

# The Messenger

The Newsletter of First Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Back in 1995, after 10 years at my first church in Indiana, I took a call to a church in New Jersey. It was a step of faith. I didn't know what the future had in store. After arriving, it was a time of matching a lot of names to faces. To help in the process of learning the new territory, the assistant pastor gave me an atlas with a dozen detailed maps of all the towns in that vast metro area. That summer I spent much time traveling all over to make a visit to every member in the church family.

Now, some 27 years later, I find myself doing the same thing at First Saint Paul's. I'm trying to match a lot of names and faces while also exploring the territory. As with New Jersey, it is somewhat overwhelming as I consider the vast number of people surrounding the church. Right now, I'm seeking to find and visit the church's homebound members, which because of parking issues will be an adventure. No, I'm not going to be able to visit all homes as a vacancy pastor, but it wouldn't be a bad idea for your next pastor to make such an effort!

I share my experience with you because it reminds me of Abraham when he got a call from God to make a move. We read that he "...went out even though he did not know where he was going". In other words, Abraham did not know what the future had in store. By faith he stepped out into the unknown.

That's where I make the connection to Abraham's story. I do not know what the future has in store for me and for you, in these next months. However, I do know that all of this is not by chance. I see God's Hand working behind the scenes and the assurance that this is all meant to be. Knowing that God has a good plan for First Saint Paul's, I ask myself: "What can I do to help this church that has some good things going for it?" I pray for God's help and wisdom. Along the way I trust that there will be some of you who will provide needed insight and perspective. Above all, I rely on God's ever-sufficient grace for the tasks ahead.

Again, thank you for being so welcoming to me and my wife, Sandy. I look forward to getting to know you better in the weeks ahead.

Many blessings,

Pastor Gregg  
Vacancy Pastor

By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed and set out for a place that he was going to receive as an inheritance. He went out, even though he did not know where he was going. (*Hebrews 11.8*)

*All our steps are ordered by the LORD; how then can we understand our own ways?*  
Proverbs 20.24



## Welcome everyone!

To those of you who are returning to First Saint Paul's in person or joining us online, welcome back.

To long time members and frequent guests, welcome.

To new visitors: welcome to our church, we hope you find a home among us.

Over the past two and a half years we have learned new ways of inviting people in to our faith community. We continue to reach out and to broaden our faith community through online viewing. As more individuals and families return fully to in person worship and fellowship at First Saint Paul's, I hope we are able to make everyone feel welcome. One way we can do this by seeking to learn about one another, offering words of encouragement, and sharing the impact that this church has had on our lives with each other.

As we continue the process of calling a new pastor, we are glad to welcome Pastor Gregg Ramirez as our vacancy pastor.

However you are participating in our faith community, welcome and blessings to you.

Sincerely,

Gavin Morgan  
Church Council Chair

## Are You Missing Someone?

Request from the Elders: As the pandemic recedes, more people are returning to in-person Sunday worship services. But attendance numbers are still down approximately 30% to 40% from pre-2020 figures.

Is there someone who you have not seen in church in a while and are missing? Are you wondering what has happened to them? Pastor Gregg and the Board of Elders would like to hear from you so we can make an effort to reach out and reconnect to people you may not have seen at worship since the pandemic began.

Please contact any of us with the information so we can reach out to reconnect with them: Pastor Gregg Ramirez, David Rogner, Susan Morgan, Christine Lutze, Doug Harkness, or Howard Ansonge.



Nolan Wolf was baptized at First Saint Paul's on October 16, 2022 at the age of eighteen. We are filled with joy to welcome and encourage this young man as he responds to the call of God.



## Christmas Concert 2022

# How Shall We Approach This Wonder?

First Saint Paul's annual Christmas Concert will take place Sunday, December 11 at 3:00 pm.

This annual musical event features carols and hymns with choir, soloists, orchestra, and assembly. *How Shall we Approach This Wonder?* is a recent carol that began life as a Christmas card greeting written by Kris Kuhn, a Lutheran poet and writer living in Portland, Oregon. The text calls us to think about how the good news of Jesus' birth affects—and even changes—our lives and our attitude toward others.

This year is also the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Ralph Vaughan Williams. We will include several of this composer's compositions, as well as other familiar hymns and carols.

The Christmas concert is one of the highlights of the season at First Saint Paul's. A gracious candlelight reception follows the service. We hope that you will invite friends and neighbors.

