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Welcome from Pastor Bob

Whether you're a long-time member or a first time visitor, I welcome you to St. Paul United Methodist Church. Thank you for choosing to worship with us!

I'm glad you've joined us for our sermon series, "Spiritual Matters." This series is challenging us to dig deeper when it comes to knowing and understanding what being a spiritually mature person really is. **It is pushing us to answer the Lord's desire for us to grow deeper and to be spiritually challenged.**

Take a look at this bulletin, or visit our website, for more information on our ministries, our upcoming classes, and all the many ways we are living into our mission to Glorify God, Grow in Faith, and Give in Love.

The Lord is doing amazing things here at St. Paul, and I'm excited that you are all a part of it.

*Bob Martin*  
Bob Martin, Senior Pastor



Glorify God ♥ Grow in Faith ♥ Give in Love

# GLORIFY GOD



## 9:00 Traditional Worship

Prelude		Judi Hurst, Pianist
Welcome		David McKee, Worship Leader
Reception of New Members		
*Greet	<i>Oh How He Loves You and Me</i>	
*Hymns	<i>What a Mighty God We Serve</i>	
	<i>Rise Up, O Men of God</i>	No. 576
*Affirmation of Faith	Apostles' Creed	No. 881
New School Year Prayer		
Offertory	<i>Speak O Lord</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	
Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Transitional Song	<i>Make Me a Servant</i>	
Sermon	"Being a Trusted Steward" Matthew 6:21-24	Pastor Bob Martin
Directed Prayer		
Closing Hymn	<i>A Charge to Keep I Have</i>	No. 413
*Benediction		
*Postlude		

\*Please stand, if you are able.

If you need assistance, please let a greeter or usher know and they would be happy to help.  
Baby changing tables are located in the family room and in both men and women's restrooms..

## 10:30 Contemporary Worship

Reception of New Members

"Being a Trusted Steward"  
Pastor Bob Martin  
Matthew 6:21-24

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## Reception of New Members

We postponed the reception of our new members, so we will be welcoming them at both worships today. Please find one of our new members after the service, say hello, and welcome them to our St. Paul family. New members: Brenda June Kaiser & Jessica Maria Kaiser, Sylvia Noel White, Lynne M. DiLella & Patrick DiLella, Linda D. McKenna, Garrett H. Digman & Debra Jane Digman, Albert Banks Crowder & Joan B. Crowder

## Giving Made Easy

It's easy to sign up online to give your gifts automatically. Just fill in your gift amount and choose recurring at the **bottom of the page**. It's convenient, easy and secure. Scan this QR code with your smart phone to be taken directly to our **online giving page**, or visit the "Giving" link at [stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org).



## Flowers

- ♥ Evelyn Spears in loving memory of her husband, Kent.
- ♥ Lee and Dot Neal in celebration of their 67<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.
- ♥ Bill and Martha Trainor in celebration of their 72<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary.
- ♥ Linda Shaw in memory of her husband, Bruce.

Flowers are given in honor or memory of a loved one or special event, but they are also given to the **Glory of God. They bring a specific reverence for the Lord's** creation to our worship services. We appreciate each person who donates flowers that beautify both our worships, and Glorify God. If you would like to give flowers, bouquets are \$40 a piece. Call the church office at 584-8165 with your desired date and inscription or e-mail [church@stpaulumc.org](mailto:church@stpaulumc.org).

## Deaths

*May the spirit of those who've died rest peacefully in the Lord...*

Please pray for the family of Patti Martin, whose father, Richard Walker, passed away recently.

## To Make a Prayer Request

- \* Every first Sunday you are invited to Stay and Pray in the chapel after each worship.
- \* Drop your prayer request in the offering plate.
- \* Submit your prayer online at [stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org) by **clicking on "Grow in Faith", then "Prayer."**
- \* Call our prayer line at 727-559-PRAY around the clock to leave a prayer need.

