

# Living Waters

July 2021

## Our vision

Pastor Zak

My new favorite game is “What’s That Noise”?!? As I sit and write this perched atop the “Office Loft” I can hear the sweet symphony of construction. Wet saws cutting into concrete in the basement. Industrial fans cooling workers in the offices. Random clicking of pressurized nail guns making sure walls that go up, stay up. Boy, is it exhilarating! If there’s anything I’ve learned in these early weeks of work is that construction is loud, unpredictable, jarring, inconvenient and logistically challenging. In some ways I would use the same words to describe the church, as a body of people always in a process of constant flux, being built up and renewed daily. What excites me most in this season of change, is to know that we do it together as a community, particularly as a community with a vision. A vision for an unpredictable future. A vision for the work of the church at a moment when so many find it to be inconvenient. A vision that jars us beyond what we see in our daily lives into the realm of God’s divine love. That’s what I see and hear, and I wouldn’t trade it for the world.

## COVID Phase 5 Update

Illinois has entered into “Phase 5”, which puts before us new opportunities to gather, even in the midst of a major construction project. Our Church Council, at the recommendation of the Health and Safety Task Force, and in consultation with CDC guidelines, has approved a plan for our continued reopening. The following changes are now in effect:

**Registration is no longer required** for services.

**Masks are no longer required for all fully vaccinated persons**, however we ask that all non-fully vaccinated individuals still wear a mask. Masks continue to be required when entering any space shared with our Day Care, including our shared hallway and restroom.

**Our worship liturgy will continue to gradually expand** to include more communal participation. At this time, limited speaking, singing, and movement are allowed, with further adjustments occurring gradually over time.

**In-person gatherings may resume.** Please contact [Deacon Christine](#) to discuss where and when your group can meet!

Click [here](#) to view **St. Paul’s Restoration Plan and Guidelines**, now updated with Phase 5 information.



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## Worship

### In-Person

**Sundays 8:30 & 10:00 am**  
Registration is no longer required. Invite a friend!  
Throughout the summer we will worship outside on the first Sunday of the month.

### 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...

## Summer Worship

8:30 & 10 am

We continue to gather in-person and online throughout the summer. Join us Sunday mornings at 8:30 or 10 am, no registration required! Also, note that during the summer we will be bringing back our very popular "Outdoor Worship" the first Sunday of each month. Join us outdoors on July 4<sup>th</sup> for a special holiday weekend worship on the back lawn. Bring a blanket, bring a chair, bring a friend as we gather to worship God together! You can also worship from your vehicle in the parking lot. All are welcome!

## Music News

First, a big THANK YOU to all Virtual Chancel Choir singers for recording a total of seven solo videos from October to May and the Virtual Handbell Choir for recording four videos starting in January. These were very courageous efforts that produced beautiful, combined results! What a blessing to all of us during this unique and challenging time!

This summer the Chancel Choir isn't taking its normal break for the season. You may have heard about the new eggplant-colored, Augsburg Fortress hymnal supplement titled, *All Creation Sings*. In preparation for leading some of these hymns in future worship services the choir is meeting every other Wednesday through August to sing through the book.

**The Chancel Choir schedule is as follows:**

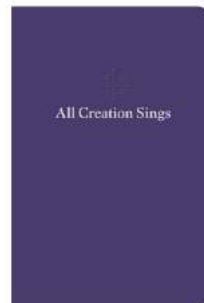
June 30, 7:15 on Zoom

July 14, 6:30 at Cynthia's home

July 28, 7:15 on Zoom

Aug 11, no meeting (VBS week)

Aug 25, 6:30 at Cynthia's home



## ProJECT Forward Update

Construction season is fully underway! In the coming months our spaces, inside and out, will be transformed right before our eyes! With the Yellow House officially removed, our new expanded parking lot is beginning to take shape. Inside the offices and lower level are quickly taking shape. Holes are being dug, walls are going up and ductwork is being installed... lots of excitement! Be sure to follow all of the updates on our [ProJECT Forward blog](#), updated weekly. Better yet, join us for Sunday worship and witness to the progress with your own eyes! As always, thank you for your continued patience and support during this season of progress.