This year, we have again four levels of giving support:

- Seraphim (\$300 and over)
- Cherubim (\$150–299)
- Archangels (\$50–149)
- Angels (to \$49)

The Christmas Concert continues only because of the support of many members and friends. Contributions can be made through the regular envelopes, directly to the church office or online. For more information about the concert and how to support it, please contact Steven Wentz ([swente@fspauls.org](mailto:swente@fspauls.org)).



## Christmas Eve Service — Saturday, December 24 at 7pm

This year for Christmas Eve, we will once again have the **Metropolis String Quartet**, with **Jeri-Lou Zike**, playing an extended prelude and during the service. Several of these musicians are among the top early music players in Chicago.

We hope that you will make plans to attend the service on Christmas Eve, with the **pre-service music beginning at 6:40 pm**.

The Christmas Concert Fund supports both the Christmas Concert and music on Christmas Eve. We invite you to participate in these events through your attendance and through your financial support.



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# Our gifts, we bring You now!

As you are reading this, the **2023 Stewardship Initiative** is underway. We hope that you have enjoyed the stewardship information that has been provided so far.

The 2023 theme, ***Our gifts, we bring You now!*** is based on the hymn, *Lord of All Good* (Lutheran Service Book 786) authored by Alfred F. Bayly. The hymn is based on two New Testament passages: Romans 12.1 and 1 Peter 4.10 – 11.

As in the past, we've invited members and friends of First Saint Paul's to share their thoughts on the stewardship of service during the services from October 23 through Consecration Sunday, November 20. There are still opportunities available so if you'd like to share, please contact Asa Carter, the Stewardship Board Chair, at 312.213.9432 or by email at [asa-carter@comcast.net](mailto:asa-carter@comcast.net).

Please take time to complete a time and talent survey (either during one of the services or online on the Stewardship page of our website), and watch the poster in the narthex to see all of the ways that First Saint Paul's members and friends support our ministry.

As part of Consecration Sunday on November 20, Reverend Allan Buss, President of the Northern Illinois District, will deliver the message. Following the service, we invite you to join us in the fellowship hall for the Stewardship Luncheon catered by The Polo Café. You can expect to enjoy a variety of items, including the always-popular baked dates wrapped in country bacon! Seating is limited so please RSVP to the Evite or sign up to attend on the bulletin board.

Watch the bulletin and the Stewardship web page throughout the initiative for additional information.

I ask that you continue to support First Saint Paul's with your prayers, through offerings of your time and talents, and financially through your online giving, offerings during the in-person services, or by mailing your offering check to First Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, 1301 N. LaSalle Drive, Chicago IL 60610.

The Stewardship Board would love to welcome new members to participate in the 2023 Initiative. If you have time and talent to share, please contact Asa Carter at the phone number or email address above.

Yours in Christ,

Asa Carter

Chair, Board of Stewardship

## Services this Fall

In a combined meeting, the Board of Worship and Music and the Board of Elders reviewed special services for this fall.

- ◇ We will have a communion service on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 24) at 10:00 am.
- ◇ After consideration of our mid-week Advent services, we will not hold services this year on Wednesday evening. Instead, we will provide several Advent devotions which will be available online.
- ◇ The boards noted that both Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on a Sunday. Services will be held at 9:30 am. The service on Christmas Eve remains at 7:00 pm.
- ◇ The boards also decided not to have a New Year's Eve service this year, but instead to focus on the New Year's Day service.

## Worship Assistants Needed!



We are in need of worship assistants in many areas:

- ⇒ Ushers
- ⇒ Altar guild
- ⇒ Livestream
- ⇒ Lectors
- ⇒ Communion assistants
- ⇒ Book & cross bearers
- ⇒ Hosts for fellowship hour

If you are interested in any of these areas, please contact the church office ([office@fspauls.org](mailto:office@fspauls.org)), and the specific coordinator will be in touch. For most roles, the tasks are not overwhelming and are done only occasionally, but we do need many hands!



# Call Committee Updates

Call Committee: Howard Ansoorge (Chair), April Szymanski, Laurie Bart, Jen Masengarb, Mike Cacicio, and David Rogner

## The call process consists of three basic phases:

**Phase 1:** Surveying the Congregation and Gathering Information

**Phase 2:** Soliciting Nominations, Reviewing Candidates, and Conducting interviews

**Phase 3:** Presenting a Recommendation to the Church Council and the Voters

The Call Committee has been meeting on a regular basis since early May. In our first meeting on May 2, our advisor from the Northern Illinois District office (Rev. John Prohl, Assistant to NID's President) explained the various aspects of the call process. Based on his advice, the Call Committee has been following the detailed guidelines for the call process set forth in NID's Calling Manual.

