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June 9nd

**All articles are due in by
June 2nd**



Dear Friends,

This is my last opportunity to share with you the Pastor's Beacon Article. I hope you have received a letter from Joyce and me expressing our gratitude for the past and hope for the future. I also pray you will be able to join us for my final worship service as your pastor on Sunday, May 21st.

In preparation for this service, I want you to know that part of our worship that day will be a Renewal of Baptismal Vows for the entire congregation. The occasion of retirement is an appropriate time for each of us to remember our vocation - our calling to serve Christ. I think each one of us has been called to important service - no matter what our "job" might be. Times of transition are good times to recall, celebrate and renew our commitments to serve. I think renewing vows made at our baptism is a great way to do that. This is one reason I hope you will join us for worship this day.

I'm sure my heart and head will both be full come May 21st. I am deeply grateful for you and believe God has our future safe in His Hands.

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



May 2023

Dearest St. Paul's Family.

With the guidance of Pastor Greg, the UCC Conference representative Stephanie Perdue and the extensive and prayerful work of your church council, I am pleased to inform you that a full-time interim pastor has been selected.

The Reverend Robert Wang comes to us with extensive experience working with congregations going thru transitions. He is an ordained minister with a Masters Degree of Divinity as well as a Bachelors Degree in Music.

He is extremely excited about coming to St Paul's and providing support thru our period of grief, as well as helping us to determine our future by moving forward toward a settled pastor. Pastor Bob is currently serving as an interim pastor in Rockton, IL and will be joining us full time on August 1st.

Thanks to Kevin Kruse and the worship committee, a supply Minister has been arranged to fill the weeks until Pastor Bob can join us. The Reverend James Benzing will be with us beginning May 22nd as our part-time minister through July 31st.

Again, I can't thank everyone enough who has dedicated their time and their prayerful energies to make this happen. I know there will be questions and concerns, but together we will work through them.

At a time when most needed, the Lord has provided.

Praise God!!!!

Wendy Manser

St. Paul's Church Council President

Let's Celebrate Birthdays



June

BIRTHDAYS
THIS MONTH

Anna Schmidt	6/1	Pinky Martin	6/20
Colin Braun	6/8	Anna Zickus	6/21
Madison Bockholdt	6/8	Angela Loehner	6/22
Alex Alexeyuk	6/9	Dana Sideris	6/28
Kristin Dul	6/9	Rebecca Eckhardt	6/29
Brian Zickus	6/13	Rob Revak	6/29



July

BIRTHDAYS
THIS MONTH

Michael Popp	7/1	Bill Berghorn	7/21
Ernie Good	7/5	Marlene Kuhlman	7/21
Dave Kay	7/9	Jim Henneman Jr.	7/22
Cole Engel	7/9	Debbie Patterson	7/23
Soleil Dominguez	7/12	Jennifer Good	7/24
Anna Mason	7/13	Brian Click	7/24
Barb Thrun	7/13	Mary Glauner	7/25
Norm Falk	7/15	Jordan Lombardo	7/25
Jeffrey Lutz	7/15	Andrew Eckhardt	7/29
Connie Burdloff	7/18	Steve Tobin	7/31
Ruth Costello	7/18		

CHURCH NEWS

Sunday, May 7th was the Farewell Hike for Pastor Greg at The Hollows. It was a beautiful and warm day!

There were approximately 20 people who attended. We enjoyed snacks, drinks and several people packed a picnic lunch to eat before we headed out on the trail.

While we walked around the lake, Regina and her dog decided to go in the water!!

As we finished our loop, we saw a couple of kayaks and people fishing. We returned to the shelter to cool down with some cold water, snacks and homemade cookies. It was a great way to spend some time together outdoors and visit with Pastor Greg!!



THANK YOU

Mary Circle

During our April meeting, Mary Circle assembled 36 hygiene kits which were delivered to First Congregational Church in Crystal Lake. The church will distribute them where they are needed. We also sent a check to the Church World Services to help cover any costs related to distributing the kits.

Mary Circle would like to thank everyone for donating kits and monetary gifts to this worthy cause.

Personal Hygiene



I want to thank all of the wonderful St. Pauls family members who sent beautiful cards and those who attended service for my mom, Judy McFadden.

Pastor Greg and Joyce, many thanks for the meaningful service, spending extra time with us and for your love and kindness.

My parents were friends of the church attending Christmas programs the children performed for years. They enjoyed Spaghetti Dinners, all craft fairs and also donated for repair fundraisers. They were blessed to know many of you here.

I will miss my mom so much.

Such a caring and loving person!

Thank you all for sharing time with her and all of the prayers.

Much love,

Becky Burns

Usher Schedule

May
Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.

USHERS

May 7th

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

May 14th Mother's Day

Ken Thrun - Captain
Ann Lingner
Rebecca Eckhart
Greeter: TBD
Reader: Fred Mullard

May 21st

Gary Voss - Captain
Carla Voss
John Vogt
Greeter: Nancy Bellis &
Kevin Kruse
Reader: Jane Dawson

May 28th

Jim Henneman - Captain
Lauren Henneman
Linda Ticknor
Greeter: TBD
Reader: Gary Gee

June
Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.

USHERS

June 4th

Ken Thrun - Captain
Nancy Bellis & Kevin Kruse
Greeter: TBD
Reader: Linda Ticknor

June 11th

Rob Revak - Captain
Laurie Revak
Jane Dawson
Greeter: TBD
Reader: Jim Henneman

June 18th Father's Day

Ken Hansen - Captain
Karen Hansen
Elizabeth Speros
Greeter: TBD
Reader: Sue Phillips

June 25th

Sheryl Gee - Captain
Gary Gee & Steve Tobin
Greeter: TBD
Reader: TBD

St. Paul's Prayer List



St. Paul's Members

Margaret Tobin, Marianne Spencer, John Kennedy, Marilyn Peaco,
Eric Mason, Jennifer Good

St. Paul's Homebound Friends

Arlene Kopsell, Barb Biscomb

Deceased Members and Friends

Ron Katenhusen, Judy McFadden

Friends

N/A

Military - Stateside

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), 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

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Give the Gift of SCRIP

IN STOCK SCRIP CARDS as of February 17th, 2023

Amazon	1 @ \$25
Best Buy	1 @ \$25
Buffalo Wild Wings	2 @ \$25
Chili's	2 @ \$25
Chipotle	3 @ \$10
Darden	2 @ \$25
Dunkin'	6 @ \$10
Home Depot	2 @ \$100
IHOP	1 @ \$25
Jewel	3 @ \$25/ 10 @ \$100
LL Bean	1 @ \$100
Mariano's	3 @ \$50
Panera	5 @ \$10
Shell	2 @ \$50
Speedway	12 @ \$25/1 @ \$100
Starbucks	1 @ \$25
Synergy (Mobil)	3 @ \$50
Steinmart	1 @ \$25
Subway	3 @ \$10
Target	3 @ \$25
TJ Maxx (Sierra,HomeGoods, Marshall)	2 @ \$100
Walmart	5 @ \$100

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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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™

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