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SUNDAY SCHOOL
Grades K-5

Returns

SEPTEMBER 8
11:15AM

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RETURNS ON
SEPTEMBER 6



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SUNDAY DECEMBER 8
3-6 PM

Advent Fair

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Inspiration

NEWS FROM ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST SEPTEMBER 2024

Pastoral Perspective

Jambo,

As we begin to welcome the crispness of fall, I invite us to pause and thank God for all the blessings we've experienced together during these past few months. This summer has been a time of joy, connection, and growth for our church. We've been able to gather, serve, and enjoy the beauty of God's creation in so many wonderful ways. From worship services to community outreach, each moment has been a testament to God's goodness and faithfulness.

As we transition into the new season, I want to encourage everyone to keep pressing forward. Let's continue to support our church, not just with our prayers, but also with our financial contributions, which are essential for sustaining our ministries and programs. Your generosity helps us reach out to others, maintain our facilities, and continue the work that God has called us to do.

I also want to invite each of you to consider how you can volunteer your time and talents in the coming months. God has given each of us unique gifts, and there are so many ways to serve within our church community.

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Monday Musings
RETURNING
Sept. 9 | 10:30 AM | Library

"What's so Amazing about Grace?"
BY PHILIP YANCEY

Books are \$15 and available in the office, online or at the first class



What's so *Amazing* about *Grace*?

As we concluded our sermon series on "The Bread of Life," I think it's safe to say we've eaten a lot of bread over these past weeks! We've been fed and filled with the truth of who Jesus is—the Bread that never goes stale, the nourishment that sustains us forever!

But just like after a satisfying meal, we face the question: What now? Peter's response in John 6:68-69 sums it up beautifully: *Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.* Peter's declaration is a powerful statement of faith and loyalty, and my prayer today is that each of us will echo those words in our own hearts.

And now, as we transition into our next bible study, *"What's So Amazing About Grace?"* which will take us through the next 5 weeks, we'll be exploring a different but equally vital aspect of our faith. We speak of grace often, but do we truly understand it? More importantly, do we truly believe in it, and do our lives proclaim its power as strongly as our words? Together with the clergy team, guided by Philip Yancey's book, *"What's So Amazing About Grace?"* we'll be diving into these questions and many more.

Let's continue this journey of growth and discovery, with hearts full of gratitude and expectation!

3rd GRADE
BIBLE PRESENTATION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15



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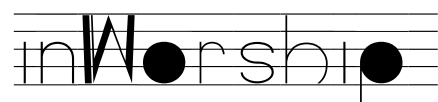
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With God's love as our foundation, we celebrate friendship with all of God's people, affirming all sexual orientations and gender identities. Together, we will seek justice for all and do good in our community, nation and around the world in the name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



Rev. Jerry Brabec

How can summer be winding down? The days seem to be flying by...an even more important reason to take time to worship and become an active participant at St. Paul Church!

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated as part of the Labor Day holiday weekend. Lorraine Hahn will serve as guest musician at the Saturday evening, **August 31** service with Jolyn Mangiamelli joining her for a special duet. Folk guitarist extraordinaire, Marta Brabec will bring "Songs of the People" for a special Labor Day weekend salute at the Sunday service, **September 01** at 10:00 a.m. Pastors Faith and Marta begin a five-week sermon series on the United Methodist understanding of grace, with this weekend's focus on "How Sweet the Sound".

Our confirmands bring service music to Confirmation Sunday, **September 08**. The Choir also returns to the Chancel on that Sunday morning! The Choir and Joy Bells begin regular rehearsals on Thursday, **September 12** at 5:45 and 7:00 p.m. respectively. **Anyone interested in participating are cordially invited, no experience necessary!** John Hough and Char Wilcox will lead the Saturday, **September 14** service and our House Band will lead worship on Sunday, **September 15** at 10:00 a.m. Joy Bells will "fall" into ringing at both services **September 28/29**.

It has been our pleasure to host the Bel Canto Duo, Darci Gamerl, oboe/English horn and David Downing, cello, for their summer concert series again this year. The closing concert of the season will be Sunday, **September 29** at 3:00 p.m. Watch for more details on this exciting closer. You won't want to miss it!

Various Runners and Pillows for the Month of September

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

United Women in Faith!

Pillow \$15 Runner \$10

From the Desk of . . .
Rev. Marta Wheeler

Greetings friends,
I've certainly enjoyed worship during the month of August! Hearing the congregation sing along during the hymn sings, connecting with people who share the faith and are doing their best in their lives to comfort those in pain as well as laugh with people in joyful times.

