

St. Paul's



**June
2022**

THE BEACON

A graphic with the words "HELLO SUMMER" in large, yellow, hand-drawn style letters. The letters are arranged on a light-colored wooden plank background. To the left of the text are several small, realistic seashells. To the right of the text is a small, dried starfish. In the bottom right corner, there is a striped beach towel with colors including white, yellow, red, blue, and green. On the towel lies a white bottle of sunscreen with a yellow cap and a pair of sunglasses with pink and white patterned frames.

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Dear Friends,

Jesus is reported to have said, "Blessed are the peacemakers." Would you describe yourself as a peacemaker? What is a peacemaker anyway? When I hear the term "peacemaker," I often think of that member of the family or that individual at work who strives "to keep the peace" when other people are fighting. Yet, I think Jesus probably used the term differently.

I think he was likely referring to people who do more than react to fighting but people who proactively work to promote peace in families, neighborhoods and communities. I think he was probably referring to people who respond to bullying and aggression with gentleness and grace. I think he was referring to people who viewed all people as God's children and who seek to forgive rather than seek revenge and live with bitterness. I think peacemakers are people who embrace hope for the future - a hope rooted in God's Kingdom as revealed and promised by Jesus Himself.

Would you describe yourself as a "peacemaker?" Do you wish to be one? Are you willing to pursue peace today in your thoughts and actions?

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

June 2022



Dear Church Family,

Summer is kicking into high gear and so is St. Paul's! At our June Council meeting this past Thursday we reviewed all the activity that has been set in motion by initiatives the Council and the BOCE have approved, as it is important we take stock and ensure things are proceeding on track. I thought it might be helpful if I reviewed some of this with you, as well.

One of the initiatives, coordinated with the BOCE, that is very visible to you has been the hiring and subsequent activities of our three directors—Program Director (Kelly Akerberg), Youth Director (Jasmine Becker), and Preschool Director (Becky Lucking)—or the Dynamic Trio as I like to call them. The Dynamic Trio is supported by our talented Office Manager (Lena Vocalino), who works together with them to coordinate communications in print and on social media. In addition to each of their specific roles, they have been combining their talents to put on programs that involve a range of audiences and interests. So far, the Casa Road Rally, the Potluck, and the Imagination Garden events have attracted people of all ages and introduced potential new members of St. Paul's to the vitality of our church community. Upcoming events, like the Bike Swap, Ice Cream Social, and the Rally Day Picnic will similarly have broad appeal. And as Pastor Greg mentioned at a recent Sunday service, he is planning a special Prayer Vigil service and Kelly has reached out to other churches in our community inviting them to join us. We are excited to see what unfolds. Last but not least, Jasmine, the BOCE, and our Kids Konnect teachers, have successfully launched our Super Summer Sunday program for our young children, which meets every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month during our Sunday worship service following the Young Christians Message.

Another initiative is the relaunch of our Preschool (rebranded as St. Paul's Guiding Light Preschool), under Becky's extraordinary leadership and the supervision of the Preschool Board. Becky has been hard at work attracting new families and their young children to our Preschool (and hopefully St. Paul's), with her energetic and creative behind-the-scenes activities. Becky's offering of a Christian Montessori early education program is generating great interest and there are least 8 enrollees signed up so far. As a demonstration of our confidence in the success of this program, the Council approved interim funding at its most recent meeting to bridge the gap until St. Paul's Guiding Light Preschool's term begins and tuition is collected in mid-August. We are so excited!

And finally, at least for now, I recently held a meeting with all of the existing committee chairs to gather their input and discuss how best to proceed with the transition to the proposed new Ministry structure. It was a constructive meeting and we all agreed on a roadmap for moving forward. Stay tuned!

As you can see, there is a lot of positive activity going on at St. Paul's. School may be out for summer, but your Council, St. Paul's staff, and St. Paul's many volunteers are not on vacation. They are hard at work! If you would like to get involved in any of the upcoming programs or new committees, or even on Council or the BOCE, please let me know. We welcome your participation!

