





Whether you're a first time visitor or a member of our St. Paul family, I'm glad you've joined this Sunday! We are confirming several of our students during the 10:30 a.m. worship, and they will also be serving at 9 a.m. so we can all celebrate this important milestone with them. This is also the last week of our "No Other Name" message series, which is helping us gain a fuller understanding of who Jesus is and His many roles. We end, appropriately enough with "Jesus the Alpha and the Omega" - the beginning and the end. Our next message series is called "Doing Life Together" and will take a closer look at ACTS 2. In this chapter of the Bible we see a description of the early church and what it means to be a community of believers. How do we create Christian community here at St. Paul?

Take a look through this bulletin or visit our website to find out about all our upcoming events and everything that is happening at St. Paul.

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

Bob Martin, Senior Pastor

Glorify God → Grow in Faith → Give in Love



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP at 9 AM

PreludeAaron Cassette, AccompanistWelcomeFelix Koutsourais, Lay Leader

*Greet Oh How He Loves You And Me

*Call to Worship

Leader: Alpha and Omega, you make your home with us,

People: you dry our tears and quench our thirst, you are the tender love that welcomes all people.

Leader: Lord, you nurture your children, giving them life, teaching them to love.

People: Come and dwell among us, and make all things new. Amen.

| *Hymns | Love Divine, All Loves Excelling | No. 384 | | |
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| | God of Grace and God of Glory | No. 577 | | |
| *Apostle's Cr | No. 881 | | | |
| Confirmation Recognition | | | | |
| Prayer with | No. 895 | | | |
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Scripture Reading: Revelations 21:5-7

Offertory Great is the Lord Sanctuary Choir
*Doxology Praise God, From Whom... No. 94

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Transitional Hymn All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name No. 154

Message "Jesus the Alpha and the Omega" Pastor Bob Martin

Directed Prayer

***Hymn** Rejoice, the Lord Is King No. 715

*Benediction

*Postlude

*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.

9 AM Greeters: Bev Haskell & Dee Rogers

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.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.stpaulumc.org







WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?

Confirmation is an important milestone in our faith journey. Each of the students being confirmed today completed an eleven week class that encouraged them to examine what they believe and why they believe it. Now, having completed the class they are ready to profess their acceptance of the grace they have received and their own faith in Christ.

Confirmation is also a time for our congregation to celebrate these young people's commitment to "live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ," and to renew our commitment to do the same.

Who is Being Confirmed today?



Hannah Stantz Amanda Broadwater Cody Spencer Ethan Morris Josh Valentine

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!







PASSIONATE MUSIC



NO PRESSURE

Giving

It's easy to give online! You can make a one time gift or set up a convenient recurring contribution on our website. You can also use our online giving page to make pay for things like wor-



ship 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:

- ▼ Naomi Weckerly, in loving memory of Edith Mazzoli
- Roger and Nadine Crockett, in honor of their 12th Wedding Anniversary

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.

Easter Flowers Inscription

One of the inscriptions for Easter Flowers was inadvertently left out of the flower bulletin. It should have read:

Lois Esque, to remember our mother, Dorothy Mallory, sister Betty and niece Kellie Wheeler.

St. Paul United Methodist Church CONNECT CARD

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

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Discover St. Paul—May 7 at noon Find out more about St. Paul at this free lunch after the 10:30 a.m. worship.

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. The next Discover St. Paul lunch is May 7 at noon.





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.

ONGOING GROUPS

- Age level groups (ex. JOY, IGNITE)
- Source Groups (Small groups of twelve or less)
- Sunday School
- At 9:15 and 10:15 a.m.



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.

GROW IN FAITH

Adult Studies

Adult Sunday Morning Classes

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

9:15 a.m. Sunday school class Room 202 in Bldg C

10:15 a.m. Sunday school classes

Inspirations - Purple Door Classroom (101) in Bldg C

Bereans - Conference Room 2 in Bldg B

Friendship—Room 201 (Community Room) - CLEC

JOY (Just Older Youth)

Older adults are invited to join us at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays for worship, study and fellowship in the Lu-Anne Willey Fellowship Hall (CLEC). This Tuesday, April 25, Pastor Pam will teach. Bring a lunch and eat together after worship. Beverages provided by the church. For more information, contact Senior Director of Ministry, Bobby Van Duyne at 584-8165 or bobby.v@stpaulumc.org.