# ...and More!

## New Members “Meet & Greet”

August 1, 11 am

Calling all friends of St. Paul! As we continue to make transitions during this time of COVID and construction we want to invite you to officially “join” us as members. On August 1, following our 10 am outdoor worship service, we will be holding a New Members “Meet & Greet” in Pr. Zak’s backyard, 540 S. Cornell Ave. Join us for this casual time together to meet staff, leadership and each other! A light lunch will be served as we get to know each other and the congregation a little more. If you wish to join us for this event, please RSVP with [Pr. Zak](mailto:pastor@stpaulvp.org) (pastor@stpaulvp.org) by July 29. We hope to see you there!

## Lutheran Refresher Course

August 22, 11 am (in-person)

August 23, 7 pm (Zoom)

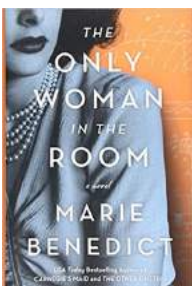
If you are new to Lutheranism or simply need a refresher, we invite you to join us for a discussion of Daniel Erlander’s pamphlet entitled *A Lutheran Welcome to a Reformation Way*. Our time together will provide space to reflect on basic Lutheran theological concepts and practices, through the lens of Erlander’s simple, yet profound, line drawings. This class is open to all people, new and not-so-new to our community. You can join us in-person following our Outdoor Worship on August 22 (meeting in the sanctuary) or participate online August 23 at 7 pm on Zoom.

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are  
welcome at  
St. Paul!

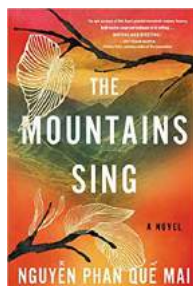
## Book Club

July 12, 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](mailto:Marti Seaton) to be included on our email list.



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.



On **Monday, August 2** we will discuss *The Mountains Sing*, a story of an epic multigenerational tale of a family in Vietnam.

## May Numbers

Giving: \$42,236  
(including online: \$14,277)

Expenses: \$33,103

YTD Giving vs. Expenses: \$18,499

### Other Statistics

Date	Attendance	Views	Viewers
5/2		103	72
5/9	70	96	67
5/16	75	96	61
5/23	80	96	71
5/30	44	124	54





# Youth and Family Ministry



## Upcoming Youth Dates

**July 10-17:** High School trip to Boundary Waters

**July 12-16:** Middle School service trip to Arkansas/Oklahoma

**August 14:** Back to School Bocce Ball Lunch (MS & HS)

**September 12:** Registration for the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering \$150 deposit due

## 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering, Minneapolis MN

**July 24-28, 2022**

The Gathering is a unique opportunity to invite youth into a deeper relationship with God whose possibilities are boundless. The Gathering is for youth who will be in 8-12 grades during the 2021-22 school year. Initial information is available at this time from Judy and the registration deadline, including \$150 deposit, is Sept. 12. Informational meetings will be upcoming and please take the opportunity to watch [this video](#). Questions and requests for information can be directed to [Judy](#).

## Vacation Bible School: Rocky Railway!

**August 11-13, 5:30-7:00 pm**

Save the date for this year's "Rocky Railway" VBS. Due to construction, we are going to be hosted by our friends down the street at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Lombard.

**Registration for participants and volunteers is now open. [REGISTER HERE!](#)**

This outdoors VBS is open to all children ages 3 years old-5th grade. The cost is \$5/child with a \$15/household max. This year our condensed program will not include a full meal, but will include a pre-packaged snack nightly.

We are also looking for volunteers to help make this experience possible. If you (or someone you know) would like to help in any way please register as a volunteer, or contact [Pr. Zak](#) directly. Join us to learn how "Jesus' power pulls us through" as we gather for music, games, crafts and more!



