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NEWS FROM ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST

JULY 2024

Pastoral Perspective

Jambo Church Family,

Warm summer greetings to each of you! As the days grow longer and the sun shines brighter, I pray that you all are enjoying this beautiful season with your loved ones. Summer is a time of rest, renewal, and reflection, and it is also a wonderful opportunity to deepen our faith and fellowship within our church community.

I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your continued commitment and presence in our church. Your faithfulness in attending services, participating in ministries, and supporting one another truly exemplifies the spirit of our church family. Together, we are creating a nurturing and welcoming environment where everyone can grow in their relationship with God.

As we embrace the joys of summer, let us not forget the importance of gathering for worship and fellowship. Each service is a chance to connect with God, receive His word, and experience His love through our community. Join us on Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 10:00 am, Your presence matters, and it makes a difference.

I also encourage you to reach out to friends, neighbors, and family members who may not have a church home. Invite them to join us for a service or a church event. Let them experience the warmth and love that we share as St. Paul church family. There is no greater gift than helping someone discover the joy and peace that comes from a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Let us continue to support and uplift one another, growing stronger in our faith and in our love for God and each other. Reach out to someone by either a call, or text message and remind them " I am because you are " May this summer be a season of spiritual growth and abundant blessings for us all! Always in my thoughts and prayers.

In Christ Love,

- *Rev. Faith Kubai*

thankyou

We are delighted to share that the Great Plains Conference meetings in Kearney concluded successfully, filled with meaningful discussions and insightful presentations. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to EL Siebert and Kristin Camp for their outstanding report, which provided valuable updates and reflections on the conference proceedings. Thank you for your exceptional work and for helping keep our community connected and engaged!

TAKE PRIDE! IN ST. PAUL

Omaha celebrates Pride this month, culminating in the Heartland Pride Festival and Parade Saturday, **July 13** - a sunny and joy-filled experience for the whole family!

You're invited to march with your St. Paul United Methodist family and show off your love of ALL of God's children.

Meet outside Urban Abbey at 9 am to assemble with the Reconciling UMC's. Join the SPOT team and others in wearing Saint Paul T's and rainbows of all sorts!

The parade begins at 10 am.

Refer to Pastor Marta if you've any questions or suggestions!

St. Paul Benson is
Proud
 to be a
**RECONCILING and
 AFFIRMING**
 United Methodist
 congregation!

JULY COMMUNAL OFFERING



Habitat for Humanity is a global nonprofit housing organization working in local communities across all 50 states in the U.S. and in approximately 70 countries. Habitat's vision is of a world where everyone has a decent place to live.



By partnering with Habitat, families and communities transform their lives with the incredible effects of safe and affordable shelter, including improvements in health, safety, child development, economic opportunity and educational achievement.

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Darci Griffith Gamerl, Oboist
David Downing, Cellist

The building will be closed
Thursday, July 4th and Friday, July 5th
in observance of Independence Day.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!



HAPPY
4th of
July

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on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or YouTube.

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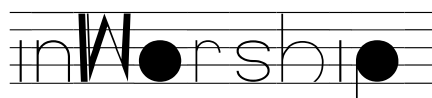
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With God's love as our
foundation, we celebrate
friendship with all of God's
people, affirming all sexual
orientations and gender
identities. Together, we will
seek justice for all and do
good in our community,
nation and around the world
in the name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



Rev. Jerry Brabec

Our weekend observation of the national holiday, Independence Day is made even more special with the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Morning worship July 07 will be graced by the Joy Bells, joined by The Choir and the Solid Brass Quartet, as well as Ben Eisenberger, banjo. This promises to be an old-time gospel strummin', flag salutin' observance of the Fourth. The Choir will continue to offer ministry through music each Sunday of July, earning a much-deserved break during August. The Bel Canto Duo of Darci Gamerl and David Downing offer a unique musical experience on July 14 at 3:00 in the Roth Chapel. These musically themed programs will continue in August and September, bringing the beauty and serenity as only the BCD can do! Sunday, July 21, The Choir will be joined by oboist Andrea Smith, on a St. Paul commissioned anthem by James Biery. Andrea will offer her ministry through music for the rest of the service, too. The House Band offers service music on Sunday, July 28. This group of volunteer musicians lends a special spirit to worship each time they are present. While others enjoy the activities that summer brings, there are some who continue to block out time to rehearse, prepare, and hone their craft. We give thanks for the dedication of those volunteers who offer their musical leadership at all services of worship through the summer months and all year long!



From the Desk of . . .

