

Inspiration

NEWS FROM SAINT PAUL BENSON

SEPTEMBER 2023

PASTORAL PERSPECTIVE

It has been an exciting summer exploring the "In the Beginning" sermon series from the book of Genesis. Foundational concepts such as Creation, the nature of humanity, sin, redemption, covenant, faith, forgiveness and God's providence were studied each week. We hope it has encouraged you to see God's role as the creator, sustainer and covenant keeper.



Join us in worship in September as we explore "The 4 Ps of Life - Peace, Promise, Purpose and Prayers."

In September, we embark on a new sermon series: The 4 Ps of Life - Peace, Purpose, Promise, and Prayers. The timeless wisdom within these themes will teach us how to cultivate inner tranquility, embrace divine promises, uncover our unique purpose, and elevate our connection through the power of prayer.

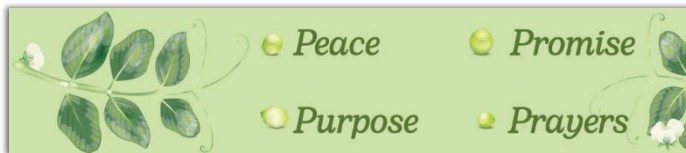
I'm excited to look ahead to October when we will deepen our understanding of stewardship and its significance in our lives. Our messages for the month will be inspired by the insightful book "Enough" by Rev. Adam Hamilton, the lead pastor of the highly successful Resurrection UMC in Kansas City. The focus on stewardship will go beyond the mere management of resources; stewardship encompasses a holistic approach to managing our time, talents, and treasures for the betterment of God's Kingdom.

An all-church potluck will kick-off this exciting series on Wednesday, September 27 at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. You're invited to bring a dish that holds special meaning to you - it could be a family recipe passed down through generations or a dish that reflects the abundance and blessings we've been entrusted with. As we share our meals, stories, and experiences, we'll create a moment of unity and understanding that will further enrich our journey through the "Enough" series.

Please join us - bring your family and friends - for this opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations about stewardship and its practical implications in our lives.

Faith

Rev. Faith Kubai



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SUMMER SERIES CONCERT



NEW DATE AND TIME
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
2:00 PM

plus

QUILT SHOW

Large variety of new (created by our Quilters) and vintage (a gift to Saint Paul) for sale. Bring Your Checkbook! All proceeds will go to the Saint Paul operating fund.



plus

PET BLESSING

Bring your pup or kitty (or gerbil or parakeet) to Saint Paul for an official blessing. St. Francis will be on-hand to make it official!



ALL-CHURCH Potluck

WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 27
6 PM // FELLOWSHIP HALL



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Rev. Jerry Brabec

We've heard it our whole lives and said it plenty, "when things get back to normal . . ." and sometimes, they do! This month, children's Sunday school and youth group return. The Choir and Joy Bells begin regular rehearsals, to which any are cordially invited. Teams begin meeting and, oh yes . . . there's a new lead Pastor among us!

Rev. Kubai will find all of it quite extraordinary. Thank the Holy Spirit (and Bishop Wilson) for sending new life our direction once again!

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated as part of the Labor Day holiday weekend. John Hough will serve as guest musician at the Saturday evening, **September 02** service and the Praise Band, also under John's direction, will offer ministry through music at the Sunday service, **September 03**. Pastors Faith and Marta begin a four-week sermon series on "The 4P's of Life" with a first focus on PEACE.

We welcome guest speaker, Lorraine Hahn on the theme of PURPOSE **September 09/10** as we observe United Women in Faith weekend. Lorraine will help us celebrate the incredible ministry of UWF, not only for the women who participate, but for men and children as well.

The Choir will return to their morning schedule on Sunday, and later that afternoon, singers from Saint Paul will join others involved in the "United We Walk" Unity Day as part of the Tri-Faith experience.

Joy Bells will continue their third weekend ministry at both services **September 16/17** as we celebrate PROMISE.

The closing weekend of **September 23/24** unleashes the power of PRAYER. We are encouraging you to make an invitation to family, by blood or by choice, to join with us in worship. "How good it is when we join together in unity," says the psalmist. Invite others to join you in worship.