SMALL GROUPS



Small Groups at St. Paul are made up of to twelve people who meet to support each other in their faith journey and to "do life together." The groups meet regularly to:

- Grow in their personal relationship with God.
- Connect with other believers through worship, study, prayer, praise and service.
- Support each person in their faith walk.
- Be the hands and feet of Jesus by serving within their group, church and community.
- Enjoy fun and fellowship together.

If you would like to be part of a Small Group and forge a bond with other believers, please contact Senior Director of Ministry Bobby Van Duyne by emailing bobby.v@stpaulumc.org or fill out the Connect Card on page 4.

INTENTIONAL PARENTING

10 WAYS TO BE AN EXCEPTIONAL PARENT IN A QUICK FIX WORLD

Wednesdays | 6:30 PM

Raising kids is a difficult challenge and parents often default to "Quick-Fix Parenting." We know we want to be intentional about our parenting and to have a plan, but sometimes it feels like all we can do is survive each day. This study from veteran parents and best-selling authors, Doug and Cathy Fields, helps you move from Quick-Fix Parenting to Intentional Parenting. The study workbook provides 10 actions you can take today that will impact the future of your children and help you see immediate results in your child-no matter their age.



Colossians Bible Study

Wednesdays | 6:30 PM

Have you ever wondered why it is so difficult to live a life of faith in the midst of a non-Christian culture? Everywhere you turn you find your value system is challenged. Sometimes this calls for us to stand against the tide of public opinion or popular trends. Being a follower of Jesus isn't as easy as you might think, but the reward will blow your mind. Join Pastor Bob as he leads a study through the letter to the Colossians. Learn how to develop a stable walk with God, think like a Christian, practice spiritual self-defense, live with focus, and learn to become a daily prayer warrior.

GROWTHguide

The Growth Guide is a weekly e-mail with daily scripture and challenge points to help you go deeper into the message topic each week. It will resume with our next series, "Doing Life Together." If you would like to receive it you can subscribe on our website: stpaulumc.org or fill out the Connect Card.



Student Ministry

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



SPUMCLighthouse

Sunday Youth Group



TONIGHT

Bottom Line: When you face a challenge, attacking is better than avoiding. What's one of your favorite things to do when you're feeling a little stressed? Maybe it's to watch a few episodes of a new show on Netflix or turn up your favorite playlist on Spotify. Maybe you go for a run or spend time scrolling through social media. No matter what it is, we all tend to look for a little distraction from time to time—especially when life gets challenging. And while distractions aren't necessarily bad things, they can create problems if they become our way of life. In other words, when those temporary distractions become a consistent path of avoidance, we run the risk of never facing the challenges in front us. When it comes to facing challenges, the apostle Paul was an expert. Through his letter to the Romans, Paul gives us a different plan of attack when it comes to confronting opposition and stressors in life. And his plan won't just change what we do in the face of a challenge; it will change who we become.

Students are invited to join us in the Mariposa Cafe for dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by group games, exciting crowd breakers, passionate worship, biblical teaching, and a chance to connect with others through Source Groups. Dinner is \$3. Register in advance on our website. Time together ends at 8 p.m.

Wednesday Nights

Student Room - 6:00 p.m.

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



Discover St. Paul Lunch

If you're new to St. Paul, thinking about joining, or want to know more about us and our missions and ministry, we invite you to join us on May 7 after the 10:30 a.m. worship for an informal, free lunch at noon. We'll answer any questions you may have, introduce you to some of our staff, and help you start to get connected more deeply at St. Paul. Lunch is held in the Christian Life Enrichment Center across the street. Sign up to attend on the Connect Card on page 4, or send an email to church@stpaulumc.org

Watch or Listen to Past Messages

Our past messages are available as both video and audio. If you want to listen to a message while driving or working out, you can get our past messages free on iTunes. Download the messages you missed, or the ones you want to hear again and listen anywhere you listen to music! Visit stpaulumc.org and click the podcast link, or go to the iTunes store and search for St. Paul UMC.



IGNITE: Young Adults & Young Professionals

IGNITE meets this Sunday at 7 p.m. in room 202 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center as we continue our study called, "Explore the Resurrection," which shows the historical facts that support Jesus' resurrection.

Next week we will serve the homeless in Clearwater. Meet by the church office at 3 p.m. next Sunday if you plan to serve with us.

Follow IGNITE on Facebook for info on current and upcoming studies, events, and cancellations. To receive scheduling notes by text, send a request with the phone number where you would like to receive the text to youngadults.stpaulumc@gmail.com

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Children Infant- 5th Grade, Kaitie Johnson, Director of Children's Ministry, Kaitie.j@stpaulumc.org

Sunday Morning: Lil' Kidz Care

Lil' Kidz Nursery Care is available today 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.

