



**“... See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.
Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor
was dressed like one of these.**

Matthew 6:28-29

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FROM PASTOR MARC'S DESK

In the midst of the Easter story there was a huge failure. Peter denied Jesus three times. Three times Peter denied him and three times Jesus asked Peter if he loved him.

Forgiveness is recognizing the wrong doing but then not counting it against the person. Peter was a sinner and a failure, but Jesus makes him a fisherman and shepherd.



Jesus works through forgiven people, not perfect people. Jesus offered forgiveness and new life to Peter. He continues to do that today. Will you receive the forgiveness and new life Jesus offers through his death and resurrection? Who do you know needs to hear that God offers forgiveness and new life to them? How does God want to use you to share this good news?

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Are you interested in becoming a St. Paul's member? We'll be having a New Member Class from April 14 through May 5 at 11 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Signup at the big desk in the Welcome Center or call the church office at 314-993-0015. Please consider attending and learning more about what St. Paul's has to offer.

SMALL GROUPS



We'll be starting a new sermon-based study in April.

Look for more information in the bulletin.

Sign-up sheets are in the Welcome Center.

Questions? Call David Pollmann @ 314-517-4848

ELDER & DEACON NEWS

New Member Class - A new member program is being developed and will be implemented in the near future. (See page 2 for details)

Good Friday Prayer Vigil - Elders agreed to hold a prayer vigil on Good Friday beginning at 7:30 am until 5 pm. There will not be a sign-up sheet like we've done in the past. Instead, people can come as they are able or take time to pray from home. A list of suggested prayer topics is being prepared and will be available Palm Sunday.

Children and Family Ministry -

- Lisa Stahlhut gave her report (see page 5 for details). She reported that there has been a small spurt in Sunday School attendance and that they are considering dividing up the group by age. They expect the program to expand even more next year.
- The Elders agreed on a proposal to have the children participate in the worship service. This could include singing as a group, distributing bulletins and reading the scriptures.
- The board thanked Lisa for her efforts in leading the children's programs.

Youth Ministry - St. Paul's is in the process of finding a staff person or a volunteer to lead the youth. A job description for the position is being developed.

Prayer with the Elders - All are invited to participate on April 27 at 9:00 a.m.

Vision Statement - The Elders voted to officially change the St. Paul's Vision Statement to "Love God, Love One Another, Love the Lost" to align with church mission (AIM - Abide / In pursuit / Mission) presented by Pastor Terry Schoenfeld while he was Interim Pastor.



Please visit our website at www.stpaulsefree.org to check out our new vision statement, learn about upcoming events, check out the calendar, contact staff & leaders, read the current bulletin and newsletter, or learn about ministries and outreach opportunities at St. Paul's.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women's Fellowship - Join us April 10 at 11:30 a.m. for "Hats on for Fun". Bring your favorite hat to wear or show off. Ladies should also bring their own lunch. Dessert & drinks will be provided.

The Women's Fellowship will be organizing a "**Mother's Day Baby Shower**" to support Nurses For Newborns. This ministry provides critical healthcare services for infants and prenatal mothers who experience medical, economic, environmental, or social risks. They protect babies, empower families, and address community needs. We hope you consider donating one or more items. Diapers, pull-ups, and wipes are especially needed. Other baby care items such as A&D or Dawn laundry soap are also appreciated. In honor of Mother's Day, you may want to include toiletries and personal hygiene items for the moms. Collection boxes will be in the Welcome Center from April 21 – May 5.



YarnWorks - The ladies will be meeting on Thursday, April 11, 1-3 pm. at the Schnellbacher's home at 2619 White Manor Ct. We work on prayer shawls plus other items to donate to those in need. If you would like to meet at another time, please call Sieglinde at 314-210-0065.

The St. Paul's Rummage Sale, set for Saturday, August 3, 2024, is a GO!! Thanks to all who have volunteered so far. We know that many hands make light work, so we'll be contacting you to see if you can help. Even if you may not know your availability for certain, we would appreciate knowing your intent at this time. Remember, we have set up and pricing jobs throughout the week prior to the sale, and we need many hands on the day of the sale to assist customers and clean up.