See you in Church!

From the Desk of . . .

Rev. Marta Wheeler

Psalm 42 "As the deer that craves for streams of water, my whole being craves you, God."

Spiritual Formation in Worship

You may have noticed a change in our worship services beginning the first week of August. We have incorporated a time of **Spiritual Formation** and led the congregation in a different practice each week. So far we have breathed our way into Lectio Divina (Divine Reading of the scriptures), Breath Prayers, and Review of the Day (Examen-accent on the "a").

It has been a joy to let our spirits take a rest from anxious thoughts and go into our hearts for prayer. May we all be blessed!

Sunday School Begins!

SEPTEMBER 10 11:15 AM

All K-6 graders are invited to Room 313 following worship beginning Sept. 10th. Mimi Kubai will be assisting in planning and working with our children. Please invite the children you know to participate in this multi-ethnic, fun group each week!

Third Grade Bible Presentation

SEPTEMBER 24 10:00 AM

Do you remember how excited you were to receive your first inscribed Bible from the church and then checking out the maps, drawings, and references? Spread that moment of wonder to the 3rd graders in your life! Contact Pastor Marta. Bibles will be presented during worship on the 24th.



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.

PRAYERS for God's People

Notes of Thanks

To the Prayer Shawl Ministry from Donnis Reid: "I was the recipient of a beautiful shawl by Jean Schmid. It brightened my day and warmed my heart. I know the amount of time, artistry and love that goes into such things. I appreciate the shawl and the prayers as I continue my journey to recovery."

From SNAP! Productions: "Thanks for letting SNAP! hold auditions at Saint Paul! We couldn't have asked for a better place!"

New Address

Gladys Lantz is now at home at Maple Ridge: 3525 N. 167th Cir., Apt. 311, 68116

Memorial Gifts

In memory of Jerry Hoban: Darlene Spencer-Nash & Fred Nash

In memory of David Miller: Joanna & Bob Lonneckner

Recent Hospitalizations

Belinda Johnson
Jim Randall

Patsy Woodside

snapshots



Shout & Sing!

A Summer Tradition
With The Choir and Joy Bells on summer hiatus, Rev. Jerry Brabec led the congregation on a musical journey through the hymnals during each August worship service. An extended time for singing is the Wesleyan way!



Courtyard Crew
The McMahon Family (Chris, Paul and Nancy) enjoyed the Bel Canto Duo concert on an unusually cool August 18.

Choirs Start Sept. 7

The Music Ministry is looking for a few good folks to join the ranks...no experience necessary, just a song in your heart!

First rehearsal is Thursday @ 5:45 in the Balcony for Joy Bells and 7p in Room #250 for The Choir.



A Welcome to the Family of Christ
Corey Porter, son of Connie & Pat, received the sacrament of baptism during worship Sunday, August 13.



The Gift of Life
The Health Ministries team sponsored a Red Cross blood drive on August 6. Debbie Stecker happily donated!

Debbie Says . . . *

The Advent Fair team is looking for empty, clean jars for a craft project. * Jars should be about the size of small pickle jars with smooth surface.

Drop off at Church Office





Dream Catchers *and beyond*

ANNUAL SAINT PAUL BENSON WOMEN'S RETREAT

*Learn to Prayerfully Interpret
Your Own Dreams*

Join Us ~ Invite a Friend!

October 15-16, 2023

2PM Sunday through 1PM Monday

Saint Benedict Center, Schuyler, Nebraska

\$103/Double Room or \$110/Single
Includes Lodging, Meals, Book and Craft Supplies

Contact Rev. Marta Wheeler to Register Before September 17
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**UNITED
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JOIN US TO WALK UNITED FOR AN INCLUSIVE OMAHA!

1 Mile Journey Around the Tri-Faith Commons; Music, Poetry and Dance Performances plus Food Trucks! Unity Choir with Saint Paul Singers! River City Mixed Chorus! Variety of Activities for Everyone!

More Info: trifait.org/uww-2023

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10

TRI-FAITH COMMONS NEAR 132nd & PACIFIC **3 PM - 6 PM**



United
Women
in Faith

All Women Welcome!

