

# Living Waters

August 2021

## Priceless

Pastor Zak

Youth Trips are always an exciting experience. I love going to new places to meet new people and serve alongside them. It's not all fun and games. Sixteen hours of driving takes its toll for sure, as does a long day of work in the hot sun at Oaks Indian Mission, but I wouldn't trade these experiences for anything. I find such joy in watching our youth wanting to serve (truly, they never want to "stand around" when we're at a worksite) and seeing relationships develop over the course of the week. The car rides get louder and louder too, with each day of comfort we find with each other. Although the excitement of the trips has passed, our opportunities to continue to serve and form relationships remain constant no matter where we are. I am thankful for this community and for our commitment to exploring new ways to serve and be served wherever we may be.



*Middle School youth at the end of a long hot day of painting, clean up and weeding at the Indian Mission and Eben Ezer Lutheran in Oaks, Oklahoma.*



*High School group upon completion of their days in the wilderness in the Boundary Waters!*



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## Giving

Contact [Alice](#) if you have not received your Q2 giving statement.

## 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

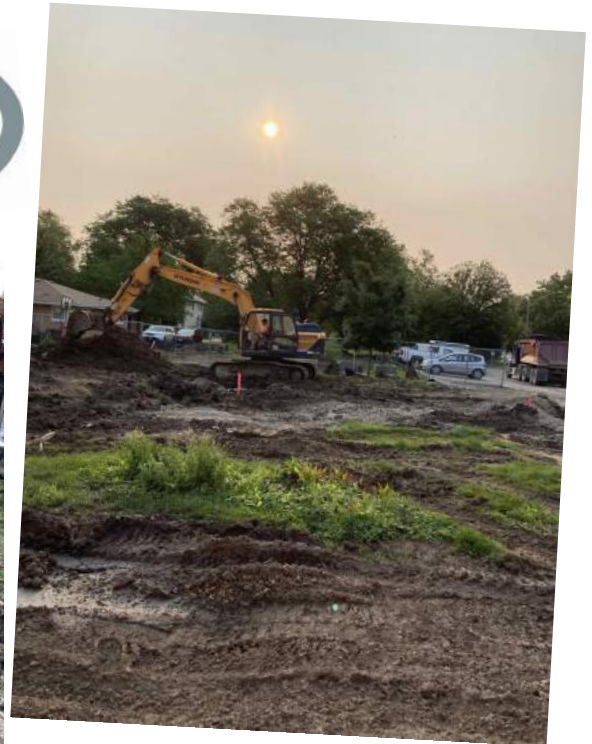
Wednesdays

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...

## ProJECT Forward Update

Construction is in full swing inside and out! Sewers dug, walls framed and elevator foundations poured highlight just a few of the ongoing items happening around St. Paul. Although our parking lot is currently limited in its capacity, it is exciting to see a safer, bigger, and dare we say better, parking lot take shape as we continue to safely gather in the coming months. Follow the progress on our [ProJECT Forward blog!](#) This entire process is a monumental reminder of the overwhelming generosity and commitment to ministry that St. Paul continues to exemplify. We are truly blessed and, through this ProJECT, will assuredly continue to be a blessing to our community for many years to come. Thank you for your continued prayers and support!



## 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 asters! 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.

## Under 105 Club Reunion August 19, 1 pm

Everyone under the age of 105 is invited to our "Under 105 Club Reunion" as we gather together after many months apart! No lunch, refreshments will be served. Pastor Zak will provide an update on construction activity at St. Paul. We will gather at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, located at Madison & Grace in Lombard, as they have an accessible parking lot, restrooms, and meeting space on the main floor! All

are welcome to come and visit with your St. Paul friends. Masks not required for all fully-vaccinated persons.



