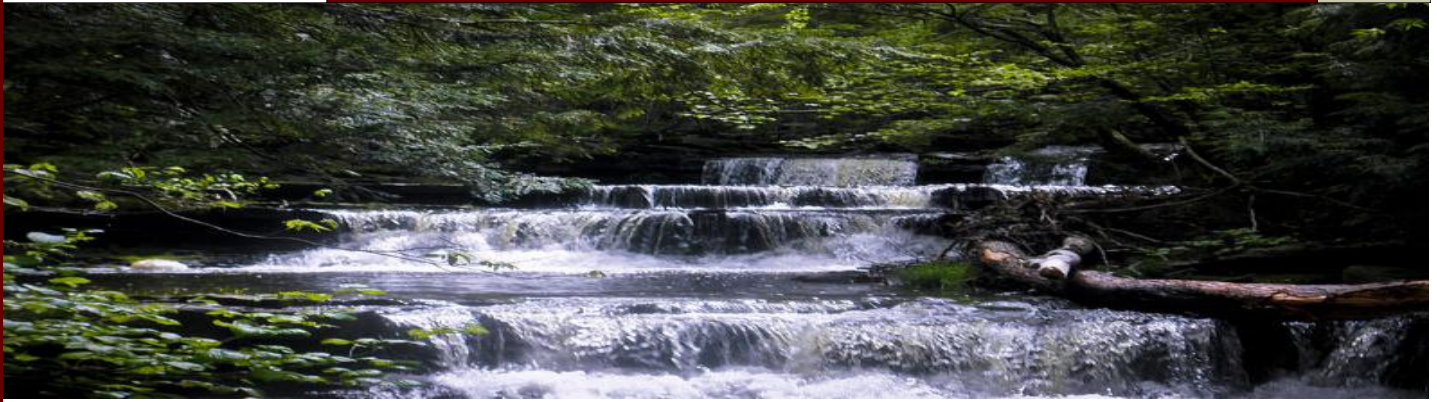


THE STREAM

April 2016

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EARTH DAY SUNDAY

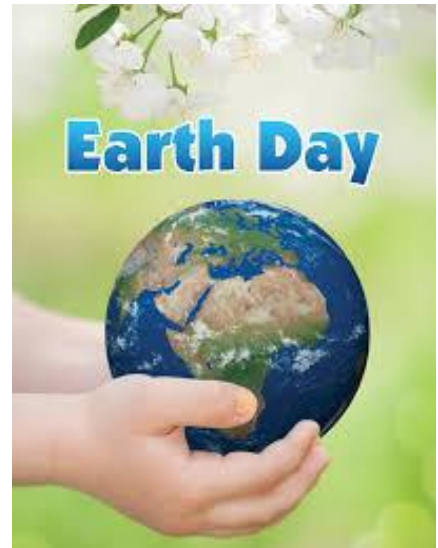
St. Paul will celebrate Earth Day Sunday in worship on April 24.

Each year, Earth Day—April 22—marks the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement in 1970. - See more at: <http://www.earthday.org/about/the-history-of-earth-day/#sthash.CiGudW6u.dpuf>

The idea for a national day to focus on the environment came to Earth Day founder Gaylord Nelson, then a U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, after witnessing the ravages of the 1969 massive oil spill in Santa Barbara, California.

As Christians, Earth day is an opportunity to reflect on the wonders of God's Creation. In worship that day, we will explore the creation story from Genesis, and ponder how God is calling each of us to the practice of responsible stewardship with all of creation.

Please invite others to join you in worship as we celebrate God's wonderful creation!



Here are a few tips on ways to help our environment:

1. Recycle or Re-use items such as glass and plastic
2. Do laundry in cold or warm water rather than hot water
3. Brush your teeth without running the faucet
4. Use your cruise control on your car
5. Recycle unwanted wire hangers
6. Recycle old cell phones
7. Turn off your lights in unused rooms
8. Choose matches over lighters
9. Use rechargeable batteries
10. Cut down on junk mail

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

And just like that...Easter is passed and it's time to start thinking Spring! I don't know about you, but during this time of year I always have fantastic intentions about tackling heavy Spring cleaning tasks around the house. I start a list in my head of all the things I think need to get done, like cleaning the garage as well as the basement, getting the gardens cleaned out from the winter, and putting a fresh coat of paint on the wall in the foyer...*ad nauseum*. Then I begin obsessing about how to get it all accomplished – in a week or so!

As I said, my intentions are fantastic...my results? Not so much...

However, it is not only our homes that need a good dose of de-cluttering.

