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CREATION CARE CORNER

Every day is earth day and it is easy to be a good steward of our earth!

Save water – reduce water usage

Appreciate nature! Spend time outside or plant a garden.

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!

During our Let's Talk Church time, one discussion was about taking care of God's Creation.

An informal group got excited about ways St. Paul's can participate. We hope to bring facts, ways to participate and ideas about being good stewards of our planet to our church community through Beacon articles. With the springboard of Earth Day we are offering a small packet of seeds for you to plant. Planting flowers or plants that attract pollinators is an easy and fun way to help our earth.

Different flower types attract different kinds of pollinators. Echinacea, Ox-Eye Daisy, Black-Eyed Susan, and Coreopsis flowers are super easy to grow, make excellent cut flowers, and entice all sorts of pollinators to come by for a snack or a rest on those large flower heads. Don't forget to provide water for the pollinators. A small rock in your bird bath or saucer gives them a safe place to rest while drinking!



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EARTH DAY APRIL 22ND, 2024



**“Thank you God for water soil and air.
Large gifts supporting everything that lives.
Forgive our spoiling and abuse of them.
Help us renew the face of the earth.”
Amen**

**“Thank You, God, for Water, Soil and Air”
Hymn #36 Lyrics by Brian Wren, Music by John Weaver.**

Nature provides us with food, water, medicines, cleans our air and water, protects us from storms, etc. Earth Day gives us a great opportunity to take a step back to appreciate how unique this planet is, how valuable it is to humans, and how important it is that we protect it.’ ENIE HENSEL

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ADULT FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERING EVENT

Where? Feed My Starving Children
742 East Park Ave. | Libertyville, IL 60048



What? Packing nutritious meal bags to be sent around the world.

When? Saturday, April 27th, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Who? We have 25 slots available for anyone over the age of 5. All are welcome, up to a maximum of 25 people.

To reserve a slot, please contact Ann Lingner at the church or via [email](#). To learn more about Feed My Starving Children and their mission, go to fmsc.org.

We have 10 volunteers to date! If you would like to join us, there is room for 15 more people. We will be carpooling from St. Paul's for those of you who need a ride.

ST. PAUL'S UCC PRESENTS

BINGO!

**SUNDAY - APRIL 28TH
11:00 A.M.**

Join us in Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service for some fun, food and fellowship!

Please bring a white elephant gift, which will be the BINGO prize. A light lunch will be provided, first come, first served.

Invite your friends and neighbors for this FREE community event.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Bingo is on Sunday,
April 28th starting at
11:00am.*

Join us in Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service for some fun, food and fellowship. Please bring a white elephant gift which will be the Bingo prizes.

A pulled pork lunch will be provided, first come, first served. Food donations are needed. (chips, salads, desserts) Invite your friends and neighbors. This is a free community event.

Please RSVP on the sign up sheet posted in the narthex.

Church Life Ministry



FAMILY CAMPS



Making Memories Family Camp

Formerly Grandparents & Me Camp

July 1-3, 2024

Directors: Karen Karczewski

Lorri Foockle

Fee:

First Participant—\$242.00

Each Additional Participant—\$132.00

Making Memories Family Camp is an inter-generational camp for Grandparents & Grandchildren, Parents & Children, Aunts/Uncles & Nieces/Nephews, Godparents & Godchildren.

All are welcome and encouraged to come make memories to last a lifetime.



Saturday, May 4, 2024

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fee: No Charge

Breakfast & Lunch included

Leader: Wendy Brown

Do you want to help restock firewood for Pilgrim Park?

You can come just for Saturday or come stay Friday night and enjoy a delicious breakfast prior to the start of the work day. All free of charge for your generous gift of labor.