This year we will not be accepting large pieces of furniture. We will accept any item that one person can carry (e.g., small tables, chairs, lamps, etc.). We will not take TVs or computers. We are also limiting book donations, only accepting vintage/collectable books, cookbooks, and children's books. (We suggest dropping off your other books to the JCCA or a local thrift store.) Donations of new and gently used clothing, housewares, tools, toys, knick-knacks, small appliances, and jewelry are all needed. Holiday decorations, video games/consoles and vintage collectables are also great sellers. Please save your grocery bags – both paper and plastic - and bring them with your donated items. Donations can be dropped off at the bus garage after worship on April 7, May 5, June 2 and July 7 from 10:45 - 11:30 AM, and at the church the week prior to the sale (more details to come).

Remember that the Rummage Sale is a marvelous outreach to our community while also providing funds for various ministries of St. Paul's. Please contact Judy Pfeiffer, Susan Pollmann, Lisa Stahlhut or Nicole Youngquist if you have any questions or want to volunteer.



CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

We finished our first month of **JAM** and our first unit entitled WOW! in February. We learned about many of the miracles that Jesus performed and how powerful he is.

This month our theme is Glow in the Dark. Each week we are learning about the days leading up to Easter and how important it is to carry Jesus' light with us wherever we go. The kids are really enjoying this theme! We have been very blessed with volunteers, both in the kitchen, preparing dinner each week, as well as those helping with JAM time. We continue to pray that our program will attract children near and far as we try to reach out to families in our community.

In **Sunday School**, we continue to use Gospel Project as our curriculum and have gone back to the beginning of the Bible as we begin a new journey. We have already learned about creation and Noah's ark, and look forward to hearing all the stories of the Old Testament.

Our annual **Glow in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt** will be held after the worship service / brunch on Easter Sunday. Over 1,500 eggs are being filled for the kids to find. Bring your friends and family on Easter so the kids can participate in this annual tradition.

Mark your calendars for June 24-28 for **VBS**. This year's theme is Scuba! More information coming soon!

UPCOMING EVENTS



April 6, 2024 @ 7pm (doors open @ 6)

\$15 per person / \$120 per table (maximum of 8 people / table)

Pretzels and popcorn provided / Soda available for sale / No alcohol, please

Includes a Silent Auction / All proceeds go to Children & Family Ministries

For reservations, call the Church Office or Judy @ 314-255-8837

Please consider donating gently used or new items for the silent auction.

You can host a dinner, make a dessert, or create your specialty!

Contact Donna Schalk 636-699-5923.

GATEWAY METRO / MARCO VAN RAALTEN

While Marco and his family are visiting Holland this month, we will highlight one of the ministries he supports, Restore St. Louis. You can contact David Pollmann or John Graeler to learn more about the Restore St. Louis Workday ministry.



The vision of Restore St. Louis (RSL) is to see the Church of St. Louis express the love of Christ by meeting needs of the community, especially the poor, the widow, the fatherless, the imprisoned, the immigrant and the refugee. God has called the Church to be the hands and feet of Jesus to meet the needs of the poor. Restore St. Louis involves a unique synthesis of the experience and leadership of New City Fellowship Church with the human, financial, and spiritual resources of other churches, students, and businesses from the area and across the nation.

One of RSL's ministries, Workday, provides basic home repairs and maintenance, accessibility solutions like wheelchair ramps and lifts, and bathroom / kitchen rehabilitation. At the same time, they encourage interaction between the volunteers and the widows, elderly, poor, and disabled. It is in walking with them that we encounter God's power and grace. Workday has over 1000 volunteers serving over 125 families.

Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow. – Isaiah 1:17

NEW ORGANIST

A native of St. Louis, William Sullivan holds Bachelor and Master Degrees from Washington University and earned his doctorate from Indiana University School of Music, where he studied with Robert Rayfield and Oswald Ragatz. He has a uniquely diverse background, having worked with the St. Louis Symphony, Ken Hensley of Uriah Heep, and just about everyone and everything in between.