The internet is loaded with articles about how our physical clutter is really a manifestation of our emotional and spiritual clutter. This emotional and spiritual clutter, such as anger, depression, despair or feelings of never having enough, keep us tethered to things that have long out-lived their usefulness and end up being piled around in our homes.

Spiritual and emotional clutter also spurs us to act in behaviors such as jealousy or gossiping or controlling, and these behaviors contribute to relationships that are cluttered with conflict. When all things are said and done, any clutter that we have in our lives is a barrier to each of us living a life of health and happiness – two things that I believe God wants for all of us to experience.

Jesus said, "If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand." It occurs to me that Jesus – as Jesus often did – was referring to more than physical homes as he spoke these words...

So...I propose that we all challenge ourselves to some spring cleaning this year!

Throughout this month, I challenge each of us to examine the clutter in our lives and resolve to begin a thorough cleaning of our physical, emotional and spiritual houses. Let us dig deep into the piles of stuff laying around in our homes and ask ourselves, *"Is this item serving a regular, useful purpose, or am I just sentimentally attached to it?"* It's ok to be sentimentally attached to something, but experts would tell us that sentimental attachment is cluttering us if we don't use the item on a regular basis.

Let us dig deep into our emotional piles and ask ourselves, *"Am I cluttered up with anger or depression or (insert emotion here) and is that emotion enhancing my life or cluttering it up?"* Experts would tell us that hidden, unresolved emotions are a heavy burden to carry and oftentimes lead to poor physical health.

Finally, perhaps most importantly, let us dig deep into our spiritual piles and ask ourselves, *"Am I cluttered with mean-spiritedness, gossiping, holding grudges, stinginess or being unforgiving?"* I don't think we need an expert to tell us that Jesus would say these spiritual clutterings are destroying love and peace and hope and joy – in ourselves and in our world.

I'm praying my intentions for this year's Spring cleaning will yield better results for me! How about you?

Blessed be –

Pastor Jana



"Am I cluttered up with anger or depression or (insert emotion here) and is that emotion enhancing my life or cluttering it up?"

SUMMER ADULT STUDIES

Beginning in June, Pastor Jana will lead a provocative new discussion group to help us wade our way through two subjects that often do not mix: Religion and Politics.

In June, the group will use a curriculum from The Thoughtful Christian called, "Civility: American Politics and Christian Responses."

The study addresses the ever growing problem of the lack of civility in American politics and asks participants to explore ways to help the conversation around politics become less "winner-takes-all" and become more "let's work together." The class has short readings to prepare for each week's discussion.

Classes will be held on the following Mondays in June: 13, 20, & 27, at 7 pm.

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

Wouldn't it be fun to take a Summer vacation in the Mediterranean?

Pastor Jana will start a Summer sermon series in worship called, "Summer Vacation With St. Paul," beginning Sunday, June 5. Throughout the summer, we will visit the places where the Apostle Paul journeyed as he spread the gospel of Jesus. Paul took three journeys to different cities during his mission and along the way, planted the churches that became the historical foundation upon which the modern church was built.

There are seven letters of the Apostle Paul that are believed to be his original

In July and August the class will begin discussing the book, God's Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It.

The book is written by Jim Wallis, founder of the magazine *Sojourners* and its Washington, DC based social justice community, public theologian and internationally known commentator on ethics and public life. Although the book was written in 2003, it still provides much food for thought and discussion in light of America's current political climate.

The book is widely known for "*issuing a clarion call to make both our religious communities and our government more accountable to key values of the prophetic religious tradition.*"

July and August class dates are: July 11, 18, & 25; and August 8, 15, & 22.

To register for this summer class, please contact Pastor Jana at 847-381-0460.

writings. Those letters are 1 Thessalonians; Galatians; Philippians; Philemon; 1st & 2nd Corinthians; and Romans. The letters are filled with rich theology and community building messages, for not only the church in Paul's time, but also the church of the 21st century.

Each week the preaching theme will be a theme from one of the letters, including historical background and pictures of the ancient cities.

Come and take a Summer vacation at St. Paul! Summer is a great time to invite traveling companions to join you!

