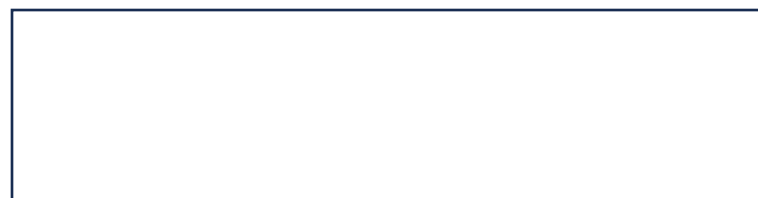




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NEWS FROM SAINT PAUL UNITED METHODIST

MAY 2024



Pastoral Perspective

Rev. Faith Kubai

As we continue with our journey through Eastertide also known as THE GREAT 50 DAYS, we are invited to embrace the hope and renewal that Easter brings into our lives. Just as Jesus triumphed over death, we are called to embrace new beginnings, forgiveness, and the power of love to all people in the world!

As we proceed with our exploration of "Our Intimate Relationship with God," I encourage you to embrace this opportunity to deepen our connection with our Creator. In the hustle and bustle of life, it's easy to lose sight of the intimacy that God desires to share with each of us, but God is continually inviting us to strengthen our relationship.

I am deeply grateful for each and every one of you and the unwavering support you continue to pour into our church family. Your dedication, generosity, and love are the bedrock upon which our community thrives. Thank you for being steadfast in your commitment to our church's mission and vision. Your presence, prayers, and participation make a tangible difference in the lives of those around us and in the broader community. You are encouraged to continue to give of your time, talents, and resources towards the day-to-day running of our church. Your contributions, whether big or small, are vital in sustaining our ministries and outreach efforts.

In gratitude for all of you and these blessings, we invite you to join us for a special Service of Thanksgiving on Sunday, May 19th at 10 am. This will be a time of praise, worship, and reflection as we offer our heartfelt thanks to God for His provision and guidance!

During this special Service of Thanksgiving, we will be celebrating two significant milestones in our church community. We will be commemorating the joyous occasion of the Day of Pentecost, a time to celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. We will also be rejoicing in the achievement of our new sound system - a testament to God's faithfulness and the generosity of our church family.

As we gather, I would also encourage you to prayerfully consider supporting our church with a special gift on this significant day. Your generosity will enable us to continue fulfilling our mission and serving our community with excellence!

All-Church

SUNDAY, MAY 5 | 11:15 AM

POTLUCK

Fellowship Hall



Invite your Friends and Family to Join Us!



PENTECOST

It's the birthday of the Church!
Worship Sunday, May 19TH
Break out your red finery and enjoy a powerful message, beautiful music, and birthday cake!

Did You Know? We Have Space for Your Programs and Ministries!



Not only is Saint Paul your favorite place to worship, it's also prime real estate in the popular Benson neighborhood!

Do you know of a club, organization, business start-up that needs space? How about someone who dreams of starting a yoga studio or an arts academy? We may have the space for which they've been searching.

Contact the Church Office or speak to Revs. Faith, Jerry or Marta for room rates and availability.

Let's Make a Deal!

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We're easy to find by searching for "SaintPaulBenson" on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or YouTube.

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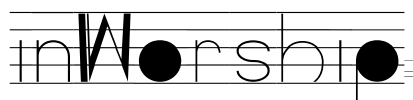
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With God's love as our foundation,
we celebrate friendship with all of
God's people, affirming all sexual
orientations and gender identities.
Together, we will seek justice for all
and do good in our community,
nation and around the world in the
name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



Rev. Jerry Brabec

During these May days we welcome guest musicians as well as our own Joy Bells, House Band and The Choir. Dr. Raymond Carpenter will offer a seasonal solo as we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion, May 04/05.

Morning worship May 14 will be graced by the House Band. The Solid Brass Quartet will join David Schack, organist, the Joy Bells, and The Choir as the Fifty Great Days of Easter end with our celebration of Pentecost, May 19.

You may know the Christian festival of Pentecost as the time we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit, as Jesus promised when he said, "I will not leave you comfortless." Did you know that Pentecost is celebrated in the Jewish tradition as Shavu'ot or the Festival of Weeks?