## Hear Our Prayer

Please pray for those people listed below with **immediate needs:**

Pastor Bob & Patti Martin, & Family	Perry & Regina Richard H.
Bill & Charlie Bill Crown	Rocco
Brian	Rollin Brannan
Brian Smith	Ron & Dot Chancey
Bryan Poinsette	Rose & Frank
Christians of Iraq	Sandy P. & Family
Chuck & Doris	Spence
Cindy	Stephanie
D.J. Goodin & Family	Terri Workman
Daniel Shockey	Tom Neville
Danielle Fullington	Valerie
Deb Byrnes	Vicky & George Spence
Glenda Neville	Wanda Ditty
Jack	
Jackee	
Jackie	
Jonathan Julian	
Kathy Haines	
Kim Morris	
Lee Smith	
Leslee, Do, Dave, Barb, Jodie, Moe	
Margie Killingsworth	
Mary Jane Arn	
Mike & family	
Mike S.	
Nancy Burns & Destiny	
Paul	
People going through relationship problems	



### Adult Sunday Morning Classes

Adults of any age are invited to join one of our three Sunday school classes. All classes are located on the Sanctuary side of the campus and gather at 10:15 a.m.

**Inspirations**-South Fellowship Hall in **Bldg C**

**Friendship**-Choir Room in **Bldg C**

**Crusaders**-Purple Door Classroom in **Bldg C**

### JOY (Just Older Youth) on Tuesday

Our older adults are invited every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. to the Christian Life Enrichment Center, for fellowship, lessons, and prayer. This Tuesday, August 19, the Rev. Jeanette Burton will teach. You are invited to bring a lunch.

### Men's Bible Study on Thursday

All men are invited to be a part of the Men's Bible Study on Thursdays at 7:00 a.m. in room 220 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center.

### Soaring Eagles Resumes on Sept. 13

All men are invited for fellowship, prayer, and devotional on Saturdays at 8 a.m. in the Christian Life Enrichment Center, room 201. Ladies are invited to breakfast at 7:30 a.m. on the last Saturday of each month.

## SOURCE GROUPS

Source Groups are a small group of up to twelve people whose purposes are:

- To **grow** in their personal relationship with God.
- To **connect** with other believers by building a healthy Source Group community through worship, study, prayer, praise and service.
- To **support** each person in their faith walk.
- To **be the hands and feet of Jesus** by serving within their group, church and community.
- To **enjoy fun and fellowship together.**

For more information, please contact Senior Director of Ministry Bobby Van Duyne: bobby.v@stpaulumc.org



Starting this September, we're excited about offering new classes and community groups, as well as activities for children and youth. No matter what your age group, no matter where you are in your faith journey, we hope you will find something to enrich your life and help you Grow in Faith.

#### On Wednesdays

- Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University**
- Parenting Beyond Your Capacity
- The Book of Romans, Covenant Bible Study
- Discover St. Paul Membership Class
- Young Adults:** Community Group
- Children and Youth:** Worship Arts Class

#### On Sundays

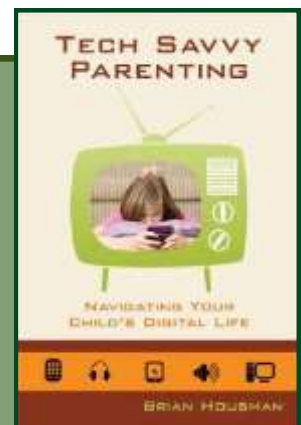
- Tech Savvy Parenting

Sign Up Online: [stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org)

### This week's class preview: Tech Savvy Parenting

Coming Sunday evenings in September.

Most parents feel overwhelmed and ill-equipped to set boundaries when it comes to cell phones, social networks, and video games because they don't know what to do with the technology themselves. Tech Savvy Parenting will give parents the practical tools and resources needed to help the whole family use technology wisely and responsibly. The class addresses online safety, texting and sexting, video game violence and ratings, Facebook privacy controls, Internet pornography, video chatting, protecting your child's online reputation and more.



# GROW IN FAITH



**Children** *infant-5th grade*  
Sherri Plate, Children's Ministry  
Director, [sherri.p@stpaulumc.org](mailto:sherri.p@stpaulumc.org)

## Sunday Morning Lil' Kidz Care

Lil' Kidz Care is available every Sunday for infants to 4-year-olds, at 8:45 a.m. in **Bldg B** Lil Kidz Rooms. You will sign in and be given a pick-up card that you will need to pick-up your child.

## Sunday Morning Lil' Kidz Class

We have a great preschool class for 3 to 4 year-olds at 10:30 a.m. in the Red Door Room of **Bldg C**.

Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Children in **kindergarten through 5th grade** are invited to the Children's Worship Center in **Bldg C** (Second Floor) for Children's Worship.