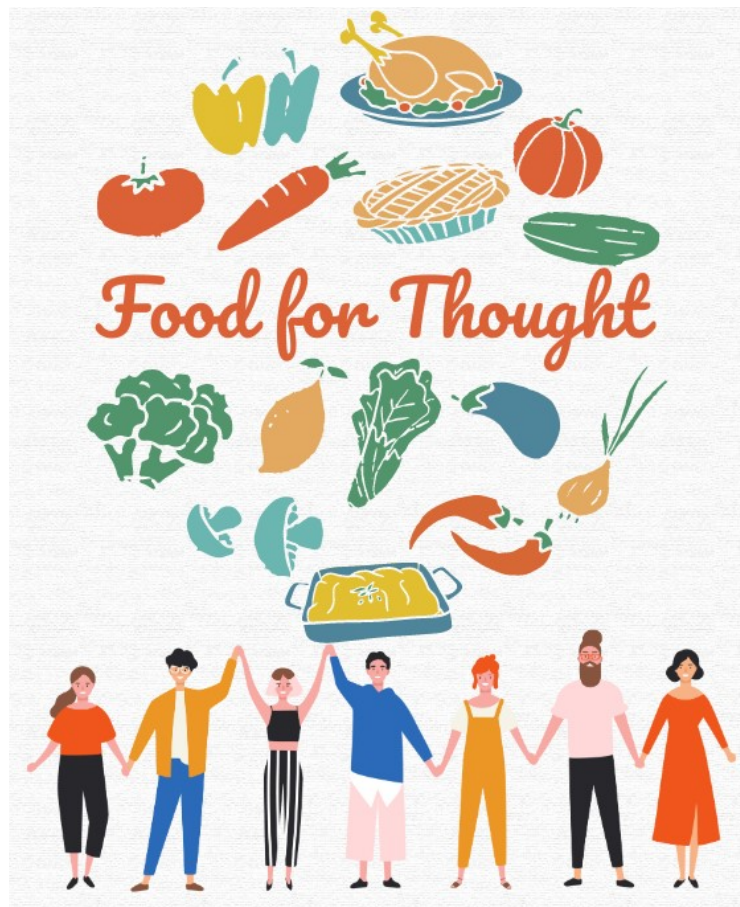
Items you should bring: work gloves and a water bottle. If you have a chainsaw and/or loppers they would be helpful. Please plan to wear long sleeved shirt and long pants along with closed toed shoes.

No matter if you cut, split, or stack the wood, your help is needed and greatly appreciated.



Register at: <https://outdoorministries.campbrainregistration.com/>

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There are many hungry people in Crystal Lake, which we hate to admit, so we would like to make sure St. Paul's does our share to alleviate some of the hunger. Traditionally, the first Sunday of every month is the day to bring your items to donate, so we are hoping to have a special donation on **Sunday, May 5th**. Bags will be handed out the last two Sundays in April, with a list attached for the most requested items. If you aren't able to donate food, monetary donations are always welcome.

St. Paul's was one of the founding members of the Crystal Lake Food Pantry, and we have always had a representative on the board and volunteers to cover the days that are assigned to us. We have lost many of our volunteers due to age and health restrictions, so if you are available to volunteer at the pantry to serve clients, you would be welcome. You can work all or part of the day. If you are interested, contact either Laurie or Cheryl so you can be added to the volunteer list.

