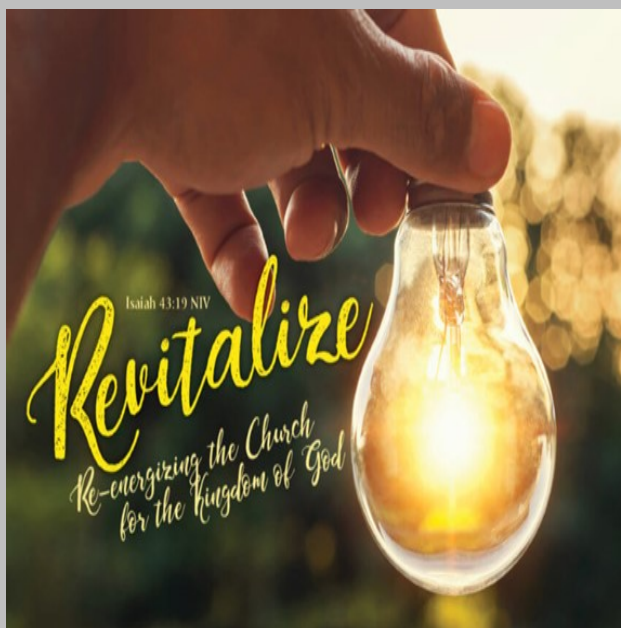
The **TPIRC team** has been working for the past few months on a new look website. It is now up and running! You can live stream the Sunday service from the website, read the latest Beacon, get the scripture passage for the coming Sunday, and find other useful information.

You can view this site at: [stpaulsucc-cl.org](http://stpaulsucc-cl.org)

At the new website, you will see various headings or topics listed across the top. You can click on each of these headings for more information. Some headings will have drop down items and you can click on these for more details on the many offerings of St. Paul’s. Hint – make sure you check out **Listen and Learn About St. Paul’s** under the **HOME** tab and turn up your sound!

As we roll out this newly designed website, we will continue to update it with new information and features. If you see something that needs updating or would care to offer a suggestion or even a picture, please email this to Sherry at the church office.

Your feedback is also welcome!  
**St. Paul’s TPIRC Team**



## St. Paul's Vision

Call to serve  
Our  
Neighbors' and Members'  
Needs by  
Engaging as  
Christ's people  
Through service and Love

## Follow Us on Social Media!

Keep up with St. Paul's latest news, information and connection. like our pages and share our posts on social media.



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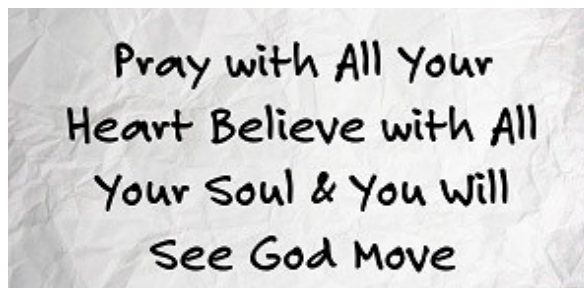
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Don't forget to contact the church office with any Prayer List requests.

### St. Paul's Members

Barb Thrun, Shirley Berghorn, Bob & Ginny Covalt, Ginny Katenhusen, Marianne Spencer, Jim Butler, Shirley Huddle, Martha Hughes.

### St. Paul's Homebound Friends

Barb Biscomb, Arlene Kopsell, Martha Hughes

### Friends

Sue Thrun, Mary Jane Butler, Taylor Hildebrandt, Kirk, Walter, Loyce McNutt, Tom Lindblom, Rosie, Jody Oker, Martha Triefenbach, Lisa Almquist, Patty Van Voorne, Sister Vassa, Lily, Ashley Kelley

### Deceased Members and Friends

Lt. Bryant, Rick

### Stateside Military

Beth Roxworthy & Todd Whetham

### Sponsored Children

Alberly (Dominican Republic), Andrian (Indonesia), Daniel W. (Indonesia), Nicole V. (Bolivia), Nicole S. (USA), Tran Thi Chin (Vietnam), Breny (Columbia), Alfred (Tanzania), Dereje (Ethiopia), Isack S. (Tanzania), Maria, Jobenta M. (Haiti), Emyli (Guatemala)

As our St. Paul's members have been making regular calls to congregants during this time. We get updates on some of our member we like to share. **Martha Hughes** has been adjusting nicely. We have new contact information as well as a phone number for her if you need it before the new book gets issued. Also, **Betty Kubat** has a new number! She LOVES to hear from her St. Paul's friends.



Time is running out for updating your information in the church phone-book. Please contact the church office if your address changed, e-mail changed, omitted your home phone, got a new cell number, changed the home number. Just want to verify your current information? Please e-mail the church office at info@stpaulsucccl.org. **Deadline 8/31.** If you have updated in February or July, I have updated the change forms submitted. Your church family and friends appreciate updated information to send cards, letters, e-mails and phone calls. Thank you for taking a few minutes to update your information.

