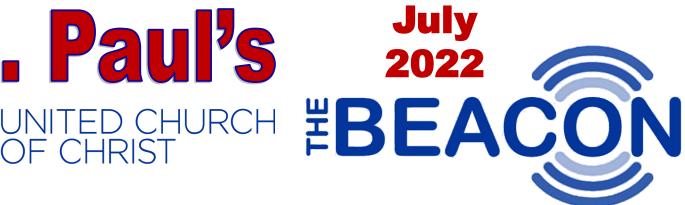
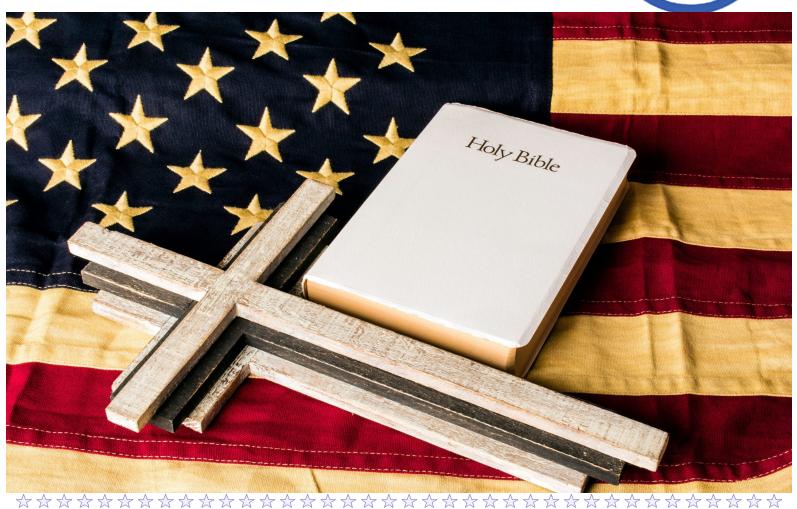
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Dear Friends,

August is here!!!! Where has the summer gone? School is resuming in a few days!!!

Often in the past, summer has seen a lull in activities at St. Paul's. This summer has been a radical exception. Much ministry has been happening for and through our congregation. (It appears God is not taking the summer off (\mathfrak{Q}) !)

Each week I am meeting new faces and seeing pictures or hearing reports of ministry taking place with people I have yet to meet! In a church our size, this is a remarkable occurrence and blessing. We are sharing the love of Christ with strangers - some of whom we may soon call friends. Indeed, I feel the Holy Spirit's breath blowing through our church in a new way. We are experiencing a renewal and a revitalization and I praise God for this blessing.

We are on a journey of faith. Our destination is nothing short of God's Kingdom. Along the way, we are called to share the love of Jesus Christ by helping, with God's Holy Spirit, meet the needs of our hurting and fractured community/world.

Keep the faith!

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 July 2022

Dear Church Family,



As we reach summer's halfway point and time is quickly passing by, we are reminded to savor these precious days of sun and warmth. We at St. Paul's are making the most of them with many activities and events to take us through to autumn. I thought I'd use this opportunity to showcase a few of them and the vitality that characterizes St. Paul's these days.

The last Tuesday in July, St. Paul's hosted an interfaith Prayer Vigil for Peace in our Sanctuary. For those of you who were able to participate, either in person or online, I'm guessing you experienced, as did I, a very moving and impactful service. We had representatives from three churches in our community: First Congregational Church (our sister church), First Church (Methodist), and Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church. We also had a Rabbi and representatives of the McHenry County Jewish Congregation. There were over 60 people attending, with an additional 20+ online. Many thanks to our Program Director, Kelly Akerberg, who organized and flawlessly executed this powerful prayer vigil.

Continuing our leadership role in the community, St. Paul's Montessori Guiding Light Preschool, is well on its way to a successful opening mid-August, with 17 young preschoolers enrolled and likely more yet to come. Becky Lucking, our Preschool Director, has been hard at work getting the word out, recruiting teachers and aides, and readying the classrooms. God continues to bless us through Becky and the young Christians and their families she attracts to St. Paul's. He truly does answer persistent prayers and it is both humbling and exciting to witness what God has in store for St. Paul's.

Our Youth Director, Jasmine Becker, has rolled out a Summer Fest of fun youth activities at St. Paul's, attracting new families and building a following. Kite flying, balloon making, water games, and kickball slip and slide events have been scheduled throughout the summer. Thank you, Jasmine, for helping to make St. Paul's a fun and safe place for our Youth!

Looking ahead to the month of August I want to remind you of two important events that we are hoping as many of you as possible will participate in. Our Rally Day Picnic on August 14th is open to all and we hope you will invite your family, friends, and neighbors for fellowship and activities for all ages—who said face painting is just for kids! In addition, as you may have heard Rob Revak announce during this past Sunday's service, August 1st kicks off a month-long capital campaign to revitalize portions of our physical environment that haven't been refurbished for over 30 years. It's time! Please be on the lookout for a letter outlining further details and how you can contribute.