With excitement,

Nancy Bellis,
Church Council President

Let's Celebrate Birthdays



Michael Popp	7/1	Ruth Costello	7/18
Ernie Good	7/5	Bill Berghorn	7/21
Dave Kay	7/9	Marlene Kuhlman	7/21
Monet Lindstrand	7/12	Jim Henneman Jr.	7/22
Anna Mason	7/13	Deborah Patterson	7/23
Barbara Thrun	7/13	Jennifer Good	7/24
Nancy Bellis	7/13	Brian Click	7/24
Norman Falk	7/15	Mary Glauner	7/25
Jeffrey Lutz	7/15	Jordan Lombardo	7/25
Olivia Kachelmuss	7/16	Andrew Eckhardt	7/29
Connie Burdloff	7/18	Morgan Roewer	7/31
		Steve Tobin	7/31



Dylan Eckhardt	8/1	Lydia Lang	8/19
Marianne Deacon-Davis	8/2	Marilyn Peaco	8/21
Linda Ticknor	8/3	Jeffery Moore	8/21
Jackie Loehner	8/7	Carla Voss	8/22
Tristin Monahan	8/7	Joyce Lucas	8/24
Paul Benz	8/10	Annette Roewer	8/25
Karen Hansen	8/15	Rick Davis	8/30
Susan Radet	8/17	Linda Bichler	8/31

Church News



Pictures, Pictures, Pictures!

With the coming of June, summer seems to finally have arrived! With that, we are asking everyone to help us out by submitting pictures to share in all the future Beacons, Church Chatter, and on our social media platforms.

We would like to **see YOU** (and any family members/friends) doing anything...could be on vacation, traveling, camping, climbing trees, your pets, riding bikes, literally ANYTHING!

The KEY is we want to see PEOPLE in the pictures as in YOU. Not just great pics, but pics with you appearing in the picture. Please include a brief explanation of who is in the picture, where it was taken, or what it is that we are looking at and when the picture was taken.

We will use pictures over the coming weeks and months. So...get those cameras and phones ready!

Send your pics with a short description to Lena at: Info@stpaulsucccl.org Lena can make small edits to the pictures but will not be able to use blurry photos or images that cut off any part of the subject matter.

Thanks in advance!

Rob Revak



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Updates from our Preschool Director



This week I've been pondering the folk story "Stone Soup". It goes something like this: Once there were 3 weary travelers that made camp in the mountains. The villagers are cautious but curious about the strangers. The travelers build a fire, fill a large pot with water, and toss in three round stones. One by one the villagers venture out to investigate the situation and bring spices, vegetables, and other valuable ingredients to add to the soup. Together they make a feast and celebrate the joy that comes from sharing resources, stories, and kindness with one another.



Dear Friends,

Our St. Paul's Guiding Light Preschool is our stone soup. I have been a weary traveler. I've lived in several different states and have been through a world of change over the last few years. You welcomed me, my husband, and our daughters back here with open arms. I proposed a new idea- Christian Montessori Early Education. You have been curious, encouraging, supportive, and helpful in more ways than I can list. You've shared your resources, time, prayers, ideas, and warm wishes with me from the very start. My cup runneth over. Truly.

I am pleased to announce that we currently have 8 students enrolled. We are opening both the Sunshine and the Garden classrooms this fall for toddlers and preschool aged children. We have held three (3) Open Houses and have one scheduled for June 25th. Family Tours are being conducted as well. Our Imagination Garden event was a perfect day to promote our Youth Ministries and the church with Crystal Lake and the surrounding towns. The Community Family Bike Swap event is planned for July 14th. My prayer is that folks will see St. Paul's as the little church with a BIG Heart- a place to share, laugh, cry, learn, grow, and be together in Christian fellowship.



Blessings!

Rebecca Lucking

St. Paul's Guiding Light Preschool Director

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Since restarting at the end of March, Fellowship time has been well received. The committee is thankful for all who have participated to make it successful. We would appreciate your checking the sign up sheet on the serving cabinet in the narthex and sign up. Please choose a special date to provide goodies; two or three people each Sunday should be sufficient. A committee member will set up the serving table and have drinks ready. All you have to do is provide treats, monitor the table and help clean up. If you have special decorations (napkins, flowers, etc.) you may add. If there is a Sunday in which no one has volunteered, there will be no food, just beverages. Contact the monthly chair with questions.