In Phase 1 of the call process, the Call Committee's first task required evaluating the congregation's strengths and needs and assessing the community surrounding First Saint Paul's. The purpose of the evaluation was to understand the needs of and opportunities for our congregation, and to determine the pastoral attributes considered most important by the congregation. This process is designed to identify pastoral candidates who might be a good fit for FSP. As an integral part of the evaluation process, the Call Committee developed a survey to gather our congregation members' personal perspectives on First Saint Paul's strengths, possible areas needing improvement, and pastoral attributes and skills we believe to be most important. The survey was distributed in June and the congregation's response was very strong. Based on the results of the survey, as well as other research (including a review of an extensive amount of demographic data covering our surrounding community), the Call Committee compiled a document known as the Congregational Profile.

While assembling the Congregational Profile, the Call Committee moved into Phase 2 of the call process by asking our congregation's members to nominate pastors to include on the list of candidates who might be considered for a call. In July, the Call Committee sent the nomination list to the NID office along with the Congregational Profile. In September, the NID office sent us detailed background information for each pastor on the list as well as additional candidates the NID believed might be a good fit for FSP. The background information provided by NID included a detailed 13-page Self-Evaluation Tool (SET) completed by each pastor.

After each member of the Call Committee studied the candidates' SETs, the Committee met in late September to discuss and evaluate each candidate. Based on this evaluation, the Committee selected which candidates to initially contact to determine whether they would be receptive to receiving a call. This is where the call process stood as of mid-October.

Next, the Call Committee will conduct phone interviews with the candidates who are receptive to a call. To prepare for the interviews, the Committee finalized a list of questions to cover during the interviews. Prior to the interviews, the Committee will send each candidate a copy of our Congregation Profile to help him evaluate how well his gifts may match the needs of our congregation.

After the candidate interviews are completed, the call process will enter Phase 3 where the Committee submits its recommendation to the Church Council. After clearing the Church

Council, the Call Committee will present a recommendation to the Voters' Assembly. Ultimately, the Voters' Assembly will vote to decide which pastoral candidate to call as FSP's full-time pastor.

As an adjunct to the Call Committee, a sub-committee of the Board of Elders is studying NID's guidelines to formulate a proposed compensation package that will be included in the call documents the congregation will send to the pastor who the voters have decided to call.

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## Greetings First St. Paul's!

I am the new Chair of Christian Education, Betsy Pennington Taylor. Some of you may know me from Choir or from Children's Messages this Summer. I am so pleased to announce that Sunday School is back! We are a small but perfectly formed five-child group at the moment and have had three sessions thus far. Team Sunday School is: Lou, Lila, Sam, Gabriel, Oswin, and Jacob.

Here is a re-cap of the last three sessions which were sort of "back to school" basic lessons, so that we could get to know each other, what we know about faith, and our relationship to church.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Session: Being Members of a Christian Community

What does being members of a Christian Community mean to us? How does membership influence how we act toward others? For this lesson, we went around the room and shared what God means to us and how being a member of church is important to us and to our families. Then, we all thought of three ways that we could show our devotion to God by our actions and deeds. We wrote or drew pictures to represent helping in our homes and giving in our community. My favorite was "go over to the kid who has no one to play with and include them." Yay! We ended by comparing faith and the church to a living seed that needs to be nurtured to grow, because we were planning an outside theme for the second week!

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Session: Growing our Faith and Spreading the Word

For this lesson, Dwight provided some flowers so we could plant them and (hopefully) watch them grow as our faith is growing! We used colored chalk to draw pictures and write inspiration messages on the patio based on the theme of Growing our Faith!

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Session: Faith through Music

For this lesson, we learned a hymn. Laurie Bart provided a beautiful board book that she used to teach Lila and now, Holly, the hymn "Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow". Laurie played the oboe, I played some (very poor) piano, and we had a brief lesson about reading music - about quarter notes, half notes, and rests. After rehearsing the hymn by reading the words and singing, we picked up bells and other percussion instruments to add some extra joyful noise! Steven Wente was kind enough to let us use the choir loft and that made it particularly special. Just to share with you - it was my love for music that first brought me to FSP, and Laurie and I both feel that music is such an important part of our worship, that it should be imparted to the children of our congregation.

