

# St. Paul's

August  
2021



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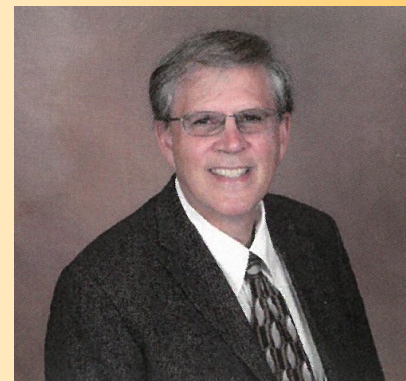
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Dear Friends,

Fall is fast approaching. We prepare to move into a new season of the year. If you were to describe your life, as it currently is, as a season, what season would you say it is? Is your life experiencing the green growth of Spring, the long, hot days of summer, the colorful, crispness of Autumn, or the cold darkness of Winter. What season are you personally experiencing now? Our lives are surrounded by change and we change too. We are not the same as we were two years ago.

The Bible says Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever (Hebrews 13:8). I find these words to be very comforting and assuring. Surrounded by an ever-changing world, inundated by confusing news and predictions about the future, it is comforting to me to trust that the Lord of all Creation, God's love incarnate, will never waver, fade, alter or cease to be. The absolute one certainty in life is Christ and the fact that nothing can separate us from God's love in Him (Romans 8:38-39).

May we hold fast to this assurance no matter what season our life is currently in.

Peace,

*Pastor Greg*

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**Summer 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**

**St. Paul's Christian**

**Preschool 815-479-9770**



Dear Church Family.

As we turn another page on the calendar and enter the final month of the summer, evidence of activities and events in full swing abound. Long delayed ceremonies and celebrations have finally been able to occur. Whether they are celebrations of new beginnings, such as baptisms and weddings, or celebrations of life for a loved one who has past, marking milestones and passages are a crucial and important part of living a full and meaningful life. St. Paul's has been blessed to honor them all.

In addition to St. Paul's resuming these vital rites of passage, your Church Council has been busy identifying and implementing new ways to revitalize our Church. We are excited to announce that we recently hired an excellent candidate for the Program Director position, who will commence her part-time employment with St. Paul's in a few weeks. We look forward to introducing her to you. Her focus, with the guidance of Pastor Greg and direction of the Church Council, will be to develop and organize programs, services, and events for our congregation and the greater community that promote St. Paul's ministries and opportunities, and help people develop and deepen their faith. This may include specialized programs for different groups sharing common interests or life stages in our church and the greater community, such as single adults, parents, unemployed, young adults, retirees, and those suffering from the loss of a loved one. She will also lead the effort to develop programs to effectively reach more young adults and families and bring people to St Paul's. We look forward to experiencing the new vitality this position may bring and welcome your thoughts and ideas on ways we can best use this new resource.

Your Church Council has also continued to evaluate and monitor the safety and health of our Church congregation as we continue our in-person services and gatherings at the Church in the midst of this lingering and unpredictable pandemic. At the Council's August meeting, it adopted revised Covid-19 guidelines to reflect the concerning upward trend in Covid-19 cases in McHenry County and across the country. As you likely know, the CDC recently issued guidelines recommending that communities with substantial rates of Covid transmission (which includes McHenry County) wear masks indoors, regardless of vaccination status. In alignment with those guidelines, St. Paul's recommends that both vaccinated and unvaccinated people wear masks indoors while attending in-person services and other gatherings at the Church. As is currently the case, this will remain a personal choice, but we hope that you will consider your own safety and the safety of those around you.

These continue to be challenging and uncertain times, but we have much to be thankful for. All one needs to do is to think back to where we were a year ago to realize how far we've come. Your Church Council is committed to continuing St. Paul's forward progression and welcomes your input and support in that process.