Civility: American Politics and Christian Responses



Gather to Discuss

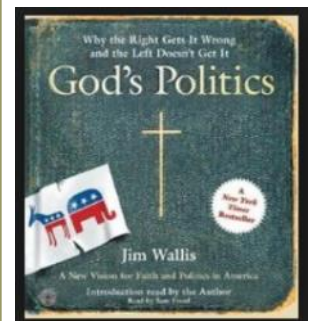
Mondays in June

7 pm

June 13

June 20

June 27



Join the Discussion

Mondays

7 pm

July 11

July 18

July 25

August 8

August 15

August 22

April Happenings



**Gather with
Women's
Fellowship**

**Thursday, April 7
12:30 pm
in
Fellowship Hall**



**BREAKFAST
BUNCH**

**Join the
Breakfast
Bunch**

**Saturday, April 9
9:30 am
in
Fellowship Hall**

ST. PAUL WALKERS...UNITE!



Tired of walking alone?

Looking for a way to motivate yourself and others to get moving?

A Saturday Walking Group is forming at St. Paul! Please contact the office and let us know if you are interested.

BARRINGTON CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Mark your calendars! The Barrington Children's Choir will be joining in our worship service Sunday, April 24th.

The Intermediate Ensemble, comprised of 4th–7th graders, will perform a mini concert beginning at 9:15 am in the sanctuary. They will also participate in our worship service.

We look forward to hosting this group of songbirds and give them a warm St.





HELP OUR GARDEN

Spring has sprung! And so have the plants in our Peace Garden.

Green thumbs and not so green thumbs are need to weed, prune, mulch and care for our beautiful flowers and trees.

Work can be done on your schedule...please contact Bill Roessler at 847-507-9959 or waroessler@gmail.com to lend a hand.



MANNA GIFT CARDS



Order

Manna Gift Cards

**Sunday, April 3
After worship**

**Questions?
Call
Marion Miller
847-381-1647**



REEL PEOPLE

REEL People, a video discussion group for adults, will meet on Friday, April 15th, 7 pm, at the home of Sue & Fred Schick.

The movie selection for the evening is a *The Road* starring Viggo Mortensen and Charlize Theron.

Participants are asked to preview the movie and come prepared to share your thoughts! .

Also, please bring an appetizer or dessert, and your choice of beverage to share.

For more information call Barb Nester at 847-381-4338.



Knitting Group

**Thursdays
2 pm**

**Christian
Education Wing**

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED



Please consider sharing your gifts with the children of St. Paul during the summer. Past gifts have included sports, cooking, crafts, yoga, gardening, writing, drama, etc. Please email Kim Roessler, kjroessler@gmail.com to coordinate a Sunday to share your special gifts.



Youth Fundraiser Update

Sunday, February 7th the Youth sold sub sandwiches to raise money for the church general fund.

The Youth raised \$430 and we all enjoyed the delicious subs!

REEL Kidz - Saturday, April 23

The next REEL Kidz night is scheduled for Saturday, April 23rd, 5:30–8:30 pm.

The featured movie is Inside Out, rated PG (Parental Guidance Suggested). When 11 year old Riley moves to a new city, her Emotions team up to help her through the transition.

Cost is \$10 per child and sign-up is limited so you will want to register soon!



REEL Kidz is a program for kids ages 4 yrs–5th grade that offers dinner, a kid appropriate movie and snacks.

To reserve a spot for your child(ren) email Kim Roessler, Christian Ed Chairperson @ kjroessler@gmail.com.



The Youth Lock-In will be held April 30-May 1.

All Youth middle school age through high school are asked to attend.

Drop-off is 6:30 pm on Saturday, April 30. Pick-up is after worship on Sunday, May 1.

Parents please fill out permission and liability slips and sign-up to bring breakfast items. Please turn in slips to Karen Harding.

CONFIRMATION



Sunday, May 17 is the date for this year's Confirmation Service during worship.

Confirmation is that time in the life of a youth when they study and learn about his or her faith

heritage, culminating with each youth choosing to affirm the vows of baptism to live a life of faith that were taken by the parents of each youth.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the Confirmation Service in support of the youth who will make this important commitment to the life of faith!



WINGS is one of the largest domestic violence service and housing providers in the state of Illinois. Single women and women with children are able to receive temporary safe shelter through WINGS housing.

Staff provides one-on-one, individualized assistance that allows women to set personal goals that will enable them to work, continue their education, and care for themselves and their children.

During the month of April the Missions Team will be collecting items and cash donations to help support WINGS.

Please bring gently used or new items to church, or if you would like to give a financial donation, please make sure you have written "WINGS" in the memo of your check or on your envelope.