An active church musician since his late teens, Sullivan has also chalked up credits as a studio musician, director, arranger, and editor. He also has worked extensively in musical theater on and off-stage and served at Indiana University and Kenrick-Glennon Seminary as an Associate Instructor. He is a nationally accredited Associate of the American Guild of Organists, a member of the American Theater Organ Society, and has performed extensively in both classical and not-so-classical idioms. On March 13, 2020, Sullivan wrapped up 16 seasons on the Third Baptist Church (St. Louis) Friday Pipes noon-time concert series, setting attendance records for that venue. A number of his live performances can be found on YouTube and he has been occasionally presented on the King of Instruments radio broadcast (Sundays, 7 A. M., Classic 107.3 FM, 96.3 HD2, rafstl.org)



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Anniversaries

04/14
04/21

Gregg & Charlene Peter (38 yrs)
Kim & Nick Ragsdale (12 yrs)

04/01 Phyllis Stadler
04/02 Lois Percival
04/04 Robert Kallemeier
04/04 Larry Smith
04/05 Cynthia Bodenschatz
04/06 Eric Potratz

04/07 Robb Hicks
04/07 Evan Paquette
04/09 Nancy Cash
04/10 Leanne Davis
04/14 Joan Althaus
04/14 Mary Lou Fochtman

04/17 Kelly Graeler
04/22 Ruth Hinzpeter
04/26 Leslie Browning
05/01 Sarah Crews
05/01 Conway Wong

MEMORIALS

Ronald F. Hueffmeier, age 85, passed away Thursday, February 22, 2024. Beloved husband of Barbara E. Hueffmeier (56 years); cherished son of the late Walter and Olga Hueffmeier; cherished father of Craig (Katie) Hueffmeier, Kevin Hueffmeier, and Keith (Erin) Hueffmeier; loving grandfather of Olivia, Lucas, Adam, and Greta.

Ron served with pride in the United States Air Force and was a member of American Legion Post 312. A fervent music enthusiast, Ron found joy in playing the drums and indulging in the melodies of Big Band Swing music. He contributed his musical talents to the Bob Hess Combo, the St. Charles Municipal Band, and the praise team at St. Paul's Evangelical Free Church. Beyond his musical pursuits, Ron worked as a handyman and volunteered on projects at the church. He leaves behind a lasting impact, was dearly loved, and will be profoundly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Joan Stewart, age 92, went to her eternal home on Thursday, March 16, 2024. She is preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Stewart, and son, Robert Stewart. She is survived by her daughter, Gail Morley and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Joan was a vibrant soul with a passion for life. She found joy in tap dancing, entertaining others, and participating in senior Olympics. Her active involvement in church activities brought her immense fulfillment, and she cherished the bonds she formed within her community. Joan Stewart will be fondly remembered for her unwavering kindness, infectious laughter, and boundless love for her family and friends.

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

The Helping Hands volunteers are ready to help those in need with their spring projects. Don't hesitate to call David Pollmann at 314-517-4848 if you need help. We're still looking for people to join the team, even if you may feel that you're not "handy". Remember, every little bit helps!

THANK YOU

Thank you, dear church friends, for your expressions of comfort, your memorial gifts for Ron, and your attendance at his visitation and funeral. My sons, their families, and I felt very loved by all of you.

-- Barb Hueffmeier

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Sundays

Worship Service	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.

Mondays - Church Office Closed

Tuesdays

Quilters and Project Linus	9:30 a.m.
Prayer & Care Meeting	1:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

Women's Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
JAM - Jesus & Me	5:30 p.m.

Thursdays

Praise Ringers	6:00 p.m.
Chorale	7:00 p.m.

4/1	Missions Team 7pm
4/6	Trivia Night 7pm
4/8	Deacon / Elder Meetings
4/10	Women's Fellowship 11:30am
4/11	YarnWorks 1pm
4/15	White Cross 9:30am
4/22	Quilts of Valor 9am
4/27	Pray with the Elders 9am
5/3	Mother - Daughter Banquet 6pm