

# St. Paul's

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Dear Friends,

As we continue to minister in the months and even years ahead, it may be helpful for us to think now about the current "lay of the land." Here are some questions for your prayerful consideration:

1. How can we build upon what we have learned and the success of our online worship service to better share the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Though there is an eagerness to resume all in person meetings, are there activities we can continue or add online that would enhance or expand our ministry? If so, what might they be?
2. Who is most in need in our immediate community at the present? How visible are these needs? What can we do to positively address them?
3. As guidelines for our gatherings are adjusted, how do we interact with one another in Christian ways? What can we do that will respectfully bring people together and include everyone in the one Body of Christ?
4. Who constitutes our present church community? At the moment we have several groups in one congregation: members and friends worshipping in person, members and friends worshipping online, and people we don't know worshipping online.
5. How have the past thirteen months changed us? As we plan for the future are there activities and patterns we used to engage in we will choose to set aside? If so, which things will we leave behind? Which things will we resume and which things will we do in a new way, remembering that God is the same yesterday, today and forever and that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ.

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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 the calendar page to June, I am struck by a single word that seems to describe what is happening all around us. That word is *open*. Flowers are beginning to open their spring buds and transform into beautiful flowers. Pools and beaches are beginning to open. Events and celebrations that were canceled last year at this time are once again scheduled to open or take place. And, last, but far from least, our Church is now open for in-person services. All of these things, however, take some time and nurturing to reach their full vitality. Buds may need a boost of fertilizer to be coaxed into blooming. Pools may be murky when first opened and require some sanitizing, cleaning, and warmer weather before they can be safe and fun to swim in. And events and celebrations may require some extra time and preparation before they can take place. Our Church is no different. As members gradually return to in-person worship and anxiously await the loosening of Covid-related restrictions, we would do well to remember that like flowers, pools, and scheduled events and celebrations, opening our church and reaching our full vitality will take some time and careful nurturing.

Your Church Council, the Emergency Management Committee, and the Worship Committee have all met this past month to discuss and plan how best to continue the process of reopening our Church and revitalizing our activities. TPIRC (Thriving Pastors in Revitalizing Congregations) has also been hard at work thinking of ways to breathe new life into our Church community. We continue to actively recruit for a Youth Leader and a Preschool Director. All of these things require time and care to produce successful results. Please be assured that we are all hard at work doing just that.

As we anxiously await the anticipated announcement in the near future by Governor Pritzker of Illinois' entrance into Phase 5 of Restore Illinois, none of us knows yet what restrictions, if any, will remain. We are also mindful that what may be permissible for commercial enterprises, may not directly translate to what is appropriate for a church community comprised of members who love and care for one another. The EMC is scheduled to meet again following the Governor's announcement to determine what that will mean for our Church, and the Council is prepared to act promptly in considering whatever recommendations the EMC may make. We are hopeful it will mean greater flexibility in terms of how we conduct our in-person worship. In the meantime, we ask for your continued patience and perseverance while we work to enable our Church, like a well-tended garden nurtured with tender loving care, to bring forth new and plentiful bounty. May we *open* with God's grace and be guided by His love for us and our love for one another.

Prayerfully yours,

*Nancy Bellis*, Church Council President



# Let's Celebrate Birthdays



Anna Schmidt	6/1
Mae Sindler	6/3
Betty Kubat	6/5
Tim Benz	6/6
Lauren Rodriquez	6/6
Colin Braun	6/8
Alex Alexeyuk	6/9
Kristin Dul	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
Benjamin Lingner	6/24
Kathy Rodriquez	6/24
Madelyn MacMillan	6/28
Dana Sideris	6/28
Rebecca Eckhardt	6/29
Rob Revak	6/29



Michael Popp	7/1
Ernie Good	7/5
Dave Key	7/9
Jocelyn Elizarraraz	7/12
Monet Lindstrand	7/12
Anna Mason	7/13
Barbara Thrun	7/13
Nancy Bellis	7/13
Norman Falk	7/15
Jeffrey Lutz	7/15
Connie Burdloff	7/16
Ruth Costello	7/18

