

September Worship

September 1

- Rev. Lyn Seiser preaching
"Invited in Honor"
- Ministry Teams blessing

September 8

- Sacred Vibrations
- Music Ministry blessing
- Farewell to C. Richard
(Dick) Morris

September 15

- UMW Sunday

September 22

- Caring for One Another
- Cherished Friends Blessing

September 29

- Children's Sabbath
- Shoe blessing for Elliott
elementary
- Golden Weds and Pioneer
Member Recognition
- Consecration of Time and Talent

Joys and Concerns

Baptism:

Mack Nicholas Yardley, son of Michael & Brittany Yardley was baptized on August 11.

Please let the church office know of deaths and births that we may share in your joys and concerns.

Pastor's Thoughts

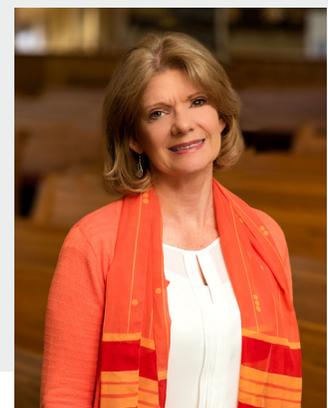
I loaded up my kayak and headed to Wisconsin for my summer vacation a few years ago. There are 15,000 lakes in Wisconsin, beautiful forests, lovely rivers and delightful small towns. The most exciting adventure was the three day trip on Lake Superior exploring the Apostle's Islands. It was my first overnight trip in the kayak. We paddled out to the islands and set up camp, prepared food, slept, awoke, paddled, camped, repeat. We covered about thirty miles on cold, clear water exploring sea caves, ship wrecks and lighthouses. As a novice to Lake Superior, I did not attempt this expedition alone. I had a great guide and five other pilgrims with me. We met as strangers one Tuesday. Three days, thirty miles, and several campfires later, we were a team. Everyone participated in the journey. Everyone paddled, pitched tents, cooked, cleaned, and carried. There were no spectators.

Our spiritual growth and faith community is quite similar. We can drift along with a current, but we don't get to our destination without expending effort. God's Spirit will certainly lead and guide, but our participation in navigating the choppy seas is essential too. Our faith community sits beside us in the pews, but unless we participate actively, we don't develop the relationships and connections needed to share the journey. The community makes a difference in mission and ministry, but if we don't serve as well, we feel more like tourists than teammates.

I encourage everyone to find a place of service and ministry at Saint Paul UMC in this coming year. We are all unique with differing talents and interests; when we pool our abilities we can accomplish so much more. Check out the many ministry and service possibilities that are available on the time and talent service card printed in this newsletter. If you have questions about any of them, ask a pastor or staff member. Pray and listen how God may use your talents in ministry to make a difference. On September 29, we will consecrate our service of time and talent, and God will do amazing things through your glad and generous hearts.

Connected in Spirit,

Jane





Chancel Chat

Thank You, Dick Morris

Sunday, September 8th will be the last Sunday Dick Morris will be playing as organist at Saint Paul. His impressive and significant career has taken him to major church positions beginning at First Plymouth Congregational church in Lincoln, to Des Moines, North Carolina, Austin and back to Lincoln at Saint Paul. Now it is taking him to a new position in Jamestown, North Dakota.

During his time at Saint Paul not only has Dick been an invaluable member of the music staff but also has been responsible for overseeing and strengthening the church's First Friday concert series and securing maintenance contracts for all pianos and the organ. Dick helped in securing a new piano for use in the chapel and a fine concert harpsichord. He also secured improvements and additions to the organ. Dick oversaw multiple concerts at the church by outside organizations and was instrumental in bringing the Lincoln Boys Choir in residence at Saint Paul. All of this he did as a person supposedly retired. We are planning a farewell service for Dick on September 8. Please join us as we send him off on his newest adventure.

The Chancel Choir will return to singing regularly starting in the September 8 service. In addition to the special music we are planning for Dick, the choir will be honoring United Methodist Women on September 15 with music by all-female composers. The last Sunday of the month will feature the music of American spiritual composer Moses Hogan with the choir singing his wonderfully inspiring arrangement of "This Little Light."

