

# Living Waters

June 2021

## We're in this together

Pastor Zak

Exactly four years ago I arrived at St. Paul with my family, unsure exactly what would be in store for us and our ministry together. As I reflect on this time together I cannot believe how much we have experienced together in such a brief time: the joy of welcoming new faces as members and on staff, the struggle of what sometimes felt like an endless stream of funerals and goodbyes, a visioning process and now the construction of spaces to serve our community for years to come, and how could I forget—a global pandemic.

I can honestly say that so much of my ministry has been different than what I expected. We have learned and adapted together to the rapidly changing church and world it serves. And yet, through all of the unexpected moments, I wouldn't trade this experience for anything else. Your love, grace and patience that shone through the call process, is as apparent today as it was four years ago. Built on a solid foundation, St. Paul continues to amaze me in its resiliency and passion to serve. As we look ahead to another time of transition from both a pandemic and construction, I couldn't be more delighted to know that we are doing it together, continually loved by God as we grow, care, give and share. Thank you for sharing your lives with me and my family, it continues to be a blessing to us all.

## ProJECT Forward Update

A contract has been finalized with Schramm and unanimously approved by Council, which means now construction season really begins! During the first week of June we will be taking some major steps forward as we watch construction fencing go up, and dare we say, the Yellow House/Garage come down?!? We've been waiting for these steps to happen and now we're thinking it actually may. We'll be sure to share the exact date and time for the activities surrounding the Yellow House once we know it.

In the meantime be sure to **keep up with all of the latest news, updates and pictures by following our [ProJECT Forward Construction Blog \(updated weekly\)](#)**. Thank you again for your continued generosity and support of ProJECT Forward and St. Paul!



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## Worship

### In-Person

Sundays 8:30 & 10:00 am  
beginning June 6  
Preregistration is required.  
Registration links coming  
soon; check [here](#).

### Online/Livestream

Watch the 8:30 am service  
live on [YouTube](#), or anytime  
after that!

### Communion Pick-Up

10:30 am–12 pm  
Wednesdays  
Communion distribution has  
moved to 536 S. Cornell.  
Park in the driveway and  
knock on the front door.  
Home delivery can also be  
arranged.

# Congregational Life...

## Construction & COVID Updates

Navigating the dual challenges of construction and COVID are, well, challenging! We appreciate your patience and understanding as we adapt to ever-changing information. Please note these important updates:

### Building Access

Building access remains restricted at this time. Notify [Deacon Christine](#) if you need to visit the building for any reason. Please note that the former Day Care Entrance (Door 2) will be used as the primary door for church business. The former Office Entrance (Door 3) will be used as the primary Day Care entrance. Offerings can continue to be dropped in the mailbox outside Door 3.

### Parking

Construction fencing will be going up soon around our property. As site work begins, our parking lots will be unavailable for use and we will need to rely on street parking only. Please follow all posted signs regarding street parking (no parking on Ardmore and the north side of Washington Ave.). If you are able to do so, we encourage you to walk or ride your bicycle to church! We'll have designated parking for strollers as well.

### No Accessible Entrance

Our lift has officially been decommissioned to make way for a new full-size elevator, so we do not have an accessible entrance to the church available at this time. If you require assistance to reach the sanctuary level for worship, please join us online.

### In-Person Gatherings

In-person gatherings/meetings are permitted, and may take place in the sanctuary, front lawn, 536 Cornell, or private homes (backyards encouraged). All spaces, including the front lawn, must be reserved through [Deacon Christine](#). Leaders of each group are responsible for ensuring that St. Paul COVID protocol is followed.

### COVID Protocol

At the direction of St. Paul's Health & Safety Task Force, face coverings continue to be required during our state's "Bridge" transition to Phase 5. Revised protocol will be released when that milestone is achieved. Everyone over the age of twelve is strongly encouraged to get vaccinated.



**Our building  
is under  
construction  
but we are  
OPEN!**

# ...and More!

## Hands and Feet

June 6, 2-4 pm

We will be open on June 6 and continuing the distribution of prepacked bags at 536 S. Cornell. We will **not** be open Sunday, July 4. We continue to request any donations for Hands and Feet or the Little Food Pantry be strictly monetary as we have no storage capability during construction. We thank you for continued support of these ministries.

