



Autumn at St. Paul's!



This fall, add color to your life with the help of the Holy Spirit, refresh the rhythm of your life with new beginnings in our faith community, and find your freedom in life with Christ at St. Paul's.

This fall, "...whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Col. 3:17

Childcare for little ones is available for events held at St. Paul's on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday nights and Sunday mornings.



Various Start Dates, Sacred Space; Sacred Sound

Almost everyone loves music in some shape or form, and music can be a key to spiritual development. Some of us share our gifts and talents by leading musical groups, by singing and playing for the glory of God in various ensembles, or by listening, interpreting and being enlightened by musical offerings in worship. Music is one thing we all have in common.

Would you like to be part of creating sacred sounds in our sacred place? Overall, we've got a good thing going, and we'd love to have you join us! Is it work? Yes! Is it a commitment? Yes! Is it fun with a great group of people? Yes! Is it a key component to your spiritual development? That is for you to answer.

Check us out, and check out your musical gifts. Is St. Paul's music ministry something that could be a key component in your spiritual development? The offerings include the following. Contact Carol (363-2058 or catralau@gmail.com) if interested or if you have any questions. Check the schedule on page 4 for start dates and times.

- Children: Star, Cherub and Chapel Choirs
- Youth: Youth Choir, Chancel and Wesley Bells, youth musicians for youth worship
- Adults: Sanctuary Choir, Men's Ensemble, Carilloners, Tower Bells, Praise Team, Brass Ensemble, Hospital Minstrels



August 20, Hopefest 11 am-3 pm,

sponsored by Mission of Hope and Area Churches. Help by preparing food or staffing our food stand from 11 -3 as we offer this gift of care in the neighborhood. Contact Joanne Ward about Hopefest!



August 20, Children's Sunday School 4 pm, Worship 5 pm, Picnic/Potluck 6 pm

sponsored by the 3rd Ave. Churches. Join in great fellowship! Bring your family, lawn chairs, and a salad to share. Hot dogs, chips, dessert and drink will be provided! Contact Jim Steggall about the Evening Picnic!



August 21, New Member Series Begins, 10:20-11:20 am

Learn about St. Paul's and The United Methodist Church during this 5-Sunday series. Dates include Aug. 21, 28, Sept. 11, 18, 25 to be led by the pastoral team. This series will prepare you for membership if you should decide to join us!



August 21, Embraced by the Spirit—Compass Class

Compass Class, an adult Sunday School Class, begins a new multi-week study by Charles Swindoll, *Embraced by the Spirit*. Come join Compass for a spirit-filled time of learning.




August 24, All Church Picnic


Everyone is invited to our annual All-Church Picnic at Bever Park on Wednesday, August 24 from 5:15-9:00 pm. Meat, buns, and beverages provided. Bring the family, your own lawn chairs, games, tableware, and one or two side dishes or desserts to share. Food will be served starting at 6:00. We'll be in Bever Pavilion (the large shelter near the playground). If inclement weather forces us indoors, we'll be in the Social Hall. Most TGIW activities begin the following week.





August 28, Worship Outside! 10:30 Blended & 11:30 Contemporary Services


Gather in the shady grass along the 3rd Ave. side of St. Paul's and worship with us! Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy some refreshments, courtesy of your Reaching & Receiving and Worship Teams.


 **August 28-Sept. 25, Undy Sundays**
Help St. Paul's collect NEW underwear and socks for area children by bringing your donations.

 **Starting August 31, Thank God It's Wednesday!**
TGIW meets during the school year and includes activities and music for all ages. We start with a meal at 5:15. After that, adults have Bible studies and choir. Youth have games and worship. Elementary children meet in two groups: K-2nd grade and 3rd-4th grade. They have Bible-based activities and then choir: Cherub Choir (K-2nd grade) and Chapel Choir (3rd-5th grade). Preschoolers have Star Choir which includes music and activities (Star Choir starts September 7). See the schedule on page 4 for a complete list of dates and times!


 **September 1, The Social Hall becomes The Wesley Center**
In July, the Church Council approved changing the name of the Social Hall to the Wesley Center. The new name reflects the fact that it is not just a social hall, but also a worship space and more.