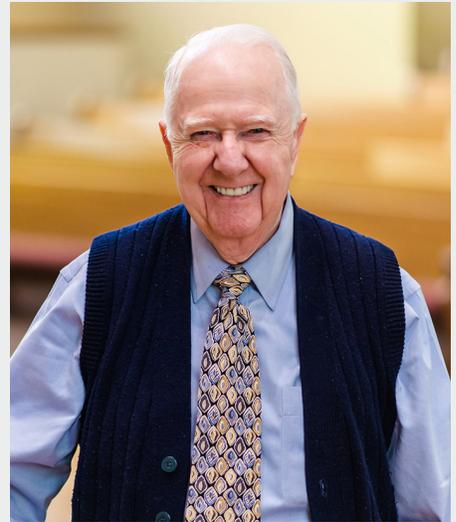
The Renaissance was a period of renewal and rebirth with exciting advances in music, art, architecture and religion, among others. Each fall as we begin again after a summer break, I feel like the choir experiences a renaissance, renewed energy, renewed commitment, new challenges and new singers. It is the perfect time for those of you who enjoy hearing the choir each Sunday to move from the congregational pews to the choir pews. Will you consider being a part of the fall, 2019 renaissance? We welcome new choir members at our first rehearsal Wednesday, September 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Saint Paul United Methodist Men Monday, Sept. 9 at 11:45 a.m.

All men are invited to attend Saint Paul United Methodist Men's Group first meeting of the fall season. Program is TBA, and lunch is \$7.

Traveling with God

In May of 2013, C. Richard Morris was hired as organist for Saint Paul UMC. He quickly saw needs where he could expand his ministry and offer more to the congregation and community. He assumed responsibilities for the Friday Noon Concert and Art Series and grew that offering tremendously in his time here. He has also served as 'host' to countless concerts and performing artists who have graced our space with their presence. As an octogenarian, some might think it is time for him to scale back and put his feet up, but God is not through with Dick's ministry. He will be leaving Lincoln to take on his next mission in music leadership as he moves to Jamestown, ND. We are so grateful for the tremendous musical talent that Dick has brought to Saint Paul. We will miss his delightful presence, the gleam of God's spirit that sparkles in his smiling eyes, and his many contributions to our community. We will celebrate Dick Morris on his last Sunday with us, September 8. A reception will follow the 10:45 service on Sept 8 so that you may offer your gratitude and well-wishes to Dick.



Music Opportunities

Ringspiration

Mondays at 4:30 p.m. in room 228, U level

Ringspiration is an intergenerational bell choir that performs on a semi-regular basis in worship and at special events

Joyful Noise

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in room 227, U level

Joyful Noise is for children in grades K-5..

Rezounding Praise

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in room 227, U level

Rezounding Praise is our intergenerational vocal choir that regularly leads the 8:45 a.m. worship service

Praise Team

Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. in room 227, U level

The Saint Paul Praise Team is an Intergenerational vocal ensemble that includes instrumental and vocal worship Sunday's at 8:45 a.m.



September 25

Children's Sabbath, singing at 8:45 a.m. service.



A note from Alicia Opoku, Director of Contemporary Music:

I hope to see you at one of these rehearsals coming up. You are invited to join at any time. Looking ahead, we are drawing the circle wide and including the Sunday school kids in Joyful Noise children's choir this year. I look forward to singing songs with those I may not see on Wednesday nights. Here's to raising our "Hallelujahs" to a great year!

United Methodist Women News

Unit Meeting

**Wednesday, Sept. 11 at
10:30 a.m. in Paine Parlor**

(Please note change of date and place). Program will be a "Review of UMW's Mass Incarceration Seminar in NYC and UMW Prison Ministry for Women" presented by Blue River District Officers, Jan Hauser and Stacey Brandenburgh. Lunch will follow the program. An Executive Board meeting beginning at 9:15 a.m. in Room 155 will precede the Unit Meeting.

Church Dinner Meeting

**Thursday, Oct. 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the
Dining Room**

Max Graves, Executive Director of the Center for Legal Immigrant Assistance, will be the guest speaker. We urge everyone interested in this timely topic to attend. The program is free. The cost of dinner is \$8.00.