# ...and More!

## Chancel Choir Rehearsal

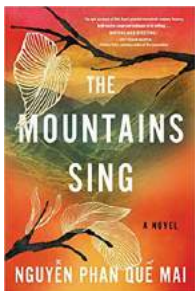
Wednesdays beginning Sept. 8, 7-7:45 pm

HEY, SINGERS! Have your voices been cooped up for far too long? Want to get to know some really nice people who like to sing together? Come and try out the Chancel Choir starting up in September in the sanctuary! Masks are required for all non-fully vaccinated individuals. We'll also sing with windows open and fans on, and will fog before/after rehearsal. No music-reading requirement! Want more information? Call, text or [email](mailto:email) Cynthia Viise, 630-290-8085.

## Book Club

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

**WANT TO READ AHEAD?**

## Save this schedule for our St. Paul Book Club 2021-22 selections!

**September:** *The Falcon Thief: A True Tale of Adventure, Treachery, and the Hunt for the Perfect Bird* by Joshua Hammer

**October:** *This is how it always is* by Laurie Frankel

**November:** *Travels with Charley: In Search of America* by John Steinbeck

**December:** *Next Year in Havana* by Chanel Cleeto

**February:** *Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder* by Caroline Fraser

**March:** *This is Happiness* by Niall Williams

**April:** *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett

**May:** *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee

## June Numbers

Giving: \$35,122  
(including online: \$18,603)

Expenses: \$33,959

YTD Giving vs. Expenses: \$19,663

### Other Statistics

Date	Attendance	Views	Viewers
6/6	53	88	59
6/13	71	115	73
6/20	67	134	71
6/27	56	89	77

## 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:Pr.Zak) ([pastor@stpaulvp.org](mailto: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)

# Youth and Family Ministry

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## Fall Education Activities for Children & Youth

Yes! Sunday morning education activities for children and youth will resume in the Fall. When? How? We're not quite sure! We are trying to align our program schedule with construction activity so we can return to gathering in-person safely once we have space to do so, and as allowed by the COVID situation at the time. Registration links will be distributed soon, and more information about start date and format will be shared when available. Thanks for your patience as we figure out these logistical details!



## Vacation Bible School: Rocky Railway!

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

Choo choo!! Can you hear the train? "Rocky Railway" VBS is almost here! Registration is open until August 1 for children ages 3 years old-5<sup>th</sup> grade, and more adult volunteers are always welcome! Register [here](#). Due to construction, we are going to be hosted by our friends down the street at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Lombard. Join us as we learn how Jesus gives "The power to pull us through" as we gather for music, games, crafts and more! Contact [Deacon Christine](#) for more information.

## Youth Mission Trip Reflections

Both youth trips (to Boundary Waters and Oklahoma/Arkansas) have been successfully completed and much fun and hard work has been accomplished! Thanks to all our great adult leaders who accompanied our youth. Thank you to Thrivent for the shirts and \$250 worth of donations we were able to supply to communities in need. [Listen to participants and adults reflect on their experience](#) by watching the beginning of worship on Sunday, July 25.

## Upcoming Youth Dates

### August 14, 11 am: Back to School Bocce Ball & Lunch

We will meet at Pinstripes in Oakbrook at 10:45am for 1 hour of Bocce Ball. We have all 3 lanes reserved! Your \$10 also covers unlimited beverages. Following Pinstripes we will all go out for lunch together to continue conversations and fun. Transportation will be available to and from lunch if necessary. RSVP to [Judy](#) by Wed. Aug. 4 to reserve your spot!

### September 12, 11 am: Youth Gathering Meeting

Registration for the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering \$150 deposit due

### September 13, 7 pm: Logos resumes

We meet at Starbucks!

# Prayers

## Thank you, Painters!

Thank you to everyone who attended the “Paint Saint Day” event on the Feast Day of Saint Peter, June 29! The temporary hallway bisecting our sanctuary is now adorned with a beautiful mural, and painted rocks have been distributed around our property to bring joy and smiles to those passing by! Special thanks to Kristina & Addie Bostian for prepping the wall for painting, and for our great team of artists who worked together to design and sketch out the mural: Tony Clavio, Bob Fritz, and Krista Varsbergs. Thank you!



