

News @ St. Paul's

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Candidate for Pastor of Family Ministries

Daniel and Nicole Sjogren (*Show-grin*) will be visiting from Lodi, Wisconsin where Daniel has been the Associate Pastor of Youth & Outreach at Lake Wisconsin Evangelical Free Church for the past 6+ years. Daniel and Nicole have been married for nine years after meeting at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School where Daniel received a Master's in Divinity and Nicole received two master's degrees in Communication & Culture and Christian Studies.

Daniel hails from the great state of Nebraska (go Huskers!). He was raised in a Christian home and put his faith in Jesus around the age of 4 after his mother explained the Gospel to him. His understanding of what it meant to be a Christian however, didn't come until around the age of 12 when he went to a summer camp and realized that being a Christian meant more than just praying a prayer; it meant living for Jesus every day.

Initially, Daniel studied Aerospace Engineering at St. Louis University but he received a very unique call to ministry two years into his studies. God posed the question to his heart, "Why not serve me in full-time ministry." Uncertain and hesitant about making a drastic change in his career trajectory, Daniel spent some time considering if this was indeed what God was calling him to do and after much prayer, counsel, fasting and reading of Scripture; God made it very clear. Daniel has always had a passion to see young people know what they believe and why they believe it. This stems from his life-long church crumbling in a matter of 3 months his senior year of high school. Serving in youth ministry was a natural fit when he received his calling and continues to be where he feels called in the future.

Nicole is from Bloomington, Indiana and enjoys being a stay-at-home mom while writing her first book. Daniel and Nicole are eager to continue helping the next generation understand their faith in Christ and claim it as their own. Beyond youth ministry, both of them are also passionate about community engagement, racial reconciliation, volleyball, reading a good book, laughing, and trying to raise two incredible, crazy boys: Aristo (3) and Caius (1). They look forward to meeting many of you and learning not just your names, but also your stories.



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From the Elders by Jim Glauert

There isn't a lot to report about the Elder Board this month. The big news at St. Paul's really comes from our pastoral search committee. So, this month's article is more of a personal reflection.

In his last sermon of July Pastor Andrew preached on Romans 5:1-5. These verses discuss faith. Even having faith enough to "rejoice in our sufferings."

As I reflected on his message, I considered the trying times we are currently living through. Over 150,000 Americans have died of COVID-19. Millions have been diagnosed positive with this disease and have had various degrees of illness from their infection. Attempts to limit the spread of the disease have led to the shutdown of many businesses resulting in massive unemployment. This has rippled through the economy with lasting impact. Surely this is a time of great suffering.

Yet we are to have faith. Faith is a personal thing, born of our experience of how God has works in our lives. As we look back at our lives how many times can we see how God has brought about His purpose through what we experienced?

Pastor Andrew spoke of how injuring his back while being quarantined gave him a new perspective on how important it is that he take responsibility for all church functions. He learned something about having faith that God will take care of things through the suffering in his life.

This led me to consider my own situation. I am currently working from home. While there are obvious savings in the amount of gas I buy there are issues with being isolated from my co-workers that result in communication breakdowns and a loss of social interaction. This is more of an inconvenience than true suffering, still in some ways it is a blessing.

I bought my house 35 years ago. I always wished it had a garage, especially when it rained or there was frost, ice, or snow on the windshield of my car. After years of saving this year we are building a garage. Working from home while this is happening has been a real blessing. It seems hardly a day goes by without a question that must be answered for the contractor so that work can continue. It has truly been a gift that I can be here daily to deal with them.

There are blessings in other places too. St. Paul's made the decision to demolish the house at 920 North Warson. The cost of the upkeep was too much. Yet it has been a blessing that we haven't done that yet because it has offered many groups a place to meet without putting our main building at risk. Perhaps this will result in the faith to create something new on the property once the pandemic is over.

So, have you reflected on your own life? How has God touched your life through this time of suffering? Maybe you're at home with your children who aren't in school/daycare. Have you considered the blessing of time you have with your family as a result? When you can't go to a movie or a large social gathering have you spent more time talking to your neighbor from a safe distance? As we go through this period of suffering and its impacts ranging from loss of a loved one to mere incontinence, what blessings have you found? Has it strengthened your faith?

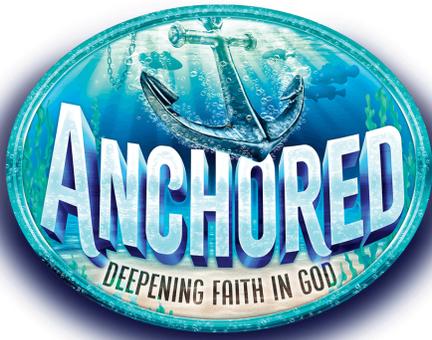
If your faith has been strengthened in this time of suffering you have a reason to offer prayers of thanks and praise. I invite you to share those prayers through prayer@stpaulsefree.org. Perhaps your lesson in faith will be the difference in someone else's life.