Circle 1

September 16 at 7:00 p.m. in Paine Parlor

- Speaker: Pastor Jed Linder
- Mission Opportunity: bring socks, hand towels for Clinic With A Heart

October 21 at 7:00 p.m. in Paine Parlor

- Speaker: Kristie Scheele - Epworth Village Board member
- Mission Opportunity: Items for Epworth Foster Care Program

Group 36

**Wednesday, September 18 at 1:00 p.m.
in Room 155**

Judy Bowlby hosts and the program is presented by Jan Soule - Bryan Women's Board. **Contact: Addie Lancaster at (402) 477-6951 addie@saintpaulumc.org**

Wesley Group

**Tuesday, September 24 at 11:30 a.m.
in the Dining Hall**

Lunch will be served first, followed by the business meeting and program. **Questions/RSVP to Debbie Marshall at (402) 742-5920 by September 22nd.**

Grateful Together

Saturday, September 7

Food Distribution
First Presbyterian Church (18th & F)
Set up starts at 9:30 a.m. food distribution at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 6

We are forming a Saint Paul team to participate in the Safe Quarters fundraiser for the Friendship Home. All Saint Paul friends are invited to join the team. Our assigned neighborhood is near the Bryan Hospital East campus. Enrollment information is at this link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E48A8AB2CA7F49-saint1>
The event will be in the early afternoon - details to follow.

**Questions? Call Mary Brittenham
(402) 326-2631**

Group 2

**Wednesday, September 18 at 9:30 a.m.
at the home of Marty White**

We will meet at the home of Marty White, 3500 Faulkner Dr in Lincoln, NE. The group will begin a discussion of the book Joseph by Adam Hamilton.

Sunday Morning Classes for Adults

Romans

Begins September 8 in the Office Conference Room.

We will explore Paul's epistle to the Roman church to learn how his instructions helped them to lead Christian lives. In addition, we will examine how those directions apply to us as individuals and as a community of faith. A study Bible will be very helpful. Led by Pat Staver.

Chapel Class

Begins September 8 in room 143

This long-time group focuses on a variety of topics including various Bible Studies and current events. The class begins this fall with a study on Peter. Led by Jay Funk.

Short-Term Study Groups during the week

Days of Awe and Wonder

Begins September 5 at 7:00 p.m. in room 155

Through the final book by Marcus Borg, we explore the miraculous and the wonderful. Reflections invite us to keep an open mind and question assumptions and certainties in our religious journeys. Led by Dave Moore.

Holy Envy

Begins September 10 at 5:30 p.m. at Crescent Moon Coffee

Holy Envy, the latest book from New York Times best selling author Barbara Brown Taylor, explores the myriad ways people of different faiths and traditions encounter the Transcendent. In the process, she comes to appreciate and learn from these diverse perspectives, and grows in the understanding of her own religious community. This is a 6-week study led by Steve Griffith and will meet at Crescent Moon Coffee.



Jed Linder

Associate Pastor

Register for all adult classes on the weekly connect card, on the Church Center App, or by emailing Jed Linder at jlinder@saintpaulumc.org.

Paine Parlor

Begins September 8 in Paine Parlor

Relevant topics of interest are selected by class members who take turns providing leadership for discussion and study. Subjects range from current issues, developments and ministries in the United Methodist Church, theology, and spiritual growth. Class meets weekly in the Paine Parlor.

Bible Times

Begins September 8 in room 137

This Saint Paul staple studies both Biblical history and the early Christian and Jewish beliefs that serve as the foundation of the Christian movement. Additionally, we compare tenants from various other religions with those of the church. Led by Bill Wood.

Reading the Bible Again for the First Time

Begins September 8 in the Chapel

This class follows Marcus Borg's seminal book on taking the Bible seriously without necessarily taking it literally. Through this course, we will follow Borg as he explores the Scripture's history as a sacred text, while we discover how this timeless wisdom speaks to our contemporary lives. Led by Pastors Jane Florence and Jed Linder in the Chapel.

The Soul of Money

Begins October 13 from 9:45 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.

