



CHRISTIAN LIFE ENRICHMENT CENTER
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Welcome from Pastor Bob

Welcome to St. Paul United Methodist Church! I'm glad you're worshipping with us today! We're beginning a new message series this week called "Heroes." These days whenever we turn on the TV or go to the movies we see stories about "superheroes" - people who have special abilities or powers that allow them to do extraordinary things. The Bible is filled with stories about people whose only special powers were their faith and the power that was given to them by God. Over the next few weeks we'll learn from men and women who found extraordinary strength and courage when faced with great challenges.

Take a look at this bulletin for information about other upcoming events and ways you can Grow in Faith and Give in Love. I invite you to visit our website at stpaulumc.org, or stop by the Connection Center off the side of the sanctuary lobby if you would like to know more about us and our ministries.

Thank you for being part of the Lord's work here at St. Paul. With God's help there is nothing we can't do!





TRADITIONAL WORSHIP at 9 AM

Prelude Simple Gifts

Aaron Cassette, Accompanist

Welcome

*Greet Oh How He Loves You And Me

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid?

People: Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

Leader: For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock. People: I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the

Lord. *Hymns

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God No. 110 No. 698

God of the Ages

*Apostles' Creed

No. 881

Prayer with Lord's Prayer

No. 895

Offertory

Sanctuary Choir

O Come Let Us Sing *Doxology Praise God, From Whom...

No. 94

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Transitional Hymn O God, Our Help in Ages Past

No. 117

Message "Heroes: Elijah" Pastor Bob Martin

1 Kings 18:16-21

Directed Prayer

*Closing Hymn Lead On, O King Eternal

No. 580

*Benediction

*Postlude Sing Out, Earth and Skies - M. Haugen

*Please stand, if you are able.

If you need assistance, let an usher know.

Baby changing tables are located in both men and women's restrooms.

This Sunday's 9 AM Greeters: Ola Joseph & Vicky Spencer This Sunday's 10:30 AM Greeters: Sharon Hermann & Linda Benoit

VISITING US TODAY?

If you're visiting us today, welcome! We hope you find St. Paul a comfortable place to worship and that you feel God's love. To find out more about us we invite you to:



VISIT OUR CONNECTION CENTER

If you have questions or would like to talk to someone about St. Paul and what we offer, visit the Connection Center to the side of the lobby.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.stpaulumc.org





Making a Prayer Request

We have included a prayer request section on the Connect Card in this bulletin. If you have a prayer request, write it on the Connect Card, tear off, and drop it at the Connection Center or in the offering plate. You can also call our prayer line at any time: 559-PRAY (7729).

Hear Our Prayer

Please pray for the people listed below with immediate prayer needs:

Allison and Elise Hall Kevin, Heather & Audrey and Michelle Talbert Bobby Quinton Bonnie Wismer Brad Jones Bryanna & family Caitlynn Timberlake Carolyn Goodwin Chad Children in danger

Courage & strength to be Jesus' light Darlene Mitchell

Dave

David, Nichole and baby

Dick Roller Don Naja Flooding victims Florita and Dale An-

derson For daughers' and their husbands to

find Christ For family to grow closer to God Gail and Ron Gilbert Quinn

Jace Michael Jackson Jason Gerstner

Jenny Walter Jerry Stewart Jim Lucky Joan Hermann

John Fady Josh DeLoach Joy & Family Kalea Grady

Ka'ren Herrell Kat Farhangi Kathy Seitz

Kecia

Keith and Jean Postel Kenneth A.

baby boy

Kim Morris Kristi Burslem

Leslie Libby Burke

Lloyd & Ruth French Mark LaPolla Maureen Peterson

Max

Meg, Greg & Jackson Michael Ruchak Michelle and Bill's

marriage

Military personnel Move to new home Nicole McKenna Patrick McMillan Peter and Brianna

Vasquez Rachel

Rich Stemboroski

Samantha Shirley

Steve Harvey Strength to tithe Survivors of 9/11 Tammy B.

Todd Smyzer Trevor Birt Wanda Barker Wayne Boyd Zackary Kueker

Praise for successful surgery Praise to God for his steadfastness

Thanks for son's job

10:30 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

A typical contemporary worship at St. Paul lasts about an hour. Worship is filled with current Christian music from our praise band. You are invited to sing along with the words on the screens, or simply enjoy the music. You'll notice there is a time in our worship to give financially. This is how we support the ministries and missions of our church. We hope you experience the love of God with us today!







ABOUT 60 MIN.