As we relish these final days of summer and look to the future, we have so much to be grateful for. Praise be to God for all of the blessings He continues to shower on us at St. Paul's! May we all be instruments of His will.

With Joy and Gratitude,

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
Paul Benz	8/10
Karen Hansen	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
Rick Davis	8/30
Linda Bichler	8/31





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
Jesssica 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
Jackie 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



McHenry County Now in High Risk Zone of CDC Covid-19 Community Levels

As you know, the Council has been monitoring the key risk metrics for McHenry County on an ongoing basis to assess the risk metrics in McHenry County as set by IDPH and the CDC. As some of you may know, McHenry County is once again at the High level of community risk set by the CDC. At this level, the CDC recommends that individuals wear masks indoors in public and get tested if they have symptoms that might indicate a Covid-19 infection. You can find more information and check the county community level on an ongoing basis at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels.html.

While mask wearing will remain optional, we thought it was important for you to be made aware of this heightened level of risk so that you could determine the appropriate precautions you wish to take depending on your individual circumstances. We continue to support and encourage mask-wearing by anyone who feels for any reason that it is safer for them to do so. It remains a top priority to promote a safe and healthy environment for our congregation.



Our next event is the Rally Day Community Picnic! Everyone is welcome--please invite your friends & family. This is a free event, and food & beverage will be available for purchase from two amazing food trucks--Kissed by Fire, which has BBQ & pizzas and Sweet Marie's Pies, which has personal sized pies. Water & soda will also be available for purchase. In addition, there will be a bounce house, games, a face painter, Laurie Revak making balloon animals, fellowship & fun! Please rsvp on the poster in the Narthex & prayerfully consider sponsoring part of the picnic, that signup is also in the Narthex. We can't wait!



Upcoming Events

Back by popular demand! TRUNK OR TREAT!

Mark your calendars for Friday, October 28th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. We will take care of everything else, but we need 20 TRUNKERS! Please consider being a trunker--there will be prizes for the best trunks!

Youth Summer Fest

The last youth event of the summer is

August 9th. Bring the kids or grandkids to St. Paul's for kickball and slip n slide activities.





Any questions, please contact Kelly Akerberg at stpaulsprogramdirector@gmail.com, or Jasmine Becker at jasmine.ydstpauls@gmail.com

Notes of Gratitude

Thank you to everyone who donated bikes & helped with the bike swap! Our hearts were warmed when we were able to trade or give much needed bikes to some great community members.

We also had so much fun at the ice-cream social! Thank you to George Rook, Ann Lingner, and the rest of the brass ensemble for providing such fun music while we enjoyed our frozen treats.

Last, thank you for coming to the candlelight
 Prayer Vigil for Peace. Special thanks to the
 other churches that participated:

First Congregational Church of Crystal Lake,
First Church of Crystal Lake, Ridgefield-Crystal
Lake Presbyterian Church, and the McHenry
County Jewish Congregation. Additional
thanks to Pastor Greg, Kristin Lundine-Scheets,
Brian Click, Bill Deuerling, Ginny Deuerling, Ken
Thrun, Rebecca Lucking, Nancy Bellis, and Kevin Kruse for the many ways they helped to
make the Prayer Vigil a special evening.

















Prayer Vigil









Ice Cream Social













Usher & Greeter Schedule

August Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

USHERS

August 7

Sheryll Gee - Captain
Gary Gee
Steve Tobin
Greeter: Sandy MacMillan
Reader: Jane Dawson

August 14

Rob Revak - Captain

Lauri Revak
Linda Ticknor
Greeter: Shirley Berghorn
Bill Berghorn
Reader: TBD

August 21

Ken Hansen - Captain Karen Hansen Ann Lingner Greeter: Ann Lingner Reader: Sue Phillips

August 28

Ken Thrun - Captain
Gene & Lynn Virzi
Greeter: Bonnie Goldman
Hazel Kriegel
Reader: Cathy Schmidt

September Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

USHERS

September 4

John Whetham - Captain
Joe & Jan Rickard
Greeter: TBD
Reader: TBD

September 11

Gary Voss - Captain Carla Voss Bill Eich Greeter: TBD Reader: TBD

September 18

Ken Hansen
Karen Hansen
Jack Vogt
Greeter: TBD
Reader: TBD

September 25

Sheryl Gee - Captain
Gary Gee
Elizabeth Speros
Greeter: TBD
Reader: TBD

St. Paul's Prayer List



St. Paul's Homebound Friends Martha Hughes, Arlene Kopsell, Barb Biscomb

<u>Deceased Members and Friends</u> Craig Starbird, Bruce Kahler, Jim Johnson, Tom Matterness, Laura Jacobson

Friends

Jay Vocalino, Bob Bellis, Christine, Bonnie Breeden, Abigail Czosnyka, Floyd Wilson, Luann Springston

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)

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Engaging as

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Mariano's	4 @ \$50		
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Mobil	4 @ \$50		
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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.

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