Lynne Twist's powerful book *The Soul of Money: Transforming Your Relationship with Money and Life* challenges us to examine spending and priorities. We will divide the study into four parts: 1) Love, Lies, and a Great Awakening; 2) Scarcity and Sufficiency: The Search for Prosperity; 3) Sufficiency: the Three Truths; and 4) Change the Dream. 4-week class led by David Lux.

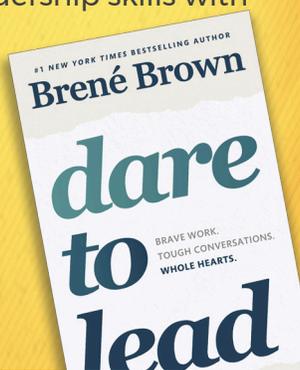
Mid-Week CONNECT Classes

Dare to Lead: A Leadership Workshop with Dr. Marilyn Moore



**Begins September 25
at 6:30 p.m.
in the Chapel**

Leadership is not about titles, status, or roles. It's not running for office, chairing a meeting, or issuing directives. Leadership is, as author Brené Brown writes, "learning and unlearning that requires brave work, tough conversations, and showing up with your whole heart." In this 6-week leadership workshop, we'll use Brown's newest book, *Dare to Lead*, and consider the ideas of vulnerability, living into values, braving trust, and learning to rise. This is a unique opportunity to develop your leadership skills with educator and civic leader Dr. Marilyn Moore. If you've ever wondered how you might make your own corner of the world a better place, this class is for you.



All Church Picnic

**September 22
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
at Roberts Park**

Mark your calendar for our annual all church picnic! Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.



Way of Prayer

6:30 p.m. in the Chapel

It is said that prayer is so primal an urge for humankind that we are born into the world praying. Yet, something so natural and seemingly so easy comes hard at times. The Way of Prayer is a 10-week, small-group study about the nature and practice of prayer. Honor the ways you were taught to pray while expanding your understanding to include new ways to pray. Topics covered include: How Do You Pray?, Images of God, Praying by Heart, Music, Our Bodies, Contemplative Prayer, Praying with and for Others, Prayer & Social Transformation. Led by Rev. Jane Florence.

Psalms

6:30 p.m. in the Office Conference Room

The Psalms has been one of the most beloved books of the Bible for millennia. In this Bible study we will take a closer look at the Book of Psalms as it spans the fullness of the human experience, and explore how it informs our speech and dynamic relationship with God. Led by Pastor Jed Linder.

Knit Into Mindfulness

**Begins August 21 at 6:30 p.m.
in the Dining Room Parlor**

Get out your needles, hooks and yarn or borrow ours. Learn to knit or crochet, work on current projects, bring problem projects, or start something new. Come find a supportive community, a calm and welcoming space, time to focus on needle arts in the downstairs parlor, and a place to just breathe. Whether a beginner, moderate, or expert, all are welcome! Led by Nancy Flader.

Social Principles of The United Methodist Church

**Begins September 11 at 6:30 p.m.
in room 145**

Since the beginning of the movement, Methodists have been practicing an active and engaged love with the world around us. In this 3-week class we will be taking a look at the social principles that guide this embodied love. Led by Barbara Jo Burns.

Small Groups and Gatherings

Non-Fiction Book Group

**September 10 at 7:00 p.m.
in Room 155**

The book for discussion is Upheaval by Jared Diamond. No need to register, just come! **Questions? Contact Marilyn Moore at marilyn.moore68@gmail.com.**



Turn the Page

**September 9 at 7:00 p.m.
in Room 145**

We will discuss Never Caught: The Washingtons' Relentless Pursuit of Their Runaway Slave by Erica Armstrong Dunbar and led by Lynne Fritz. New members and visitors are always welcome. **Questions - call Mary Starr at (402) 489-1122.**

Just Mercy: Issues in the Criminal Justice System

**Tuesday, October 22 at 7:00 p.m.
in the Chapel**

Dr. Cynthia Willis-Esqueda, associate professor at UNL in the Department of Psychology and the Institute for Ethnic Studies, will lead a discussion based on the book Just Mercy and extending to current issues in the criminal justice system.