Bill Berghorn	7/21
Marlene Kuhlman	7/21
James Henneman, Jr.	7/22
Harold Obermann	7/23
Deborah Patterson	7/23
Jennifer Good	7/24
Brian Click	7/24
Mary Glauner	7/25
Jordan Lombardo	7/25
Leona Diedrick	7/29
Andrew Eckhardt	7/29
Steve Tobin	7/31

# Church News - Summer Service



St. Paul's Summer worship will NOW begin 10:00 a.m. every Sunday. Please make a note and remember to make your reservation on the church website if you would like to attend Sunday service.

<https://stpaulsucc-cl.org/>

## **IMPORTANT REMINDER**

*If you are scheduled to be an Usher or Lay Reader please plan on arriving at the church 45 minutes before the service starts.*

# Church News

## 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 (5-6 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.

# History of the Columbarium & Walk of Remembrance

As some of you may or may not know, in 2006 George Kramer approached the church council with an idea that many had not heard of before or had very little knowledge of. A Columbarium, a structure, George shared, that was built for placing the cremains of the congregation of St. Paul's. The council asked him to do further research on the project and so began three months of George convincing the members of the council that he could show enough support from the congregation and that it would be completely funded before construction could begin.

By December of 2006, George formed the original committee consisting of Sondra Matterness, Brian Zickus, Jan-Lloyd Gohl, Mark Fueger, Ginny Duerling, and Pastor Greg Lucas. This committee developed a proposal and were asking for the congregation's approval at the January 2007 annual meeting. This proposal showed the completed project cost would be \$30,000. This would include an 8-foot columbarium structure that would include 52 companion niches, a 10' x 15' meditation area, and 5-foot-wide memorial walk (3 feet would be cement, the remaining 2 feet would be the 1-foot memorial pavers on each side.) It would lead from the front door of the church to the shrubbery for privacy. The location would be in front of the stained-glass window. The funding for the project would consist of selling the niches, memorial pavers and donations. He also shared that the project would need to be fully funded in order to proceed. The by-laws, contacts and timetable were presented. The Congregation approved this proposal on January 21, 2007.

In April a naming contest was announced and the winner would receive an engraved paver and would be placed first on the Walk of Remembrance Garden. In June Karen Radovich had won with her entry "St. Paul's Remembrance Garden."

By the end of May 2007, George was pleased to announce that the fundraising was a success, and that the Columbarium would have an expected delivery date of October 1, 2007. By July it was further announced that the committee had exceeded their goal, 19 niches had been purchased along with 55 pavers. The city approved the plan and work would begin.

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# History of the Columbarium & Walk of Remembrance

He thanked the following, Sondra Matterness, Tim McGuire, Karen Hansen, and Linda Ticknor for their work on the landscaping. He gave special thanks to Marilyn Koch for helping creating brochures and overall support, and to Warren Spencer who repaired the lawn from the damage done by the heavy equipment. He thanked Dick Hautzinger for his help with the survey work and working with the city, along with Ryan Tyhsen for help with the power point presentation and brochures. He also thanked the general contractor Andy Carey, whom George came to know and love. (Andy passed away a few years after the project was completed and George placed a memorial paver in his memory along the Walk of Remembrance) He also thanked Ron Katenhusen for his masonry work and Garcia Construction. Last but not least, he thanked the members of St. Paul's for their support of this ministry.

George always believed that this was a ministry to all families and friends of St. Paul's in their greatest hour of pain and need. It was not just a final resting place, but the support of an entire family of believers in Christ. As with many great leaders and visionaries, their legacy lives on, and those who remain will be called to action. It is my prayer that we, the members of St. Paul's, continue to support this valuable ministry with our love and friendship to the families and friends of those inurned in the Columbarium. At this moment of this incredible vision, I share with you these facts. Thirty-four (34) niches have been sold, as well as 84 pavers and 18 people have been inurned in the Columbarium. This is a self-sustaining ministry. All surrounding landscaping, upkeep and improvements are made through the Columbarium fund.

