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August Communal Offering

 Ministerial Education Fund

Did You Know? The Ministerial Education Fund is the basic financial source to prepare and educate our UM clergy?

The purpose of the fund is to enable the Church to unify and expand its program of financial support for the recruitment and education of ordained and diaconal ministers and to equip the Annual Conferences to meet increased demands in this area.

The Ministerial Education Fund is at the heart of preparing people for making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.





Blood Drive

GIVE BLOOD...GIVE LIFE!

SUN, AUG 11 | 8AM - 1PM

St. Paul United Methodist Fellowship Hall
5410 Corby St., Omaha

REGISTER ONLINE @ RedCrossBlood.org
Enter Zip code 68104 to find our drive

Inspiration

NEWS FROM ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST AUGUST 2024



Breaking Bread SERMON SERIES

Get ready to feast spiritually without worrying about carbs!

I am absolutely thrilled to extend a warm, joyous invitation to you all as we embark on a brand-new sermon series titled "*The Bread of Life*."

Starting July 28, we'll dive into the rich, fulfilling, and deliciously spiritual topic of Jesus as the Bread of Life. This series promises to nourish your soul, tickle your funny bone, and leave you spiritually satisfied.

Why is this series so exciting? Well, think of it as a divine cooking class where we explore heavenly recipes for a fulfilling life. From "Heavenly Sourdough" to "Eternal Brioche," we'll savor every bite of wisdom and love that Jesus has to offer.

Bring your family, friends, and a hearty appetite for God's word. Don't forget to bring your sense of humor, as we'll be sprinkling in some fun and laughter along the way. After all, what's a good meal without a few laughs?

So, mark your calendars and join us at St. Paul's as we break spiritual bread together!

Blessings, joy, and perhaps a side of divine breadsticks!

-Pastor Faith Kubai

The Apostles' Creed

We're all searching for answers in life. Sometimes it's easy to find them, but other times, the questions are more complicated, and the answers are harder to find.

How do we discover and understand the truths that give our lives meaning and purpose?

Adam Hamilton believes that some powerful answers can be found in the Apostles' Creed, an early statement of foundational Christian beliefs. In his book, Hamilton explores important questions about life, reality, and truth. He looks at what Christians believe, why they believe it, and why it matters.

I am excited to invite you to join us for a 6-week study that you can join from the comfort of your home through Zoom! Our study will start on **August 5, 2024, at 7:00 pm**. Contact Pastor Faith for the zoom invite.

We will cover these chapters:

- God
- Jesus Christ
- The Holy Spirit
- The Church and the Communion of Saints
- The Forgiveness of Sins
- The Resurrection of the Body

I hope you can join us for this enriching study. It's a wonderful opportunity to deepen your faith and connect with our church community!



The General User Door Code will be changed, effective AUGUST 15. Please see a clergy person or the office to get the new code

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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

The summer heat is on and summer worship is the place to receive the cool refreshment of God's grace! Weekly messages about the importance of Jesus as the Living Bread from the gospel of John are a good place to begin.

As part of each of the August weekends we will enjoy the tried-and-true summer "shout & sing" at each 5:00 and 10:00 service, with the congregation lifting up individual favorites to be sung. Songs of faith tell us so much about our spiritual journey; those cherished memories of why and with whom our path has brought us thus far.

Celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the weekend of **August 03/04**.

With metro area schools soon beginning, we offer a special "back to school" blessing as part of worship **August 10/11**.

Sunday morning's worship will be made more special with an impromptu visit by our brass players, the Solid Brass Quartet. A musical 'pop up' will be presented by the Joy Bells ringing chimes on **August 18**.

Handbell soloist, Kris Oertell rings praises on August **24/25**.

Lorraine Hahn will offer her music ministry for the Saturday evening service **August 31**.

Worship is a way to recharge from a week of spiritual 'battery drain'...don't miss it!

As always, please consider participating in one (or more) of the musical ministries St. Paul has to offer. It takes YOU to make the music pleasing to God's ears and hear. Worship is the way we say "thank you" to God for our many blessings, even life itself. One-time, short term, long term...all commitments are considered worthy. And all are welcome, as together we minister through music!



From the Desk of . . .

Rev. Marta Wheeler

Greetings friends,

Last month "love in action" was demonstrated in so many ways by Saint Paul members. After crossing the Missouri River into Co. Bluffs, the children put their time and energy into helping folks receive pantry items needed for their families. Many of the neighbors walked to the site and brought a wagon or stroller to carry food back. It was good to connect with people and hear their stories. If you watch the MOJO video from July 27th, you'll get to see the boys in action.

We encourage you to give the gift of life at the annual Red Cross Blood Drive. Please sign up if you're able or ask your family members or friends.

We are so grateful for the ministries that each of you does throughout the week, and for the connections we make at worship on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings. Beautiful music unites our congregation in God's love.

Each day, open your hearts to the healing gifts that come to us through Christ's Spirit. Open your eyes to the radiance of Creation. Open your hands and extend them with Christ's compassionate mercy.

We pray for you and ministries of this church and look forward to our time together.



MEAL & MEETING
WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 7th | 6PM
PARLOR



AUG 10 | 9AM | RM. 109
AUG 24 | 9 AM | RM. 109

2ND & 4TH SATURDAY EACH MONTH

All Men Welcome!

