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### Pastor's Thoughts

I love autumn! I love the changing of the leaves and the cooler weather. I love pumpkins dotting doorsteps and garnishing tabletops, and a fresh crop of apple's crunch sends juicy sweetness dripping down my chin. Autumn signals we have survived the heat of summer, and holidays are approaching. It seems a 'homey' season. It's like the earth is giving us a huge hug, and the harvest displays God's abundant provision. 2019 is winding towards its finish line. Preparations for 2020 are gearing up. In September, you were invited to indicate how you will participate in being the Body of Christ through your service at Saint Paul United Methodist Church. Nomination Committee is preparing a slate of officers for election at our Church Conference at the end of this month. Committed lay leadership is essential in charting our vision and helping us achieve our goals.

In October, you are invited to indicate how you will support our mission and ministry through your financial giving. By completing a pledge card and returning it, we are able to establish our operating budget for 2020. After fixed costs, like building operation and maintenance, salaries and staffing are determined; program expenses are set, and mission and outreach goals are identified. Your returned pledge card gives us a best estimate for responsible financial stewardship. However, your intentional giving is more than helping us create a sound budget. When you give intentionally, it helps you remember faith priorities and keep them before you throughout the year. When you give intentionally, you offer resistance to the culture that would say "the more you have, the more you are," and you claim our identity as God's beloved. When you give intentionally, you affirm your belief in a God of Abundance. When you give intentionally, you engage in a spiritual practice.

Please join with me in indicating your gifts to the mission and ministry of Saint Paul United Methodist Church by bringing your estimate of 2020 giving to worship on October 20th.

With Glad and Generous Hearts,

*Jane*

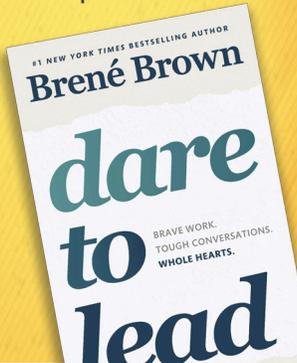


## Dare to Lead: A Leadership Workshop with Dr. Marilyn Moore



**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 Brene 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.



# Mid-Week CONNECT Classes

## 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.

## 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.

## Mid-Week Connect Menu

- **10/2:** sloppy joe on bun, tater tots, carrots, cole slaw, apple crisp
- **10/9:** chili, cinnamon roll
- **10/16:** chicken pie casserole with vegetables, tossed salad with apples & bananas, muffins, assorted cakes
- **10/23** potato bar includes butter, sour cream, salsa, chili, broccoli, cheese & bacon bits, jello with fruit, brownies
- **10/30** spaghetti with sauce, bread sticks, green tossed salad with dressings, peas & carrots, rice crispy treats



# United Methodist Women News

## Wesley Group

**Thursday, October 22 at 11:30 a.m.  
in the Dining Room**

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

## Circle 1

**Friday, October 11 at 10:30 a.m.  
in Paine Parlor**

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

## Grateful Together

**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 at (402) 326-2631**

**UMW All Church Dinner  
Thursday, October 3 at 6:45 p.m.  
in the Dining Room**

Our speaker will be Max Graves, Executive Director for the Center for Legal Immigrant Assistance. His very timely topic will be “A Closer Look at the Immigration Experience”. Dinner will start at 6:00 and will cost \$8.00. The program will begin at 6:45 and will be free of charge. The dinner and program are open to all. **Please RSVP by Tuesday, October 1 by contacting Gay Nelson at (402) 475-5663, calling the church office (402) 477-6951, or registering online.**

## Great Plains Conference

### Conversation & Lunch

**Sunday, October 20  
12:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center**

In June the Great Plains Conference voted to resist the implementation of the petitions known as the Traditional Plan. Each church determines what “resistance” will be for them. On October 20 we will gather for conversations to determine how Saint Paul UMC will be part of the resistance. Lunch is available. Please plan on attending to share your voice in the conversation.