Wednesday Morning Book Discussion

September 25 at 10:00 a.m.

Room 155

Come join us for great discussion, coffee, cookies, and fellowship at the Saint Paul Wednesday Morning Book Discussion Group. We will discuss Michelle Obama's biography, Becoming. **Questions? Need more info?**

Contact Judy Jensen at (402) 420-6370



Let's Go to the Movies

Monday, Sept. 30

6:00 p.m.

Meeting Place:
Scooter's Coffee at
70th and Pioneers
Movie: TBD



The Lincoln Great Books Reading & Discussion Group

Meeting in Room 145 of Saint Paul Church on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month during the upcoming academic year. Each week the group will be looking at a classic of Western Literature, or at least a portion of one. Readings are from the First Series of books, as published by the Great Books Foundation. Reading the week's selection beforehand is required for participation, but those interested in learning about the group are welcome to come and listen. The first meeting will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, September 12, and the reading for the evening will be "Rothschild's Fiddle" by Anton Chekhov.

For information about joining or purchasing the reading materials, please contact Bob Reeves at bobreeves63@gmail.com.

Saint Paul Seniors

Tuesday, September 10 at 12:00 p.m.

Saint Paul Seniors (62+) will hold their monthly meeting and lunch. Program to follow (TBA) Please make lunch reservations (\$6) by Monday, September 9.

Youth Ministries

Mission Opportunity: Youth Ministry Shoe Drive

During the month of September

Saint Paul Youth Ministries is embarking on a Mission project to provide new shoes and boots to students at Everett Elementary. We are asking for donations of new shoes or boots and/or monetary donations to purchase new shoes. Shoes can be dropped off in marked containers in the back of the sanctuary or dropped off at the church office. Monetary donations can be marked "shoes" and placed in an offering envelope on Sunday morning. Thank you for helping us provide new footwear to students in need in our community.

With all funds collected Saint Paul Youth will be purchasing shoes/boots for Everett students on the evening of Sunday Sept. 22nd (5:30 - 7:00 p.m.).

For more details, please contact Mitch Connelly.



College and Young Adults



Mitch Connelly

Director of Youth Ministries

Register for Youth Ministry events on the weekly connect card, on the Church Center App, or by emailing Mitch Connelly at mconnelly@saintpaulumc.org.



Join Us!

Worship services and Bible studies are held weekly on both City and East Campuses at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln during the academic year.



Rev. Lyn Seiser

Associate Pastor, Campus Ministry

Children and Family Opportunities



Team Positions Available!

Two Preschool Leader positions
(rotate with other leaders)

Two K-2 grade Leader positions
(rotate with other leaders)

Two 3-5 grade Leader positions
(rotate with other leaders)

Backpack Program

We are looking for people who are interested in volunteering with the Backpack Program at Lakeview Elementary School.

As a volunteer, you would be working as a team of two. This could be a couple, two friends or you can be paired with someone.

The commitment would be on a Friday from 11:00 to 1:00 every 4 to 6 weeks. A schedule is provided at the beginning of each semester. During your time at Lakeview, you would be adding fruit to the already prepared sacks of food, placing the sacks in backpacks, organizing backpacks by room numbers and helping 5th graders deliver the backpacks to the classrooms. Training will be provided. If you are interested, please contact **Barb Jacobson at barbarajacobson4@gmail.com**.



Cathy Link

Director of Children and Family Ministries

Register for these events on the weekly connect card, on the Church Center App, or by emailing Cathy Link at clink@saintpaulumc.org.

Saint Paul UMC

Trunk-or-Treat

**Sunday, October 27
from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

Mark your calendars for this year's Trunk-or-Treat!



COMMUNICATIONS Ministry

Radio Ministry: “The Saint Paul Hour” on KFOR:

Saint Paul UMC has been broadcasting a delayed version of its Sunday morning worship service for over forty years on KFOR. Last month, KFOR management notified us that they were changing their channel lineup and removing their religious programming from our time slot. We are thankful for the many years the voice of Saint Paul UMC was on the air and for the many friends we made through this ministry. We are now airing our worship live on Sunday mornings on our website and archiving our services and sermons for access at any time.