Fellowship Committee.

Jan Czosnyka, Sheryl Gee, Ann Lingner, Donna Reber, Laurie Revak, and Cheryl Triefenbach



What is St. Paul's Vision?

What are St. Paul's Missions and Outreach?

Would you like to get acquainted or reacquainted with St. Paul's?

The Evangelism Ministry would like to form an inquirer's gathering to reach out to people who have worshipped with us online, and in person, who may be looking for a church home that would assist in growing and nurturing their faith.

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 whether the risk metrics in McHenry County meet acceptable levels of risk as set by IDPH and the CDC. As some of you may know, McHenry County recently entered 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.

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Upcoming JULY Events to Share with the Community

"Community Bike Swap"

Thursday, July 14th from 5:00 - 7:00 pm at St. Paul's. Bring your old bike and trade it in for a new one! Tricycles & scooters also accepted. Doing some spring cleaning in your garage? You can bring your old bike NOW, and anytime leading up to 7/14. We will happily take any bikes, tricycles, scooters, helmets, training wheels, etc. This event will be open to the community as well.



485 WOODSTOCK ST, CRYSTAL LAKE

BICYCLE SWAP



KIDS TOO BIG FOR THEIR OLD BIKE?
WANT TO TRY A NEW KIND OF BIKE?

THIS EVENT IS FOR YOU!
BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!

THURSDAY, JULY 14
5:00 - 7:00 PM

Tricycles & scooters accepted too!

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

Save THE Date

SUNDAY, JULY 24 AFTER SERVICE

Enjoy fellowship, ice-cream
from Ultimate Vending, &
Dixieland music from our
very own Brass Ensemble!



INVITE YOUR
FRIENDS &
FAMILY TO
SERVICE THAT
DAY!



Church News

Wow! We had such a great time watching everyone get their creative juices flowing as they put their Imagination Gardens together last Saturday morning! Thanks to everyone who came out & enjoyed the event with us!

St. Paul's Director's

Becky, Kelly & Jasmine

Imagination Garden



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

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RALLY DAY PICNIC



SUNDAY, AUGUST 14TH

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

485 WOODSTOCK ST.

CRYSTAL LAKE

All are welcome!

GAMES! MUSIC! FUN!



THIS IS A FREE
COMMUNITY EVENT!
FOOD & BEVERAGE WILL
BE AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE.



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

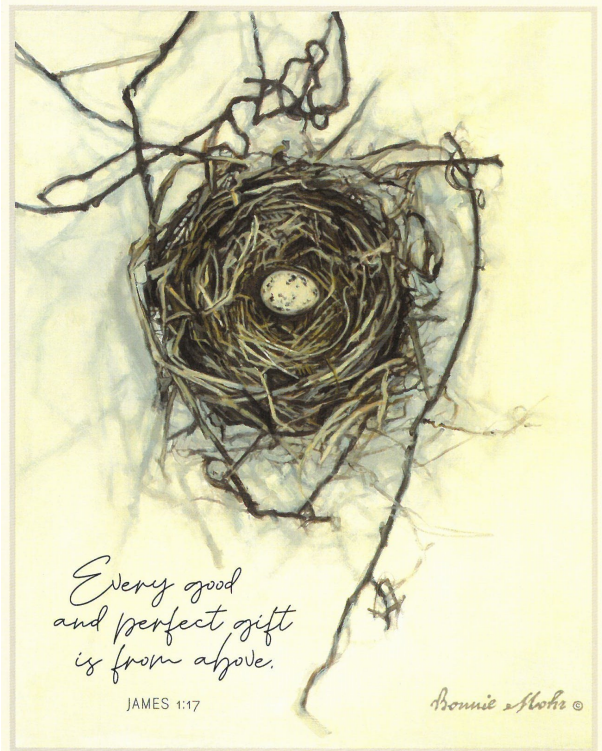
Thank You



I'd like to thank Pastor Greg,
my Church family and friends
for your prayers, cards and calls
following my recent surgery. All
are very much appreciated.