Sunday Morning Small Group at 9:00 a.m.

Join the **kindergarten through fifth grade** class in **Bldg C**, Small Group Room—Second Floor.

Parents Morning Out

**Parent's Morning Out on Tuesday and Thursday** is a great time for you to get errands done or take time for yourself, without your child(ren). Care is \$10 per child, per day from 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Reserve your spot by contacting the Children's Ministry Office at 584-8165, ext. 238.

Son Kissed Preschool Spaces Available

Now is the perfect time to join our Son Kissed family and enroll for fall. Son Kissed provides free VPK and accepts School Readiness funding. Part time and full time programs are available. Give your child the chance to grow and learn in an award winning preschool program that provides a loving and supportive environment with a firm faith foundation. For more information stop by the preschool, call 585-8596, or visit our website: [stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org).



Worship Arts Class  
Coming September 10  
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Join us this fall for our new Worship Arts class! Kids of all ages will have fun each week learning new ways to see, feel and Glorify God through music, dance, painting, instruments, art and more. Adult classes on parenting, Bible Study and more will be happening at the same time. Visit our website for more information on all our fall classes, or to sign up now.

Sign Up Online: [stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org)



Parents' Boo Hoo-  
Yahoo! Prayer  
Breakfast

August 18. 7:30 a.m.—9 a.m.

South Fellowship Hall

The first day for school can be an exciting or a scary day for parents too, especially if you have children going to kindergarten or preschool for the first time (or even starting high school!) All parents are invited to the South Fellowship Hall on August 18 for breakfast and the chance to come together and support one another as you transition from summer to school year. Come by after you drop off your children at school, from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and share the morning celebrating or commiserating with other parents over breakfast.

# GROW IN FAITH



**f Youth** 6th-12th Grade, Alison Van Duyne,  
Youth Ministry Director, [alison.v@stpaulumc.org](mailto:alison.v@stpaulumc.org)

## Sunday Night Youth Group

There is no meeting of the Sunday Night Youth Group tonight. Join the middle and high school youth next Sunday from 5:30–8 p.m. for group games, exciting crowd breakers, passionate worship, biblical teaching, and a chance to connect with others through Source Groups.



## Youth Are Invited to Our Worship Arts Class Coming Wednesdays this Fall

The Worship Arts class beginning in September will have a special component just for Youth. They will participate in the worship arts lesson, but also have the opportunity to help prepare Sunday morning worship. If you're interested in being a part of this class, sign up now at [stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org)

## Back to School Blessing

At the beginning of a new school year, O  
God, of wisdom,

We offer thanks and praise or the gift of  
new beginnings and for the opportunity to  
learn and to wonder.

We pray for teachers, students, and staff  
that this year might be  
rewarding for all

Be with us as we face the challenge of  
new tasks, the fear of failure, the expect-  
ations of parents, friends, and self.

In our learning and teaching, may we  
grow in service to others and in love for  
your world.

Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

from The United Methodist Book of Worship #36



## Young Adults

Tonight IGNITE will meet off campus at the Koutsourais home. Join them an hour early at 6 p.m. for a fun night of games, swimming, and fellowship. If you are planning to attend, please contact Felix or Bev in advance so they can plan how many snacks to provide. Contact Felix Koutsourais at [c24go1@aol.com](mailto:c24go1@aol.com) for more information on IGNITE and any of their upcoming activities.

## Wednesday Young Adult Group

Young adults aged 18-35 are invited to join the new Community Group which will meet on Wednesdays, starting on September 10. IGNITE will continue to meet on Sundays, while the new Community Group will meet on Wednesday nights, with both offering unique opportunities for young adults. The goal of the new group is to create a supportive and close-knit community, while growing in faith through study, service and more. If you're looking for a way to meet some new people, or to get more deeply involved at St. Paul, or grow in your connection to Christ, sign up now.

Sign Up Online: [stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org)



### Community Bible Study

Do you want to discover the relevancy of God's Word to your life? Do you want a Bible study for both you and your kids? The Community Bible Study, a non-denominational study for women and children ages birth-middle school, begins their 30 week study of the Book of Romans on Wednesday, September 3 at 9:15 a.m. Meetings are held in the Youth Room of the CLEC. For more information or to register please visit our website [stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org) or call Amy Bryan, Teaching Director, at 727-524-3052.