The St. Paul MERCY & JUSTICE TEAM

are asking for your donations of individually wrapped homemade or store-bought goodies for distribution at Benson HS as a way of saying "welcome back" to the faculty & staff. Drop them in the office by Sunday, **AUG 11**



Quilting Group

Monday mornings
9:15 AM | Room 105

*Enter through the Corby Street handicapped door

SUMMERTIME Music & Prayer SERVICES



Elmwood Tower
801 S. 52nd St., Omaha
Friday, August 16 | 2:30-3 pm

3rd Friday of every month @ 2:30pm

Confirmation

Our youth members have had an enriching journey, filled with learning and acts of service that have deeply impacted both their lives and the lives of those they served during confirmation classes.

Our youth have extended their hands and hearts to various missions, including helping in various services at Table of Grace, organizing and distributing food at Story Street Pantry, Preparing meals for youth at the Youth Emergency Service, and helping to serve food to the youth at Tri Community UMC. Their dedication and compassion have truly embodied the spirit of Christ.

In addition to their service, our youth have delved deeply into the richness of our faith. They have explored church history, understanding the traditions that have shaped our community. Through worship and the sacraments, they have experienced the sacred rituals that connect us to God. Their study of the Bible has provided them with guidance and inspiration for living out their faith.

The program concluded powerfully with an inspiring talk on civil rights by El Siebert. His words challenged and motivated our youth to become advocates for justice and equality, highlighting the importance of living out our faith through actions that promote love and dignity for all and with a remarkable statement of "knowing the language of peace"

We are excited to invite you to join us on September 8th at 10am for the Service of Confirmation

This special service will celebrate the commitment and growth of our youth, followed by a reception where we can all come together in fellowship and joy.

With love and blessings,
-Rev. Faith Kubai

Pastoral Perspective

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

As we bask in the remaining days of summer, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for being a cherished part of our St. Paul family. Your presence, faith, and dedication is the lifeblood of our congregation, and I am continually inspired by the love and unity we share in Christ.

May God's abundant blessings fill your hearts and homes as we continue to enjoy the warmth and beauty of this season. I pray that these days bring you rest, rejuvenation, and precious moments with loved ones.

As we move forward together, I invite you to continue supporting our beloved church with your unique gifts, talents, and resources. Whether through your time, financial contributions, or acts of service, your involvement is vital to our mission and ministry. Each contribution, no matter how big or small, makes a significant impact on our church's ability to serve and reach out to our community.

Please know that we, the pastoral team and church leadership, are continually praying for you. We lift you up in prayer, asking God to meet your needs, guide your steps, and surround you with His love and grace. Our hearts are filled with love for each of you, and we are grateful for the privilege of walking this spiritual journey together.

Ephesians 3:14-21
May the Lord bless you and keep you, now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.

With love and blessings,

Pastor Faith Kubai



PRAYERS for God's People

Christian Sympathy

To Connie Crawford in the death of her daughter, Amy Churchill.

Recent Hospitalizations

Dee Maycock
Joanna Lonacker

Memorial Gifts

For **John Pestal**: Jack & Claudia Griger, Gladys Lantz, Beverly Widiger.

For **Shirley Higbee**: George & Cheryl Adamson.

A Note of Thanks

"...Thank you very much for the scholarship money. It will go to paying my tuition. I really appreciate it."

-Elena Kelly

"...Thank you so very much to Rev. Marta Wheeler for her visit to my home and the lovely gift bag...the book, the juice and of course the beautiful sunshine devotion to enjoy...God Bless each of you & all stay well."

-Judy Buono

"Singing the Blues"



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!

AUG | \$180 52" x 66"

If you find yourself with a few too many of your garden's harvests, feel free to share! Place your veggies on the table in the Gathering Area for others to enjoy.



HAVING HEARTFELT CONVERSATIONS AROUND CHALLENGING ISSUES

Led by Rev. Jeff Clinger, Director of Congregational Excellence and Connectional Ministries with the Great Plains Conference

AUGUST 03 10 - 11:30 AM

St. Paul United Methodist
5410 Corby St., Omaha NE

DIALOGUE WORKSHOP

RSVP Charlene Wilcox by July 28

*Light Breakfast Provided

St. Paul United Methodist Church
All are welcome!

PULL TOGETHER MAKE A DIFFERENCE

POP THE TOP AND DROP THEM AT MISSION CENTRAL



St. Paul United Methodist Church
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at St. Paul United Methodist
5410 CORBY ST. | OMAHA

FREE ENTRY

JUNE 23 | 7 PM
JULY 14 | 3 PM
AUG. 18 | 7 PM
SEPT. 29 | 3 PM

Darci Griffith Gamert, Oboist
David Downing, Cellist



thank you

ST. PAUL GRACIOUSLY DONATED A TOTAL OF \$1755 AND WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE 15 STOVES TO COUNTLESS HOUSEHOLDS

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The St. Paul *Mercy & Justice* Team was able to donate **36 BAGS** of personal items and groceries to the Pearl Pantry, because of your generosity!

Thank you!



AUGUST 2024

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Holy Communion 10:00am UWF "Conversations" Event (FH) 5:00pm Worship Service
4 Holy Communion 8:45am Soul Journeys for Women 10:00am Worship Service In-Person and Livestream 11:00am Nepali Worship 3:00pm Prayer Service	5 9:00am The Q(uilters) Group (105) 7:00pm Pastor Faith's Bible Study (Zoom)	6 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (LIB)	7 6:00pm Health Ministries Meal Meeting (CP)	8 5:00pm Kenyan UM Leadership Event (FH/WH)	9 9:00am Kenyan UM Leadership Event (FH/WH)	10 9:00am Book Club (Offsite) 9:00am Kenyan UM Leadership Event (FH/WH/RC/SAN) 5:00pm Worship Service
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Confirmation Week
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