WINGS WISH LIST

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| Boys Underwear size 10-12 | Pajamas—Boys 5-14 |
| Women's Underwear 9/10 | Pajamas—Women's L-2X |
| New Slippers—Adult/child | Bras 40/42 D & DD |
| Flip Flops -Adult/Child | |
| Pull-ups size 2-3 or 3-4 | Diapers size 5 & 6 |
| Advil/Tylenol | Cough Medicine |
| Neosporin | Vaseline |
| Q-Tips | Deodorant |
| Razors | Tampons |
| Hair Relaxers | Multi Vitamins |
| Body Lotion | Mouthwash |
| Hydrogen Peroxide | Allergy Medicine |
| Laundry Detergent | Bathroom Cleaner |
| Windex | Floor Cleaner |
| Paper Towels | Toilet Paper |
| Fabric Softener | Dishwasher Liquid |
| Toilet Bowl Cleaner | Comet |
| 13 Gal Garbage Bags | Floor Cleaner |
| Lysol Spray | Foil/Saran Wrap |
| Trial Size Items—Baby Shampoo, Baby Lotion, Baby Powder, Baby Bath, Deodorant | |

NIGHT MINISTRY UPDATE



Thanks to the generosity of our congregation in January, the Missions Team collected \$613 to benefit The Night Mission.

Your support will help further the mission of The Night Ministry.

With an open heart and mind, The Night Ministry provides housing, health care and human connection to members of the Chicago community who are struggling with poverty and homelessness.



**Sunday,
April 24**

5:30pm—7pm

To lend a hand
Contact
Kathleen Bolger
kabbolger@gmail.com



Would you like to pay your weekly offering electronically?

Finance team is exploring ways of collecting commitment payments electronically.

Let us know if this is something in which you would be interested.

Call, email the church office or speak to Lynn Minton on Sunday and let us know if this convenient service could help you.



ST. PAUL CEMETERY NEWS

In the coming months, the Finance Ministry will be considering a number of alternatives regarding the St Paul UCC Cemetery on Main Street.

The options range from increased marketing for the sale of the remaining grave sites to the sale or divestiture of the cemetery property itself.

The Finance Ministry expects to be in a position to make a recommendation to the congregation at the time of the annual meeting in November, 2016.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the cemetery, please direct them to the Finance Ministry: Rollin Hamelberg (chair) Mary Krabbe, Ron Hamelberg, Karen Harding, Bill Bishop, and Richard Chay. We welcome your input.

FINANCE MINISTRY REPORT—2015 RESULTS

The Finance Ministry finalized the accounting for the 2015 church year. The results show a surplus of income over expenses when just normal church operations are counted. Income was 219,567, and expenses were \$208,955, for a surplus of \$10,612.

When the impact of the extraordinary expenses of the organ repair, tree removal, and building

safety repairs (totaling \$21,000) are included, the result was a deficit of (\$ 10,766) for the year. Those extraordinary expenses were paid for out of the BRC fund.

While not shown here, the Money Market balance decreased from \$237,000 (December 31, 2014) to \$218,000 on December 31, 2015.

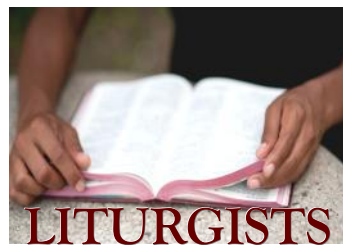
	2015 Results (Excluding Extraordinary Expenses)	2015 Results (Including all expenses)
Total Expenses	\$208,955	\$230,333
Total Income	\$219,567	\$219,567
Surplus (Deficit)	\$+10,612	(\$ 10,766)

St. Paul Ministry Support



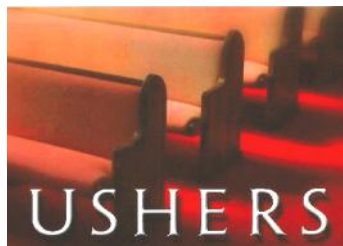
- April 3 Rob Fanning & Loretta Fanning
- April 10 Cathleen & Richard Chay
- April 17 Sandy & Chloe Wiles
- April 24 Bee & Greg Benesh

To join this ministry...
 Contact
Bee Benesh
 847-842-5879



- April 3 Bev Preuss
- April 10 Caitlin Preuss
- April 17 Fred Schick
- April 24 Shelley Carlson

To join this ministry...
 Contact
Robb Fanning
 773-218-2274



To join this ministry...
 Contact
Dawn Landwer
 847-721-0412

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| April 3 | Eloris Bogle
Sue Schick | Sue Robertson
OPEN |
| April 10 | Rick Jurs
Linda Smith | Stephanie Blatchley
OPEN |
| April 17 | Richard Chay
Rose Chen | Cathleen Chay
OPEN |
| April 24 | Jill Dawson
Bernie Hempel | Dawn Landwer
Kirk Murdock |



- April 3 Sue and Fred Schick
- April 10 Cathy Pezdirtz
- April 17 Margo Dunmore
- April 24 Cathleen & Richard Chay

To join this ministry...
 Contact
Lynn Minton
 847-381-0460

Thank you to all who participate in these Sunday Morning ministries!