## Wine, Women, and the Word

June 1, 7 pm via Zoom

Our final gathering for this year will be June 1 via Zoom. We will be discussing the chapter on Miriam. Contact [Judy](#) for more information!

## Wired Word

Sundays beginning June 6, 10:45 am

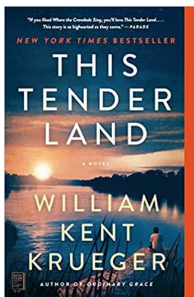
Are you craving a spiritual and intellectual opportunity to engage with other adults about issues of the day? Without arguing? The Wired Word group is moving from Zoom to in-person meetings on Sunday mornings this summer, and you are invited to join us. Each week we have the choice of two topics that arise from current news sources, with relevant Bible passages helping to guide our discussion. We would benefit from having diverse viewpoints to expand our understanding and to challenge our thinking. Some recent topics include *As Social Distancing Ends, Will Personality Type Affect How We Re-engage?*; *Defendants in Capitol Invasion Case Make Statements About Actions*; and *New World Map Is Most Accurate Yet* (about geography and perspective).

The lesson topics are emailed out on Thursdays; if you would like to receive these, please contact [Doreen Fritz](#) to be added to the list. We can have printed copies on hand each Sunday, though, so if you're a spontaneous drop-in, that will work, too. Bring a lawn chair or carry one out from church; we will (weather permitting) be meeting out on the front lawn.

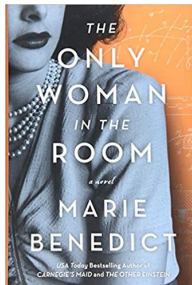
## Book Club

June 7, 6:45 pm

St. Paul Book Club will meet at the Villa Park Gazebo this month, located on the Prairie Path between Princeton and Ardmore. Bring your own chair! Please contact [Marti Seaton](#) to be included on our email list.



On **Monday, June 7** we will discuss *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger, a coming of age novel set in Minnesota in the summer of 1932 about four orphans traveling together.



On **Monday, July 12** we will discuss *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict, a novel about Hedy Lamarr, the Hollywood actress and inventor.

## April Numbers

Giving: \$47,758  
(including online: \$17,297)

Expenses: \$39,302

YTD Giving vs. Expenses: \$9,566

### Other Statistics

Date	Attendance	Views	Viewers
4/1	36	85	113
4/2	39	84	117
4/4	105	116	157
4/11	N/A	84	123
4/18	N/A	75	106
4/25	N/A	84	115

# Youth and Family Ministry

## Youth Fundraisers

The pandemic has caused transportation costs for our youth trips this summer to double from our budgeted \$1,000/ per trip to over \$2,000/per trip just for van rentals. To help cover some of the shortfall we are inviting our St. Paul community to participate in the following two fundraisers:



### Sowing Seeds of Kindness Bouquets

Purchase a "Sowing Seeds of Kindness Bouquet" either for yourself, for a friend or both! Cost of each bouquet will be \$10 and will be available for pickup at worship on June 13. Local delivery can be arranged if unable to pick up in person. Bouquets will include soil, seeds, pinwheels and an inspirational Bible verse in a decorated cup. To order please contact [Judy](#) or complete an order form at worship through June 6.

### Culver's Dine Out Night June 22, 5-8 pm

Join us at the Culver's of Lombard for food, fun and fellowship. Culver's will donate 10% of proceeds from 5:00-8:00 pm to St. Paul Youth to help cover the cost of summer transportation. Your meal will count if you bring [this flyer](#), show it on your phone or simply mention you are with St. Paul. Orders will be accepted at the drive thru, for carryout or in the dining room. St. Paul youth will help deliver meals in the dining room.



### Mini Golf Outing June 8, 7 pm

The high school group will celebrate a year of Zoom Logos with an in-person outing. Join us at Holes & Knolls in Glen Ellyn. Cost is \$7 and we will gather at the Nuehring home for treats following golf. RSVP to [Judy](#) by June 6.

### Youth Trip Meeting June 13, 11 am

This meeting is for all youth and their parents who will be participating in trips this summer. We will be sharing detailed information, signing forms and meeting the adult leaders. Trip balances due will also be collected. Please contact [Judy](#) if you are unable to attend.



*St. Paul youth serving at the Northern Illinois Food Bank*



### Vacation Bible School: Rocky Railway! August 11-13, time TBD

We are excited to partner with Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Lombard for this year's Vacation Bible School. We're still pulling together the details but will need kids to sign-up and youth or adult volunteers to help! Contact [Deacon Christine](#) for more information.