## Joys and Concerens

### Sympathy to the friends and family of:

- Charles “Charlie” Bowlby transitioned to new life on August 25.
- Peg Rider transitioned to new life on September 4.

### New Members:

- Sarah Jacobsen, Cathron O’Connor, Heather Stauffer, Evelyn Kurbert, Chad Crumley and Richard & Billie Caye-Hayes

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

# Small Groups and Gatherings

## Non-Fiction Book Group

**October 8 at 7:00 p.m.  
in Room 155**

The book for discussion is This Blessed Earth by Ted Genoways, the One Book One Nebraska selection for 2019. No need to pre-register, just come! Questions? Contact Marilyn Moore at [marilyn.moore68@gmail.com](mailto:marilyn.moore68@gmail.com).

## Just Mercy: Issues in the Criminal Justice System

**Tuesday, October 22  
from 7:00 - 9:00 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

**October 23 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Room 155**

This month's topic will be the One Book One Nebraska 2019 choice This Blessed Earth: A Year in the Life of an American Family Farm by Ted Genoways. Join us for great discussion of this nonfiction book by a Nebraska author along with coffee, cookies, and fellowship. Questions? Need more info? Contact Judy Jensen at (402)-420-6370.



## Saint Paul Tailgate

**Saturday, Oct. 5**

**11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

Help us by handing out hotdogs, chips and Saint Paul swag. Or simply swing on by for some free food and yard games! Contact Mitch by email at [mconnelly@saintpaulumc.org](mailto:mconnelly@saintpaulumc.org) for more information!



## Chili Cook-Off

**Wednesday, October 9  
from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.**

The Membership Engagement Team invites you to bring a friend and your best chili recipe to the Community Chili Cook-Off. Interested in submitting your best chili? **Sign-up: <https://bit.ly/2IYzegj>. Questions? Contact the church office or Katie Williams**



## Saint Paul Seniors

**Tuesday, October 8 at 12:00 p.m.**

Program for this month will be Rusty Dawkins, former meteorologist w/Channel 10/11. Lunch at noon for \$6. Call the church office by Monday, Oct. 7 or respond to email registration.

## Youth Ministries

### Youth Group Fall Clean-Up Project

On October 6th and 13th Saint Paul Youth Group will be providing yard work services to several members of the congregation. These services include debris pickup, weeding, raking, mowing, trimming and firewood stacking. We are also looking for volunteers who would be interested in participating in this project with us. Volunteers would be asked to donate one hour of their time between the hours of 2:00 and 6:00 p.m. on either Sunday providing a variety of the previously mentioned services. This is a great opportunity for families or individuals to connect with one another and provide much needed assistance and support to some of our senior members. For more information or to sign up as a volunteer please contact Mitch by email at [mconnelly@saintpaulumc.org](mailto:mconnelly@saintpaulumc.org).

Register here: <https://bit.ly/2ko4Efo>



**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](mailto:mconnelly@saintpaulumc.org).



Saint Paul Youth Group

# ROCA SCARY FARM

Friday, Oct. 25  
5:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Special registration offer \$15 per student if you register before Oct. 20. Cost is \$20 per student after Oct. 20.

Cost includes:  
transportation, dinner, smores, admission to the Psycho Path, Sinister Circus, Haunted Manor and Haunted Hayrack Ride.

Meet in the Dining Room at 5:00 p.m.. We will return to the church at 10:30 p.m.

Please RSVP to Mitch at [mconnelly@saintpaulumc.org](mailto:mconnelly@saintpaulumc.org)  
Register online at [www.saintpaulumc.org](http://www.saintpaulumc.org)  
(If you need financial assistance contact Mitch for details)

## College and Young Adults



### 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

**Kids for Christ**  
Join us on Sundays  
for Kids for Christ at  
9:45 a.m.



## 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)

## Trunk-or-Treat

## and Haunted Hallway

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

We have created a variety of sponsorship and volunteer opportunities for people of all ages. Volunteer opportunities include providing individually wrapped candy donations from one bag to many bags. Monetary donations for hot dogs, chips, refreshments and other costs associated with the event. We also need individuals to decorate a vehicle (personal or business) wear a costume and hand out candy during the event. Most importantly we are seeking volunteers before or after the event to assist with set up and tear down. Lastly, we need youth volunteers to assist with decorating in the Haunted Hallway and serving as live actors during the event. Contact Mitch [mconnelly@saintpaulumc.org](mailto:mconnelly@saintpaulumc.org).

