

# St. Paul's



**April  
2022**



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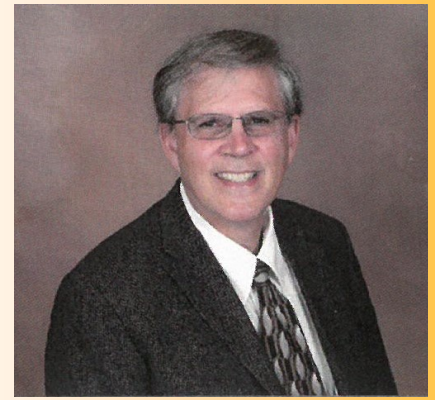
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Dear Friends,

Thank you for celebrating my birthday and our 18 years in service together. I am grateful for your cards and gifts and all of your warm wishes and kind words.

Celebrating is a beautiful thing. It remembers, acknowledges and affirms. It may also praise and give thanks. This is why I think of worship and celebrating together. Worship is an opportunity to do all of these things and, in fact, people use the phrase "celebrating worship" to describe their experience on (for US, most often) on Sunday mornings.

Our celebration of worship during this most recent Holy Week was a great blessing for me. Thank you to everyone who contributed in every way (this includes attending in person and online). The scripture texts and music were deeply moving. If you did not have the opportunity to join us, you can access these services online through our church website.

Easter Sunday was a joyful time of welcoming guests and seeing old friends in joint celebration of our Lord's victory over death. May you know His risen presence in your life today.

*Peace,*

*Pastor Greg*

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**Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m.**

**Via Facebook Live or streaming on website.**

**Church Office Hours**

**8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday**



April 20, 2022

Dear Church Family,

A blessed Eastertide to you all! St. Paul's Sanctuary was joyously full of people this Easter Sunday, setting a near all-time attendance record! And we were blessed with beautiful music from a trifecta of our wonderful music groups—St. Paul's Brass, Bells, and Adult Choir—as well as our talented Music Accompanist, Kristin Lundine Scheets. The Altar Guild created a glorious display in our Sanctuary. And Pastor Greg delivered the finale to his moving “three act drama” sermon series taking us from Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday. A heartfelt thank you to you all. Praise be to God! Alleluia!

In last month's Council News article, I offered a prayer that the signs of renewal and reawakening we have begun to experience at St. Paul's would blossom into the fullness of God's glory. I am happy to report that since then Council has been busy watering the seeds that God has planted and that several of them have begun to blossom. Our new Program Director, Kelly Akerberg, who was introduced to the Congregation on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, has already initiated our first program scheduled for this coming Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. This event, a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of McHenry County Road Rally scavenger hunt, is described in more detail elsewhere in this Beacon. We hope that those of you who can will participate in this fun event in support of an important community service organization. In addition, at its April meeting this week Council reviewed a list of potential events Kelly has proposed for the remainder of this year and into the next. Suffice it to say that we are off to a great start in providing our Church Family with ways to nourish and interact with one another.

We are also pleased to announce that we have hired a Youth Director, Jasmine Becker, to develop and lead our Youth programs, as well as assist Kids Konnect with its activities. Jasmine will be introduced to the Congregation this Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, during our worship service and you can read more about her and the many talents she brings to St. Paul's in this Beacon. We look forward to being able to provide a safe and fun place for youth to gather and connect and build lasting relationships with St. Paul's and one another.

We give thanks and praise for all of the ways in which God continues to bless St. Paul's. His abundance is humbling and we, as your Council, are both honored and committed to devoting our efforts to nurturing the seeds He has so generously sowed upon the fertile grounds of St. Paul's. Praise be to God! Alleluia!

With gratitude,

*Nancy Bellis,*  
*Church Council President*



# Let's Celebrate Birthdays



Hannah Rogers	5/1
Alex Lucas	5/7
Laurie Revak	5/7
Kamila Kay	5/8
Cheryl Dawson	5/9
Jessica Pieper	5/10
Sheryl Gee	5/11
Steve Ticknor	5/11
Kailee Kruse	5/14
Jack Glauner	5/14
Sue Phillips	5/14
Alise Middaugh	5/15

Laura Middaugh	5/17
Julia Zickus	5/17
Kurt Albertson	5/21
John Vogt	5/23
Gary Gee	5/24
Keith Chappell	5/25
Jason Reckamp	5/26
Martha Hughes	5/28
Arlene Jezierski	5/29
Doug MacKenzie	5/29
Sandy MacMillan	5/30
Dmitri Lucas	5/30



Anna Schmidt	6/1
Betty Kubat	6/5
Tim Benz	6/6
Lauren Rodriguez	6/6
Colin Braun	6/8
Alex Alexeyuk	6/9
Andrew Mace	6/12
Riley Breeden	6/13
Brian Zickus	6/13
Bruce Nulle	6/14
Aiden Elizarraraz	6/16
Amy Mullard	6/17

Brenda Wilson	6/18
Kristin Glauner	6/19
Kimberly Mace	6/19
Pinky Martin	6/20
Anna Zickus	6/21
Abigail Campisi	6/22
Angela Loehner	6/22
Ben Lingner	6/24
Kathy Rodriguez	6/24
Madelyn MacMillan	6/28
Dana Sideris	6/28
Rebecca Eckhardt	6/29
Rob Revak	6/29