*St. Paul youth having fun at mini golf!*

2022 ELCA  
YOUTH GATHERING  
**boundless**  
GOD BEYOND MEASURE

# Prayers

## Caring for the Earth

August 21, 9 am-12 pm

Volunteers from St. Paul will be working with others to help maintain the Great Western Prairie Path, a one mile stretch of 10,000-year-old native plants, located in Elmhurst. Join the group and make some new friends, including nodding wild onion, coneflowers, compass plants and astors! Led by the Elmhurst Park District, the group will pick up trash, cut brush and/or spread seeds. A long-sleeved shirt, long pants, hat and water are recommended. Bring work gloves and loppers, if you have them. Children under the age of 12 need one-on-one supervision. We will meet at the intersection on the west side of Berkley Ave. and the Illinois Prairie Path, just west of Spring Road, in Elmhurst. Parking is easily available on nearby streets.

## From the Family of June Eaton

Fred and the Eaton girls would like to thank the St. Paul congregation for the many cards, phone calls, special deliveries and memorials in June's name. These have helped us through this difficult time. Thank you to Pastor Zak for his prayers, words of comfort and a beautiful service. Thank you, Siri Peterson for the wonderful memories of a long friendship, shared at June's service. We would also like to thank Marti Seaton and all of those who shared their memories of June and her passion for the Lenten Devotional. It was a beautiful tribute and a comfort to us.

If you walk the Villa Park Prairie Path, as June and Fred did, you might notice a new tree planted in June's memory by her son-in-law, Jeff. It's east of Summit Ave. (with a bench to come!).

## Hands and Feet

Due to the holiday, Hands and Feet will not be open on Sunday, July 4. We will resume distribution from 536 S. Cornell on Sunday, August 1.



## 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

The Mori family-Cathy, Yoshi, Amy, Joe and Cathy's mother Donna (friends of Shirley Jensen), Katie Wilson (friend of Rita Burke), Veronika Brandt, Melinda Brent, Margaret Golden, Arlene Jensen, Nan Marcum, Tommy Shallcross, Jim Sherlock (brother of Diane Sherlock), Steve Swanson, Karin Welsh, All Caregivers

### Prayers of Thanksgiving

Sandy Robershaw, Jake Bugajsky (Received First Communion June 13), Hunter Hodur, Kaiden Hyatt, Milo Vecchiolla (Baptized June 13), Caden Mark Szerzinski (Baptized June 20)

### Prayers for the Bereaved

Family & friends of Alexander Bache (nephew of Vivian Quam), Family & friends of Greg McNally

# July 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	6	7	8	9	10
8:30A <i>Outdoor Worship</i> 10:00A <i>Outdoor Worship</i> 10:45A <i>Wired Word</i>	OFFICE CLOSED	10:00A Staff Mtg	9:30A Bible Study 10:30A <i>Communion</i>	7:00P Youth Com		9:00A <i>Playgroup</i> HS Youth depart for Mission Trip
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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# Community and World



## Day Care and Kindergarten News

Do you have some free time? Do you enjoy working with young children? **St. Paul Christian Day Care and Kindergarten is looking for volunteers!** We would love to welcome you to spend some time with us to help in our classrooms.

# Make A Difference



Here are the specific times we are asking for help. This may change in the future. Please call the center at (630) 832-0420 or email Mrs. Sarah at [stpaulVPdirector@outlook.com](mailto:stpaulVPdirector@outlook.com) to find out more information!

### **2 morning snack helpers**

Monday – Friday from 9:30am – 10:30am

### **1 nap time helper**

Monday – Friday from 1pm – 3pm

### **Mystery Book Reader**

Tuesday from 9:30am – 10:00am (Pre-K) and 10:00am -10:30am (Kindergarten)

***Please note that masks are required for all volunteers.***

## **Wired Word**

**Sundays, 10:45 am**

Engage with other adults about issues of the day related to current events and news at Wired Word! We meet on the front lawn; bring your own chair. 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 also have printed copies on hand each Sunday, though, so if you're a spontaneous drop-in, that will work, too.





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

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