St. Paul is also offering its own study on The Book of Romans starting September 10. Our study is 8 weeks, and will meet on Wednesday nights. You can sign up for this study, or any of our fall classes online: [stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org)

## GROWTHguide

Do you want to go deeper into the "Spiritual Matters" we've been discussing on Sundays? Sign up to receive our weekly supplement to the sermon. The Growth Guide includes **additional study, scripture, and challenge points** to help you continue your spiritual journey all week long. To receive the Growth Guide by e-mail, sign up on our website or write down your e-mail on one of the red registration pads, along with a note that you would like to be added to the Growth Guide e-mail mailing list.

You can also sign up to receive Pastor Bob's weekly e-note with news about what's happening at St. Paul. Just let us know which e-mails you want to receive.

### New Brochures

Stephen Ministry has provided three new educational and inspirational brochures that are available to pick up from the information center located in the sanctuary lobby. The following are available: *Following in Stephen's Footsteps*, *Real Men, Real Ministry*, *Real Difference*, and *I Began to Feel God's Love Again*.

David McKee Plays a Concert for Handicapable Ashley Boshers, daughter of Andy and Vickie Anderson, has been a part of the Handicapable Ministry for over 15 years. One of Ashley's heroes is David McKee, Traditional Worship Leader at St. Paul. Ever since the church has gone to live streaming its Sunday morning worship services, Ashley has been a faithful viewer. When she sees Horton she always asks him to be sure and tell Pastor Bob and David hello and how much she enjoys being "in worship" each Sunday through our live streaming.



Ashely Boshers with David McKee

When she learned of David's appearance at the Handicapable's Worship Service on Wednesday, July 30 she was not going to be denied this opportunity to see and hear David in person. Almost a hundred and twenty other attendees also enjoyed the 25 minute concert and the stories David shared with them. Thank you, David!

Music is, and has always been so important to this ministry. Horton Townes, Director of the Handicapable Ministry, calculated that during its almost 17 years of existence, this ministry has sung for almost 285 hours, which equates to approximately 12 days of singing. Now that's praising the Lord through music!

Know someone who can't make it here on Sunday, but would like to worship with us? Let them know about our live online worship! All they have to do to be a part of our worship is visit [stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org) at 9 or 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and click on the "Watch" link, then click the "Play" triangle.



**August Sanctuary Flowers**  
 Do you have a special event or a person you would like to honor with flowers in August? Would you like to Glorify God by beautifying his sanctuary? August dates are open. To order flowers e-mail church@stpaulumc.org or call the church office at 584-8165 with your desired date and inscription. Bouquets are \$40 and may be paid for online by visiting the **"Giving" link on stpaulumc.org**. Flowers can be picked up after the 10:30 a.m. service, or at the church office during the week. We can also donate flowers to members and friends of the church at local hospitals and rehab centers if you'd prefer.

### Sponsor Our Bulletin

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### Night or Weekend Drivers Needed

Can you drive the Open Arms truck at night or on the weekend to help pick up items for next year's rummage sale? The United Methodist Women need your help! You must have a current drivers license and pass a background check. Applications are available in the church office.



### Join our Technical Teams

Our worship reaches hundreds of people who are unable to join us in the sanctuary every Sunday. You can be a part of the team that makes this broadcast happen by joining our Live Stream Team! We are also looking to expand our Audio Team. No experience is necessary, just a willing heart and listening spirit. If you're interested in joining one of our technical teams contact Senior Director of Worship Arts, Laurel Fortuna at laurel.f@stpaulumc.org.

### Stephen Ministry: Making the Commitment

**"Commit your way to the Lord: trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of you cause like the noon sun."** Psalm 37:5-6 NIV

God wants us to use our abilities to serve others. When we help others, they see Jesus in us and the praise and the glory goes to Him. Many times we are hesitant to commit because we're fearful we won't "measure up". But remember, we don't serve in our own strength but god gives us the strength and wisdom to accomplish His purpose when we serve others. Stephen Ministers are the care givers but God is the one who heals and cures.



What are you currently committed to? **Won't you please** prayerfully consider making a commitment to St. Paul and to our Lord by joining our Stephen Ministry Mission team? Training begins in October with commissioning by Pastor Bob the following April. For more information, you may speak to any Stephen Minister, Stephen Leader or call the church office and talk with Mary.