#### ***Mission statement:***

*Small people have big ideas and we should endeavor to empower these wonderful children to embrace their Christianity, be proud of it and share it with their community. And, as always, learning should be fun!*



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ASSISTANT TEACHER?  
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## Over 75 Attend Church Picnic

Over 75 attendees, including about two dozen volunteers, came together on September 11, to make our annual (except for Covid years) picnic a great success.

In spite of a torrential mid-day rain, our grill masters Jill Stemmerman, Tony Gadonski and Alex Griebel produced an abundance of delicious burgers, brats, and hot dogs to go with wonderful side dishes prepared by attendees.

We also appreciated the tireless planning and preparation efforts of Elga Heintzen, Val Stodden, Sue Wentz, Arlene Dahm, Gretchen Randall, and Meghan Smalter. Also thanks to Mike Cacicio and his crew of Trevor Braaten, Emma Bell, Barb Laken, Diane Krizan, Karen Bressler, and several Moody students for helping with set-up beforehand and clean-up afterwards.



## A Note from the Nominating Committee

Fall is the "off-season" for the Nominating Committee, so there is not much in the way of news to report. I instead wanted to highlight all those who serve First Saint Paul's.

The Nominating Committee sincerely appreciates all the time, talent, and effort that is given to keep the church the vibrant and welcoming place that it is. Service comes in so many forms, through fellowship, stewardship, the sharing of musical talents, and many other ways. We especially wanted to highlight the efforts of the Call Committee. We can certainly empathize with the time and thoughtfulness it takes to find the right candidate for a position.

We invite the congregation to take an opportunity in the coming weeks to thank someone for their service to the church. You might even learn of new ways or opportunities for serving Christ and the church!

Thank you,

Mike Schubert

Chair, Nominating Committee

## From the Trustees...

There's a brand new roof over our fellowship hall and Narthex. A former church member paid for the entire project as a memorial to his wife, who passed some time ago. They met and were married at FSP's. His generous gift has allowed us to tackle other Preserving God's House projects earlier than planned, a few of which include:

- ◇ Repair and painting of the wrought iron fence surrounding the building
- ◇ Replacement of the worn out faucets in all of the restrooms
- ◇ Installation of an upgraded water fountain that provides better ADA access and includes a water bottle refilling feature
- ◇ Repair of broken screen frames along the lower fellowship hall windows, rust removal and painting of the radiator covers underneath them
- ◇ Continued tuck pointing work where it's most needed

And more to come! We'll provide updates in the bulletin.

Mike Cacicio



## Social Ministry Update

We continue to serve grab & go meals to our **community meals** guests every Saturday morning and also receive and distribute hundreds of grab & go meals every Wednesday morning. The Wednesday meals program benefits the Affordable Recovery Center in Blue Island as well as other community service centers and churches as requests for meals are received through The Chicago Help Initiative, our partner in meals and other social service ministries.

Plans are in place to return to sit-down meals on some Saturday mornings, though these would be breakfast meals with a grab & go lunch for later. More details on this will be provided as we firm up our plans and secure volunteers.

FSP's **foot clinic** continues every second Saturday of the month. It is under the excellent leadership of its founder, Dr. Charlotte Czmiel. She and her fellow volunteer doctors provide much needed expertise and caring attention for our community meals guests as well as hundreds of pairs of gently used and high-quality shoes and plenty of brand new socks.

**The Chicago Help Initiative** stations both their **nurse practitioner** and **professional social worker** on-site at FSP's on Foot Clinic Saturdays (our highest guest attendance day every month) so that our guests may receive medical consulting and referrals to medical care providers as needed. They also can receive assistance with applying for the variety of things necessary for obtaining

job interviews and housing, such as obtaining a photo ID, copies of their original birth certificates, access to a temporary mailing address, etc. These professionals also guide our guests through applications for city- and state-offered benefit programs.

Thanks to an introduction by Jen Mesengarb to a **Concordia University Chicago** student—and by extension his classmates—we now have up to a dozen Concordia students showing up on selected Saturdays to help with our community meals activities as well as with various projects around the church!

In addition to ministering to our community meals guests—including much appreciated one-on-one visiting time—the students have polished our pews, organized the books in the library, and led by Trustee Dwight Deppen, have completed fairly heavy landscaping work on our patio.

Our FSP-attending **Moody students** continue to volunteer by serving coffee and meals to our community meals guests and provide much needed assistance with sorting hundreds of pairs of donated shoes by size so that our guests can easily find what they need.

Finally, A HUGE thank you to other FSP church members and regular attendees who volunteer on Saturday mornings!