PASSIONATE MUSIC

NO PRESSURE

Online Giving

One way to prioritize your giving is to set up recurring contributions online. It's convenient and easy to set up on our website! You can also use our online giving page to make one time



gifts or additional gifts, and pay for things like worship flowers, class study materials and more. Visit our website, **stpaulumc.org** and click the Giving button, or use this QR code.

Flowers

This week's flowers were given by:

♥ Marilyn Bossard in celebration of Dave's birthday.

Do you have an event or person you would like to honor with flowers? You can give a flower bouquet to the Glory of God. Call the church office at 584-8165, visit the Giving page on our website, or e-mail church@stpaulumc.org. Bouquets are \$40. Be sure to include your inscription with your order. Flowers can be donated to hospitals and the homebound, or picked up after 10:30 a.m. worship on Sunday or at the church office during the week.

Upper Room

Looking for a copy of the Upper Room? We have copies of the current issue available in the Connection Center. Large print is \$2 and regular print is \$1.

You May Be On Camera!

Each week we live stream our worship to hundreds online. If you are in the room, you may appear briefly online. Please be aware that cameras are rolling during both worship times.

St. Paul United Methodist Church CONNECT CARD

Use this card to record your attendance and share your prayer requests or other needs and interests. Tear off and return in the offering plate, the basket by the center exit, or the Connection Center. You do not need to fill out the entire card, only the parts that apply to you!

Date: September 11, 2016 9 AM 10:30 AM
Name:
E-mail:
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☐ 1st Time Guest ☐ 2nd Time Guest
Regular Attendee Member(s)
Winter Resident
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☐ Please update my information.
I came today because:
☐ I drove by ☐ I visited the website
☐ I've been here before ☐ I received a mailing
☐ I was invited by
Other:
I want to join your e-mail list:
☐ Weekly Pastor's E-Note ☐ Growth Guide
☐ This Week at St. Paul Newsletter
☐ Youth ☐ Children
Other:
Be sure to put your e-mail address at the top of the card!
How can we pray for you?
How can we pray for you?
For Military Prayer List
☐ Do NOT publish in bulletin.
☐ Include on prayer chain.
☐ I would like to connect with a Stephen Minister.
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	Stephen Ministry			
Ц	Church Breakfast on Oct. 2			
Ш	Homeless Feeding: One Sunday per month			
	Golf Tournament			
	Martha Ministry			
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	Cost of required class workbook: \$18			
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	Discover St. Paul: Sept. 18 at Noon			

Remember to fill out the other side with your name and contact info!

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NEXTSTEPS

Want to know more about St. Paul, meet new people, or get more involved? TAKE THE NEXT STEP!



CONNECTION CENTER

Our Connection Center is located in the room to the side of the sanctuary. Stop by if you have any questions, need information, or would like to speak to someone about St. Paul.

DISCOVER ST. PAUL

Discover St. Paul is an informal lunch focused on who we are as a church, our mission, core values, a tour of the facilities, and a chance to meet some of our staff and new people who are also interested in the church. Join us for Discover St. Paul next Sunday, Sept. 18.



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STARTING POINT CLASS

This four week class covers basics of our faith. For anyone who is new to attending church or is coming back to church. Starting Point is currently meeting in room 204 of the preschool building at 9 a.m. on Sundays.

ONGOING GROUPS

- Age level groups (ex. JOY, IGNITE)
- Source Groups (Small groups of twelve or less)
- Sunday School



SHORT TERM GROUPS

- Topical classes covering things like
 - ⇒ Finance
 - ⇒ Parenting
 - ⇒ Caretaking
- Topical and seasonal Bible studies and

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

WWW.STPAULUMC.ORG

for more information about our ministries.

Adult Studies

Adult Sunday Morning Classes

Adults of any age are invited to join one of our Sunday school classes.

10:15 a.m. Sunday school classes

Inspirations - Purple Door Classroom (101) in Bldg C

Crusaders - Conference Room 1 in Bldg B

Friendship - Room 201 (Community Room) in CLEC

Bereans - Room 101 (Carpenter's Room) in CLEC

JOY (Just Older Youth)

Older adults are invited to join us at 10:30 a.m. each Tuesday in the Christian Life Enrichment Center for worship, study and fellowship. This Tuesday, September 13, Rich Clemow will teach. For information contact Senior Director of Ministry, Bobby Van Duyne at 584-8165 x233.



