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Easter Blessings



Our Ultimate Relationship with God

We have journeyed together during the Lent period and now Easter has arrived! Easter is a time of unparalleled celebration for Christians around the world, and as we commemorate the most pivotal event in human history—the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I invite us to encounter the transformative power of Christ's resurrection in our lives today.

Easter is not merely an historical event we remember; it is a living reality that continues to shape our lives and offer us hope and redemption. In the resurrection of Jesus, we find the ultimate triumph of love over hate, light over darkness, and life over death. It is a victory that reverberates throughout eternity, offering us the promise of forgiveness, renewal, and eternal life.

It is also a time for reflection and renewal. Let's take this opportunity to recommit ourselves to living lives worthy of the gospel, following in the footsteps of our risen Lord. Let us extend the same grace and mercy that we have received to those around us, embodying the love of Christ in all that we say and do.

I am filled with gratitude for the incredible blessing of being part of such a vibrant and faithful community here at St. Paul United Methodist.

I wish you all a very blessed Easter season. May this be a time of spiritual awakening and transformation for each one of us, as we draw ever closer to the risen Christ.

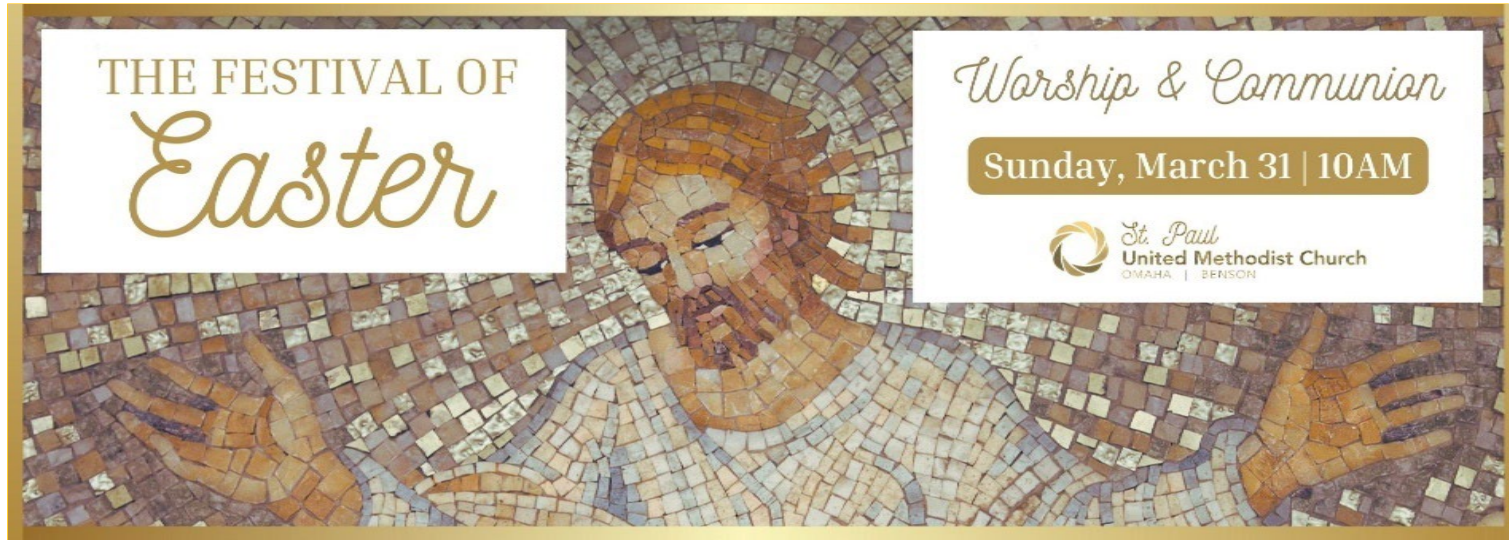
-Rev. Faith Kubai

As we bid farewell to the Lenten season and the Easter series that has filled our hearts with reflection, reverence, and rejoicing *The Wandering Heart*. Peter's stories bring us to this Benediction:

"Beloved wanderer,
 as you leave this place,
 may you carry your curious heart on your sleeve.
 May you look for God in every face.
 May you find the courage to get out of the boat,
 to run to the tomb,
 and to speak of your faith.
 And when the world falls apart,
 may you hear God's voice deep within,
 saying, "Take heart, it is I, be not afraid."
 You are called.
 You are blessed.
 In both your ups and your downs,
 you always belong to God.
 Go now in peace.
 Go trusting that good news.
 Amen."

With hearts full of gratitude for the profound truths we have encountered, we step forward into a fresh exploration of "our ultimate relationship with God." Just as the resurrection of Jesus ushered in a new era of hope and possibility, so too does it invite us to embark on a deeper exploration of the intimate bond we share with our God. Our new series, "*Our Ultimate Relationship with God*," invites us to journey into the heart of what it means to be in relationship with the Creator of the universe. Through Scripture and prayers, we will seek to uncover the depths of God's love for us and the transformative power it holds for our lives.