Thank you,

Mike Cacicio  
Interim Chair  
Social Ministry Committee

### AA Meetings

Two groups meet back-to-back every Sunday evening, and we are constantly asked if we can make our facilities available for additional AA meetings during the week.

The demand is great for meeting space, but the supply is very limited. **If any FSP's members are interested in volunteering for "front door duty" for AA meetings, please see or call Mike Cacicio, 312-560-7155.**

### Additional Social Ministry Service Opportunities

We are in the planning stage with our Chicago Help Initiative friends to expand our social ministry offerings to include dental care evaluation and access to related care. Likewise for hearing care.

We'd also like to host classes for seniors in our community, on topics such as how to recognize and report scam callers who prey on seniors by offering various sham services and benefits or actual services that contain unnecessary and expensive add-ons.

Please let Mike Cacicio know of any related resources/instructors you may be aware of.



### Schedule of Events

- **Nov 6:** All Saints Sunday, divine worship at 9:30am
- **Nov 6: Daylight Savings Ends** Remember to set your clocks back!
- **Nov 9:** Church Council Meeting at 7pm in the Lounge
- **Nov 12:** Choir Rehearsal at 9:30am and Foot Clinic at 10am
- **Nov 19:** Choir Rehearsal at 9:30am
- **Nov 20:** Stewardship Luncheon after the Sunday morning service, catered by The Polo Café — RSVP to the Evite or on the bulletin board
- **Nov 24:** Thanksgiving service at 10am

# November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 <i>Reformation Sunday</i>	31	1 <i>All Saints Day</i>	2 <i>All Souls Day</i>	3	4	5
6 <i>All Saints Day (observed)</i>	7	8 <i>Election Day</i>	9 <i>Church council meeting 7pm</i>	10	11	12 <i>Choir rehearsal Foot Clinic</i>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 <i>Choir rehearsal</i>
20 <i>Stewardship Luncheon 11am</i>	21	22	23	24 <i>Thanksgiving Service 10am</i>	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

## Who are Deacons and what do they do?

At the present time, the Deacons have been acting as Greeters at the door for the Sunday Services. A schedule is sent out every month and each Deacon is assigned a specific Sunday.

Besides greeting members and visitors as they arrive, the Deacon also has the responsibility to see that everyone who has been assigned to take part in the service has arrived on time and that everything is properly set up for the service. This includes: seeing that the candles are lit, the numbers for the hymns to be sung have been posted, the altar is properly set up for communion, and if the Pastor is in need of anything not covered. In the event that a volunteer has not arrived, it is the Deacon's responsibility to find a substitute and in the rare case that a substitute cannot be found, the Deacon will perform that function.

Periodically, the Deacons will contact members who have not attended recently to let them know we're thinking of them and to inform them of any upcoming events that they may want to attend. These may include special luncheons, picnics, guest Pastors or speakers,

the Christmas Concert, or the schedules for evening services during Advent and Lent, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Our main function is to assist the Pastor and take care of the needs of the members. If a member needs something special for a child, an elderly person, or a disabled person, the Deacon will do what can be done to accommodate them. When a member wishes to talk to the Pastor, they can inform a Deacon who will convey the message to the Pastor, and if the Pastor wants something done in a particular way, he can tell the Deacon and the Deacon will carry it out.

Some of the directives in the past have been: don't let too many people congregate in the Narthex before the service, steer them into Fellowship Hall; see if newcomers would like someone to talk to or sit with and, if so, arrange it; find appropriate sponsors for the new members; etc.

In general, the Deacons' function is to help everyone feel welcome and to have a pleasant experience with us.

Buff Bethlen  
Chair, Deacons

## Praying Through the Church

**BECAUSE WE ARE A CHURCH FAMILY**, a community of faith, we have a concern for one another—a concern that is expressed on Sunday mornings as we pray for members of our church family by name.

**WE PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER**, remembering the words of St. Paul to the Apostle to Timothy, “I urge then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone...” and the promise of our Lord Jesus Christ, “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”

**WE ALSO ENCOURAGE** members and friends of the congregation to make their prayer requests, births, illnesses, deaths, anniversaries, and special occasions for intercession or thanksgiving known to the pastor, preferably before the Sunday morning services, but in cases of emergency, right up to the service time.

**THE FOLLOWING FRIENDS & MEMBERS** of our church family will be remembered in the services of worship during the month of November.