IGNITE: Adults Ages 18-35

Our IGNITE group for adults ages 18-35 will not meet tonight. Join them next Sunday night at 7 p.m. in the IGNITE Room (202) of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. E-mail IGNITE leader, Felix Koutsourais at c24go1@aol.com for more. ignitestpaul





STEPHEN MINISTRY MEET AND GREET

Today - September 11 3 p.m. in Room 201 Christian Life Enrichment Center

Come meet some of our Stephen

Ministers and get answers to all your questions about Stephen Ministry. Refreshments will be served!

Emmaus Gathering This Saturday

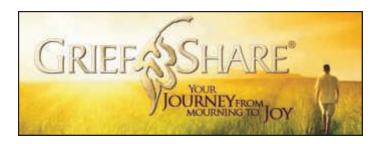
If you're interested in the Walk to Emmaus, a three day experience of Christian spiritual re-



newal and formation, or you have done an Emmaus Walk in the past, you're invited to join us for the Emmaus Gathering this Saturday, September 17 in the Lu-Anne Willey Fellowship Hall (CLEC). Bring your favorite dish for a pot luck, followed by worship. Doors open at 5 p.m. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m.



\$1 donation at the door to help feed the homeless and support the ministries of St. Paul UMC. Presented by the United Methodist Women



Grief Share Support Group Starts Wednesday Wednesdays at 6 p.m. starting September 14

GriefShare is a weekly grief support group meeting in the Ignite Room (202) of the Christian Life Enrichment Center starting this Wednesday. The group is open to anyone over the age of 18 who has suffered the death of a loved one, and offers an opportunity to share the journey through grief with others who understand how you feel. All of the group leaders have suffered a loss of their own and have been where you are now. Weekly meetings include informational videos from grief recovery experts, small group discussion and support, and a workbook with personal study exercises and more. The cost of the workbook is \$18. Please sign up on the Connect Card or contact our church office at 727-584-8165.

This group is open to the public, so if you know of anyone who is dealing with grief, please share the group information.

Prayer Shawl Potluck September 15 | 5:30 p.m. At right is a picture

At right is a picture of Chanel C., showing us another example of the joy and happiness our Prayer Shawl ministry brings to others. If you are interested in becoming a part of this group, we invite you to the first Prayer Shawl potluck on September 15 at 5:30 p.m. in the Arts and Crafts room 243 of the CLEC. Bring a dish to share, or just come, we



always have a lot of food! This is the time of year when, in addition to our prayer shawls, we begin working on caps and scarves for the children. No need for you to purchase anything, we have yarn, needles and crochet hooks. Come and be blessed to be a blessing!



Discover St. Paul Lunch Next Sunday

Noon | Christian Life Enrichment Center

Meet in the Connection Center after worship

If you're new to St. Paul, thinking about joining, or want to know more about us and our mission to Glorify God, Grow in Faith and Give in Love, we invite you to join us for an informal free lunch after worship next week. We'll answer any questions you may have, give you a tour of the facilities, and introduce you to some of our staff! Meet in the Connection Center after the 10:30 a.m. worship and we'll walk over to the Christian Life Enrichment Center together. If you plan to attend, please fill out the Connect Card in this bulletin or e-mail church@stpaulumc.org to let us know you're coming.

Flip Flop Support Group

This support group for families with loved ones in prison, or who have been released from prison, meets this Friday, September 16



at 6 p.m. in the Carpenter's Room 101 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. Call Kathy Farhangi for more information: 288-4912.



Dorcas

Dorcas Sewing Circle meets this Wednesday, September 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Help make simple children's cloth-

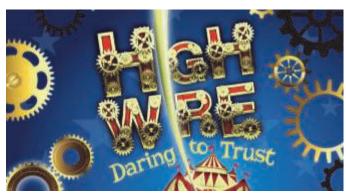
ing for Haiti, area pregnancy centers and Methodist pre-schoolers. Other projects include lap robes and walker bags for nursing homes and other local and overseas missions projects. Bring a sandwich, and sew to help others!

Hannah

Hannah meets this Tuesday, September 13 at 6:45 p.m. in room 201 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. Meetings include refreshments, devotion, prayer, and a program.



Children Infant- 5th Grade, Kaitie Johnson, Director of Children's Ministry, Kaitie.j@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 the nursery building (Bldg B) next to the sanctuary. Sign in and be given a pick-up card that you will need to pick-up your child.

Sunday Morning: Preschool & K-5

Kids ages 3-5 and K-5th grade are invited to join us in the Children's Ministry Center in **Bldg C at both 9 and 10:30 a.m. for Children's Worship** and age-appropriate lessons.