- Jim

From the Deacons by Charlie Jung

The Deacons met on July 13, 2020 with all members present via Zoom. The meeting opened with prayer and minutes of the June meeting were approved. Review of Financial report: several items were discussed and we cleaned up several funds as we move forward. The Cares Act Fund will be completed this month and Cindy will be working to finish up the paperwork. Thanks to Cindy for her hard work on this. The Fire Alarm system has been upgraded now; HVAC software is to be completed this month. 920 N. Warson property (Ministry House) is being used by a few of the groups that would have been meeting in the church. We closed with prayer.

Children & Family Ministry Update by Lisa Stahlhut



Anchors Away! In lieu of our regular, full blown VBS, we are going to be holding VBS in a variety of ways to serve our families and neighbors. A survey was sent to families and based on those responses, we have come up with a plan! Beginning the second week of August, we will have "Anchored" going on 3 different ways. These ways include a Backyard VBS (inviting neighborhood kids to join you at your house for VBS) in three homes, a Family VBS for those that want to participate as a family at home, and one held at the Ministry House for those that aren't part of any of those groups mentioned. This is an abbreviated time together (2-3 meeting times) but will give our children time to learn to "deepen our faith in God." Participants will learn how God

is faithful through games, stories, and crafts.

Those that indicated they would attend, but not host, on the survey, please mark your calendar for Friday, August 14 and Saturday, August 15 as your VBS dates. We will meet at the Ministry House from 6-8 pm on Friday and 9-11 am on Saturday. Please email (lisa_stahlhut@yahoo.com) with any questions you may have.



Tuesday Devotions
11am

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*just
married!*

CONGRATULATIONS!

*Joseph Pollmann and Amanda Odle
were married July 11, 2021 in Montana.*

Several St. Paul's "boys" helped them celebrate, as part of the wedding party, including Daniel and Jon Pollmann, Jason Kozlowski and Jake Dahl.



**A Big Thank You to All
who Gave Blood at the Blood Drive in July
and to those who made purchases for
the new Children's Library!**

White Cross News

Our White Cross ministry has taken a bit of a break the past few months. In that time we have moved our supplies and equipment to the Ministry House where we will continue to sew for the people in Tandala. We are always looking for new folks who would like to join us and enjoy the joy of sewing and serving the Congolese people, by providing many needed items. We offer projects to work at home or joining us on the first and third Tuesdays starting in September.



Currently we are busy packing our tote with 80+ pounds of dresses, shorts, hospital bandages, and draw sheets for the Community Hospital. This tote will leave the states August 15th for its weeks of journey to the Congo.

St Paul's congregation has in the past been very generous in donating cotton fabric to this ministry. We have been very busy during the Covid quarantine making much needed items. So, we are asking for your support again. We are in need of cotton fabric, cotton sheets and scissors. Check your closets and drawers. Perhaps you are storing some of these

items and would like to free up some needed space for other items in your home. We would love to have them.

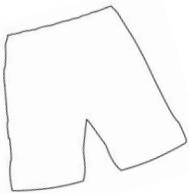
We look forward to our life returning to some sort of normalcy in the near future. In the mean time, keep you and your family social distancing.

Phyllis Bauer



St. Paul's Teen Helped White Cross for School Community Project

Amy Sohn, daughter of David and Maggie Sohn, elected to use White Cross for her 30 hour requirement of community service for the coming school year. She was a tremendous blessing by sewing up 4 dresses and 4 pair of shorts for the orphans in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Thanks a lot Amy. We invite Amy again and also other teens to use White Cross for their school service projects anytime.



Happy Birthday!

