



PASTORAL PERSPECTIVE

Rev. Stephanie Ahlschwede

Love to tell the story

This fall you will see a focus on "story" at Saint Paul.

As Christians, our faith life centers on story - stories we find in scripture, stories of identity we learn and share with one another that shape our daily life, stories long forgotten that we remember, stories that move us to serve and to advocate for change, and stories that we offer to God in prayer.

In worship, we return to the lectionary and the stories of Jesus and his ministry of teaching and healing. In our faith life, you will find opportunities to reflect on your own stories and learn from those of others. I'm especially glad that we have the opportunity to share in a community walk on the Tri-Faith campus Sunday, September 11th, a day upon which we remember the importance of shared stories of faith in Muslim, Jewish, and Christian experiences.

September's BFF (Benson First Friday) on the 2nd offers an opportunity to celebrate our neighborhood's new designation as a Creative Arts District. I love how Benson understands itself to always be in the process of creative thinking and being - a living story. Saint Paul will welcome Ten Thousand Villages to our Community Partner booth in the South Market (62nd & Miami), advocating for our global neighbors through the sales of artisan craftwork in a local context.

You're invited to worship and participate with us this fall as we continue to celebrate the stories of faith and God's presence in the stories of our lives

Rev. Steph

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

Stay up to date with activities for school-age kids, including the launch of 2022-23 Sunday School. Contact Rev. Steph or the church office if you have family or friends that are interested, and we'll be sure you receive event info.



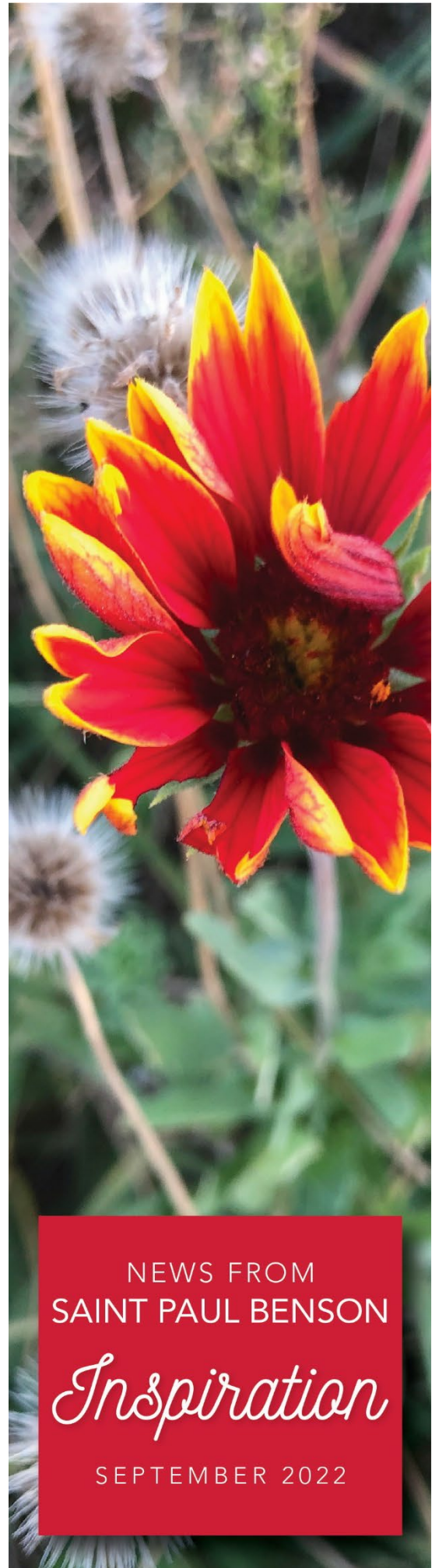
Junior and senior high school students are invited to join us for faith development in our

YOUTH GROUP

We will meet once a month on Sunday afternoons with the Urban Abbey teens and will add a second activity to further our fellowship and spiritual growth.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 28	12:30 PM	Urban Abbey
September 11	3:00 PM	Tri-Faith Campus
		<i>United We Walk</i>
September 18	12:30 PM	Urban Abbey



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RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

With God's love as our foundation, we celebrate friendship with all of God's people, affirming all sexual orientations and gender identities. Together, we will seek justice for all and do good in our community, nation and around the world in the name of Jesus Christ.