Worship Arts on Wednesdays
Children in K-5th grade are invited to join us on
Wednesday nights. Each week kids will have the opportunity to sing, and worship God in creative ways.
Kids will also have the opportunity to share the songs
they've learned during our worship.

Drop off begins at 6 p.m. in the Mariposa Café (Christian Life Enrichment Center). We'll have snacks and then move to Room 243 of the CLEC. Pick-up is at 7:30 p.m. in Room 243 (Arts and Crafts Room)



Student Ministry

6th-12th Grade Alison Van Duyne, Student Ministry Director, alison.v@stpaulumc.org



SPUMCLighthouse

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

There is no Sunday Night Youth Group this week due to the trip to Night of Joy.

Next Week: THE WRONG NATION
Bottom Line: Peace with God paves the way to peace
everywhere else.

Next week students are invited to join us in the Mariposa Cafe at 5:30 p.m. for dinner. Dinner is \$3. Students must pre-register by the Weds. before by filling out the online form on stpaulumc.org. After dinner students branch out for group games, exciting crowd breakers, passionate worship, biblical teaching, and a chance to connect with others through Source Groups. Time together ends at 8 p.m.



Wednesday Nights: Amplify 6–7:30 p.m. | Youth Room

Students are invited to a Wednesday Bible study to get into God's Word. Students will hang out, play in the gym and have a Bible study in the Youth Room. Snacks provided.

Coming this Week

Sunday, September 11

Courtyard Coffee	8:30 AM
Lil' Kidz Nursery	8:30 AM
Traditional Worship	9:00 AM
Children's Worship	9:00 AM
Starting Point	9:00 AM
Bereans	10:15 AM
Crusaders	10:15 AM
Friendship	10:15 AM
Inspirations	10:15 AM
Contemporary Worship	10:30 AM
Children's Worship	10:30 AM
Stephen Meet & Greet	3:00 PM
Homeless Feeding	3:30 PM

Monday, September 12 Girl Scouts 6:30 PM

Tuesday, September 13

Sonrise Men's Study 6:30 AM JOY (Just Older Youth) 10:30 AM UMW: Hannah 6:45 PM

Wednesday, September 14

UMW: Dorcas	9:00 AM
Students' Amplify	6:00 PM
GriefShare	6:00 PM
Handicapable	6:15 PM
Half Truths	6:30 PM
Love to Stay	6:30 PM
Children's Worship Arts	6:30 PM
Volleyball	7:45 PM

Thursday, September 15

Men's Bible Study	7:00 AM
Prayer Shawl Potluck	5:30 PM
Handbells Rehearsal	5:30 PM
Intercessory Prayer	6:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
AA Meeting	7:00 PM

Friday, September 16

Church Office Closed

Flip Flop Support Group 6:00 PM Handi Pizza/Movie Night 6:00 PM

Saturday, September 17

Basketball 8:15 AM Emmaus 5:00 PM

Due to space not all events are listed here. Visit our website

GIVEINLOVE

Homeless Feeding Ministry

We have lots of cooks, but are in need of volunteer servers who will serve the homeless one weekend a month from 3:30 to 6 p.m. on Sundays. Tasks involve lifting large pans of food, visiting with our guests and helping to clean up. If you can help, please fill out the Connect Card on page 4.



Arts and Crafts Show Volunteers Needed The 21st annual Homespun by Hands and Hearts Arts and Crafts Show is October 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Christian Life Enrichment Center. We need lots of volunteers to help set up for the event, as well as volunteer on the day of the event. We have jobs for all

ages and abilities. Choose a shift to help for a few hours if you can't stay the whole day. To look at all the jobs we need help with, or sign up to help, visit our website: www.stpaulumc.org

Open Arms Needs Toilet Paper

In addition to food and clothes, Open Arms distributes personal necessities like diapers and toilet paper that are not covered by food stamps and other assistance. We are currently in need of toilet paper. The next time you're at the store, think

about buying an extra pack of toilet paper for someone in need. You can leave your donations in the blue shopping cart in the sanctuary lobby on Sunday or the church office during the week.



Nursery Volunteers

We need nursery volunteers to help take care of the younger children during Sunday worship. If you're interested, contact our Children's Ministry Director, Kaitie Johnson at 727-584-8165 x238 or kaitie.j@stpaulumc.org for more infor-

mation about the requirements of being involved in our Children's Ministry.