Rev. Marta Wheeler

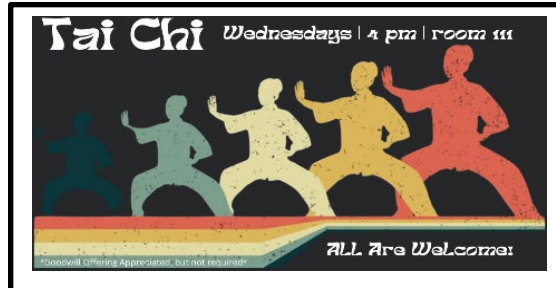
Summer is officially here, so warm it makes one want to fly to northern Washington where it's cooler!

Even so, the chapel was cool as the Bel Canto Duo wowed us with their amazing bowing, fingering on oboe and cell, and breath control. Whether helping others, or being in the community of worship, small groups, or other conversations, we care for one another's souls in love.

It's been great to reconnect with some of our seniors who can't attend weekly worship and bring services to them. It reminds us of how blessed we are with incredible people of all ages! Up to 103!

In the month of July, our children and youth are looking forward to doing hands-on missions in the area. We appreciate Aretha Gearhart's helpfulness in setting up projects.

Thank you for your prayers for those young and young at heart. Know that we pray for you and appreciate you!



WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

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

**"Everything Happens For a Reason
And Other Lies I've Loved"**
By Kate Bowler

SATURDAY, JULY 13 | 9 AM

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



**JULY 13 | 9AM | RM. 109
JULY 27 | 9 AM | HY-VEE**

2ND & 4TH SATURDAY EACH MONTH

All Men Welcome!

Confirmation

Your clergy begin a week of study & mission that will lead the Youth of St. Paul to a process of discerning God's call to confirmation, July 8 -12.

This year the schedule will include missions to Table Grace, Story Street Mobile Food Pantry, Big Garden, and Youth Emergency Services.

As we gather each day during confirmation week we will learn what it means to be a member in the United Methodist Church, what it means to be in mission with others, and what it means to live as a disciple in the *Kin-dom of God*.



The St. Paul Outreach Team (SPOT) invites everyone to join their vibrant community dedicated to service and spiritual growth.

SPOT is committed to fostering connections and providing support through various outreach initiatives.

We are excited to announce that SPOT will be sharing more about their vision and mission during our worship services on **Saturday, July 13, and Sunday, July 14.**

These sessions will offer a deeper insight into the impactful work SPOT is doing and how you can become a part of this dynamic team.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn how you can contribute to making a difference in our community.

-Rev. Faith Kubai

SUMMERTIME Music & Prayer SERVICES



We'd love to have Saint Paul members join us at Elmwood Tower every 3rd Friday of the month at 2 pm, where you can worship with us and visit afterwards with longtime faithful ones!

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

Please also join us **July 18 at 2pm** Immanuel Lakeside Village

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



Quilting Group

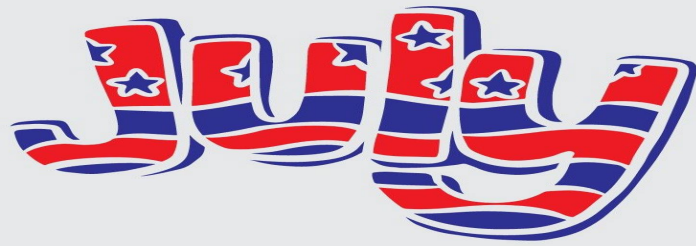
Monday mornings
9:15 AM | Room 105

*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.



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 8:30am Lectio Divina 9:00am The Q(uilters) Group (105) 10:30am Morning Musings (LIB) | 2 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (LIB) 5:45pm Joy Bell Rehearsal (BAL) 7:00pm The Choir Rehearsal (250) | 3 4:00pm Tai Chi (111) (LS) | 4 BUILDING CLOSED | 5 BUILDING CLOSED | 6 4:30pm Joy Bell Rehearsal (RC) 5:00pm Worship Service |
| 7 Habitat for Humanity Offering 8:45am Soul Journeys for Women 9:15am Joy Bell Rehearsal (BAL) 9:30am The Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Worship Service In-Person and Livestream (SAN) 11:00am Nepali Worship (FH/111) 2:00pm Glory of Christ Worship 3:00pm Prayer Service | 8 8:30am Lectio Divina 9:00am The Q(uilters) Group (105) 10:00am Confirmation Class/Table Grace 10:30am Morning Musings (LIB) | 9 1:00pm Confirmation Class/Story Street Pantry 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (LIB) | 10 9:30am Confirmation Class/Tri Community UMC 4:00pm Tai Chi (111) (LS) | 11 9:30am YES Luncheon Prep/Confirmation Class | 12 10:00am Confirmation Class (LIB) | 13 9:00am Book Club (Offsite) 10:00am Pride Parade (16th & Capitol) 5:00pm Worship Service (SPOT) |
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YOUTH MINISTRY

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In a world where young people often face stereotypes of disengagement and disinterest, our youth have shown us a different narrative through their dedicated and tireless work at Camp Fontanelle. Last month, a group of passionate and enthusiastic young volunteers and their leaders from our church community embarked on a mission to prepare the camp for its upcoming season.