## Trunk-or-Treat

## Sponsorship Levels

### Casper

Donate individually wrapped candy. donate 1 bag or as many as you want!

### Beetlejuice

Donate hot dogs, buns, or individual bags of chips (monetary donation also accepted)

### Frankenstein

These types of events always have hidden costs. Make a monetary donation

### Dracula

This level is for a group or business that would like to use their car (personal or business), decorate it themselves, wear costumes and pass out candy that they provide.

### Mummy

Volunteer before, during, or after the event.

**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](mailto:clink@saintpaulumc.org).

# Sunday Morning Classes from 9:45 - 10:30 a.m.

## Romans

### In the Library (Room 153)

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

### Room 145

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.

## Paine Parlor

### 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

### Starts at 9:00 a.m. in the Office Conference Room (Room 131)

This Saint Paul staple studies both Biblical history and the early Christian and Jewish beliefs that serve as the foundation of the Christian movement. Led by Bill Wood.

## Short-Term Study Groups during the week

### Days of Awe and Wonder

#### 7:00 p.m. in Room 145

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

#### 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.

### Reading the Bible Again for the First Time

#### 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 in Room 155

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.



**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](mailto:jlinder@saintpaulumc.org).



## First Friday Music and Art Concert

October 4 at 12:10 p.m.

We hope you will join us for the opening of the First Friday Saint Paul Music and Art Concert Series featuring Bellissimo, Lincoln's handbell choir.

Performing since 2002 and under the leadership of Nancy Youngman, this 16 member ensemble of bell ringers from twelve Lincoln churches are selected by audition. Among their performing credentials are performances in Council Bluffs, IA, Louisiana, Red Cloud, NE and multiple Lincoln performances including appearances with Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra in 2017 and 2018. A return appearance with the orchestra will take place this year. Bell-issimo inspires and promotes the distinctive beauty and uniqueness of hand bell ringing.

There is no charge for this concert. Opportunity for a free-will donation will be provided. Lunch is available for purchase. A performance on the Saint Paul McKinley Bells will precede the concert. Further information may be obtained by calling the church at

**(402) 477-6951.**

## Chancel Chat

### "Giving As A Life Pattern"

Some of you may know that I taught in Columbus, Ohio before I came to Lincoln. So I was drawn to quotes attributed to an acquaintance of mine from Columbus in writings by Pastor Brad Bailey. Says he, "a life pattern is the way a person structures his or her life. A pattern is built or drawn from the values that a person develops over time. These values come from many different sources including family, friends, culture and God."

October is financial commitment month at Saint Paul and the choir will be singing music that inspires and challenges you. I marvel at the "giving" of members of the choir to this church. A week to week commitment to rehearsals and services, a week to week commitment to inspired worship through inspiring music and a week to week commitment to serving and volunteering. We could not be effective worship leaders without this commitment. And, I could not provide musical leadership to weekly worship without knowing their commitment was strong and unyielding. So also is the need for commitment to the financial well-being of the church. The choir and I are grateful recipients and stewards of the financial gifts we are privileged to receive. The generosity of the church has made possible wonderful worship support through the availability of a fine organ, concert quality piano and harpsichord with the massive instruments in the bell tower heard each Sunday. You should check those out sometime. No other church in Lincoln and few other churches in the region are able to provide this kind of instrumental support of the worship experience. So, we are grateful!