# Church News



Thank you to all participants in the purchase of our Easter Lilies



## NAME

Michael & Jan Czosnyka  
Lauren Henneman  
Nancy Kramer  
Kevin Kruse  
Regina Lombardo & Brian Click  
Joyce & Greg Lucas  
Sondra Matterness  
Karen & Allen Radovich  
Donna Reber  
Rob & Laurie Revak  
Donald & Jo Ellen Roxworthy  
Marianne Spencer  
Ken & Barb Thrun

## IN HONOR OF:

Our Family  
My Loving Family  
My Family  
Doris Bellis  
Refugees Around the World  
Our Church Family  
Our Family  
Our Family  
My Family  
Our Family  
Our St. Paul's Family  
Peace on Earth  
Rejoice Christ is Risen

## NAME

Ruth Costello  
Jane Dawson  
Sharon Dieball  
Bonnie Goldman  
Jen & Ernie Good  
Karen & Ken Hansen  
Dick & Jean Hautzinger  
Nancy Kramer  
Ann Lingner  
Wendy Manser  
Janet Martin  
Sondra Matterness  
Donna Reber  
Lon & Cathy Schmidt  
Jim Ticknor  
Gordie & Cheryl Triefenbach  
Lena Vocalino

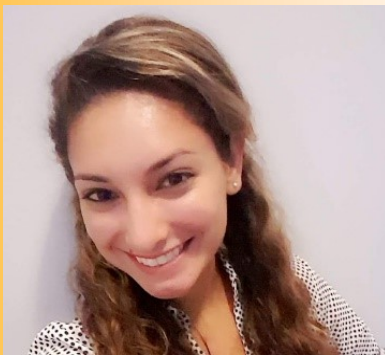
## IN MEMORY OF:

Virginia & Clarence Costello  
Heather Jane Bryant  
My most wonderful Mother, Shirley McCoy  
Ray Goldman  
Our Family  
Marjorie Birk & Larry Eslick  
Our loved ones who have gone before us  
In Loving Memory of Dear George  
My Mom Louise Koenig  
Bill, Bettyann, & Kathy Manser  
My Parents, Glen & Evelyn Yerkey  
Sondra's Parents, Helen & Lee Boyer  
Bob Reber  
Our Parents  
James & Dolores Ticknor  
Our deceased Family & Friends  
Frank Vocalino



# Church News

## Announcement – NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR



St. Paul's is pleased to announce and welcome **Jasmine Becker** as our new **Youth Director**. Jasmine will work with our present youth, 5<sup>th</sup> grade level to high school. Her focus is also on growing our youth group within St. Paul's and within the surrounding community. She will work to develop activities, outings, and programs that will be of interest to our youth. In addition, Jasmine will be involved with our Kids Konnect program to build and enhance this ministry for our young ones.

Jasmine's full-time position is working for the AON corporation as an analyst. However, she has a passion to work with youth and develop programs that are both interesting and challenging to them. She brings with her 8+ years of working with youth in the county in a variety of settings. Her background includes starting a "for fun" dance team for under privileged children between pre-K to middle school where they performed for local businesses and at community events.

She has worked with high schoolers and created and coordinated engaging activities to challenge them and provide an outlet for their boundless energy. She also has been very engaged with her home-schooled nephews, ages 5 and 8, and has found great satisfaction keeping them interested and active in their learning process.

Her education includes a Bachelor's of Science in Business and a Master of Business Administration. Jasmine is excited to bring her energy and engaging philosophy to our congregation. All community youth are welcome to check out St. Paul's new Youth Group in a safe and nurturing environment.

*Rob Revak*

*Chair, Personnel Committee*

## News from our Program Director

*With gratitude,*

Kelly Akerberg





# Church News



The Church Council and the TPIRC team, as part of a revitalization initiative and a larger capital campaign to be announced in the near future, are looking into ways to refresh the look of the lounge and outfit it to better meet today's needs of the many committees and groups who utilize the lounge. We would also like to investigate ideas which might expand the use of this area.

We are in the exploration process. If you have ideas or are interested in being part of a group to draft the lounge layout and possibilities for the Church Council to consider, we would love to hear from *you*. Please contact one of us!

Thank You,

Laurie Revak (815-245-6899) or Jane Dawson (224-357-8579)



# Church News



## Volunteer Opportunity

Since the pandemic, I have been serving as a volunteer tutor for Chicago Lights. Chicago lights is affiliated with Fourth Presbyterian Church in downtown Chicago and serves over 400 Chicago school children, grades 1-12. This link will connect you to their annual report from last year. Chicago Lights on page 15 there is an article about me and my parents' connection to the program.

On a recent evening, the Tutoring Director mentioned to me they are short tutors and I thought some of you might be interested, since I personally have found the experience to be so rewarding and convenient. Tutoring and training for tutoring can be done over Zoom and no teaching experience is necessary. If you have any interest in learning more, please contact me at [middaughfamily@yahoo.com](mailto:middaughfamily@yahoo.com) or 815-404-1204.