The 2021 Columbarium committee members, Karen Hansen, Becky Burns, Donna Butler, Sue Phillips, Elizabeth Speros, Jack Vogt, Carla Voss, John Whetham and Pastor Greg Lucas, invite you to spend some time in the Remembrance Garden and continue your support of this ministry through your prayers and love.

*The Columbarium Committee*



# Columbarium & Walk of Memory Photos

## Before Photos



## After Photos





# Crystal Lake Food Pantry

We are again making a plea for assistance on St. Paul's service day at the food pantry. There are still so many of our seniors who aren't quite ready to resume volunteering. With summer approaching and many of our current helpers not available due to vacations and times at their summer cottages, there will be a need for more volunteers. We are hoping that you might have high schoolers or college children who might be available to assist on our service day, which is about every 5 weeks. Perhaps your high schooler may need service hours for honor society or scouts or your college son or daughter hasn't been able to find a summer job. The pantry would be a great place to assist to give them the credits they need or just to keep them from becoming bored. There is still no client contact, since they aren't allowed in the building and we don't know when that will change. There is also a need for people to help in the back room assisting when trucks come in with food donations. Boxes need to be broken down and sometimes help in restocking shelves.

Please give prayerful thought to assisting this wonderful service to the community. Without the pantry, many people would go hungry.

Contact Cheryll Triefenbach or Laurie Revak if you have questions or concerns, either by phone or emails, which are in the church directory.

*Cheryll and Laurie*



# Flower Donations

Now that Sunday Service is back in session it would be wonderful to have fresh flowers up at the altar each week. If you would like to donate in honor or memory of a loved one please notify Cheryll Triefenbach. —> email or call Cheryll at 815-382-9367.



We ♥  
volunteers!

# St. Paul's Prayer List

## *ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST*

### St. Paul's Members

Bob Reber, Jim Butler, Shirley Huddle

### St. Paul's Homebound Friends

Martha Hughes, Arlene Kopsell, Barb Biscomb

### Deceased Members and Friends

Martha Triefenbach, Hannah, Loyce McNutt, Refugia Maria Terrones, Edward Mullard, Sid Martin, Virginia (Ginny) Katenhusen, Helen Sroka

### Friends

Carlene Macko, Nancy Johnson, Nancy Kendall, Jann Almquist, Helen Winter, Carl Kazimier, Bill Jelinek, Seeger Family, Jan DeJulius,

### 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.



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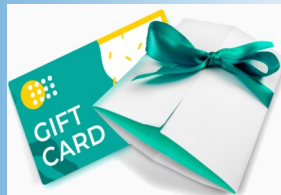
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## NEXT BEACON

July 16th, 2021

All articles are due in the church  
office by July 9th.



## Give the Gift of SCRIP

Amazon	3 @ \$25
Buffalo Wild Wings	3 @ \$25
Buona Beef	2 @ \$10
Chili's	2 @ \$25
Chipotle	3 @ \$10
Darden	2 @ \$25
IHOP	2 @ \$25
Jewel	5 @ \$25/ 9 @ \$100
Kohl's	8 @ \$25
LL Bean	2 @ \$100
Mariano's	3 @ \$50
Meijer	2 @ \$50
Mobil	5 @ \$50
PF Chang	2 @ \$25
Panera	10 @ \$10/ 2 @ \$25
Red Lobster	2 @ \$25
Shell	2 @ \$50
Speedway	1 @ \$100
Stein Mart	1 @ \$25
Starbucks	2 @ \$25
Target	5 @ \$25
Walgreens	6 @ \$25
Walmart	7 @ \$100/ 2 @ \$250

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 (nuknees@mc.net)**

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#### MyScripWallet™

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