 **September 8, GAP and Women's Bible Study**
(combined women's small groups) will begin Sept 1 with a Social. Beginning September 8 they will be discussing "Breaking Free" by Beth Moore. It's a 10 week series. Thursdays 9:30-11:30 am, Room 117. Jennifer Petersen, and Sharon Pepper, contacts. Childcare available. \$18 materials fee


 **September 4, Fall Sunday School Starts**
September 4 is the day all children and Club 56ers will move up to the next age/grade level. Age 2 through Age 4 go to classrooms based on the age they will be by Sept. 15, 2011. Parents of children in AK may choose whether to have their children in the 4 year old classroom or the kindergarten classroom. Preschool and Club 56 (5th-6th graders) go directly to their classrooms at 10:20. Kindergarten through 4th grade start in the music center for opening music, attendance, and offering and should be picked up in classrooms at 11:20. **Remember that all children 2 years old through 4th grade must be dropped off and picked up by an adult.** Some classrooms are different from last year, so make sure to check the list: 2 year olds (Room 207); 3 year olds (Room 201); 4 year olds (Room 205); Kindergarten (Room 309); 1st Grade (Room 311); 2nd Grade (Room 310); 3rd Grade (Room 307); 4th Grade (Room 305).

 **September 8, Disciple II Bible Study Begins!**
6:30-8:30 pm, Thursdays
Disciple: Into the Word, into the World is a 32 week journey into Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts, which has been a life-changing study experience for many. Let co-leaders Ron Bunch and Pastor Sherrie Ilg


know to order a workbook for you!

 **September 10, Prayer Retreat**
"Everyone, including the Apostles, by their own witness and practice, needed renewal of their faith through worship, prayer, study, service, witness – together." Pastor Harlan Gillespie reminds us that we are called to be a faith community that prays together. We've set aside time for a Prayer Feast on Saturday, Sept. 10. , 9:00 AM - noon. Like our daily bread, prayer comes in many flavors and styles. We're preparing a variety of selections; you can join a group to sample a variety or select your tried-and-true favorite. Your presence matters!

 **September 20-21, Thrift Mart**
Donations for the Fall Thrift Mart sale will be accepted at the 3rd Avenue entrance during the hours of 8:30 -10:30 am on the following days: **Mondays:** August 22, August 29 and September 12. **Saturdays:** August 20, August 27, and September 10. August 22 is set for the first day of **sorting Thrift Mart donations.** We will start at 8:30 that morning. Sorting takes about 90 minutes and it is a good chance to get to know a wide range of people. Other tentative sorting dates at this time are August 29 and Sept 12. This may change depending on the quantity of donations. Questions? Contact Doug Thompson 366-6863.

 **September 11, Christian Education Sunday**
Third Grade Bibles
Bibles will be presented to 3rd graders during the 9:00 and 11:30 services on September 11. Third graders and their families can sit wherever they wish and come up at the appropriate time in the service. A photo will be taken in the sanctuary at 10:20, after which the 3rd graders and the senior high class will have Bible Fun together in room 110 during Sunday School. Third graders can be picked up from room 110 at 11:20.

Teacher/Leader Dedication
That morning we will also be dedicating our teachers and leaders as our many education ministries continue and/or get started this fall. If you are teaching or leading this fall, please make a special point to come to worship!

 **September 11, 9/11: Remember, Reflect & Respect**
Veterans Memorial Baseball Stadium will host this 2 pm event. This special Cedar Rapids area service is sponsored by the Inter-religious Council, supported by St. Paul's and many area churches. Invite others to join you in this unique opportunity to gather as a community.



**September 11, *New Study for Voyagers***

The Sunday after Labor Day Voyagers, an adult Sunday School class, will start: "*Our Christian History and Heritage: Crusades to John Wesley*" this will be from September 2011 to May 2012 but we will take time out in December for an Advent study and will take time out for the all-church Lenten study.

**September 11-16, *Mission Trip to Western Iowa***

Calling all adults! Join a team traveling to assist Iowa communities damaged by recent natural disasters. The group will leave the afternoon of September 11. For details about the trip, contact Pastor Phil Rogers.

**Beginning September 14, *Prayer Shawl Ministry***

Attention St. Paul's knitters. The shawl knitting group will resume after a summer vacation. We meet at 1:30 in the church Library on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in September and October and the 2nd Wednesday in November and December. If you enjoy knitting and good fellowship we invite you to come help make prayer shawls. For more information contact Char Burton, 364-3570.

**September 18, *Children's Chapel Begins***

On September 18, Children's Chapel will be starting up again during the 9:00 service. Children in Kindergarten through 4th grade are invited to this worship service in the chapel. Preschoolers can come if they bring a parent. We will all start in the sanctuary and then interested children will proceed to the chapel after the children's message. Children will be brought back to the sanctuary at 9:55 to rejoin their families. Families who would prefer to keep their children in sanctuary worship are welcome to do so. The first Sunday of each month when we celebrate Communion, and on other special occasions, there will be no Children's Chapel so that everyone can worship together.