Livestream:

Our 8:45 a.m. service is now being streamed live. Tune in to social media or our website to watch the 8:45 worship gathering live!

SMS Updates:

To sign-up for Saint Paul text updates, text “saintpaul” to 970-00 (yes the number is not the same length as a regular phone number)



Brent Comstock

Director of
Communications

Contact Brent at
communications@saintpaulumc.org.

August Memories

Bring A Friend Waffle Breakfast!

Thank you to all of you who brought a Friend and/or supported our Waffle Man fellowship. It was a great time of community building and sharing. Your generous donations covered our expenses with some remaining for our next event. Thank you to all who helped and our Membership Engagement Team who organized the event, especially Matt Hart and Josh Egley.



Wyman Choral Suite

Our Property Committee continues in their work towards renovating the rooms on the east side of the basement in honor of Dr. Bill Wyman's 41 years of music ministries here. Rooms used for children Sunday school classes over thirty years ago are in much need of repair, and the choir is in much need of space for their music ministry. Dr. Wyman has long dreamed of improvements, and this is a fitting time to honor him and care for our choir and our facility.

The extent of the renovations will be determined by the financial support offered. Preliminary estimates for essential improvements are somewhere around \$60,000 if we have to out-source all the work. You are welcome to tour these rooms and see for yourself the 'opportunities' that lie within the walls of our church. If you would like to make a financial contribution to honor Dr. Wyman and improve the function of our building, please indicate so on the memo line of your check, or **contact Sherry Waldman, our finance manager at the church, at swaldman@saintpaulumc.org or (402) 477-6951, of your intended gift.** If you would like to donate your skills and time and are able to offer any services of plumbing, electrical, construction, finishings, contractor, your physical gifts could also help bring this vision to reality. We believe the total cost could be reduced by half if we have some volunteer DIYers. Please contact Kevin Kidd, our Building Manager, to volunteer.

Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to our scholarship winners, Mackenzie Marrow and Malcolm Opoku!



Cherished Friends Ministry Orientation

Do you have a heart for connecting with those who are not able to come to church often? Do you have just one hour per month to make a visit or send a greeting by mail?

If you have answered "yes" to these two questions, you may want to consider the Saint Paul Cherished Friends ministry.

This ministry is a way to maintain strong connections with Saint Paul members who are homebound or limited in their ability to attend Saint Paul services and activities.

Volunteers may be any age, from young families to retired persons. Volunteers make periodic visits to their Cherished Friend and send communications by mail between visits. In almost all cases, a nice friendship develops between the Cherished Friend and the Saint Paul visitor(s).

To be a part of this ministry, or to learn more about it, plan to attend the next orientation on Wednesday, September 25, at 6:30 p.m. It will be held in Room 137. The orientation lasts about 45 minutes and will help you decide if this is a way you would like to be involved. Additionally, if you know of a Saint Paul member who would like to have a visitor, please let one of our ministers or office staff know. **Questions about the Cherished Friends ministry may also be directed to Carol Knolle-Faulkner at (402) 489-4878 or knollefaulkner@neb.rr.com.**

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RETURN SERVICE
REQUESTED



HOSPITALITY

- Coffee Host (Sunday a.m.)
- Office Assistant (Sun. or Weekday)
- Greeter (Sunday a.m.)
- Usher (Sunday a.m.)
- Building Upkeep
- Van Driver

WORSHIP

- Read Scripture
- Serve Communion
- Sound Operator
- Video production
- Music: Vocals/Choirs
- Music: Instrumentalist
- Handbell Choir

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

- Read Scripture
- Serve Communion
- Sound Operator
- Video production
- Music: Vocals/Choirs
- Music: Instrumentalist
- Handbell Choir

SERVING THE WORLD

- Mission trip/disaster response
- Feeding ministry
- UMW - UMM
- Mission & Justice team
- Campus Connect support

MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT

- Connect new members
- Reach absent members
- Care for aging members

LEADERSHIP IN ADMINISTRATION

- Board of Trustees
- Property and Facilities
- Finance
- Saint Paul Foundation
- Personnel Relations
- Lay Leadership (Nominating)
- Campus Connect Board