Their efforts, from cleaning and repairing to building and revitalizing, not only transformed the campgrounds but also strengthened their own bonds and sense of purpose. While some of the tasks were challenging and, at times, unpleasant, they also had many moments of joy and Spiritual Growth including ziplining, rock painting and even writing their own Psalm!

Each day was grounded in spiritual growth through devotions led by our clergy. These devotions allowed our young people to reflect on their own spiritual journey and find a way of sharing their faith with friends and family.

The ziplining was a thrilling adventure for the youth, as it also helped to build their confidence and sense of camaraderie, while the painted rocks and Psalm will be a tool for evangelism for years to come – all which were possible with the support of our church family. We extend our deepest gratitude to all of you!

Your contributions towards food and registration fees, as well as your prayers were instrumental in making this trip possible. This will be an experience that will resonate with our youth for years to come!

South Central Jurisdiction 2020-2024 Quadrennial Event

Attending my first South Central Jurisdiction 2020-2024 Quadrennial Event was a deeply transformative experience. As I stepped into a space filled with diverse and passionate women, I felt an immediate sense of belonging and purpose. The theme of growing our sisterhood resonated profoundly throughout the event, creating an environment where we could share our stories, support one another, and build lasting connections. Workshops and discussions emphasized the importance of solidarity and unity, encouraging us to strengthen our bonds and work collectively towards common goals.

The event highlighted how our sisterhood is not just about being together but about actively nurturing each other's growth and standing together in times of need with love, "We believe Love In Action will change the world!"

The event also addressed critical issues of racial and climate justice, which are imperative to our mission as a community. Through powerful keynote speeches and interactive sessions, we explored the systemic challenges that perpetuate racial inequality and the urgent need for climate action. These discussions were not merely academic; they were calls to action, urging us to implement changes within our communities and advocate for broader systemic reforms. The event points out that our fight for justice is interconnected—racial equity and climate justice are inseparable in our pursuit of a fair and sustainable future. As I left the event, I felt equipped and inspired to contribute to these crucial movements, knowing that our strengthened sisterhood would be a formidable force in driving meaningful change.

The Great Plains Conference was well represented with 35 attendees, including our Bishop David. It was a proud moment when our conference received an award for being the top giver to the Legacy Fund. This recognition showed our commitment and generosity as a community. Overall, the event was a great opportunity to connect with others, learn about important issues, and celebrate our achievements. I left feeling inspired and ready to make a difference in our world!

-Rev. Faith Kubai

PRAYERS for God's People

Recent Hospitalizations

Jayne Meisinger
Dee Maycock
Greg Wilcox

Memorial Gifts

For **Les Focht**: Kent & Sue Bacon.
For **John Pestal**: Mark Pestal, John & Betty Pestal, Jerry Brabec, Mike Byrnes, Mark Caniglia, Harold Capps, April Clark, Sharon Dixon, Robert Dylla, Buckley Jr., Richard Keely, Keith & Marta Kirchner, Mary Quigley, Timothy Robinson, Mary Stolzer, Dan Van Ryswyk, Dennis & Marta Wheeler, Greg & Charlene Wilcox.



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

United Women in Faith!

"Celebration of Triangles"



JULY | \$165 64" x 79"

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND JOIN US!

BANJO & HORNS A PLENTY!

SUNDAY, JULY 07
10:00 AM

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All are welcome!

Blood Drive

GIVE BLOOD...GIVE LIFE!

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, August 11
8am - 1pm | Fellowship Hall

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Church Council
MEETING

July 15 | 7 PM | Parlor

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Save the Date

BETHE BRIDGE
Training

November 14-16

MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION AT
GREATPLAINSUMC.ORG/BETHEBRIDGE

CHILDREN IN MISSION

Story Street Mobile Food Pantry
@ Friendship Party

SATURDAY
JULY 20 | 1-3 PM

AGES 5-12 AND PARENTS

RSVP TO PASTOR MARTA

SAINT PAUL Men

Join The Saint Paul Men's Group for breakfast and fellowship

SAT. JULY 27 | 9AM
Hy-Vee @ Peony Park

7910 CASS ST. | OMAHA

All men are welcome!

Youth Mission Trip

SAINT PAUL snapshots

Annual Conference

Bel Canto Duo

Elkridge Village

Elmwood Tower

Quaddrennial Event

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