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NEWS FROM ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST

JUNE 2024

### *Celebrating One Year of Faith-ful Leadership*

As I celebrate the first anniversary of my service as the Lead Pastor of St. Paul Church, my heart is filled with gratitude. This past year has been a remarkable journey of faith and growth, made possible by the unwavering support of our dedicated staff, leaders, and congregation.

From the moment I stepped into this role, I was met with open arms and a shared commitment to our mission of spreading God's love and serving our community. Together, we have navigated the challenges and celebrated the triumphs, always keeping our focus on the spiritual growth and well-being of our congregation.

To our incredible staff—your dedication and hard work have been the backbone of our church's success. Your commitment to excellence and your passion for serving God's people are truly inspiring.

To our church leaders and volunteers—your leadership and tireless efforts in various ministries and committees have been a beacon of hope. Your willingness to serve and lead by example has made a profound impact on our community.

Reflecting on the past year, I am reminded of the words of Philippians 1:3-5, "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." These verses encapsulate my feelings perfectly. Each one of you has played a vital role in our collective journey, and I am thankful for your support and faithfulness.

As we look to the future, I am excited about the opportunities ahead. Together, with God's guidance, we will continue to shine His light in our church community and beyond.

Thank you for your prayers, your support, and your commitment. I want you to know that I pray for each of you daily and hold you all in my heart with great love. It is an honor to serve as your Lead Pastor, and I am deeply grateful for our shared journey of faith.

With gratitude and blessings.

*- Rev. Faith Kubai*



### *Summer Worship*

As the summer season approaches, we warmly invite you to join us for our summer services at St. Paul Church. This summer, we will be following the lectionary scriptures, offering a rich and meaningful journey through the word of God.

We have a variety of activities planned for all church groups, ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to engage, grow, and fellowship together. Whether you're a long-time member or new to our community, there's something for everyone.

**Please consider inviting a friend or family member to join us this summer.**

We offer services on both Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 10am, providing flexibility for your schedule. Come and experience the warmth, love, and spiritual nourishment that this church community has to offer.

We look forward to seeing you and sharing this wonderful season together!

*-Rev. Faith Kubai*

**NO YOUTH GROUP or CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL DURING THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST.**

*Enjoy your summer!*

*Invite your Friends and Family to Join Us!*

# PROGRAM & CRAFTS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5  
5PM | RM. III



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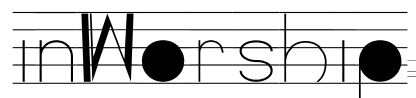
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next month's issue.

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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

Beginning with the communion weekend of **June 01/02**, the Rev's Kubai and Wheeler focus their weekly preaching for the next eight weeks from the book of Mark. The second of the four gospel accountings of Jesus, this writing tells the story of Jesus' life and ministry, from his baptism by John the Baptist to his death, burial, and the discovery of his empty tomb. Most current Bible scholars agree that the book was written sometime around 70 C.E. by an anonymous author. As part of worship **June 08/09** we hear from our Youth participants in their recent Mission experience at Camp Fontanelle. It was my good fortune to lead a devotion with this young (and some more mature, but nonetheless energetic!) group of giving and loving individuals. Did these folks have spirit or what! Joy Bells will offer a hymn classic as part of service on **June 15/16**. Each service will begin with a recap of the Great Plains Annual Conference recently held in Kearney, as well. St. Paul's lay representatives, El Siebert (5:00) and Charlene Wilcox (10:00) will bring their insight of many activities and legislative actions that took place over the course of the four day annual event. Sunday, **June 23**, guest organist, David Schack will offer his music ministry at morning worship. The month closes with music ministry provided by our House Band, under the leadership of John Hough, at both 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. worship, **June 29/30**. Be in worship and learn of the miracles of Jesus as told through story and song.

From the Desk of . . .

## Rev. Marta Wheeler

It's been wonderful celebrating Pentecost Sunday with the congregation and with the children. Jolyn Mangiameli provided a fun craft to top off the school year and demonstrate the meaning of Pentecost. We welcome visitors who bring their creative gifts to share.

We are happy to honor our graduates in worship and also by attending parties at their homes that mark their achievements. One of our youngest Saint Paul kids is graduating from preschool!

What will keep me busy in June? Participating in the Annual Conference Worship Team in Kearney (kudos to Kristin Camp!), hospital and senior visits, and teaching Licensing School are included.

And on a personal level, our family is gathering for my husband's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday party. I'll keep amused with paddle-boarding, swimming, and hiking.

Blessings of good summertime activities to you and yours. Keep centered on God's love and peace with weekly worship services!



## WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

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

**"The Woman"**  
By Kristin Hannah

**SATURDAY, JUNE 8 | 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  
**TUESDAYS @ 6:30 PM**



**JUNE 8 | JUNE 22**  
**9 AM | ROOM 109**

2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> SATURDAY EACH MONTH

*All Men Welcome!*



Our Outreach Team is dedicated to living out Christ's love by engaging actively with all communities. Our mission is to extend a welcoming, loving embrace that invites individuals into the presence of God. This mission drives us to embody empathy, understanding, and practical support, meeting people where they are and offering acceptance, compassion, and assistance tailored to their unique needs.

We are profoundly grateful for the remarkable outreach our team has accomplished so far in the community by helping the families that were affected by the Tornado. Your dedication and compassion have touched countless lives, creating a network of care and support that embodies the heart of our mission. Together, we continue to make a meaningful difference, "ONE LIFE AT A TIME SPOT". Thank you for your commitment to serving others and bringing God's presence to our community.

If you're interested in joining us, please reach out to Orene Taylor or sign up at the church office. We look forward to serving alongside you!

Our next meeting is **June 4th** at 6pm in the library.

*-Rev. Faith Kubai*

## SUMMERTIME Music & Prayer SERVICES

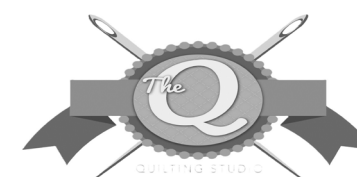


We'd love to have Saint Paul members join us at any of these senior living places where you can worship with us and visit afterwards with longtime faithful ones!

Elkridge Village  
19400 Elk Ridge Dr. Omaha  
Thurs., June 13 | 11-11:30 am

Elmwood Tower  
801 S. 52<sup>nd</sup> St., Omaha  
Friday, June 21 | 2:30-3 pm

Immanuel Lakeside Village  
17475 Frances St., Omaha  
Thurs., July 18, | 2-2:30 pm



## Quilting Group

Monday mornings  
9:15 AM | Room 105

\*enter through the Corby Street handicapped door



*Let's Get Social!*

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



# JUNE 2024

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday   |
|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|
|  |   |  |   |  |   | 1<br>5:00pm Worship Service  |
| 2<br>8:45am Soul Journeys for Women (LIB)<br><b>9:30am The Choir Rehearsal (250)</b><br>10:00am Worship Service<br>11:00am Nepali Worship (FH/111)<br>11:30am Mental Health Workshop<br>2:00pm Glory of Christ Worship<br><b>3:00pm Prayer Service (CHP)</b> | 3<br>8:30am Lectio Divina (Offsite)<br>9:00am The Q(uilters) Group (105)<br>10:30am Morning Musings (LIB) | 4<br>1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry<br>6:30pm Flag Corps Practice  | 5<br>4:00pm Tai Chi<br>5:00pm <b>United Women in Faith, Program &amp; Craft Night Rm. 111</b>                 | 6<br>GP Annual Conference (Kearney)  | 7<br>GP Annual Conference (Kearney)                 | 8<br>GP Annual Conference (Kearney)<br>9:00am Book Club (Offsite)<br>9:00am UM Men's Group (109)<br>5:00pm Worship Service |
| 9<br>GP Annual Conference (Kearney)<br>8:45am Soul Journeys for Women<br><b>9:30am The Choir Rehearsal (250)</b><br>10:00am Worship Service<br>11:00am Nepali Worship (FH/111)<br>2:00pm Glory of Christ Worship<br><b>6:00pm MasterSingers Concert</b>      | 10<br>8:30am Lectio Divina (Offsite)<br>9:00am The Q(uilters) Group<br>10:30am Morning Musings            | 11<br>1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry<br>6:30pm Flag Corps Practice   | 12<br>4:00pm Tai Chi  | 13<br>11:00am Music & Prayer Service @ Elk Ridge<br>7:00pm The Choir Rehearsal (250) | 14  | 15<br>5:00pm Worship Service   |
| 16<br>8:45am Soul Journeys for Women<br><b>9:30am The Choir Rehearsal (250)</b><br>10:00am Worship Service<br>11:00am Nepali Worship (FH/111)<br>2:00pm Glory of Christ Worship (WH)<br><b>3:00pm Prayer Service (CHP)</b>                                   | 17<br>8:30am Lectio Divina (Offsite)<br>9:00am The Q(uilters) Group<br>10:30am Morning Musings            | 18<br>1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry<br>6:30pm Flag Corps Practice   | 19<br>4:00pm Tai Chi  | 20<br>7:00pm <b>The Choir Rehearsal (250)</b>  | 21<br>2:30pm Music & Prayer Service @ Elmwood Tower | 22<br>9:00am UM Men (109)<br>5:00pm Worship Service  |
| 23<br>8:45am Soul Journeys for Women<br><b>9:30am The Choir Rehearsal (250)</b><br>10:00am Worship Service<br>11:00am Nepali Worship (FH/111)<br>2:00pm Glory of Christ Worship (WH)<br><b>3:00pm Prayer Service (CHP)</b>                                   | 24<br>8:30am Lectio Divina (Offsite)<br>9:00am The Q(uilters) Group<br>10:30am Morning Musings            | 25<br>1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry<br><b>5:45pm Joy Bell Rehearsal</b><br>6:30pm Flag Corps Practice<br>7:00pm The Choir Rehearsal | 26<br>2:00pm Ramona Repair Memorial Service (Roth Chapel)<br>3:00pm Ramona Repair Reception<br>4:00pm Tai Chi | 27   | 28  | 29<br>10:00am Band Set Up/Rehearsal (SAN)<br>5:00pm Worship Service  |
| 30<br>8:45am Soul Journeys for Women<br>9:15am Band Set Up/Rehearsal<br><b>9:30am The Choir Rehearsal (250)</b><br>10:00am Worship Service<br>11:00am Nepali Worship (FH/111)<br>2:00pm Glory of Christ Worship (WH)<br><b>3:00pm Prayer Service (CHP)</b>   |   |  |   |  |   |  |