Love,
Barb Thrun

A thank you from
Shirley & Bill Berghorn



To our Dear
St Paul's Church Family
I can't tell you how
grateful and Blessed
I am for each of you.
All your wonderful cards,
calls and prayers
during my recovery were
so spirit warming.
And many thanks
for Pastor Greg's visits.
Shirley and I are so
moved and grateful
for such caring friends.

Many thanks and
much Love from
Bill & Shirley Berghorn

Thank You

From Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer
General Minister & President
(Ukraine Disaster Relief Fund)



June 6, 2022

St. Paul's United Church of Christ
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Dear Friends at St. Paul's United Church of Christ:

Thank you for your generous donation to the United Church of Christ to support disaster relief in Ukraine. Your gift of \$2,217.00 was received on 4/28/2022. Through your gift, families that have been displaced and are in need of shelter and basic necessities will receive support.

Hand in hand with our Partners in Service and other volunteers, congregations, and conferences, UCC Disaster Ministries seeks to serve families and communities by identifying and meeting unmet needs and providing spiritual and emotional support.

Your love of neighbor will be made tangible through your gift. With the help of our global partners, you will provide welcome, shelter, and respite for families in local and international communities. Through your giving, those in need will be provided with spiritual support and physical resources to rebuild their lives.

United in prayer, action, and giving, we stand as a people of faith in love and compassion. Thank you again for spreading God's hope, peace, and love through your financial assistance as the United Church of Christ continues to build a just world for all. If you have questions regarding your donation, please feel free to contact us at giving@ucc.org or 1-800-846-6822.

In faith,

Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer
General Minister and President

*No goods or services were provided in return for this donation.
Please keep a copy of this letter as a receipt for your taxes.*

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Usher & Greeter Schedule

July
Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.

USHERS

July 3

Ken Hansen - Captain
Karen Hansen
Jane Dawson
Greeter: Karen Radovich
Reader: TBD

July 10

Gary Voss - Captain
Carla Voss & Wendy Manser
Greeter: TBD
Reader: Jim Henneman

July 17

Sheryl Gee - Captain
Gary Gee & Wendy Dominco
Greeter: Donna Layne
Reader: TBD

July 24

Ken Thrun - Captain
Kevin Kruse & Nancy Bellis
Greeter: Ann Lingner
Reader: Lauren Henneman

July 31

Jim Henneman - Captain
Lauren Henneman
Rebecca Eckhart
Greeter: Rob & Lauri Revak
Reader: Gary Gee

August
Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.

USHERS

August 7

Rob Revak - Captain
Lauri Revak
Steve Tobin
Greeter: TBD
Reader: TBD

August 14

Sheryll Gee - Captain
Gary Gee
Linda Ticknor
Greeter: TBD
Reader: TBD

August 21

Ken Hansen - Captain
Karen Hansen
Ann Lingner
Greeter: TBD
Reader: TBD

August 28

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

St. Paul's Prayer List



St. Paul's Members

Robin Mullard, Bill Berghorn, Sandy Macmillan,
Marianne Spencer, Norm Falk

St. Paul's Homebound Friends

Martha Hughes, Arlene Kopsell, Barb Biscomb

Deceased Members and Friends

Judy Conyner, Tom Matterness, Laura Jacobson, Bill Skaggs,
Allen Eslick, Mary Jane Butler,

Friends

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)

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 June 2nd, 2022

Amazon	2 @ \$25
Bath and Body Works	2 @ \$25
Buffalo Wild Wings	2 @ \$25
Chipotle	6 @ \$10
Chili's	4 @ \$25
Darden	5 @ \$25
Dunkin'	9 @ \$10
Fannie May	9 @ \$10
IHOP	2 @ \$25
Jewel	11 @ \$100
Kohl's	2 @ \$25 / 1 @ \$100
LL Bean	2 @ \$100
Mariano's	4 @ \$50
Menards	2 @ \$100
Mobil	4 @ \$50
Panera	7 @ \$10
Red Lobster	8 @ \$25
Shell	3 @ \$50
Steinmart	1 @ \$25
Subway	3 @ \$10
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 checks 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!



NEXT BEACON: July
Date TBD