Sanctuary Flowers

We have quite a few empty slots for sanctuary flowers during the rest of September. If you would like to honor an event or loved one call the church office at 584-8165, visit the Giving page on our website, or e-mail church@stpaulumc.org. Bouquets are \$40. Be sure to include your inscription with your order. Flowers can be donated to hospitals and the homebound, or picked up after 10:30 a.m. worship on Sunday or at the church office during the week.



CHURCH-WIDE FUNDRAISERS

This year's budget includes two church-wide fundraisers to support the ministries of St. Paul. We're excited about both of these opportunities to get together as a church, have some fun, and fund our St. Paul budget! This is also a great way to introduce new people to St. Paul so be sure to invite someone!

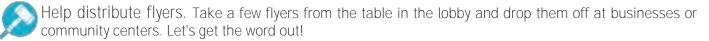
SECOND ANNUAL AUCTION TO BENEFIT ST. PAUL: OCT. 2

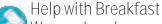
This year we're holding our auction on World Communion Sunday, October 2. We will worship together as one St. Paul family during combined worship at 9 a.m. After worship we'll have breakfast together in the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall. The silent auction will be held during breakfast, followed by a live auction of a few "big ticket items." It's going to be a lot of fun, but we need your help to pull it off!

Donate items for the auction. We have tags available in the sanctuary lobby with some suggested donations that can be combined to make gift baskets. Take one and drop off your donations in the church office or put gift cards in the offering plate. Is there a business you can approach about making a donation? Think outside the box!

We are looking for donations of:

- Big Ticket Items: Hotel stays, time share stays, cars, boats, golf outings, event tickets, sports memorabilia, etc. Donations are tax-deductible so if you have a "big ticket item" you are planning to sell, you can write it off and let the church sell it for you!
- Gift Cards: Restaurants, grocery stores, movies, gas cards, etc.
- Professional Services: Lawyers, car detailing, tree trimming, etc.





We need cooks, servers and people to help set-up and clean-up the breakfast. If you can help, fill out the Connect Card on page 4.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: NOV 5

On Saturday, November 5, we are hosting a golf tournament at the Bardmoor Golf and Tennis Club! The tournament is a best ball scramble format with prizes for both men and women. There are lots of ways to get involved:

Put Together a Foursome and Play Golf

Golf, cart and lunch is \$100 per player. You can pick up a registration form for foursomes in the sanctuary lobby today, or the church office during the week.

Hole Sponsors

Hole sponsorship is \$100 and includes a sign on the course and a listing in the event brochure. Businesses, families, or individuals can sponsor a hole. We have letters at the church office and in the Connection Center that you can use to approach a business or individual that might be interested in sponsoring, as well as sponsor sign-up forms.

Help the Day of the Tournament

We'll need help signing people in, directing people through the course and more. You can sign up to help on the Connect Card!







GOOD NEWS

Martha Ministry Welcomes New Members! Martha Ministry would like to extend a warm welcome and a great big thank you to the following new volunteers for being part of our food ministry!

Team 3 (March & September)
Julia Jones and Linda Shaw

Team 4 (April & October)
Brooke Errett and Patsy Bauer

Team 6 (June & December)
Josephine Smith, Donna Errett and Laura Gee

Thank you all for being part of this caring ministry! We are still looking for a few more volunteers for Team 1 (January & July) and Team 5 (May & August). If you are looking for a place to serve, love to cook and want to help others, please call the church office or fill out the Connect Card and let us know which team would be best for you! This ministry is not just for women, men are also welcome!



Martha Ministry's Helpful

Kitchen Hint

Plastic containers are great for taking our Martha Ministry meals to those we're serving, but we also know the challenge of keeping our containers clean and stain-free! If you're trying to keep

your containers from staining let gravies or sauces cool before adding to container. You can also use a baking soda paste to help remove stains from your containers!

Student Ministry Focuses on Prayer

Last month while showing a video clip about prayer our Youth Ministry Director, Alison Van Duyne, was able to step back and allow you all to see her view: chairs filled with 50 students and the volunteer Ministry Team who'd come to worship and pray. To close out the evening, students were given time to pray alone with God. It was an emotional moment to take this in and see some students even laying a hand on someone else's shoulder and praying over them. We are truly blessed at St. Paul to have such amazing students who love the Lord!











Birth Announcement Trish and Andrew Shelley, and big brother, Cody, welcomed a new baby girl named Riley. Congratulations!

The Reverend Bob Martin, Senior Pastor The Reverend Pam Dubov, Minister of Outreach and Missions



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