*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!**



*A Note of Thanks*

from Benson High Magnet School for all the snacks and treats donated for Teacher Appreciation Week

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## MasterSingers Return to Saint Paul!

It is a pleasure to welcome the MasterSingers back to Saint Paul Benson! 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 an early summer concert featuring an evening of music celebrating the musical rainbow. Coinciding with the month that honors LGBTQ+ Pride, this concert brings the many colors of life that only music can offer.

**Sunday, June 9**  
**“Sing Me A Rainbow”**  
**Sanctuary 6:00 PM**

Ten free tickets are available to the Church, but all Saint Paul concert goers will be given the “family and friends” discount price of \$10 per ticket. Plan to be present for a concert that will paint a musical rainbow on your soul!

MASTERSINGERS OMAHA

# SING ME A RAINBOW

Sunday, June 9th  
6:00 p.m.

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Saint Paul *celebrates* one of the United States' newest citizens and part of our congregation! Blessings to Bertha Nyiraruhanga and the Kasusa family!



*"Multicolored Puzzle Pieces"*



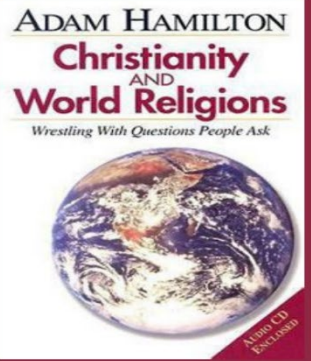

A new quilt will be featured each month in the sanctuary for purchase, made by our very own  
*United Women in Faith!*

JUNE | \$170 61" x 70"

*Monday Musings*

**Mondays | 10:30 AM**  
Rev. Jerry Brabec | Library

*"Christianity AND World Religions"*  
by Adam Hamilton



*Save the date* the Heartland Pride Parade  
JULY 13



*Save the Date*

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\*Improve Leadership Skills for a Diverse Church

\*Get Ready to Make a Real Difference

**November 14-16**

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**PRAYERS** for God's People

*Christian Sympathy*  
To the family and friends of Les Focht  
To the family and friends of John Pestal  
To the family and friends of Barbara Scamperino

*Recent Hospitalizations*  
Jayne Meisinger  
Gregg Wilcox  
Bob Lonacker  
Greg Wilcox

*Memorial Gifts*  
For **Jerry Leslie**: George & Cheryl Adamson, Jerry Brabec, Michael Eason, Mary Stolzer  
For **Mary Buono**: Judy Buono.  
For **Norma Parker**: Jerry Brabec, John Carlson, Belinda Johnson, Dennis & Marta Wheeler  
For **James Husebo**: John & Jackie Christoph.  
For **Pat Watts**: Jack & Claudi Griger, Jayne Meisinger, Jerry Brabec  
For **Kathy Rice**: Jerry Brabec, Jack & Claudia Griger, Belinda Johnson, Jayne Meisinger  
For **Warren Johnson**: Belinda Johnson  
For **Nick Stolzer**: Belinda Johnson  
For **Steve Dohe**: Belinda Johnson

**SAINT PAUL snapshots**



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*St. Paul Outreach Team*



*Adult Dinner Group*



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