With hope and love to you all,

Nancy Bellis, Church Council President



# Let's Celebrate Birthdays



Dylan Eckhardt	8/1
Marianne Deacon Davis	8/2
Linda Ticknor	8/3
Jackie Loehner	8/7
Tristin Monahan	8/7
Evelyn Elizarraraz	8/9
Paul Benz	8/10
Karen Hansen	8/15
Shirley Huddle	8/15

Susan Radet	8/17
Lydia Lang	8/19
Marilyn Peaco	8/21
Jeffery Moore	8/21
Carla Voss	8/22
Joyce Lucas	8/24
Annette Roewer	8/25
Halle Rogers	8/27
Savannah Obermann	8/30
Rick Davis	8/30



Donna Butler	9/1
Gordon Triefenbach	9/3
Garrett Gee	9/4
Linda Christensen	9/6
Caitlin Lindstrand	9/7
Lena Vocalino	9/8
Kathi Seibt	9/9
Eric Mason	9/10
Barbara Jelinek	9/10
David Loehner	9/12
Tasha MacKenzie	9/13
Barbara Biscomb	9/14
Joanna Kriegel	9/15
Bonnie Poulton	9/17
William Eich	9/17
Joshua Voss	9/17
Jessica Butler	9/17

Luann Hopkins	9/18
Gerilyn Whetham	9/18
Margaret Tobin	9/19
Kathleen Hewins	9/20
Connie Chappell	9/20
Marianne Spencer	9/21
Jacqueline Mason	9/26
Jordan Lotesto	9/26
Meghan Schneeweiss	9/26
Warren Spencer	9/26
Blake Lindner	9/26
Becky Berg	9/27
Olivia Schultz	9/28
Beverly Loitz	9/29
Linda Kranz	9/29
Randolph Kriegel	9/29
Krista Huffman	9/29
John Sroka	9/30



# Church News

## Mary Circle



It has been a while since we have been able to gather together, so let's give it a try.

Mary Circle would like to invite all the women of St. Paul's to a Pot Luck Salad Luncheon on Thursday, September 16, 2021 from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. It will be an informal gathering to reconnect and spend a bit of time talking about how we go forward from here.

Please plan on joining us, and bring a small salad, and all your good thoughts and ideas to share. We look forward to seeing you there.

RSVP to Laurie Revak at [copper11@comcast.net](mailto:copper11@comcast.net) or 815-245-6899.

*Mary Circle Officers*

*Laurie Revak*

*Nancy Kramer*

*Karen Radovich*



The Crystal Lake Food Pantry continues to help our neighbors in need. We now allow neighbors into the facility to select the food they can use. Masks are required for both neighbors and volunteers, social distancing is encouraged.

During these trying pandemic times the pantry has done a great job adapting and making sure resources remained available.

St. Paul's will again be participating in the large community wide food collection in November, until that time please remember the first Sunday of the month, Communion Sunday, has traditionally been a day designated for Food Pantry contributions. It would be great to keep that going.

Food can be placed in the white cart near the Market Place and we will be sure it gets to the pantry.

Our service day is one Friday a month. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please let me know. Thank you for all your support.

*Laurie Revak 815-245-6899*

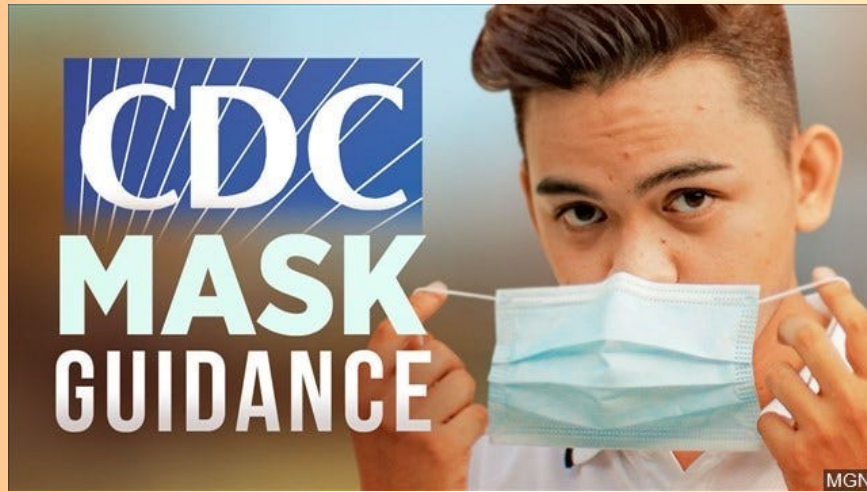
*Cheryll Triefenbach*

### SUNDAY SERVICE

If you would like to donate flowers in honor or memory of a loved one please notify Cheryll Triefenbach. She can be reached by e-mail [ctrief@gmail.com](mailto:ctrief@gmail.com) or phone 815-382-9367.