JOYS

Birthdays
Anniversaries
Prayer shawl
Welcoming visitors
Traveling
Confirmation
Weddings
Cupcakes for a Cause
Family Trips
Kindness of new neighbors

Healing
Foster Parents
St. Paul Suppers volunteers
Family get togethers
Easter Breakfast
Maundy Thursday
Births
St. Paul Choirs
Good Friday
Jesus Rising



PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

Ruth Gregory
Dee McCarthy
Gene Randle
George Krabbe
John McCloud, Shelley Carlson's son-in-law
Carrie Merritt, Ed Merritt's sister-in-law
Joan Karbonik, the Schick's friend
Beverly, Foggy's friend
Jason, Shelley Carlson's grandson
Kristin, Sandy Wiles' friend
Marnie Robins, Katherine Chwalisz friend
Having a forgiving spirit

Pat Wiles, Sandy Wiles' mother
Baby Audrey, Bev Preuss friend
Jim Comeford, Gene Anne's friend
Bart Mosele, Lynn Minton's friend
Joey O'Neil, the Shick's friend
Bill Rowe, Mark Schmitt's friend
Randy Vawter, the Waller's friend
Alice Lambert, Marty Gregory's sister
Skip Quasne, Eric Bachmann's friend
Sue Baker, Kirk Murdock's Aunt
Deb Caldiera, Margo Dunmore's neice

CONDOLENCES

The Family of Aubrey McKeeran
The Family of Caroline
The Family of Judith Foster
The Family of Frau

The Family of Margie Hughes
The Family of Ronnie Shugg
The Family of Larry Anderson
The Family of Deloris Damico

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

Homeless and the hungry
Leaders of the World
Those who struggle with mental illness
Middle East
Refugees around the world
Those who are unable to cope

Shootings/End of gun violence
Peace
End of nuclear weapons/war/sanctions
Those who have lost their job
Those who are in prison

**Please keep in your thoughts and prayers our Troops serving our country, and especially Staff Sgt. Joseph Konieczny; Gunnery Sergeant Adam Benrud; Cpl. Therese Hempenius; those targeted by terrorists.*

**Please keep in your thoughts and prayers those who are not able to attend church: Ralph Gualke, Walt Hempenius, Alice Rieke, Henrietta Sturm, Lillian Stangl, Audrey Hartz.*


Lord, we come before you as we are. We ask you to take away from us all that makes us less than human.

Strengthen us with the power of your Spirit that our attitude and outlook may develop, and our "way of looking" may become more like yours.

Help us to remain positive - encouraging and appreciating one another, looking upon people in the same way that you do. Amen.

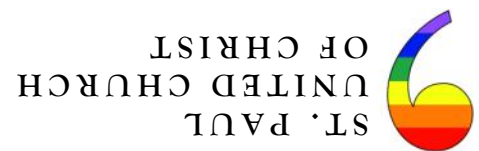


Upcoming Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 OFFICE CLOSED	2
3 9:30am Worship	4 7pm Yoga	5 7:30pm AA	6 6pm Bells 7pm Choir	7 12:30pm Women's Fellowship 7pm Disciple	8 OFFICE CLOSED	9 12:30am Breakfast Bunch
10 9:30am Worship	11 7pm Yoga "Thinking It Through"	12 7:30pm AA	13 6pm Bells 7pm Choir	14 7pm Disciple	15 OFFICE CLOSED 7pm REEL People	16
17 9:30am Worship	18	19 7:30 pm AA	20 6pm Bells 7pm Choir	21 7 pm Disciple	22 	23 5:30-8:30 pm REEL Kidz
24 9:30am Worship BCC Sings 31 9:30am Worship	25 7pm Yoga "Thinking It Through"	26 7:30 pm AA	27 6pm Bells 7pm Choir	38 7 pm Disciple	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30

We are called to be loving and
compassionate, living the way of
Christ, growing, thinking,
accepting, serving and giving.

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Rev. Jana Chwalisz— Pastor
Renee Kruper— Music Director
Lynn Minton— Office Manager
Dawn Hamelberg— Kiddee Keep Coordinator
Email us— stpauluccchurch@gmail.com

**Worship/Church School 9:30 AM
Every Sunday**

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At St. Paul UCC Barrington, IL