During October the choir will be singing anthems by Austin Lovelace, Jane Marshall, Mack Wilberg, Ruth Dwyer and Ake Malmfors. Each in its own way supports the theme of giving. The choir welcomes new scholarship singers Kellyn Vuchitech, Grace Brunnick-Clark, Dr. Julie Heaton and Joel Brown. We also welcome Bruce Chapman back to the bass section. Bruce sang with the choir in the past and we are pleased he has returned. Enjoy the fall.

Bill Wyman  
Director of Music

## Ground Up

Many thanks to our Property committee and especially Alan Ebner and Lanny Nissen. Lanny had many conversations with Bill Wyman to ascertain the needs of our music space. He developed plans which Alan Ebner lent his expertise in reviewing and accommodating. Here is a visual representation of the next phase of our basement renovation.

During the previous remodeling in 2000 (almost 20 years ago!), these renovations were cut due to financial limitations. They were part of the master plan for the basement, but funding did not permit all areas to be addressed at that time. The sanctuary and kitchen space was remodeled, but the rest of the basement went untouched. Our beautiful building is visited by many people throughout the week and used in ministry daily. We host musicians and groups for a variety of reasons. They do not just enter our beautiful sanctuary; they prepare, rehearse and gather in other spaces as well. These proposed changes will make us more accommodating and hospitable for visiting groups and performers. They will also make it more aesthetically pleasing for us all and address some unkept areas of our church.

We have a group of faithful people who also prepare backpacks with food during the school year. These are distributed at schools in cooperation with the Lincoln Food Bank. They are take-home bags given on Friday for children who may not have any food otherwise over the weekend. The proposed renovation cleans up an abandoned area of our building and repurposes it for feeding ministries for children.

Much of this work can be done through volunteer labor; some of it will require skilled professionals. If you can assist in demo or building of a wall or replacement of light fixtures, please indicate your willingness to help by contacting **Kevin Kidd, our building manager, [kkidd@saintpaulumc.org](mailto:kkidd@saintpaulumc.org)**. If you can assist with financial gifts, please contact **Sherry Waldman, our Finance Manager, [swaldman@saintpaulumc.org](mailto:swaldman@saintpaulumc.org)**.

“Ground Up” will bring the basement up to a reasonable standard for music, children’s outreach and visiting groups.

## Friday Noon Concerts

### 2019 Season

#### October 4

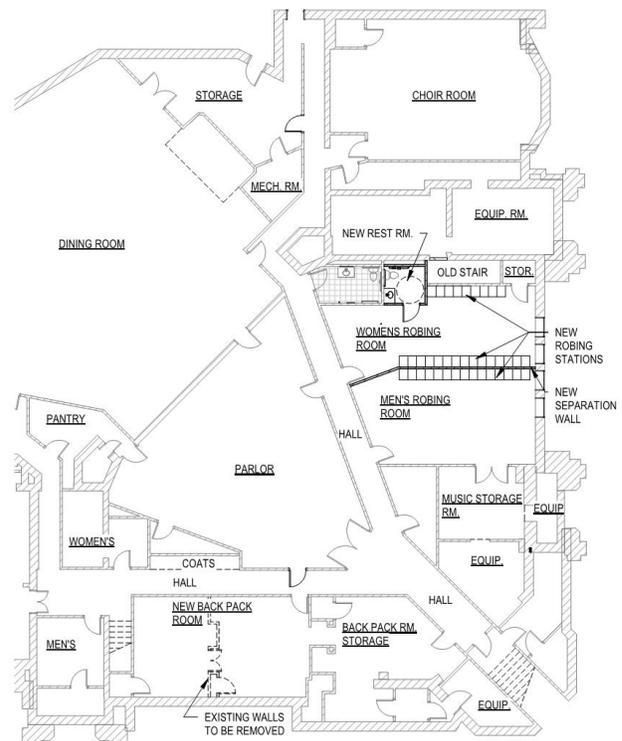
Bell-issimo (Handbell Choir)

#### November 1

Southeast High School  
(Jazz Choir and Madrigal Choir)

#### December 6

William McMullen and Catherine  
Herbener (Oboe, Piano,  
Harpsichord)



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