Mimi Kubai and I are looking forward to Sunday School beginning again on Sept. 9th! The BIG Faith curriculum by Cokesbury will be our guide. During this month we will be looking at the Masterpieces of God and see where the creativity of the children takes us!

If you're willing to share a craft, story, or snack while connecting with these fine young people, please volunteer!

The health team appreciates all who gave the gift of life at the annual Red Cross Blood Drive ❤️

The LOVE of our God is bigger than any storms we face (even the one on July 31st!) and Christ's presence brings us into the Light as we pray, sing, and serve.

We pray for you and thank you for participating in the ministries of Saint Paul.

Join us on September 8th at 10am for the Service of *Confirmation*

YOUTH GROUP returns
SEPTEMBER 1

Saint Paul
House Band SUNDAY | SEPT. 29
10 AM

SAINT PAUL Men

SEPT 13 | 9AM | RM. 109
SEPT 27 | 9 AM | RM. 109

2ND & 4TH SATURDAY EACH MONTH

All Men Welcome!

Summer Concert Series

BEL CANTO DUO
LIVE in the lawn
at St. Paul United Methodist
5410 CORBY ST. | OMAHA

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

PET BLESSING
with **ST. FRANCIS**
aka Rev. Jerry Brabec

SEPT. 29 | 3 PM

ALL PETS WELCOME!

Quilting Group
Mondays | 9:15AM | Rm. 105

Save the Date

BE the BRIDGE
training

NOVEMBER 14-16

MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION AT
GREATPLAINSUNC.ORG/BETHEBRIDGE

Holy Listening

Elmwood Tower
801 S. 52nd St., Omaha
Friday, Sept. 20 | 2:30-3 pm

3rd Friday of every month

PRAYERS for God's People

Christian Sympathy
To the family and friends of Fred Nash.
To the family and friends of Judy Mayer.
To the family and friends of Pat Leslie.

Baptisms
Alexandra Faith Delano-Lee,
Daughter of Lindsay Lee

Recent Hospitalizations
Bill Wallace
Judy Buono
Jack Geiger

Memorial Gifts
In Memory of **Fred Nash**: Marjorie Bonneau & Susan Sanders, Mary Stolzer.
In Memory of **Amy Churchill**: George & Cheryl Adamson.
In Memory of **Shirley Higbee**: George & Cheryl Adamson.
In Memory of **Jerry & Pat Leslie**: George & Cheryl Adamson.
In Memory of **Pat Leslie**: Martin & Toni McKewon.
In Memory of **Mark & Frances Mullen**: Darlene Mullen.

Centenarian on September 24th
Joan Swanson

A Note of Thanks
"Thank you for the scholarship money. The church has been a huge part of my life and has provided a solid foundation for me with amazing people"
-Jackson Avila
"...thank you so much for having Kickstart camp at St. Paul! ...The showcase brought a lot of joy to our kids and the community!"
-Omaha Girls Rock

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United Women in Faith

BOOK CLUB

"LOOKING FOR JANE"
BY HEATHER MARSHALL

SEPTEMBER 14 | 9AM

Pastoral Perspective Continued

Whether it's helping with Sunday services, joining a ministry team, or participating in our outreach efforts, every bit of service helps us to fulfill our mission of spreading God's love!

Let's embrace this new season with open hearts, ready to continue the good work God has started in us. Together, we can make a difference for His kingdom!

As always, I lift each of you up in prayer, asking God to pour out His powerful blessings upon your lives. May God's grace, peace, and love be with you always.

Mungu awabariki (God bless)

-Pastor Faith Kubai

Church Council MEETING
September 16 | 7 PM | Parlor

United Women in Faith

Coffee & Program

SEPT. 4 | 9:30 AM | RM. 111

All are welcome!

HAVING HEARTFELT CONVERSATIONS AROUND CHALLENGING ISSUES

United Women in Faith

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

DIALOGUE WORKSHOP

OCTOBER 05
10 - 11:30 AM

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

to Charlene Wilcox
*Light Breakfast Provided



Frank Webber

Jack & Claudia Griger
Pastoral Care with Rev. Wheeler

Jean Bailey

SAINT PAUL
snapshots



Alexandra Lee Baptism



Heidi Copeland



Red Cross Blood Drive
In Honor of Amy Churchill



Bel Canto Duo



Kenyan Fellowship



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Holy Communion Restoring Dignity Offering 8:45am Soul Journeys for Women 10:00am Worship Service In-Person and Livestream (SAN) 11:00am Nepali Worship	2 Labor Day - Building Closed	3 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (LIB)	4 9:30am United Women in Faith 4:00pm Tai Chi (LS)	5	6	7 5:00pm Worship Service
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