**September 25, *10:30 Chapel Worship, 10:30 & 11:30 Worship Café Begin!***

Sunday morning worship will return to the Chapel and Wesley Center (former Social Hall). The historic Chapel offers traditional worship with organ. Worship Café gathers us around tables with our Praise Team leading music from the enhanced stage area. Complete with new technology, and other worship elements, we welcome you to experience Worship Café! Invite a friend to join you at any of our worship services.

**October 2-Oct 30, *All-Church Spiritual Study - Extravagant Generosity***

Join in small group study, worship, and Sunday school in our first congregational fall, spiritual study. Ron Bunch is inviting you to sign up for small groups and grow in faith. We will be coordinating worship

and the small group study with a daily Bible and prayer resource written by Bishop Schnase. Small groups will be forming during the month of September. Watch for sign-up opportunities!

**October 30, *Consecration Sunday***

Join us as we consecrate our lives and our gifts to the ministry of Jesus Christ in the world. This will be the culmination of the church-wide study of *Extravagant Generosity*.

**October 30, *Trunk or Treat***

At 2:00 we will once again join with Westminster Presbyterian and First Lutheran churches to host Trunk or Treat for any children interested. Start thinking now about your costume and how you will decorate your trunk!

**November 2-3, *Holiday Fair "Spirit Remembered"***

Craft Boutique, Country Store, Koffee Kup, Kid's Korner (Wed. only), & more. Family Dinner Wed., 5:00-8:00 pm; Thurs. Luncheon Nov. 4 at Noon-Theme Tables & Style Show. This is a missions fundraiser for St. Paul's United Methodist Women. Sara Steil, chairperson.

**November 13, *Church Conference, 6 pm, Shueyville United Methodist Church.***

Celebrate the ministries of St. Paul's, elect officers and committees for 2012 and enjoy fellowship with others serving through the United Methodist Church.

**November 20 *Save the Date Hanging of the Greens***

Come join us as we decorate the church for the season of Advent. Watch for more details.

**December 10 *Save the Date Blue Christmas Worship***

The Blue Christmas Service is a special night to be real in our grief while still recognizing that part of the reason for Jesus' coming was to bring hope and comfort, to heal the sick, to seek the lost, to restore the broken and broken-hearted. Invite your friends and family to come be a part of this special, relaxed service designed just for such a time as this.

**December 18 *Save the Date Children's Christmas Program***

Children preschool through 5th grade witness to their faith through the Children's Christmas Program. The program takes place during the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, and all ages are invited to attend instead of going to their regular Sunday School classes. Rehearsals take place during Sunday School and TGIW.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Harlan Gillespie, Senior Pastor	Allison Warren, Minister of Christian Education
Sherrie Ilg, Associate Pastor	Lloyd E. Brockmeyer, Minister of Congregational Care
Phil Rogers, Minister of Youth	Carol Tralau, Director of Music Ministries
	Matt German, Contemporary Worship Leader

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2011-2012 Education Activities & Music Rehearsals



<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beginning Date</u>
6:30 – 7:15 p.m.	Men's Ensemble	Choir Room	September 6
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beginning Date</u>
5:15 – 6:00 p.m.	Meal	Wesley Center (Social Hall)	August 31
5:45 – 6:30 p.m.	Club 56 (5 th -6 th Grade)	119	August 31
6:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Youth Team-Building Games	Youth Rooms	August 31
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Star Choir and activities (preschool)	307	September 7
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Adult Classes	(watch for announcements)	
6:00 – 6:45 p.m.	3-4 th grade activities	117	August 31
6:00 – 6:45 p.m.	K-2 nd grade activities	105/107	August 31
6:30 – 7:15 p.m.	Tower Bells (Adults)	327	September 7
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Youth Worship*	Wesley Center (Social Hall)	August 31
6:45 – 7:15 p.m.	Chapel Choir (3 rd -5 th Grade)	117	August 31
6:45 – 7:15 p.m.	Cherub Choir (K-2 nd Grade)	101	August 31
7:30 – 8:15 p.m.	Youth Fellowship	110	August 31
7:30 – 8:15 p.m.	Wesley Bells (Mid-High)	327	August 31
7:30 – 9:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room	August 31
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beginning Date</u>
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Carillonneurs	327	August 25
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beginning Date</u>
10:00-11:00 a.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary	ongoing
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beginning Date</u>
9:00 a.m.	Children's Chapel	Sanct./Chapel	September 18
10:20 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages		ongoing/September 4
10:20 a.m.	Club 56	107	September 4
10:20 a.m.	Confirmation (7 th and 8 th)	101	September 11
4:30 – 5:15 p.m.	Youth Choir	Choir Room	August 28
5:15 – 6:00 p.m.	Chancel Bells (Senior High)	327	August 28

*5th Graders who are in Chapel Choir are invited to the first 15 minutes of youth worship