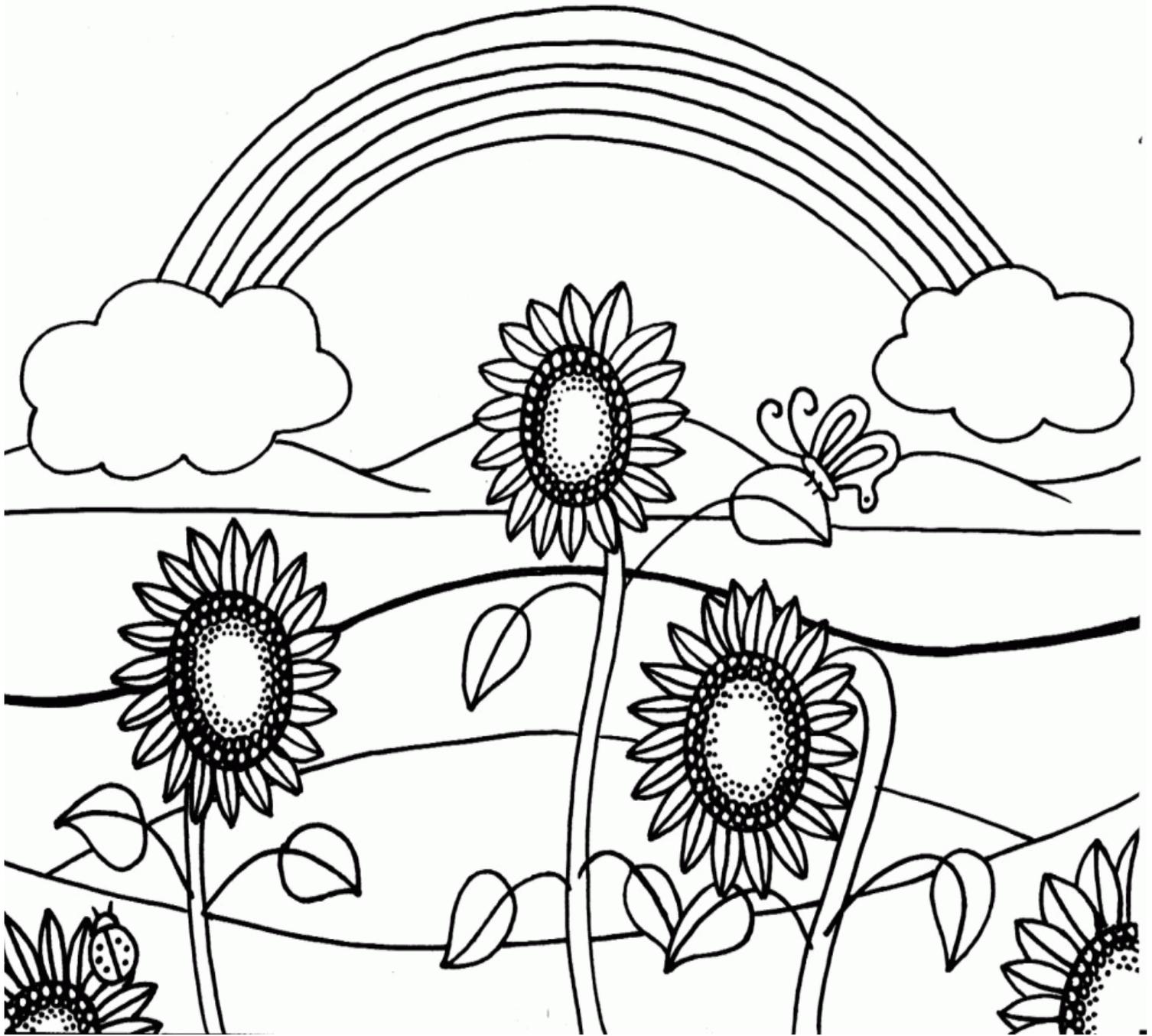
Donna Jayne	8/1	Rob Heuermann	8/22	Paul Wilson	9/3
Mary Adams	8/6	Lela Vollmer	8/25	Rosemary Wilson	9/3
Caroline Wong	8/6	Donna Dubinsky	8/28	Jim Crews	9/5
Al Black	8/12	Andy Dielmann	8/29	Melinda Seley	9/6
Richard Marsh	8/14	Betty Binns	8/31	Carol Carinci	9/8
Mary Teare	8/15	Melissa Shehan	8/31	Sue Jackson	9/10
Mary Smith	8/16	Kelly Schjenken	9/2	Leslie Koewing	9/10
Walter Graeler	8/19	Rosa Frederick	9/3	Lucas Pfeiffer	9/10

Jim & Nancy Crews	23	8/2
Donald & Samantha Jung	14	8/5
Charles & Marlene Buescher	67	8/7
Charles & Marlene Eschenbrenner	67	8/8
Jim & Cindy Glauert	3	8/10
Walt & Jody Graeler	64	8/11
Mike & Janet Kolmer	46	8/11
Roger & Joyce Lindstrom	57	8/11
David & Maggie Sohn	36	8/11
Harry & Phyllis Bauer	55	8/14
Bob & Heidi Aslin	39	8/22
Ralph & Carole Stahlhut	57	8/24
John & Marcene Darby	20	8/26
Rich & Edith Niedringhaus	61	8/29
Steve & Emily Crawford	23	8/30
Kathy & Ken Fischer	52	8/31
Scott & Jannet Dieckgraefe	36	9/1
Fred & Margy Robinson	58	9/2
Janet & Ed Rolle	52	9/7
Ken & Mary Broky	42	9/9
Ron & Barb Hueffmeier	53	9/9
Robert & Karen Tucker	17	9/9
Paul & Rosemary Wilson	54	9/10

*Celebrating
an
Anniversary
this Month*




William Luft passed away on July 6, 2020 at the age of 83. He was preceded in death earlier this year by his wife, Frances. A private memorial graveside service at St. Paul's Cemetery was officiated by Pastor Mark Friz.



*Coloring Page for Kids of ALL ages, 1-100
Share your finished work of art by emailing a copy to stpauls@stpaulsefree.org
or mail to the church office.*

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