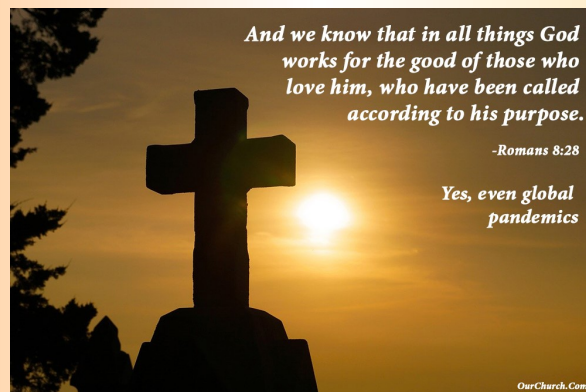


# Church News



## New Covid-19 Guidelines for In-Person Worship and Church Gatherings

As we continue to navigate through this pandemic, we may from time to time need to change our Covid guidelines for in-person worship services and Church gatherings as appropriate to reflect the most current CDC guidelines. The CDC recently issued guidelines recommending that communities with substantial rates of Covid transmission (**which includes McHenry County**) wear masks indoors, regardless of vaccination status. In alignment with those guidelines, St Paul's is recommending that both vaccinated and unvaccinated people wear masks indoors while attending in-person services and other gatherings at the Church. As is currently the case, this will remain a personal choice, but we do hope that you will consider your own safety and the safety of those around you.





# Church News

## Clean Up Day



8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Join us for St. Paul's outdoor clean-up day!

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 21ST**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

if you are up for the task please call  
Ken Thrun @ 847-710-0214.

We will be trimming the evergreens and  
bushes so please bring gloves, rake,  
trimmers, and a willing spirit!



Building & Grounds



# Church News



## ***Funeral & Memorial Luncheons***

You have all heard the expression “Change is inevitable” Well changes are coming to the way the funeral and memorial lunches will be handled. There is several reasons why we have made the decision to simplify the process of the luncheons. In the past this included the committee buying everything and charging the family for anything purchased including the paper products. The congregation was providing salads, side dishes, desserts, serving the food, and handling the set up and take down. Going forward, the family involved will be responsible for providing their own food whichever way they want to handle it. There are supermarkets and caterers available, or the family can provide it themselves. The committee will charge the family 25¢ per person for any paper products used including plates, napkins, place mats, and plastic utensils. They will also be charged for the coffee or tea that the family uses. The committee will still provide dessert, serve the food, set up and take down tables and clean the kitchen after the event.

The family will still contact the Church office to let the Office Manager know that they want to book a memorial luncheon or dessert and coffee hour after a funeral/memorial and then they will be asked to contact [Nancy Kramer at 224-333-0750](tel:224-333-0750) to let her know as well.

We could use more ladies to volunteer to bring in desserts and help at the funerals. If you are available, please contact one of the three (3) committee members listed below.

We hope these changes work out well for any families involved in the future.

*Nancy Kramer*  
*Karen Radovich*  
*Cheryll Triefenbach*



# Church News

## *Adult Choir Returns*

The Adult Choir resume this Fall with a new rehearsal schedule. The Choir will be rehearsing Sunday morning from 8:30 am - 9:30 am., before the 10:00 am Church service.

New members are welcome. If you love to sing, we'd love to have you join the fun! Some choir member will not be returning, and we really need **YOUR** voice!

Our first rehearsal will be **Sunday, August 29th**, in the lounge. If you have any questions please call Lon Schmidt.  
**815-459-7948**



## ANNOUNCING DIRECTOR POSTION

We are EXCITED to announce that St. Paul's is seeking to add the paid position of a Christian Youth Director to our church staff. Responsibilities will be to create and lead our Sunday children's service, along with the help of our Sunday school teachers and BOCE. This position will also lead our youth group (grades 6-12), their Sunday school program, and youth activities.

This position is a paid part-time (10 hours/week) role and will report to our Board of Christian Education along with input from Pastor Greg. If you know of anyone with a strong Christian background, able to relate well to children/youth, and possessing energy and enthusiasm for this type of opportunity, please have them send a letter or resume to: [TPIRC485@gmail.com](mailto:TPIRC485@gmail.com) for consideration.

# Thank You Notes



Dear St. Paul's Church Family,

I asked our children to give me their thoughts on Bob's memorial service and what is written below comes directly from them.

Pastor Greg and the entire congregation provided comfort and support in a very difficult time for us in the past months.