Laurie Revak and Cheryl Triefenbach



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Mother's Day Appreciation

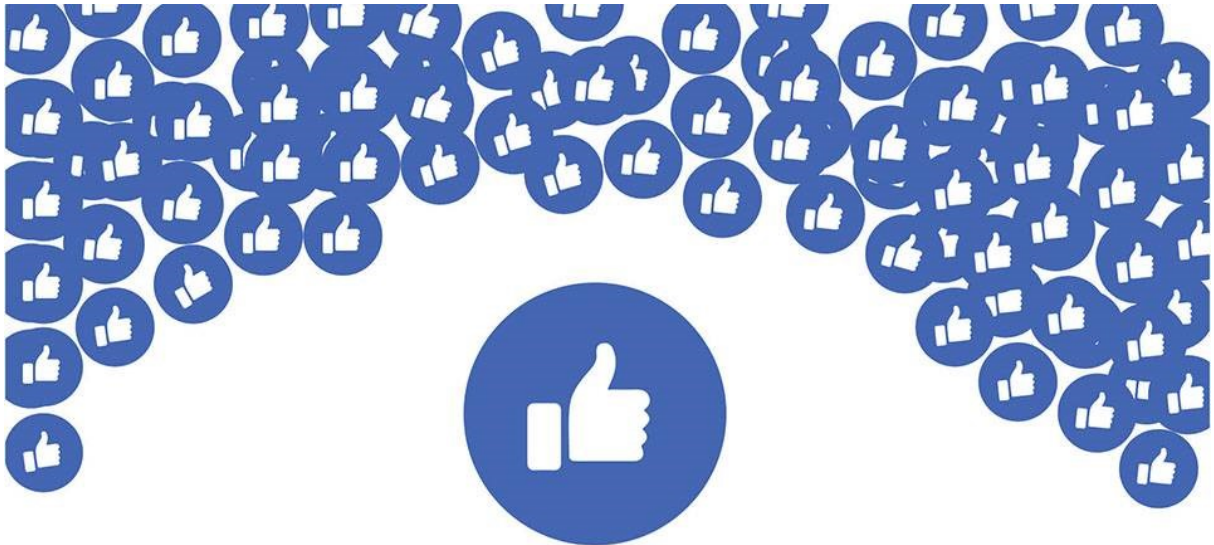
Who:	Men of St. Paul's
What:	Organize, prepare, host and clean-up for the Faith Food & Fellowship
When:	Sunday, May 12, 2024
Where:	Fellowship Hall
Why:	To honor the women of St. Paul's and all mothers on Mother's Day

Men of St. Paul's, let's put our "best foot forward" this Mother's Day and show the women and moms in our lives that we honor, love, and support them. We will also be giving the Church Life and Coffee Hour committees a break, as they have been providing the work and effort to make the FFF the success it has been. I will set up a sign-up sheet outside the sanctuary; please let me know how you will be able to help with this event. Questions? Give me a call at (847) 877-1503 or email me at

kckruse@comcast.net

Kevin Kruse
Worship Committee

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FOLLOW OUR NEW FACEBOOK PAGE

[St. Paul's New Facebook Page](#)



We have a new St. Paul's UCC Facebook page. This new page will be the one to use for updates, events and watching live stream videos. The current Facebook page will be deactivated very soon, so please make sure to LIKE and follow the new page.

Thank You

The Altar Guild would like to acknowledge and say a huge thank you to all the people who donated lilies. Our church looked lovely on Easter because of your generosity. Below is the list of donors.

The guild is deeply grateful for your continued support as we work to create a beautiful and welcoming place of worship.

Warmly,
The Altar Guild



Easter Lilies

Name

John Arvidson
Janet Bucher

Ruth Costello
Jane Dawson
Dick & Jean Hautzinger
Nancy Kramer
Ann Lingner
Wendy Manser
Janet Martin
Sondra Matterness
Donna Reber
Lon & Cathy Schmidt
Steve & Margaret Tobin
Bob & Judy Wang

In Memory Of

Marlene Arvidson & Myrtle Phillips
Jean Lubovich, Frances Bucher, Arthur Bucher, Janet Maurer
Virginia & Clarence Costello & Ernest Mauck, Jr.
Heather Jane Bryant
Darold Linden (Brother of Jean)
In Loving Memory of my Husband George
My Mom Louise Koenig
Bill, Bettyann & Kathy Manser
My Parents Glen & Evelyn Yerkey
My Husband Tom Matterness
My Husband Bob Reber
Remembering Loved Ones
Those We've Lost
In Loving Memory of John & Gretchen Wang



