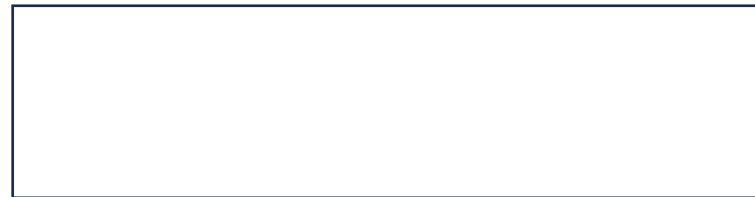


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NEWS FROM ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST

OCTOBER 2024

Gratitude . . . Prayer . . . Re-commitment

Jambo, Church Family!

For followers of Jesus Christ, gratitude is an important first step in our journey of faith. It is important to give God thanks for all the blessings we have already received—and to acknowledge that ultimately, we are dependent upon God. As the Apostle Paul reminds us, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). It all begins with Gratitude!

Over the next four weeks, you are invited to enter with me into a process of gratitude, prayer, and re-commitment. This process will culminate with Consecration Services on Saturday and Sunday, November 02/03. At these services we will re-commit ourselves to supporting our Church by completing the Annual Commitment card for 2025 included with this issue of the Inspiration. We will then bring our commitment cards forward as an offering and act of gratitude to God. The annual commitment cards are an important tool for our Finance Committee it seeks to plan and budget wisely for our future.

While it seems impossible to be talking about stewardship and giving, when the economic future seems so uncertain at times, we know God is our certainty!

We are asking that, while you prayerfully consider how much you are able to commit to in 2025, you consider increasing your pledge each year, if you are able to do so. The act of simply committing to a pledge each year is our act of faith that God will also continue to provide! Every pledge makes a difference. The act of giving is an act of gratitude for how God has always been present in our lives and ministries as a church.

As your pastor, let me be the first to share my gratitude for each of you and for our community of faith. I recognize the economic strain that has affected so many and am eternally grateful for your continued support for this church—and for me, as your lead pastor.

Your generous outpouring of money, time and dedication to St. Paul ensures that we can continue to successfully fulfill God's calling of us!

Blessings,

Rev. Faith Kubai

October Events

UWF Dialogue Workshop
 OCT 5 | 10-11:30 AM
 Fellowship Hall

Free Health Fair
 OCT 6 | 9 AM-12 PM
 Fellowship Hall

Youth Hike
 OCT 6 | 2 PM
 Schramm Park
 Gretna, NE

Camp Fontenelle Family Day
 OCT 20 | 2-4 PM

UWF Mini Mart
 OCT 26-27
 Before and after Services
 in the gathering areas

Youth Movie Day
 OCT 27 | 11:15 AM
 On the ROOF

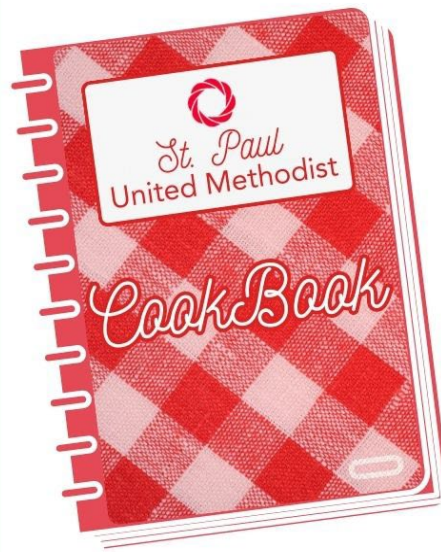


We have a *Hearing Loop* for hearing aid users during service!



Hearing Loop
 Switch hearing aid to T-coil

Individual receivers available for those who do not have a hearing aid, or are not compatible



SHARE THE L♥VE

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to be included in the

St. Paul Cookbook

SAVE THE DATE

**SUNDAY
 DECEMBER 8
 3-6 PM**



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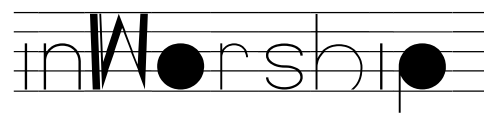
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With God's love as our foundation, we celebrate friendship with all of God's people, affirming all sexual orientations and gender identities. Together, we will seek justice for all and do good in our community, nation and around the world in the name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



Rev. Jerry Brabec

World Communion is a celebration of the holy Sacrament far and wide! Omaha St. Paul will join with Christians around the world in the annual observance, this year celebrated **October 05 & 06**. Special ministry through music as part of our 5:00 service will be Shawn Ammon and our 10:00 a.m. service will include David Schack, organ and the Solid Brass Quartet. Michael Frey, viola, will join The Choir on **October 13**. John Hough and Char Wilcox will offer music leadership at Saturday worship, **October 19**. Our House Band will lead worship on **October 20**. The Joy Bells will offer music for worship on **October 26/27**. Many thanks to all the volunteers that help make the St. Paul Music Ministry a vibrant and creative source of spiritual inspiration.