*Thank you.*

*Laura Middaugh*

# Church News



## Parking Request

Everyone is requested to not park on the grass "island" between the upper parking lot and the driveway leading to the rear of the building. Parking on any grass area kills the grass, creates muddy areas, and results in ruts, making it more difficult to have the lawn mowed.

We have plenty of parking in the rear of the building. If you are able, you are encouraged to park in the rear parking lot to allow more spaces available in the upper lot for those who are less able to navigate the stairs.

Your help and cooperation on this matter is greatly appreciated.

*Thank you!*

*The Church Council*

## Ukraine Donations – A Big Thank You!



Over the past few weeks, St. Paul's congregation joined the many organizations across the nation supporting those in Ukraine by donating money. A big THANK YOU as we wanted to report that your generosity resulted in over **\$2,300.** dollars being contributed to the Ukraine relief fund. We are grouping all the checks received and are issuing a single check to the United Church of Christ Ukraine Relief Fund.

*Again, thank you for your support!*

*The Church Council*

# Church News

## Nursery is NOW Open!



Just a reminder that the St. Paul's Nursery is NOW open.

We welcome children age three and under to join us during Sunday Service. The nursery will be available on the second and fourth Sunday of the month from 9:45 am -11:15 am.

If you or someone you know is interested in this ministry please let me know.

**Laurie Revak**

815-245-6899



Preschool Open House  
485 Woodstock St, Crystal Lake



last Saturday of March,  
April, May & June  
9am-12pm

Dear St. Paul's Family,

Our 2nd open house is coming up on Saturday, April 30th.

The Preschool will open this fall and I would love to ask our church family if they would like to help spread the word around the community.

Becky Lucking  
Preschool Director

# Usher & Greeter Schedule

May  
Sunday Worship  
10:00 a.m.

## USHERS

### May 1st

Gary Voss - Captain  
Carla Voss  
Wendy Domanico  
Greeter: Wendy Manser  
Reader: Eric Mason

### May 8 Mother's Day

Sheryl Gee - Captain  
Gary Gee  
Elizabeth Speros  
Greeter: Sue Phillips  
Reader: Cathy Schmidt

### May 15

Ken Hansen - Captain  
Karen Hansen  
Rebecca Eckhart  
Greeter: Marlene Kuhlman  
Reader: Elizabeth Speros

### May 22

Arlene Tuscano - Captain  
Joe & Jan Rickard  
Greeter: Marilyn Peaco  
Reader: TBD

### May 29

Gary Voss - Captain  
Carla Voss  
John Vogt  
Greeter: Jan & Joe Rickard  
Reader: TBD

June  
Sunday Worship  
10:00 a.m.

## USHERS

### June 5

Jon Whetham - Captain  
Ann Lingner  
Sondra Matterness  
Greeter: TBD  
Reader: TBD

### June 12

Rob Revak—Captain  
Laurie Revak  
Jane Dawson  
Greeter: TBD  
Reader: TBD

### June 19 Father's Day

Jim Henneman—Captain  
Lauren Henneman  
Bill Berghorn  
Greeter: TBD  
Reader: TBD

### June 26

Arlene Tuscano - Captain  
Gene & Lynn Virzi  
Greeter: TBD  
Reader: TBD



# St. Paul's Prayer List

## St. Paul's Members

Ruth Costello, Colin Braun, Norm Falk, Allen Radovich

## St. Paul's Homebound Friends

Martha Hughes, Arlene Kopsell, Barb Biscomb

## Deceased Members and Friends

Elizabeth Hannigan Carlene Macko

## Friends

Allen Eslick, Floyd Wilson, Luann Springston, Suzanne Olsen

## Military - Stateside

Todd Whetham

Beth Roxworthy - Now stationed in Djibouti, Africa

## 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)



## 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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## NEXT BEACON

May, 20th

All articles are due in the church  
office by May 12th.



# Give the Gift of SCRIP

## IN STOCK SCRIP CARDS as of February 26, 2022

Bath and Body Works	2 @ \$25
Buffalo Wild Wings	2 @ \$25
Buona Beef	6 @ \$10
Chipotle	5 @ \$10
Darden	6 @ \$25
Fannie May	4 @ \$10
IHOP	2 @ \$25
Jewel	12 @ \$100
Kohl's	8 @ \$25 / 1 @ \$100
LL Bean	2 @ \$100
Mariano's	4 @ \$50
Mobil	2 @ \$50
Panera	3 @ \$10
Red Lobster	8 @ \$25
Shell	4 @ \$25
Speedway	1 @ \$25 / 1 @ \$100
Steinmart	1 @ \$25
Subway	3 @ \$10
Target	1 @ \$25
Walmart	5 @ \$100 / 6 @ \$250

If you need any of the above cards, they can be dropped off at church for pick up. If you want to order any particular cards, please let me know. As always, check are made payable to St. Paul's.

Karen Radovich [mailto:\(nuknees@mc.net\)](mailto:nuknees@mc.net)

## 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!