This Sunday: Preschool & K-5

Preschool and K-5 are invited to attend their own worship and lessons in the Children's Ministry Center in **Bldg C** at both 9 and 10:30 a.m.





JOIN US THIS SUMMER

BE SURE TO REGISTER FOR OUR CAMP AND FAMILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NOW! YOU CAN FIND LOTS MORE IN-FORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE: STPAULUMC.ORG

WORSHIP ARTS EAT. PLAY. GROW.

Worship Arts on Wednesday

Worship Arts class for children ages 3 through 5th grade meets Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in room 201 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. Kids have the chance to play games, make crafts, sing and praise the Lord. They also take part in our Sunday worship periodically through music and more. Pick-up is at 7:30 p.m. in the gym.





GIVE IN LOVE



Walk for Life

Saturday, May 13 is the Walk for Life to support a Woman's Place Medical Clinic which is dedicated to providing a full range of free services to women in need, and alternatives to abortion. Pick up a "WALK FOR LIFE" pledge form in between services.

Be Part of Our Community Garden

Did you know there is a community garden at the Open Arms Resource Center? We have a number of plots available. This is a perfect opportunity to build community through gardening. We encourage gardeners of all ages and abilities. Even if you are only interested in gardening a season or two we are flexible with our plots. If you are interested, please contact Susannah Evans at 614-578-0171 or email susannahevans@hotmail.com.

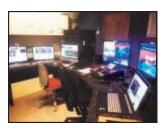
Mentors for IGNITE

Our IGNITE group for young adults and young professionals is looking for mentors aged 40 and up to share their testimony, maybe lead a stand-alone study, or be paired with a young adult and commit to pray for them and mentor them. If you're interested, contact the church office at church@stpaulumc.org or fill out the Connect Card.

Hospitality Help

We're looking for team members to help with refreshments in the courtyard on Sundays. Can you help with making coffee or cleaning up after the refreshments are served? Fill out the Connect Card and we will contact you with more details about when and how you can help.

Help with Live Streaming Volunteers help each Sunday to stream our worship live for those who can't attend in the sanctuary. We are always in need of people to put lyrics on the screens, run cameras



and more. No experience necessary. Mark the Connect Card or contact Director of Music and Worship Arts, Laurel Fortuna at laurel.f@stpaulumc.org if you want to help.

L VING HEARTS MEMORIAL FOOD MINISTRY

When families are suffering with grief over the loss of a loved one, there is a great need for the church family to rally around them and show their love and support. Loving Hearts Memorial Food Ministry does this by providing food for memorial receptions at no cost to the family. If you are interested in volunteering to help provide food, or if you have a need for the Loving Hearts Ministry, please contact the church office at 584-8165.

UMW Ditty Bag Project This year our goal is to donate 140 "Ditty Bags" filled with personal care and other items for the homeless and migrant organizations. We hope to fill 60



men's, 45 women's and 35 children's bags. We can do it with your help! Each month look for a list of items you can donate to the project. This month's list is below:

- 1) Socks (Men, Women & Children)
- 2) Bar Soap
- 3) Wash Cloths
- 4) Personal Care Items (ex. Nail clippers, bandaids, chapstick)

Drop these items off in the Connection Center on Sundays or in the labeled shelf near the church office during the week.

Coming this Week

Sunday, April 23

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Monday, April 24

Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM

Tuesday, April 25

Sonrise Men's Study
JOY (Just Older Youth)
GriefShare

6:30 AM
10:30 AM
1:00 PM

Wednesday, April 26

UMW: Dorcas 9:00 AM Handicapable 6:15 PM The Girl's Still Got It 6:30 PM Parenting Class 6:30 PM Colossians Study 6:30 PM Children: Worship Arts 6:30 PM Students: Amplify 6:30 PM Volleyball 7:45 PM

Thursday, April 27

Men's Bible Study 7:00 AM
Paryer Shawl 5:00 PM
Handbells Rehearsal 5:30 PM
Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM
AA Meeting 7:00 PM

Friday, April 28

Church Office Closed

Handi Hoedown 6:00 PM

Saturday, April 29

Soaring Eagles 8:00 AM 8:00 AM

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If you have an event to schedule, contact us at 584-8165 or e-mail kerry.k@stpaulumc.org

Making a Prayer Request

Write your prayer request on the Connect Card and drop at the Connection Center or in the offering plate. You can call our prayer line at any time: 559-PRAY (7729).