On Wednesday, **October 02**, the setting sun will bring a close to another day, but the festivities ushering in the year 5785 begin for Jews around the world. Known as Rosh Hashanah, it literally celebrates the birthday of the world! Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement will occur **October 12** and is the symbolic closing of the gates of heaven for another year, the inscription on the Book of Life having been written. These joyous high holidays are truly days of awe for our Jewish sisters and brothers. May God's shalom be with us all!



PRAYERS

for God's People

Baptisms

Benite Kasusa &
Tasha Blessing Kasusa,
children of Bertha
Nyiraruhanga & Damien
Kasusa

Recent Hospitalizations

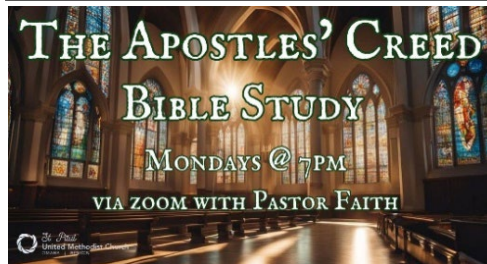
Randy Thomson
Carole Behrens
Shirley De Long

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of
Mother Buono: Judy Buono.
Pat Leslie: Connie Crawford,
Jerry Brabec
Warren Johnson: Jonathon
Hurwitz.

Honorarium Gifts

In Honor of: **Music Ministry**
Jerry Brabec, Paul Massara.
Prayer Shawl Ministry:
Mary Stolzer



Advent Fair

In addition to Advent Fair, Sunday, December 8, we will again have a *Christmas Room*.

If you have quality items you'd like to donate, we would appreciate it!

Advent Committee will use their discretion when choosing items to include.

Divine Love Blessings

By Rev. Marta Wheeler

Brilliant blooms attract butterflies of equally dazzling hues that might blend in if not for their joyous dancing pursuing blazing star and goldenrod.

How we resemble these fragile beauties drawing in Love's nectar gently cared for through each inspirational song, comforting prayer, and grace-filled sermon!

Saint Paul's chapel and sanctuary renew us before we flutter our wings and glide off to live-out the joy in our hearts.

Who is ready to go all-in and trust God, share your resources, nourish by serving-up bounteous "Love Blessings" originally provided you?



FREE HEALTH FAIR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 06
9 AM - NOON

Flu Shots (Age 15+)
Blood Pressure Check
BMI
Blood Sugar Screening
Balance & Fall Screening

*NO COVID VACCINES AVAILABLE



YOUTH MINISTRY

Hey Wonderful Youth Members!

We hope you're ready for some fun, fellowship, and learning this October! Our youth classes are back, and we've got some awesome activities lined up just for you. Whether you're into hiking, getting lost in mazes, or chilling with a good movie (and maybe some popcorn!), there's something for everyone.

Here's what's coming up:

October 6th: Hiking at Schramm Park at 2 PM—bring a friend and enjoy the great outdoors!

October 20th: Let's tackle the maze at Camp Fontanelle—a chance to test your navigation skills and have some fun!

October 27th: Join us at 11:15 AM on the church roof for a movie day, where we'll relax and learn more about the formation of the Methodist Church.

Mark your calendars, grab your sneakers, and don't forget to bring a friend (or two!). We can't wait to see you there!

P.S. No GPS needed for the maze—we believe in divine guidance!

See you soon,

Rev. Faith Kubai

Holy Listening

Elmwood Tower
801 S. 52nd St., Omaha
Friday, Oct. 18 | 2:30-3 pm



Welcome New Member Sam Serwelon!



Confirmation 2024



3rd Grade Bible Presentation
Elliot Kupzyk



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Benite Kasusa and
Tasha Blessing Kasusa Baptism



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YOUTH MOVIE DAY
ON
THE ROOF

SUNDAY
OCT. 27TH
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FEATURING
THE FORMATION OF
THE METHODIST
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FONTANELLE
Family Day
Oct. 20 | 2 PM

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United Women in Faith

Mini Mart
October 26-27

In Gathering Areas Before and After Services

United Women in Faith!

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

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72 X 84

"Falling Leaves"



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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