REV. JERRY BRABEC

What to say but "put away your white belts and go-go boots!" We are about to make a change! The calendar is moving us quickly toward another fall season, ready or not. It's a great time to think about our United Methodist membership vow to "faithfully participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness to Jesus Christ in the world." How will Saint Paul be made stronger by our membership?

Holy Communion will be celebrated as part of the **Labor Day** weekend, both Saturday and Sunday, in-person and online. Dr. Raymond Carpenter will serve as guest musician at the **September 03** service and Susan Dimmitt, piano; Heidi Copeland, violin; and Marta Brabec, guitar and vocals, will offer ministry through music on **September 04**.

The Choir will return to their Sunday morning offering schedule at 10:00 worship on **September 11**. Joy Bells will offer weekend ministry at all services **September 24/25**.

We invite you, or any you may know, to join our Music Ministry on a Thursday evening as part of our weekly rehearsal. There are no expectations or long-term commitments, just a desire to participate in worship as we strive to give our best back to God.

NEW LIFE *News* REV. FAITH KUBAI



It's a new dawn, and a season of growth for our New Life congregation. Members are so pleased to have the opportunity to now worship in Roth Chapel. They could not hide their joy during the first service! I heard many remark that they now feel like they are a "real" church – what a great statement!

All thanks to our Lead Pastor Stephanie for her help in getting the New Life Sunday School started. More than 20 children attended the first class, and she fully-engaged them with fun activities. The children are excited to soon craft their own nametags and participate in more Bible lessons. Kudos, Pastor!

We invite more volunteers to come and join us. Let me or Pastor Steph know if you're interested.

Our fall is already packed with activities including an "African Day" celebration (complete with a DJ!) that we hope you will attend. Stay tuned for details!

Rev. Faith



From the Desk of . . .

Rev. Marta Wheeler

Holy Listening services have gone well in three senior living spaces, including Brighton Gardens, Elk Ridge Village, and Immanuel Village. It is great to see Saint Paul members and meet their friends as we sing, pray, take in quiet moments, and catch up on each other's lives. If you'd like to participate, please let me know.

BOOK STUDY FORMING

One Day I Wrote Back

Interacting with Scripture through Creative Writing (by Jane Herring)

Think of how important it is to pass down your life's stories to future generations. As quickly as culture changes, descriptive passages will help younger people understand who you were. Writing can be a healing exercise!

Join me for a 5-week study beginning Wed., September 14 at 6 PM via Zoom. Sign-up by contacting me or the church office, and your book will be provided.

Each week, we will read scripture and relate it to important events in our personal lives. Weekly short reading and writing assignments will be the start of your own personal memoir.



United Women in Faith

Rev. Faith Kubai will share her ministry experiences from Africa to Omaha. Join us!

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7 | 9:30 AM

ROOM 111 (Easy access on Corby St. at the red awning.)

All Women are Welcome to Attend!



WOMEN'S Book Club

Join the Saint Paul Women's Book Club in-person at Immanuel Village or via Zoom Saturday, Sept. 10 at 9 AM to discuss "Hope on the Inside" by Marie Bostwick. Meet the Club on the 2nd floor at "The Hub" accessed through the south entrance. Contact Connie Crawford for details 402-660-8211.



UNITED WE WALK

SUNDAY SEPT. 11 3 - 6 PM

From the ashes of conflict and tragedy of 9/11, let's bring Omaha together to celebrate racial, religious, and cultural diversity. Come walk at the Tri-Faith campus (132nd & Pacific.) Registration is encouraged! Contact the Church Office to add your name to the list.

you & your pet are invited to paws & prayer

a holy listening experience

Join us for a fun outdoor gathering

Sunday, September 25th beginning at 3pm

OPPD Arboretum 107th and Blondo Streets

Enjoy a walk around the beautiful grounds with prayer practices and a pet blessing.

All "fur babies" welcome!