WED., SEPTEMBER 6

9:30 AM ROOM 111
COFFEE & PROGRAM

SPECIAL EVENT

WED., SEPTEMBER 20

6:30 PM ROOM 111

All are invited as we welcome

Grace Musuka

1 of 7 worldwide UWF missionaries
of Zimbabwe, Africa
She will speak on her
journey of faith, and we
will enjoy ethnic treats.

Unity Day at Tri-Faith Campus

SEPTEMBER 10 3:00 PM

Saint Paul Youth Group invites you to experience
a meaningful and amazing time of fellowship!
Look for the us on the patio at the Tri-Faith
Center. We will register as a group, so let us know
as soon as possible if you plan to attend.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

All are welcome either in-person at Immanuel
Village or join the fun via Zoom.

"ALL BOYS AREN'T BLUE"

By George M. Johnson

"...prominent journalist and LGBTQIA+ activist
George M. Johnson explores his childhood,
adolescence, and college years."

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 | 9 AM

Meet on the 2nd floor "Hub" through the main
entrance. Call Connie for info 402-660-8211.



ALL ARE WELCOME!

JOIN US EACH WEDNESDAY

4 PM | ROOM 111

Our September Calendar

COMMUNAL OFFERING: REFUGEE WOMEN RISING

Founded as the Benson Area Refugee Task Force (BART), Refugee Women Rising has continued to grow and embrace a city-wide role, partnering with area non-profits and volunteers to identify and respond to the needs and talents of refugee women. Your donations support these programs and help to create matching funds for grant submissions.

OFFICE HOURS

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

SUNDAYS

8:45 AM	Soul Journeys for Women	Library
10:00 AM	Worship	
	In-Person in the Sanctuary and YouTube Livestream	
11:00 AM	Nepali Worship	Fellowship Hall
3:00 PM	Prayer Service	Roth Chapel

MONDAYS

9:00 AM	Lectio Divina	Offsite
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TUESDAYS

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	Library
1:30 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Library
7:00 PM	Rev. Kubai Book Study	Zoom

WEDNESDAYS

4:00 PM	Tai Chi	Room 111
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THURSDAYS

5:30 PM	Benson Theatre (Sept. 14, 21, 28)	Wesley Hall
5:45 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sept. 7, 14, 21)	Balcony
7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (Sept. 7, 14, 21)	Choir Room

FRIDAYS

5:30 PM	Benson Theatre	Wesley Hall
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SATURDAYS

5:00 PM	Worship	Roth Chapel
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WEEKDAYS

4:00 – 8:00 PM	Omaha Girls Rock	WH 254-62
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:00 AM	ENOA Foster Grandparents	Fellowship Hall
5:30 PM	Benson Theatre	Wesley Hall

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Building Closed for Labor Day Holiday

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

9:30 AM	United Women in Faith	Room 111
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:00 AM	Book Club	Immanuel Village
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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:00 AM	ENOA Senior Companions	Fellowship Hall
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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 and 25

7:00 PM	MasterSingers Rehearsal	Roth Chapel
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

3:00 PM	Holy Listening	Immanuel Village
6:30 PM	UWF Special Event	Room 111

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

12:00 PM	OGR Flea Market Setup	Lower Level
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:00 AM	OGR Flea Market	Lower Level
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

2:00 PM	Bel Canto Duo Concert	Courtyard
2:00 PM	Pet Blessing	Courtyard

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

6:00 PM	All-Church Potluck	Fellowship Hall
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

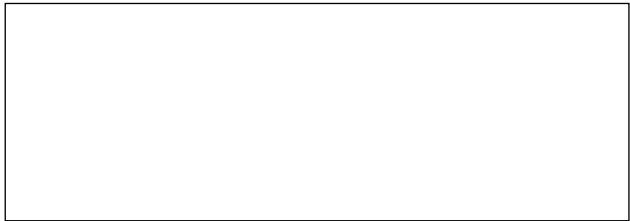
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ALL-CHURCH

Potluck

**WEDNESDAY
SEPT.
27**

**6PM
FELLOWSHIP
HALL**

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Travel around the world
by sharing dishes that
showcase
your own heritage
or your favorite cuisine.

plus
GAMES & MORE!

Beverages and Table Service Provided