### November 6

Madeline Muecke || Kofo & Taiwo Ogunyankin, and their children Tolu, Tobi, and Kemi || Shane Otten || Adam & Kassandra Peck, and their daughter Anna

### November 13

Gail Peck || Gail Peterson || Chris & Connie Rademacher || Michelle Rae || Seth Raebel || Janette Ramirez || Tom & Gretchen Randall

### November 20

Rick Richter || Eric & Kim Robinson, and their daughter Emily || David Rogner || Susan Rosborough || Robert Ross || Joseph Ruiz

### November 27

Mark Schaper || Dan Schlemmer || Bryan Schneider || Michael & Liz Schubert, and their children Louisa and Gavin || Jan Seefeldt || Joni Seidel-Burnett

## Official Acts 2022

### Baptisms

**Apr 6:** Jude Matthew Burier, son of James and Alicia

**Oct 16:** Nolan Joseph Wolf, son of Anthony and Julie, student at Moody

### Weddings

**May 28:** Peter Wirtala and Victoria Bujny married at First Saint Paul's by Pastor Doug Groll

### Transferred Out

Daniel Johnson || Rev. Paul & Karren Krause  
Julie Umnus || Roger Adams || Rev. Walter Kahlben  
Tom & Emily (Edkins) Bohac

### Transferred In

Evan Majic

### Moved, No Transfer

La Rae Adair || Mike Vrshek || Megan McGinnis  
Haley Randolph || William and Elsa Van Hout

## Our Parish at a Glance Vital Statistics for 2021

### Membership

Members Received in 2021	17
by Baptism (child)	4
by Affirmation of Faith	7
by Transfer	6
by Confirmation	-
Members Removed in 2021	17
by Death	5
by Transfer to LCMS	2
release to other Lutheran	-
moved, no transfer	10
Average Sunday Worship Attendance with Covid Restrictions	56
Average Sunday viewership of online services	109
Marriages	1

### Members Who Died in 2021

**Alfred Kairies || Mary Occhipinti || Glenn Brown || Jan Loesch || Charles Aufdenkampe**

✠ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. ✠ They sing before the throne of God ✠

## FIRST SAINT PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*First Saint Paul's, established in 1846,  
is the oldest Lutheran Church in Chicago.  
The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod was  
founded when historic meetings were held  
here in 1847.*

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## SERVICES OF WORSHIP

### Sundays

Divine Service at 9:30am in person  
and livestreamed

Adult Bible Class at 11am

Sunday School (ages 4-10) at 11am

### HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrated every Sunday morning

## ELECTED CHURCH OFFICERS

\* Voting member of Church Council

### Chairman\*

Gavin Morgan

### Vice Chairman\*

Susan Rosborough

### Recording Secretary

Robin Tangren

### Assistant Recording Secretary

Jody Lucey

### Treasurer\*

Bryan Schneider

### Assistant Treasurer

Cheryl Kobetsky

### Financial Secretary

Pam Kaji

### Assistant Financial Secretary

Arlene Dahm

### Membership Secretary

Gretchen Randall

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Betsy Pennington Taylor

### Chair, Board of Stewardship\*

Asa Carter

### Chair, Board of Evangelism & Outreach\*

Tom Randall

### Chair, Board of Social Ministry\*

Vacant

### Chair, Board of Worship & Music\*

Janette Ramirez

### Chair, Board of Deacons\*

Buff Bethlen

## Board of Elders

Howard Ansonge

Doug Harkness

Christine Lutze

Susan Morgan

David Rogner, Chair\*

## Board of Trustees

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Michael Cacicio, Chair\*

Dwight Deppen

Alex Griebel

Robert Miller

## Deacons

Buff Bethlen, Chair\*

Diane Krizan

Liz Lassiter

April Szymanski

Allison Warren

## Nominating Committee

Nancy Ansonge

Amy Harkness

John Mason

Betsy Pennington Taylor

Mike Schubert, Chair

## COMMITTEE/GROUPS CHAIRS/CONTACTS

### Altar Guild

Sandy Lawrence

### Communion Assistant Coordinator

Janette Ramirez

### Community Meals

Mike Cacicio

### Concordia Cemetery

John Stodden

### Human Resources Committee

Susan Rosborough

### Liturgical Arts

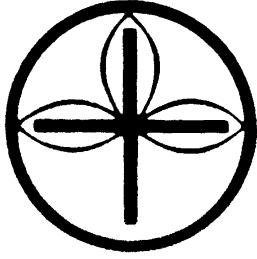
Darlene Fahrenkrog

### Lutheran Home

Susan Rosborough

### Wunder's Cemetery

Dwight Deppen



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