Hear Our Prayer

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

| Aaron Wilson | Geoff Rau |
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| Allen Burke | Gilbert Quinn |
| Allison Hall | God's Love |
| Amanda Swan | Grace |
| Ariel & Jodi | Hank |
| Aubrianna, Jessi, Karen & | Health |
| Domonic | Heather |
| Audrey Talbert | Jace Michael |
| Betty Smith | Jackson |
| Beverly Grimes | Jan Dale |
| Bill Neville | Jane Huter |
| Bill Young | Jeffrey Family |
| Bob & Troy Hartel | Jenny Walter |
| Bob Perrae | Jessica |
| Bob Riley | Jim Lucky |
| Bob Russo | Joann |
| Bonnie Wismer | John Dibble |
| Brad Jones | John Fady |
| Bud | John Wayne |
| Caitlynn Timberlake | Josephine "Chickie" |
| Caroline Zimmerman | Burke |
| Carolyn Goodwin | Josh DeLoach |
| Cecila Tucker | Joyce & Bob Gerber |
| Chad M | Karen Goodin |
| Children, Women & Youth | Kat Farhangi |
| Christine V. | Kayden Baby |
| Christopher Goin | Kenneth A. |
| Cliff Armbruster | Kevin |
| Cody | Kim Morris |
| Connie Lake | Kristi Burslem |
| Dale | Leen McTague |
| Dan | Libby B |
| Dan Wensel | Libby Burke |
| Dave | LilyAnn |
| Dave Weitzel | Linda & Hank Weave |
| David Barrett | Loraine Portier |
| David & Kathy Dubrock | Lori, Andy & David |
| Don Koth | Margie Stillwell |
| | |

Mark LaPolla

Mark Wagner

Mary Barrett

Mary Moore

Mel Wainer

Michelle Keiper

Meghan Timberlake

Safe Travels Salvation Samantha Shelea Shirley Shirley Hamrick Sister Karen, Shawn, Shane, Crystal, Sandy, Tamara, Marlenea & Friends who are sick Steve Harvey Sue & Jeff Welch Sue Johnston Tammy Barker Thank God Thurman Hisey Todd Smyzer Tom C Tom and Glenda Neville Trevor Birt Turmoil in Syria Vickie Goodwin Windell T White Zackary Kueker

Patrick

Peace in our Country
Peace on Earth
Penny McElyea
Peter H
Ray
Rev. Lucas

Rev. Lucas & Shelle Rich Stemboroski

Richard Shreves

Ron & Judy Getz

Roy, Amelia Neville

Ron Barker

Ronnie

Ruth

Rod

Ron

Donna Simonetti

Doris Weiner

Family

Friend

Faye

Evelyn Bradley

Frank Register

GOOD NEWS



Holy Week Offered Powerful Experiences

On Maundy Thursday the Prayer Labyrinth allowed people to make a connection with God in a powerful way. Each person walked the winding path in their own way, many kneeling in the center as they symbolically laid down their sins or the things keeping them from God.

On Good Friday, worship took us to the foot of the cross as we remembered the pain and humiliation Jesus lived through, and the incredible sacrifice that he made for us.

And on a clear and beautiful Easter morning, we celebrated our Risen Lord! It was a wonderful blessing to see many new faces, especially at the Sunrise Service, as well as all our friends in their Easter best! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to set-up,



Sunrise Service



9 a.m. Worship



Kids decorating bags for their Easter egg hunt

greet and welcome, usher, and more. A special thanks also to Haynor's Garden Design on Starkey for loaning us plants for the Prayer Labyrinth.



Dorcas Makes Clothing for Haitian Children On Wednesday, April 12 the UMW's Dorcas Sewing Circle delivered items of clothing they made for the children of Haiti to Eva DeHart from "For Haiti With Love." Eva will send the items that our Dorcas members made directly to the burn clinic in Cap Haitien where they will be distributed to those who need them. What an impact the women of Dorcas are having so far from home! If you would like to Give in Love by working on projects like these, join them this Weds. in room 243 (Arts and Crafts) of the CLEC from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Handicapable's Annual Luau Party

118 happy Handicapable members had a wonderful evening on April 7 dancing the night away. Always a hit at our annual luau are the leis, scrumptious snacks, fancy dancing and the second-to-none photo set-up that affords each attendee the opportunity to have pictures taken with their friends. Fun filled the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall and laughs could be heard the whole evening through as all shared fellowship time together. Many thanks to all of our volunteers who make events such as these possible. We couldn't do it without you!

Find more pictures on our Facebook: StPaulUMCLargo

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



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