Our September Calendar

SEPTEMBER COMMUNAL OFFERING: GUATEMALA STOVE

With your support, the UMC Guatemala Stove Project has built over 2,000 stoves in Mayan communities, providing vented stoves for hundreds of families. Stoves use 2/3 less firewood and are off the ground, reducing damaging fires, decreasing lung and eye problems, and improving the situation of local workers who are hired to build the stoves. Please join us by giving generously to this project.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday 9:00 - 4:00; Friday 9:00 - 1:00

SUNDAYS

8:00 AM PianoSide Chat Worship Available on YouTube
8:45 AM Soul Journeys for Women Library
9:30 AM The Choir Rehearsal (Sept. 11, 18, 25) Room 250
10:00 AM Sunday Worship Service
In-Person in the Sanctuary and YouTube Livestream
12:15 PM New Life Worship Roth Chapel
1:30 PM New Life Sunday School Room 254

MONDAYS

9:00 AM Lectio Divina Offsite
9:00 AM Quilters Offsite
10:30 AM Monday Morning Musings Library
7:00 PM Mastersingers (Begins Sept. 12) Roth Chapel

TUESDAYS

1:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry Room 111

WEDNESDAYS (Beginning Sept. 14)

6:00 PM "One Day I Wrote Back" Book Study Zoom

THURSDAYS

5:45 PM Joy Bells Rehearsal (Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29) Balcony
7:00 PM The Choir Rehearsal (Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29) Room 250

SATURDAYS

10:00 AM New Life Prayer Service Wesley Hall
5:00 PM Worship Roth Chapel
5:30 PM Umaja Choir Rehearsal Wesley Hall

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:30 AM ENOA Foster Grandparents Fellowship Hall, 111, 109
6:00 PM Music Ministries Event Offsite

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

5:00 PM BFF/10,000 Villages Booth Downtown Benson

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

6:00 PM Mercy & Justice Team Library

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:30 AM United Women in Faith Room 111

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:00 AM Book Club Immanuel Village

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

3:00 PM United We Walk Tri-Faith Campus

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

3:00 PM Holy Listening (Bluegrass) Elk Ridge Village

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

3:00 PM Paws 4 Prayer/Pet Blessing OPPD Arboretum

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

7:00 PM Church Council Parlor

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

10:30 AM Holy Listening Brighton Gardens

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

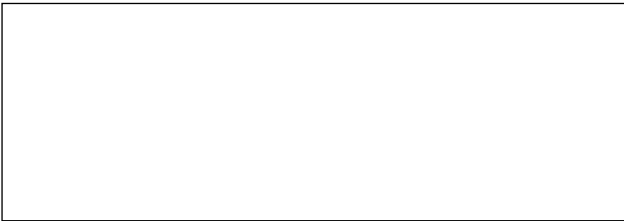
8:30 AM ENOA Senior Companions Fellowship Hall



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PRAYERS *for God's People*

Memorials

For Cecelia Mantell: Susan Arnold, Mary & Nick Stolzer, Jan Biga, Belinda Johnson

For Lew Klanderud: Jan Biga

For Patti Griffiths: Belinda Johnson, Mary & Nick Stolzer

For Steve Dohe: Belinda Johnson

Recent Hospitalizations

Rozanne Christensen	Connie Crawford	Ben Lawrence
Nick Stolzer	Debbie Bloomer	John Christoph



join us friday, sept. 2 in benson!

Wear your St. Paul tee, enjoy the neighborhood, and shop for fair trade wares from around the world from our friends at Ten Thousand Villages.

volunteers needed! sign up in the church office.



SAINT PAUL BENSON
ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

ENCHANTED CREATION

SUNDAY & MONDAY
OCTOBER 23/24
SAINT BENEDICT CENTER
SCHUYLER, NEBRASKA

Come to a place of spiritual refreshment!
Rev. Marta Wheeler will share her Galápagos Islands adventures. Embracing tortoises, iguanas, blue-footed boobies and frigates transformed her life!

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!
INCLUDING MATERIALS, LODGING & MEALS

\$125 **\$117**
SINGLE DOUBLE

REGISTER BEFORE OCTOBER 3

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