# Prayers

## St. Paul is Proud!

Every year, during the month of June, the LGBTIA+ community celebrates in a number of different ways. Across the globe, various events are held during this special month as a way of recognizing the impact and influence that members of this community have had around the world.

As a RIC (Reconciling In Christ) congregation,  
St. Paul affirms our solidarity with, and support of, the LGBTQIA+ community.



During June we will be celebrating the diversity of love by proclaiming it in various ways through our own Pride Month Celebration. Our Sunday liturgies will include special music, language and prayers that uplift and affirm God's love for all people, especially those in the LGBTQIA+ community. This will culminate in our Pride Worship service on June 27th. Our proclamation will not be limited to the inside of our building, but will be shared with the larger community as well. For the entire month of June, large rainbow pride/ally banners will adorn our front porch for all of our neighborhood to see. These banners will serve as a reminder that at St. Paul, "All are welcome" truly means, "**All** are welcome!"

To read St. Paul's Welcome statement, click [here](#).

To learn more about the Reconciling in Christ program, click [here](#).

## Prayer List

*Names will remain on the prayer list for three weeks, or longer by request. To submit a prayer request please use the online [Prayer Request form](#), email [prayers@stpaulvp.org](mailto:prayers@stpaulvp.org), or contact the church office.*

### Prayers of Healing

Rachel Freedlund (daughter-in-law of Merry & Jon Freedlund), Veronika Brandt, Melinda Brent, Arlene Jensen, Nan Marcum, Sandy Robershaw, Tommy Shallcross, Jim Sherlock (brother of Diane Sherlock), Steve Swanson, All Caregivers

### Prayers for the Bereaved

Family & friends of Tim Zeiss (friend of Joel & Cindy Johnson), Family & friends of Geraldine "Jerry" Hay, Family & friends of Glen Malone

# June 2021

All events subject to change. Items in *italics* are **in-person** events; all other events are virtual. [View the calendar at www.spaulvp.org](http://www.spaulvp.org) for more information and Zoom links, or contact the church office.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
		10:00A Staff Mtg 7:00P WWW	9:30A Bible Study 10:30A <i>Communion</i> 7:15P Choir	10:00A Educ Com		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:30A <i>Worship</i> 10:00A <i>Worship</i> 10:45A <i>Wired Word</i> 2:00P <i>Hands &amp; Feet</i>	7:00P Book Club	10:00A Staff Mtg 7:00P WMA 7:00P Mini Golf	9:30A Bible Study 10:30A <i>Communion</i>	7:00P Youth Com		9:00A <i>Playgroup</i>
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# Community and World



## Day Care and Kindergarten News

The children and staff been busy as the school year comes to an end. The kindergartners have been reviewing all their progress this year and will have a Celebration with their parents and teachers on June 3rd. The Pre-School and Pre-K students are learning all about construction. Everyone will be attending the Annual Ice Cream Social on June 2! An exciting summer program starts June 7.



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## Metro Chicago Synod Assembly: Good Steward

June 5, 8:30 am—12 pm

Guests, visitors, and Non-Voting Members may participate in this year's virtual synod assembly by tuning into the synod [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#) pages and watching from there! No registration is required. St. Paul will be represented by three voting members appointed by Council.

Synod Assembly is the “business meeting” of our synod, which is comprised of 173 active congregations across Cook, DuPage, Lake, and Kane counties. It’s also an opportunity to interact with other church members, worship together, and experience what the synod is up to in places that may look different than ours!

More information [here](#).



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*Loved by God, we grow, care, give, and share in Jesus' name.*

## St. Paul Leadership

### Church Council

President: Mark Freedlund  
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Secretary: Katie Briseno  
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Caring Commissioner: Laura Albert  
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Property Commissioner: Joel Johnson  
Stewardship Commissioner: John Freidheim  
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Youth Commissioners: Cheryl Wolf and Wendy Biggs

### Staff

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Director of Music: Cynthia Viise  
Director of Youth Ministry: Judy Nuehring  
Administrative Assistant: Alice Ramsay  
Director of Family Music: Kristen Rosenwinkel  
Worship & Technology Assistants:  
Fiona Kordyban and Andrew Speidel

St. Paul Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and a Reconciling in Christ community.



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