Paster Greg presented a lovely tribute to our Dad, and the musicians played beautiful music to celebrate his life. The Memorial Committee served delicious desserts and drinks in Fellowship Hall while providing a warm atmosphere leaving opportunities to visit and share memories of Dad. It was comforting to experience the way people of St. Paul's made everyone feel welcome and connected to the church, even in during this difficult time. We could sense the compassion of the people both for Dad and us, before, during, and after the service celebrating his life.

I couldn't have said it any better, a big should out of pride and thankfulness for all of you.

Thank you St. Paul's!

*The Family of Bob Reber*

St. Paul's friends,

Our family is overwhelmed and grateful for the outpouring of love and support we have received over the loss of our dear Jim. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him, but we rest in the assurance God is with all of us always.

Thank you for your love and sympathy.

*Donna Butler and Family*

# Usher & Greeter Schedule

August  
Sunday Worship  
10:00 a.m.

## *USHERS*

### AUGUST 1

Ken Thrun - Captain  
Rob & Laurie Revak  
Greeter: Sandy MacMillian  
Lay Reader: Gary Gee

### AUGUST 8

Sheryl Gee—Captain  
Gary Gee & Steve Tobin  
Greeter: Lynn & Gene Virzi  
Lay Reader: Amanda Lotesto

### AUGUST 15

Ken Hansen—Captain  
Karen Hansen & John Vogt  
Greeter: Shirley & Bill Berghorn  
Lay Reader: Jim Henneman

### AUGUST 22

Arlene Tuscano—Captain  
Gene & Lynn Virzi  
Greeter: Bonnie Goldman & Hazel Kriegel  
Lay Reader: Lauren Henneman

### AUGUST 29

John Whetham—Captain  
Nancy Bellis, Kevin Kruse  
Greeter: Barb & Ken Thrun  
Lay Reader: Elizabeth Speros

September  
Sunday Worship  
10:00 a.m.

## *USHERS*

### SEPTEMBER 5

Ken Hansen - Captain  
Karen Hansen  
Wendy Dominico  
Greeter: TBD  
Lay Reader: Arlene Tuscano

### SEPTEMBER 12

Jim Henneman - Captain  
Lauren Henneman  
Bill Berghorn  
Greeter: TBD  
Lay Reader: Rob Revak

### SEPTEMBER 19

Ken Thrun - Captain  
Gene & Lynn Virzi  
Greeter: TBD  
Lay Reader: George Heck

### SEPTEMBER 26

Arlene Tuscano - Captain  
Nancy Bellis  
Kevin Kruse  
Greeter: TBD  
Lay Reader: Eric Mason



# St. Paul's Prayer List

## **St. Paul's Members**

Marianne Spencer, Shirley Huddle

## **St. Paul's Homebound Friends**

Martha Hughes, Arlene Kopsell, Barb Biscomb

## **Deceased Members and Friends**

Jim Butler, John Jeffers, Dillard Mason, Bob Reber

Kirk Steinhaus, Thiri Hellyer, Maddie Dunham, Hipolito Family, Mark Hildebrandt,  
Carl Kazimier

## **Military - Stateside**

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)



## 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.



### Church Staff

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## NEXT BEACON

September 10th, 2021

All articles are due in the church  
office by September 2nd.



## Give the Gift of SCRIP

### IN STOCK SCRIP CARDS as of August 2, 2021

Buffalo Wild Wings	3 @ \$25
Buona Beef	7 @ \$10
Chili's	4 @ \$25
Chipotle	7 @ \$10
Darden	2 @ \$25
Fannie May	7 @ \$10
IHOP	2 @ \$25
Jewel	5 @ \$25
Kohl's	8 @ \$25
LL Bean	2 @ \$100
Mariano's	3 @ \$50
Meijer	2 @ \$50
Menards	2 @ \$100
Mobil	5 @ \$50
PF Chang	1 @ \$25
Panera	8 @ \$10/ 2 @ \$25
Red Lobster	6 @ \$25
Shell	1 @ \$50
Speedway	6 @ \$25/ 1 @ \$100
Starbucks	5 @ \$10/ 2 @ \$25
Target	4 @ \$25
Walgreens	4 @ \$25

With so many cards still in stock, I am currently only replenishing those purchased on a regular basis. 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, checks are made payable to St. Paul's.

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

### EASY AND CONVENIENT

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#### MyScripWallet™

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