

Inspiration

NEWS FROM SAINT PAUL BENSON
OCTOBER 2023

We were thrilled to have the opportunity to explore a wide range of topics this summer, beginning with the Book of Genesis. We also covered the 4Ps of life:

1. **Peace:** Finding inner tranquility and harmony.
2. **Purpose:** Discovering and pursuing a meaningful reason for existence.
3. **Presence:** Being fully engaged and aware in the present moment.
4. **Prayer:** Engaging in spiritual communication with God, seeking guidance, strength, and connection.

We're eagerly anticipating even more exciting discussions in the upcoming weeks when we embark on a STEWARDSHIP Series. Our focus will be on the blessings that we have received from God and how we can use our finances to enjoy the fulfilled life that God intends for all of us. Even more, we will be able to redefine our relationship with money and start to think carefully and biblically about where we find real joy and what our lives are really about.

"One of Jesus' great teaching parables involves a sower who cast seed along the ground. The sower hoped the seeds would sprout, grow, and bear good fruit. Some seeds did just that, producing a great harvest. But others, Jesus said, fell among thorns and, though they began to grow, these good plants were quickly choked out. Jesus said the thorns were "the cares of the world and the lure of wealth" (Matthew 13:22).

In a culture where having "enough" seems to have become a never-ending pursuit, Jesus' parable remains incredibly relevant. Many of us are chasing the American dream in ways that lead to stress, anxiety, and fear—thorns that can rob us of the ability to enjoy the abundant lives of purpose that God intended for us.

All of us have struggled with these issues at one time or another. They are important issues that we cannot ignore. This is why, over the next 5 weeks, we will be having a church wide study and worship emphasis called "Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity". During this time, we will explore what the Bible teaches us about financial management through corporate worship. We'll hear expert advice and stories about what others have learned by working through financial challenges. Each week we will provide you with some practical tools you can use to assess your financial situation and develop a financial plan with a biblical foundation.

At the conclusion of the emphasis, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year. We will consecrate these commitments in the worship service on two consecutive weekends. Our schedule will be:

October 7 & 8	"When Dreams Become Nightmares"
October 14 & 15	"Wisdom and Finance"
October 21 & 22	"Cultivating Contentment"
October 28 & 29	"Defined by Generosity"
November 11 & 12	Consecration
November 18 & 19	Celebration

I hope you will join us in the coming weeks as we look at how we can manage our financial resources and truly experience simplicity, generosity, and joy.

Praying for you,

Rev. Faith Kubai



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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

World Communion is a celebration of the holy Sacrament far and wide! Saint Paul Benson will join with Christians around the world in the annual observance, this year celebrated **September 30/October 01**. Special ministry through music at the 5:00 service will be given by Marta Brabec, guitar and as part of our 10:00 service, worship will include David Schack, organ and the Solid Brass Quartet. Lorraine Hahn will serve as musician extraordinaire for the 5:00 p.m. Chapel service **October 14** and David Schack, organist with Dr. Raymond Carpenter as soloist **October 15**.

The Joy Bells will offer music for worship on **October 21/22**. Many thanks to all the volunteers that help make the Saint Paul Music Ministry a vibrant and creative source of spiritual inspiration.

On Monday, **September 25**, as the sun set it brought a symbolic closing to the gates of heaven and the high holiday festivities ushering in the year 5784 were over for Jews around the world for another year. The days of awe or Rosh Hashanah (literally celebrating the birthday of the world) and Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement with the inscription in the Book of Life) were brought to an end to for our Jewish sisters and brothers. May God's shalom be with us all!

See you in Church!

From the Desk of . . .

Rev. Marta Wheeler

Greetings to Saint Paul friends,

We kicked off weekly Sunday School for our Dyno Kids and the youth participated in the Unity Walk at Tri Faith. These young people are very welcoming and fun to be with, so ask the young people in your life to join them.

Check out what we're doing in October!