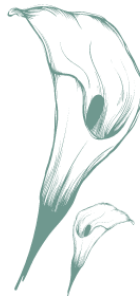
Easter Lilies

Name

Linda Bichler
Michael & Jan Czosnyka
Ken & Karen Hansen
Nancy Kramer
Regina Lombardo
Allen & Karen Radovich
Rob & Laurie Revak
Donna Reber
Nancy Schmitz
Barb & Ken Thrun
Steve & Margaret Tobin
Cheryll & Gordie Triefenbach

Given in Honor of

My Family
Our Family
Happy Easter to our Church Family
My Wonderful Family
Our Family
Our Family
Our Family
My Family
Loving Family
Our Family
Family & Friends
Our Family



Thank You



The Altar Guild will be losing a member at the end of this month. Arlene Tuscano has been a faithful member for many years, but she feels it is time to step down. She has been an asset to the committee and will be missed by the rest of the guild for all the extra things she has done to help with the duties of the commit, and she has agreed to substitute if necessary.

Thank you, Arlene!

The Altar Guild.



Usher Schedule

May
Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.

USHERS

May 5th

Ken Hansen - Captain
Karen Hansen & Don Roxworthy
Greeter: Wendy Domanico
Liturgist: TBD

May 12th, Mother's Day

Ken Thrun - Captain
Gene & Lynn Virzi
Greeter: Mary Katenhusen
Liturgist: TBD

May 19th

Sheryl Gee - Captain
Gary Gee & Bill Berghorn
Greeter: Gene & Lynn Virzi
Liturgist: TBD

May 26th

John Whetham - Captain
Wendy Manser & Jane Dawson
Greeters: Bill & Shirley Berghorn
Liturgist: TBD

June
Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.

USHERS

June 2nd

Ken Thrun - Captain
Kevin Kruse & Nancy Bellis
Greeter: Joe & Jan Rickard
Liturgist: TBD

June 9th

Rob Revak - Captain
Lauren Revak & Jack Vogt
Greeters: Debbie Patterson
Liturgist: TBD

June 16th, Father's Day

Gary Voss - Captain
Carla Voss & Don Roxworthy
Greeters: Jan Bordignon
Liturgist: TBD

June 23rd

John Whetham - Captain
Bill Berghorn & Jane Dawson
Greeter: Elizabeth Speros
Liturgist: TBD

June 30th

Sherly Gee - Captain
Gary Gee & Wendy Manser
Greeters: Bonnie Goldman & Hazel Kriegel
Liturgist: TBD

St. Paul's Prayer List



St. Paul's Members

n/a

St. Paul's Homebound Friends

Arlene Kopsell

Deceased Members and Friends

n/a

Friends

Wendy Woosnam , Fred Albrecht, Jim Emrich

Military - Stateside

Todd Whetham, Beth Roxworthy

Sponsored Children

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

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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. - 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

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 and share our on social media.



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Give the Gift of SCRIP



IN STOCK SCRIP CARDS as of March 25th, 2024

Amazon	5 @\$25
BP Amoco	2 @\$50
Best Buy	1 @\$25
Buffalo Wild Wings	2 @\$25
Carter's	4 @\$25
Chili's	3 @\$25
Chipotle	3 @\$10
Darden (Olive Garden)	4 @\$25
Dunkin'	6 @\$10
Home Depot	3 @\$100
IHOP	1 @\$25
Jewel	15 @ \$100
LL Bean	1 @\$100
Mariano's	4 @\$50
Menards	4 @\$100
Panera	5 @\$10
Red Lobster	4 @\$25
Shell	6 @\$50
Speedway	4 @\$25/1 @\$100
Starbucks	10 @\$10/ 4 @\$25
Steinmart	1 @\$25
Subway	3 @\$10
Target	3 @\$25
TJ Maxx (Sierra, HomeGoods, Marshall)	1 @\$100
Walmart	4@ \$100 5 @\$250

Cards are available most Sundays at the Market Place in the narthex. If you need any of the above cards, they can be dropped off at church for pick up. If you want to order a specific card, please let me know. As always, checks are made payable to St. Paul's. **Karen Radovich**
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!