

# Living Waters

September 2022

## Time Flies

Pastor Zak

*"Time flies when you're having fun"*, which must mean that I'm having the time of my life! I write this in the midst of a cavalcade of transitions with the conclusion of construction and summer, as well as the arrival of a new program year and staff to support it. Time seems to be flying by as I try to do everything all at once. It's in those moments of "temporal whiplash" that I need to be reminded that our work as the church is not really ours at all, but God's. Truly it is a "God's Work, Our Hands" kinda thing, and no matter how fast I move the work of God is unchanged, and in some sense, already done. It is an honor and privilege to share in this work with you, God and the world and I cannot wait to see how we are called to serve in the time to come.

## ProJECT Forward Update

After years of visioning, planning, coordinating and construction, we are thrilled to announce that the building is complete! On August 21 we welcomed Bishop Yehiel Curry of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod to bless and dedicate these renewed spaces (photos below and continued on page 5). We invite you to come and check out the fruits of your collective labor and generosity as we begin utilizing these new spaces for our ministries. We look forward to gathering in these new and inviting spaces that are now more accessible than ever.



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## Worship Information

### In-Person

#### Sundays

Worship in the sanctuary at 8 & 10 am.

### Online/Livestream

Watch the first service live on [YouTube](#), or anytime after that!

### Altar Flowers Sign-Up

Sign up now using our [digital sign-up!](#) Two bouquet slots available for each Sunday; each bouquet is \$30.

# Congregational Life...

## Wine, Women and the Word



Please join us for Wine, Women and the Word on the first Tuesday of each month beginning Sept. 6. This is a gathering of women of all ages (no wine drinking required) as we socialize and study together. This year we will be utilizing *The Bible in 52 Weeks: A yearlong Bible Study for Women* by Dr. Kimberly Moore as the basis for our discussions. The first gathering will be at my home 732 Glenbard Rd, Glen Ellyn at 7pm.

If you have any questions or are planning on attending please contact Judy at [jbnuehring@gmail.com](mailto:jbnuehring@gmail.com). Study book can be purchased online for \$8.99 through [Amazon](#) or [Target](#).

## HOMECOMING

### Homecoming Weekend September 10-11

Join us as we gather for a weekend of events celebrating our community and the arrival of a new program year!

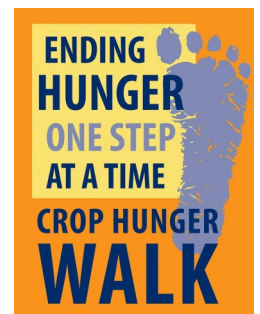
- **Fall Fiesta—Saturday September 10 at 5pm**—Come for the fellowship and stay for the tacos! Join us as we gather in our North Lot celebrating with the larger community. We will have a taco truck providing dinner, as there will also be music and pinatas! This event is FREE and open to the public, so invite a friend! If you would like to help us with set up/clean up take a moment to fill out this volunteer form [here](#). Many hands make light work.
- **Rally Day—Sunday September 11 at 9am** - This kicks off our “Program Year” including Sunday morning classes for ages 3 years - 12th grade, taking place @9A weekly (Register [here](#)). Please contact our Director of Youth & Family, Allison Mikyska for more information.

## Help End Hunger!

### Walk With Us in October

We have a team set up and we want YOU on it! Mark your calendars now for the annual CROP Hunger Walk. We will walk on Sunday, October 2 and we need you on our CROP Walk Team. The 3-mile route follows the Prairie Path and Great Western Trail or take a shorter route. Make it a family event!

Did you know...25% of funds raised will benefit local food pantries with access to food through the Northern Illinois Food Bank. The money these pantries receive puts food directly in the hands of those who need it most. Every \$1 donated helps provide \$8 worth of groceries for our community members. 75% of funds raised will benefit Church World Service programs and hunger initiatives in developing countries. Last year, the St. Paul team raised over \$1,750. The entire walk raised over \$25,000. Let's challenge ourselves and exceed that amount.



Our walkers need sponsors, so you can donate to an individual or the entire team [here](#).

Walk with us on Oct. 2. We'll step off at 1 PM from First Church of Lombard, 220 S. Main St. Get the details and sign up on our St. Paul Team Page. If you have questions about participating, signing up or where your money goes, check with Shirley Jensen. See you on the Prairie Path!

...and More!