-Rev. Faith Kubai



Invite your Friends and Family to Join Us this Easter!

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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.

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Rev. Jerry Brabec

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Holy Week Ends

Good Friday, March 29: For Protestants the observance of Good Friday is a most somber and solemn occasion. This powerful retelling of Christ's last hours will begin @ 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Our worship will center round the power of the cross as we hear the words of the Saint Paul Youth bring the story of Peter's witness to the crucifixion to life.

Holy Saturday, March 30: We begin our time of worship with a reminder that Christ has not yet risen. The sacrament of Holy Communion offers us the chance to start anew in God's love for us as Christ's resurrection is announced. The service will begin at 5:00 p.m. in Roth Chapel.

Easter Day, March 31: Easter Sunday is the main reason why Christians keep Sunday, the first day of the week, as the primary day of religious observance. Easter serves as the great feast day and pinnacle of the Christian liturgical year. It is also the first day of the new season of the Great Fifty Days, or Eastertide, which runs from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. Our celebration of the empty tomb will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Guest organist, David Schack, will offer a thrilling 15-minute prelude before the Sanctuary service at 10:00 a.m. The Choir and Joy Bells will also lead in worship. Bring your family and friends to celebrate at St. Paul.

Worship during the month of April will be enhanced by the presence of our House Band on **April 20** and the Joy Bells **April 26/27**.



Quilting Group

Monday mornings at 9:15, starting
April 1 | Room 105

*enter through the Corby Street
handicapped door

From the Desk of . . .
Rev. Marta Wheeler

At this writing we are knee deep planning for the Children's Easter Party. I feel so grateful for those who have helpfully filled Easter eggs with candy and helped figured out the logistics when a wintry mix is predicted on the scheduled day. My prediction is that our hearts will be warmed to overflowing when seeing the children play and hearing their laughter. The joy of the resurrection is our focus with these children!

Saint Paul's Dyno Kids have followed the Wandering Heart Series through Lent. This is the same as the congregation has experienced in worship. You might wish you'd been part of the crafts and games that have reinforced Jesus' teachings of forgiveness!

During the second week of April, I am looking forward to attending the online version of the Five-Day Academy for Spiritual Formation. Listen for stories related to the experience during upcoming sermons.

One of our Audubon Society members, Tom Neneman, will lead us on the **Second Annual Bird watching tour on Sunday, April 21 st at 2:30 pm**. Bring your binoculars, cameras, and walking shoes as we practice Holy Listening while immersed in our Creator's gifts surrounding us.



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Follow, Like, Subscribe and Friend us!
We're easy to find by searching for
"SaintPaulBenson" on Facebook,
Instagram, Twitter, or YouTube.



United
Women
in Faith

All Women Welcome!

**WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 3**

**9:30 AM ROOM 111
COFFEE & PROGRAM**

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB



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

**"The War Begins in Paris"
By Theodore Wheeler**

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 | 9 AM

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

 **SAINT PAUL
Men**

All Men Welcome!

**APRIL 13 | APRIL 27
9 AM | ROOM 111**

2ND & 4TH SATURDAY EACH MONTH

Tai Chi Wednesdays | 4 pm | room 111



All Are Welcome!



Live Stream
is back up!
Join us online
Sundays at 10am
youtube.com/@saintpaulbenson



YOUTH MINISTRY

Exciting times are ahead as we gear up for some amazing opportunities for fellowship, growth, and service! I'm thrilled to announce that starting this month, our youth group will be meeting after the first and last Sunday services at 11:15 am for a mix of fun activities and meaningful discussions.

These gatherings will be a fantastic chance for us to come together, build friendships, and deepen our understanding of what it means to walk in faith. From engaging games to heart-to-heart conversations, we'll have something for everyone as we journey together in our relationship with God.

But that's not all! I'm also thrilled to share that we have an upcoming mission trip to Camp Fontanelle from May 28th to 31st. This will be an incredible opportunity for us to put our faith into action as we help the Camp Fontanelle staff to prepare for the campers in summer and have fun too. Registration is on-going. Sponsors are also welcome to register with me.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to reach out.

-Rev. Faith Kubai

*A Sewing
We Will Go...*

Come join the quilting group on Monday mornings at 9:15, starting April 1st!

All levels are welcome!

We are in need folks who are willing to help by ironing, piecing, or selecting materials that coordinate. Or if you are interested in doing a craft during this time the room is available to all.

We are also accepting donations of sewing machines, material (cotton please), thread, and quilting accessories.

If interested or just want to check it out, stop by Room 105 (enter through the Corby Street handicapped door). Contact Connie Crawford or Jane Baasch at 402-290-2257, with questions.

Hope to see you there!