### Coffee Team Meeting

Do you have the gift of service? The Coffee Team is looking for volunteers to help with refreshments on Sunday mornings. If you would like to be a part of this team, or just to know more, you are invited to join us on **Wed, August 27 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Christian Life Enrichment Center upstairs conference room. If you're already on the team, please come and share your ideas about how we can grow and improve this ministry. Contact Hospitality Coordinator Sue Johnston at archandsue@aol.com or call 584-8165 for more information.



## Coming this Week

### Sunday, August 10

Courtyard Coffee	8:30 AM
<b>Lil' Kidz Nursery</b>	8:45 AM
Traditional Worship	9:00 AM
<b>Lil' Kidz Small Group</b>	9:00 AM
Crusaders	10:15 AM
Friendship	10:15 AM
Inspirations	10:15 AM
Contemporary Worship	10:30 AM
<b>Lil' Kidz Class</b>	10:30 AM
Homeless Feeding	3:30 PM
Youth Group	5:30 PM
IGNITE	6:00 PM

### Monday, August 11

Bells of St. Paul	5:00 PM
Adult Basketball	6:00 PM
Stephen Ministry	6:30 PM

### Tuesday, August 12

Parent's Morning Out	8:30 AM
<b>Sonrise Men's Study</b>	6:30 AM
JOY Ministry	10:30 AM
Recovery by Faith	7:00 PM

### Wednesday, August 13

Handicapable Ministry	6:15 PM
Volleyball	7:45 PM

### Thursday, August 14

<b>Men's Bible Study</b>	7:00 AM
Parent's Morning Out	8:30 AM
Prayer Shawl	5:30 PM
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Intercessory Prayer	7:00 PM

### Friday, August 15

*Church Office Closed*

Fullness of Joy	6:30 PM
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Due to space, not all events are listed here. Visit [stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org) to see our complete calendar.

### Have an Event Coming Up?

Add your event to our online calendar by clicking on the "Reserve Rooms" link under the Calendar & Resources heading of our website.



# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Donna Koller and Nancy Starry

For years, two of the most faithful volunteers of the JOY Ministry have been Donna Koller and Nancy Starry, sisters who are both grounded solidly in their faith and service to the Lord. The JOY Ministry, founded over 20 years ago by Charter-member John Snyder, services the needs of "Just Older Youth" in a powerful way. Always arriving early on Tuesday mornings, Donna and Nancy do preparations for a wonderful morning of fellowship, singing, prayer and Bible study. Donna sets up her table of goodies and registers the attendance of members and friends. They are also faithful in bringing cards and having members sign them for those who are ill or have been absent. They also work together in coordinating social functions at Christmas time and other holidays like the recent July 4<sup>th</sup> potluck. Thank you, Donna and Nancy, for helping make JOY the wonderful and strong ministry it is!



### Cub Scout Meeting

The cub scouts will hold their monthly pack meeting on August 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the Luanne Willey Hall (Christian Life Enrichment Center). Any boys in 1st – 5th grades are welcome. If you have questions, please call Rich McNamara at (727) 333 - 1261.

# GOOD NEWS



Welcome to the jungle!

## Vacation Bible School A Big Success

August 4-8 we took over one hundred kids on a wild Bible Adventure! At Weird Animals VBS, kids discovered how God filled the world with lots of crazy creatures...including us! When kids feel weird, different, or lost in a crowd-nothing compares to the one of a kind love of Jesus!



Under the prayer board were barrels used to collect supplies for the Jubilee.

This year's VBS was filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences where kids saw, heard, touched, and even tasted their lessons! Fun team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats were just a few of the activities that connected stories of faith to real life. The kids also discovered how to see evidence of God's one-of-a-kind love for us all and share this love with others through our Kid-to-Kid mission project. Each day the kids brought in items for the Back to School Jubilee the St. Paul Open Arms Resource Center.



Our worship leaders

During Vacation Bible School we strive to give children the opportunity to discover their gifts to serve God and their community. This year, several of the children shared their gifts by leading our worship time with skits and music.

Visit Facebook for more pictures  
StPaulUMCLargo



Just a few of our many volunteers.



## Thanks to all our VBS Volunteers!

We could not have hosted VBS without all the many volunteers who helped out. We had so people of all ages who pitched in, but the youth, in particular, were a huge part of our VBS. They are leaders of the church, not only for the future, but today.



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