## 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

Laura Viise (sister-in-law of Cynthia Viise), Richard Durkovic (friend of Karen Egan), Carmelita Augsburger (friend of Bev Parks), 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

Ian & Emilia Welsh (Married July 18), Luke Bostian (Received First Communion July 18), Dominic David Clavio (Baptized July 10), all youth mission trip participants and leaders

# August 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 <i>8:30A Outdoor Worship</i> <i>10:00A Outdoor Worship</i> <i>10:45A Wired Word</i> <i>11:00A "Meet &amp; Greet"</i> <i>2:00P Hands &amp; Feet</i>	2 6:45P Book Club	3 10:00A Staff Mtg	4 9:30A Bible Study  NO COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION	5	6	7
8 <i>8:30A Worship</i> <i>10:00A Worship</i> <i>10:45A Wired Word</i>	9 6:30P Finance 7:30 Exec Council	10 10:00A Staff Mtg 7:00P WMA	11 9:30A Bible Study <i>10:30A Communion</i> 5:30P VBS	12 5:30P VBS	13 5:30P VBS	14 9:00A Playgroup 11:00A Bocce
15 <i>8:30A Worship</i> <i>10:00A Worship</i> <i>10:45A Wired Word</i>	16 6:30P DayCare Bd	17 LIVING WATERS DEADLINE  10:00A Staff Mtg 7:00P Council	18 9:30A Bible Study <i>10:30A Communion</i> 7:15P Choir	19 1:00P Under 105	20	21 9:00A Caring for the Earth service project
22 <i>8:30A Worship</i> <i>10:00A Worship</i> <i>10:45A Wired Word</i> <i>11:00A Lutheran course</i>	23 7:00P Lutheran course	24 <i>10:00A Staff Mtg</i>	25 9:30A Bible Study <i>10:30A Communion</i> 6:30P Choir	26	27	28 9:00A Playgroup
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# Community and World



## Day Care and Kindergarten News

The Bible story for July is Jonah and the Whale. The girls and boys know the story through different listening, singing, art and reading activities. They are also learning about ocean animals. Many of the children and their families enjoyed a fun ice cream social on July 19 at the end of school that day! We want to give a huge thank you to Jake Wagner, our Kindergarten teacher who will be leaving. He is a great educator and we will miss him.



## Nar-Anon

Thursday nights, 7 pm

The Nar-Anon Family Groups are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. As a twelve-step program, they offer help by sharing experiences, strength, and hope with one another. It is an anonymous program meeting on Thursday nights at 536 S Cornell, Villa Park between 7-8:30 pm.



## 35th Annual Lutherdale Fest Quilt Auction

August 14, 10 am

Come enjoy the beauty, workmanship, and creativity of the 200+ quilts in this year's auction with your friends, neighbors, and families. Live auction begins at 10 am. You can view quilts and place bids online as well! More details about the event, special quilt viewing opportunities and PreFest details are Lutherdale's [website](#). Lutherdale is grateful for the continued support of quilters. Thanks to many quilters, donors, volunteers, loyal friends and Thrivent, Lutherdale's Fest Quilt Auction raises funds that help young people experience the life-changing outdoor ministry of Lutherdale.

## Metro Chicago Synod Working Groups

At the 2021 MCS Assembly, Bishop Yehiel Curry announced the launch of MCS Working Groups. Our hope is that these groups will empower MCS members and leaders to participate more deeply in the business and decision-making of the synod. Interested? [Nominate yourself or others today](#) for the following working groups:

**Grants/Scholarships:** Work with designing the process and review the accessibility of grants and scholarships

**Future Design of Synod Assemblies:** Envision new ways of gathering and doing the business of synod assemblies.

**2023 Chicago Youth Gathering:** Envision, design, and plan for a synodwide youth gathering for all congregations.

**2022 Rostered Leaders' Gathering:** Envision and design an event for Rostered leaders

**Synod Constitution:** Work on reviewing and updating the MCS constitution

**Synod Investments:** Review and propose best practices and options for synod investments



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## St. Paul Leadership

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