### Don't Forget...Beer & Hymns

#### Manny's

September 30, 7 pm, Back Room



### Wednesday Dinners

Our ever-popular Wednesday Night Dinners will be resuming on September 14. We gather weekly in the Fellowship Center with dinner served from 5:30-6P weekly. These dinners are free and open to anyone, so come as you are and bring a

friend! If you are able to help "host" a dinner please sign up [here](#). If you have any questions please contact Carol Freidheim.



### St. Paul Is Going Back to the Future!

Did you ever wonder what people were doing back in 1941? You know, when they started meeting in a storefront to form St. Paul Lutheran Church? What was it like for the little start-up church in Villa Park? The members of St. Paul worked together as the church in Villa Park at the corner of Washington and Ardmore to share God's Love for 81 years! And we are still here Growing, Caring, Giving, and sharing in 2022!

In that same spirit we are creating time capsules to share with our future St. Paul Church! We would like to include some memories we love about St. Paul and some words about who we are. Please start to gather items and write letters now! **We will be gathering items until Sunday, September 11. For complete details see the display table in the Café or contact MarkFreedlund.**

### June Numbers

Giving: \$33,749

(including online: \$20,171)

Expenses: \$39,543

YTD Giving vs. Expenses: \$15,996

#### Other Statistics

Date	Attendance	Viewers
6/5	115	60
6/12	92	38
6/19	89	47
6/26	82	44

### July Numbers

Giving: \$44,402

(including online: \$21,654)

Expenses: \$47,637

YTD Giving vs. Expenses: \$12,761

#### Other Statistics

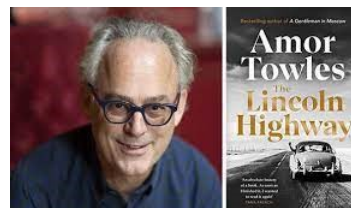
Date	Attendance	Viewers
7/3	78	44
7/10	130	115
7/17	85	45
7/24	101	51
7/31	111	48

### September 12

#### The Lincoln Highway

BOOK CLUB

On September 12th we will meet at church at 7 pm. We will discuss *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles, a novel about three teenagers and a boy driving from Nebraska to New York City in 1954. Please contact [Marti Seaton](#) to be included on our email list.



# Youth and Family Ministry

## Fall Education Activities for Children & Youth

It is that time again! Schools are starting again which means the start of a new program year at St. Paul is right around the corner. Sunday morning activities for children and youth ages 3 years old – 12th grade will resume in-person at 9 am on Sunday, September 11th.

Please register your child(ren) for Sunday School, Confirmation, and High School Hangout using this link: <https://forms.gle/WeUBdtkzajKFJvxm9>. Please register by September 7th!



### Back-to-School Blessing September 11th

Join us for a back-to-school blessing during Sunday morning worship services on September 11th. All students, faculty, staff, administrators and anyone working in an educational setting, are welcome to be recognized and receive a blessing for the year ahead. Services are at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM.

### First Communion Classes

As we head into a new school year it provides a great opportunity for us to gather to learn more about our faith as well. At St. Paul, we invite all children 1st Grade and older to participate in First Communion instruction as they prepare to mark this faith milestone. This year we are offering First Communion Classes in the Fall with additional sessions available in the Spring. Our Fall meetings are September 25, October 2, with a make-up day on October 9, following the 10 AM worship service. A student, along with their parent(s)/godparent(s) are required to attend two sessions. Please take a moment to respond to this Google Form link: <https://forms.gle/GJ4KfaD14nqiXU546> For more information, please contact Pastor Zak.

### Logos is back!

Youth and their friends in grades 9-12 are invited to join us on Monday evenings at Starbucks in Roosevelt Rd. Our weekly and informal gatherings will begin on September 12th at 7 pm. During our time together, we will enjoy Starbucks drinks (if you would like to purchase them) and discussion time. We will check in with highs and lows followed by discussion and conversations. We will have a different prompt or topic each week. Join Allison and December for an evening of relaxed conversation.

## Upcoming Events

- September 11 - Education Begins
- September 12 - Logos
- September 25, October 2 & 9 - First Communion
- October 2 - CROP Walk
- October 8 - Family Orchard Outing to Jonamac (weather permitting)

## Our Youth in Action!



Our Middle School youth enjoying a week at LOMC.



Our High School youth serving at the Oaks Indian Mission in Oklahoma.