It is the second of the three major festivals with both historical and agricultural significance, the first being Passover and the last, Sukkot. As our celebration of Pentecost is tied to the calendar date of Easter, so is the festival of Shavu'ot tied to the calendar date of Passover.

We will celebrate our receiving of the Holy Spirit by wearing red, always the color of the United Methodist flame.

The first of the summer holidays on May 25/26, Memorial Day will give the St. Paul Church family a time to pause and reflect on the sacrifices so many have made to make our country strong. Celebrate your faith by being in church!

From the Desk of . . .

Rev. Marta Wheeler

We have welcomed springtime into our hearts and the new life that our Creator sings within our hearts.

In April, dozen or more members enjoyed the first outdoor Holy Listening Circle of the season. We met at Cunningham Lake while Tom Neneman gave us a class in bird watching and other interesting tidbits about life in the forest. God put the sunny in a beautiful Sunday afternoon!

It's been nine months since the Dyno Kids began meeting for this school year. It's been so much fun and we have learned from one another. Thanks to Mimi Kubai for teaching with me, to parents, children, and siblings who have blessed us this year!

The final class (for this school year) will be held on Sunday, May 19th. Games, crafts, and dancing we be part of continuing to celebrate Pentecost!

Next month we will announce plans for summer fun with our younger set.

Breathe in the goodness of peace, hope, and love and rejoice in our loving God!



Let's Get Social!

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United
Women
in Faith

Potluck & Meeting

MAY 1 | 6PM | PARLOR

All are welcome!

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

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

"Go Be Kind"

By Leon Logothetis

SATURDAY, MAY 11 | 9 AM

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

FLAG CORPS!

A SUMMERTIME FAVORITE RETURNS!

Everyone is welcome to join the fun (this is not a "members only" event!) Kylie Robinson returns as our coach, and we anticipate marching in the Heartland Pride, Field Club, Fourth of July, and Benson Days parades. Sign up with Aretha in the office!

Join us for weekly practice, beginning:
**TUESDAY, MAY 28 @
6:30 PM**

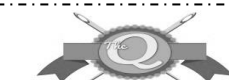


SAINT PAUL
Men

All Men Welcome!

MAY 11 | MAY 25
9 AM | ROOM 111

2ND & 4TH SATURDAY EACH MONTH



Quilting Group

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

*enter through the Corby Street
handicapped door

SPOT

Are you passionate about sharing the love of Christ with others and making a tangible difference in our community? If so, we invite you to join the St. Paul Outreach Team (SPOT)!

SPOT is dedicated to reaching out to those in need, spreading the Gospel message, and extending a helping hand to those who are hurting. Whether it's through acts of service, evangelism efforts, or simply being a source of hope and encouragement, SPOT members play a vital role in fulfilling our mission as a church.

We made slight revisions to the Mission Statement as follows: "The mission of St. Paul Benson's Outreach Team is to actively engage with all communities, extending a welcoming, loving embrace that invites individuals into the transformative presence of God. With a commitment to empathy, understanding and practical support, we seek to meet people where they are, offering love, acceptance, compassion, and assistance tailored to their unique needs. Through our intentional outreach efforts, we aspire to foster deep connections, inspire hope, and cultivate a sense of belonging for all whom we encounter."

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 30th at 6 PM in the library.

-Rev. Faith Kubai

SAVE THE DATE:

*Mental Health Awareness
Workshop*

June 2

**Presented by Methodist
Hospital and Community
Counselor, Tabitha
Jameson, MA, LIMHP**

More info coming soon!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Ready for a Sunday Funday like no other? Our youth Sunday services are not just about sitting still and listening—they're packed with fun, excitement, and meaningful connections.

Join us the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month for an electrifying experience filled with interactive games, vibrant worship, and inspiring messages tailored just for you. Whether you're a regular attendee or thinking of checking us out for the first time, you're in for a treat!

In May we will be meeting on The Roof on the 5th and be going on a hike on the 19th. Location TBD.

**COME GATHER FOR
FOOD AND FUN ON**

**THE
ROOF**

MAY 5 | MAY 19



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.