**YOUTH MISSION TRIP
MAY 28-31**

Join the fun of our annual Saint Paul youth mission trip! Members and friends who have completed 6th grade are invited to join the team. More Information to come!

ALL- CHURCH YARD CLEANUP

SATURDAY, APRIL 15 | 9AM

*Bring your favorite hoe, rake, gloves, buckets, etc.!



A Word of Thanks

from Rev. Faith Kubai

Our long-awaited audio/visual system has been successfully installed in our sanctuary, marking the beginning of a new chapter in our worship journey together!

This momentous achievement would not have been possible without the tireless dedication and unwavering commitment of several individuals who poured their time, energy, and expertise into making this vision a reality.

I want to extend a special word of thanks to Hank, Scott, and Spencer for their exceptional leadership, hard work, and countless hours spent assisting the technicians with the installation process. Your dedication to this project has been nothing short of inspiring, and we are deeply grateful for your willingness to go above and beyond for the sake of our church community and beyond!

In addition, I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to the St. Paul Men's Group for their invaluable support and assistance throughout this endeavor. Your generosity, camaraderie, and willingness to lend a helping hand have made a significant impact and have played a vital role in bringing this project to fruition.



THANK YOU!

SAINT PAUL
snapshots

OKRA
AFRICAN GRILL



Mama's
Pizza



A new quilt will be featured each month in the sanctuary for purchase, made by our very own
United Women in Faith!

"Potpourri"



APRIL | \$200
74" x 85"

April 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 8:30am Lectio Divina (Offsite) 9:00am The Q(uitlers) Group (105) | 2 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (LIB) | 3 9:30am United Women in Faith (111) 4:00pm Tai Chi (111) | 4 | 5 | 6 11:00am Leslie Memorial (SAN) 12:00pm Memorial Reception (FH) 5:00pm Worship Service |
| 7 8:45am Soul Journeys for Women (LIB) 9:15am Band Set Up/Rehearsal (SAN) 9:30am The Choir Rehearsal (250) 10:00am Worship Service In-Person and Livestream (SAN) 11:00am Nepali Worship (FH/111) 11:15am Sunday School 11:15am Youth Group (Roof) 1:30pm Glory of Christ Worship 3:00pm Prayer Service (CHP) | 8 8:30am Lectio Divina (Offsite) 9:00am The Q(uitlers) Group (105) 10:30am Morning Musings (LIB) | 9 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (LIB) | 10 4:00pm Tai Chi (111) | 11 5:45pm Joy Bells Rehearsal (BAL) 7:00pm The Choir Rehearsal (250) | 12 | 13 9:00am Book Club (Offsite) 9:00am Spring Grounds Clean Up 9:00am UM Men (109) 5:00pm Worship Service |
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*in*Concert

MasterSingers Return to Saint Paul!

Under the musical direction of Dr. Lauren Pickle, this ensemble is known for their a cappella (unaccompanied) jazz stylings. The group is currently in rehearsal for a spring concert featuring an evening of music celebrating the best of Broadway.

**Sunday, April 14
"Leading Ladies"**

Sanctuary 6:00 PM

Ten free tickets are available to the Church, but all Saint Paul concertgoers will be given the "family and friends" discount price of \$10 per ticket. Plan to be present for a concert sure to please even casual musical theater fans!



Don't have your Lent or Easter Offering envelopes? No worries!

You can also give online at SaintPaulBenson.Org or here:



PRAYERS for God's People

Christian Sympathy

To the family and friends of Maureen Hagen.
To the family and friends of Patricia Watts.
To the family and friends of Jerry Leslie.

Recent Hospitalizations

Dave Sidebottom
Shirley De Long
Marilyn Eller

Memorial Gifts

For Joanne Lubberstedt: Chad & Shelli Schoettger, Mary Stolzer.

Memorial Gifts

For Vance Taylor: Dennis & Marta Wheeler.

For Kathy Rice: Connie Crawford, Dee Maycock, David McCreay, Kathy Minikus, Betty Petty, timothy Robinson, Richard & Dorothy Stoll, Delores Trust, Dennis & Marta Wheeler, Kevin & Kris York

Thanks to your *Generosity*
The Mercy & Justice Team was able to donate and deliver:

- 329 items from Undie Sunday
- 27 items from The Mitten Tree
- 17 Bags of groceries to Pearl Pantry

Monday Musings
April 8 | 10:30 AM
Rev. Jerry Brabec | Library

"Christianity AND World Religions"
by Adam Hamilton

The Adult Dinner Group
Jackson's Fair Deal Cafe
2118 N. 24th St. STE 101 | Omaha

JACKSON'S
FAIR DEAL CAFE

All are welcome!
Saturday, April 27 | 6:15pm
Caravan following the 5pm service or meet us there!

Easter Egg Hunt

SAINT PAUL snapshots

Women's Retreat