# Project Forward (Cont.) & Prayers



## 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 and God's Presence

Sue Seger (friend of Chris Bard), Carol Davis (friend of Diane Sherlock), Tina Scrivano (friend of Sarah Friel) Amy Flesch (daughter of Debbie Flesch), Vince Fagin, Melinda Brent, Kristy Fash-Alvarez, Margaret Golden, Arlene Jensen, Nan Marcum, Joe Mottlow (nephew of Pauline Ares), Brian Peterson (brother of Donna Windmoeller), Sandy Robershaw, Tommy Shallcross, Jim Sherlock (brother of Diane Sherlock), Steve Swanson, Nina Thompson (daughter-in-law of Vince & Jacky Fagin), and All Caregivers

### Prayers of Thanksgiving

Baptism of Bria McElligott on August 7; Baptism of Leilani Nguyen on July 31; New members Pat & Tim Bolin and Phil & Angie Hyssong, joined July 24; Marriage of Daina (Welsh) & Kyle Gordon on July 7; Birth of Margo Frances on June 21 (granddaughter of Bert & Judy Nuehring)

### Prayers for the Bereaved

Karen Zack, Dorothy Kroeger (mother of Karen Arp), Brit Williams (father of Jamie Williams), and Mike Warns

# Community and World



## Elm Tree News

### HELP US PLAY, Rock Friends!

Make a donation to the NEW Elm Tree Christian Child Care Center, Play Space Fund. Stop by the table in the cafe to choose a Rock Friend in exchange for a donation to help with our remodeled play space. The "Help us Play" Rocks were painted by children and staff at the center. This fundraiser is supported by a Thrivent Action Team Project. 100% of donations will support the new enhancements to the play space! Thank you!



The children wrapped up the summer program with a unit on fairy tales and folk tales. They all loved the magic show that was presented on August 10 by Bob James.

The new school year began on August 17 and we now have two classrooms open with many new students. There is a 2-3 year old room and a 3-4 year old room.

We are so blessed to have added new staff this summer and continue to enjoy our beautifully remodeled classrooms!



### AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE!

Our new name, Elm Tree Christian Child Care, is official and we are excited to be in the newly remodeled classrooms, work with a dedicated staff, and see that the outdoor play space is well underway. With the completion of ProJECT FORWARD and the worst of COVID (we pray) in the past, I feel it is time to submit my resignation as board president. These past 10 years have brought many changes, some significant challenges, but primarily the joy of serving in this longtime ministry of our church.

I would like to invite someone to make a commitment (even for just 2-3 years) to assume the presidency of the Outreach Board. Currently, there are seven members on the board and they are very capable in all areas necessary to oversee our center. The new president would have a great deal of support and I would welcome the opportunity to help with the transition. The board president presides at each monthly meeting along with other responsibilities.

Please prayerfully consider this important position and feel free to contact me with any questions. It has been my sincere pleasure to be in this position and I feel very blessed.

-Karen Egan

# September 2022

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.

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4	5 LABOR DAY	6	7	8	9	10
8A Worship 9A Wired Word 10A Worship 2P Hands & Feet	10A Pray & Sq	10A Staff Meeting 7P Wine, Women & the Word	9:30A Bible Study 6P Handbells 7P Choir			5P Fiesta

11 RALLY DAY	12	13	14	15	16	17
8A Worship 9A Wired Word 9A Sunday School 9A Confirmation 9A High School Hangout 10A Worship	1P Executive 6:30P Finance 7P Logos 7P Book Club	10A Staff Meeting 3P Rachel Circle	9:30A Bible Study 5:30P Wed Dinner 6P Handbells 7P Choir	5:30P Childcare Family Movie Night		

18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8A Worship 9A Wired Word 9A Sunday School 9A Confirmation 9A High School Hangout 10A Worship	10A Staff Meeting 6:30P Outreach Board 7P Logos	LIVING WATERS DEADLINE 11A Beacon Hill Worship	9:30A Bible Study 5:30P Wed Dinner 6P Handbells 7P Choir			

25	26	27	28	29	30
8A Worship 9A Wired Word 9A Sunday School 9A Confirmation 9A High School Hangout 10A Worship 11A First Communion	7P Logos	10A Staff Meeting 7P Council	9:30A Bible Study 5:30P Wed Dinner 6P Handbells 7P Choir		7P Beer & Hymns



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## St. Paul Leadership

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Vice President: Gay Nass  
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