May 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 4:00pm Tai Chi (111) 6:00pm United Women in Faith (PAR)	2 5:45pm Joy Bells Rehearsal (BAL) 7:00pm The Choir Rehearsal (250)	3	4 9:00am Glory in Christ Prayer (WH 158-160) 3:00pm OGR Tots Rock (WH 158) 5:00pm Worship Service
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Congratulations Graduates!

It's time to celebrate! We are incredibly proud of our graduates from within our church family who have achieved this significant milestone in their lives. Your hard work, dedication, and perseverance have not gone unnoticed, and we rejoice with you as you embark on this new chapter.

In honor of our graduates, we are hosting a special celebration and all-church potluck on May 5th at 1115, in Fellowship hall. It's an opportunity for us to come together as a church community, share delicious food, and most importantly, shower our graduates with love and support.

But that's not all! As a church family, we believe in investing in the future of our youth. Therefore, we are thrilled to announce that we will be awarding scholarships to those who are continuing their education at colleges and universities. This is our way of affirming your commitment to growth and learning, and we are excited to see how you will continue to impact the world around you. Congratulations to you all.



-Rev. Faith Kubai

Congratulations!



ON YOUR GRADUATION FROM UNO, JORDAN!
We are very proud of you!

CLASS OF 2024



HAPPY GRADUATION!
ELENA KELLY

Elena plans to attend Iowa Western Community College to study Nursing

Happy Graduation!

Hayden C. Johnson

Hayden will be performing at Jazz on the Green and touring Europe as part of a jazz cultural exchange with the Sondeckis School of the Arts in Lithuania. In the Fall, he will be attending UNO to pursue a Bachelor of Arts degree in Jazz Studies and Music Technology.



Happy GRADUATION

Austin Lempke

Austin Lempke will be graduating University of Nebraska at Lincoln (Business Management). During Austin's time at UNL he was involved on campus with the Husker football video production team, the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and Big Red Singers, as well as the Acapella group called the Bathtub Dogs.

After graduation, Austin will be attending flight school where he will pursue his dream to become a commercial pilot.

Austin is the son of Jen and Mike Lempke and the grandson of Deb Keiley.

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MULCH SPREADING DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 11 | 8AM



Tai Chi Wednesdays | 4 pm | room 111



ALL Are Welcome!

"Pretty Pastels"

Quilt of the Month

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

United Women in Faith!

MAY | \$140 46" x 62"



PRAYERS for God's People

Recent Hospitalizations
John Pestal
Deb Stecker

Memorial Gifts
For **Kathy Rice**: George & Cheryl Adamson, Jack & Claudia Griger, Jayne Meisinger, Mary Stolzer.
For **Norma Parker**: George & Cheryl Adamson.
For **Pat Watts**: Jack & Claudia Griger.
In Loving Memory of Family: Judy Buono

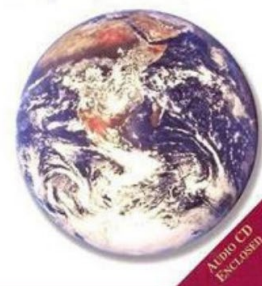
Monday Musings

Mondays | 10:30 AM

Rev. Jerry Brabec | Library

"Christianity AND World Religions"
by Adam Hamilton

ADAM HAMILTON
Christianity AND World Religions
Wrestling With Questions People Ask



Save the Date


Heartland Pride Parade

JULY 13



A Note of thanks

from Benson West Elementary for all the clothing donated from Undie Sunday



Save the Date

*Connect Modern Issues with Biblical Teachings

*Learn How to Be More Inclusive

BE the BRIDGE training

*Improve Leadership Skills for a Diverse Church

*Get Ready to Make a Real Difference

November 16-18

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St. Paul Outreach Team

Many hands make light work!
THANK YOU to our many volunteers with making the grounds look beautiful!

- *Todd & Ann Parmenters
- *Peg & Mike Haskins
- *Scott & Kristin Camp
- *Susanna Von Essen
- *Lou Ann Neneman
- *Jim Bruhn
- *El Siebert
- *Jim Boston
- *Susie Robinson
- *Connie Crawford
- *Gerald Relford

SAINT PAUL snapshots

Youth

Holy Listening

THANK YOU!