Dyno Kids and Youth Group to Camp Fontanelle

Sunday, **October 22nd**, grades 7-12 youth will leave church at noon and head to Camp Fontanelle to help with the 9 acre Corn Maze, Zip Line, jumping pillow, petting barn, etc. Fourteen of us are scheduled and we will do all we can to support this beautiful United Methodist camp. Dyno Kids (Kindergarten-6th grade) are invited to come from 3-6 pm! Plan to stop at the pumpkin patch to choose the perfect one!

Women's Spiritual Retreat: Dream Catchers and More

So far twelve women are scheduled to head to Saint Benedict's Retreat Center from **October 15-16**. It'll be an inter-generational event focused on dream self-interpretation, healing, and fun.

Seeing you in church and catching up with how your week went is a highlight of my week!

Arrive a little before worship and allow time for connecting with friends and pastors.

When requested we will gladly offer up a prayer for you and yours.

Enjoy the colors and breathe in the cooler weather of Autumn. We appreciate your prayers for our younger folks, and also pray God's blessings upon you.

PRAYERS *for God's People*

Christian Sympathy

To the family and friends of Patsy Woodside.

To Kristin and Scott Camp and family in the death of Kristin's mother, Jolene Ward.

To Hank and Susie Robinson and family in the death of Hank's father, Franklin Robinson.

To Kent and Del Klima and family in the death of Kent's father, Ed Klima.

Memorial Gifts

In memory of Patsy Woodside: Kent & Sue Bacon, Deb Berriman, Jim Boston, Jerry Brabec, Carl & Sharon Clark, Dennis & Marta Wheeler

In memory of Mary Buono: Judy Buono

Recent Hospitalizations

Belinda Johnson

Arlyn Evenson



United
Women
in Faith

All Women Welcome!

WEDNESDAY,

OCTOBER 4

9:30 AM ROOM 111
COFFEE & PROGRAM

CHARGE CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY,

OCTOBER 17, 2023

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

**TRI COMMUNITY UMC
6001 FONENELLE BLVD**

**Everyone is invited to
attend!**

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

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

"Horse"

By Geraldine Brooks

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 | 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 October Calendar

COMMUNAL OFFERING: WORLD COMMUNION

The World Communion offering helps scholarship provision at the district, conference, jurisdictional, national and international level. And because of our connectational structure, 100% of your gift goes to the need.

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
11:15 AM	Sunday School	Third Floor
3:00 PM	Prayer Service	Roth Chapel

MONDAYS

9:00 AM	Lectio Divina	Offsite
10:30 AM	Morning Musings (Oct. 23, 30)	Library
7:00 PM	MasterSingers Rehearsal	Roth Chapel

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

5:45 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal (Oct. 19, 26)	Balcony
7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (Oct. 19, 26)	Choir Room
7:00 PM	MasterSingers (Oct. 12, 26)	Roth Chapel

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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MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

7:00 PM	Church Council	Parlor
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

9:00 AM	ENOA Foster Grandparents	Fellowship Hall
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:30 AM	United Women in Faith	Room 111
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

9:00 AM	Book Club	Immanuel Village
10:00 AM	Piano Recital	Sanctuary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

1:00 PM	Women's Retreat	Offsite
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

	Women's Retreat	Offsite
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

6:00 PM	Charge Conference	Tri Community
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

3:00 PM	Holy Listening	Immanuel Village
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

4:30 PM	Joy Bell Rehearsal	Roth Chapel
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

9:15 AM	Joy Bell Rehearsal	Balcony
1:00 PM	Youth	Camp Fontanelle

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

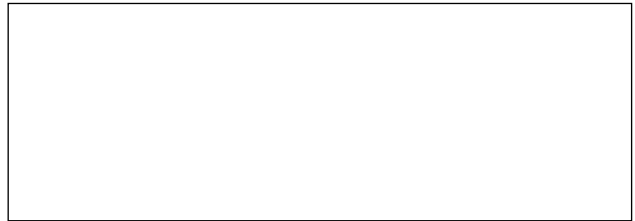
8:00 AM	ENOA Senior Companions	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Church Council	Parlor



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