



koinonia {koy-nohn-ee'-ah}
(n): community, communion, fellowship
(v): to share, to contribute, to be one

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024 | 9:00am SERVICE

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Scripture Lessons: 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

Sermon: *The Good Shepherd*
Rev. Darren Brandon

TODAY'S SONGS

Mighty to Save
You Never Let Go
There is One Gospel
The Compassion Hymn
No Greater Love

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Worship Team
Lay Reader: Melody Medley
Communion Servers:
Greg & Jessica Bernard

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us, for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God, and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

John 10:11-18

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

YOU MAY GIVE YOUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

by placing them in the offering plates as they are passed. Baskets are on the front pews as you come up for communion and on the table by the cross for our Good Samaritan Fund.

CONNECTION CARDS may be placed in the offering plates or fill out an online card using the Flowcode to the right.



LAY READER SCHEDULE

April 28: 1 John 4:7-12 – Youth

May 5: 1 John 5:1-6 – Jimmy Switzer

May 12: 1 John 5:9-13 – Ann Curtis

CHILDREN

CHILDCARE is available for infants through pre-k from 8:45am-12:15pm in room 200.

All children are invited to participate in worship by choosing worship materials from the Children's Worship Cart located in back of the worship space.

TO ADULTS WITH KIDS: Relax! God put the wiggle in children, and you don't need to suppress it in God's house. Consider sitting toward the front where it might be easier for your kids to see and hear. If you need to leave the service at any point, feel free to do so - but please come back! We want you and your kids to feel welcome and cherished.

TO OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH: the presence of children is a gift and a reminder that our faith is alive! Please welcome our kids and give a smile of encouragement to their adults.

THIS WEEK: APRIL 21–27, 2024

TODAY

8:30am Coffee & Donuts (Common Cup)
9:00am Worship - KOINONIA (Gym)
10:00am Sunday School
10:00am Common Cup Celebration
11:00am Worship - Traditional (Sanctuary)
10:00am Common Cup Celebration
5:00pm Tweens (308)
5:00pm Youth Choir (302)
6:00pm Youth Group (McAdams, Youth Center)
8:00pm AA Meeting (100)

MONDAY

Office Open 10am-2pm
5:30pm AA Meeting (100)

TUESDAY

Office Open 10am-2pm
10:00am Worship Staff Meeting (Youth Center)
11:00am Staff Meeting (Youth Center)
7:00pm AA Meeting (100)
7:00pm Scouts (Gym)
7:30pm DBSA (110, 113)

WEDNESDAY

Office Open 10am-2pm
10:00am Women's Bible Study (113)
5:00pm Resilience Team (Parlor)
6:00pm Wesley Night Activities (see below)

THURSDAY

Office Open 10am-2pm
12:00pm SPAMS Derby Party (Uptown Cafe)
6:00pm AA Meeting (111)
7:15pm Chancel Choir (302)

FRIDAY

Office Closed

SATURDAY

9:00am-5:00pm Boy Scout Flower Sale (Small Parking lot)
10:00am AA Meeting (100)
8:00pm AA Meeting (100)

WESLEY NIGHT | Wednesdays | 6-9pm

Dinner | 6-7pm | McAdams Hall | Meal: pizza

RSVP for Dinner here: <https://www.stpaulchurchky.org/ministries/wesley-night/>

Music Milestones (Ages 3-K) | 6-6:30pm | Room 306

Open Gym and Homework Help for 1st-6th Grade | 6-6:30pm | Gym

Youth Jam and Hangout | 6:30-8pm | Youth Center

Joyful Song Choir (1st-3rd Grade) | 7-8pm | Room 306

Wesleyan Choir (4th-6th Grade) | 7-8pm | Room 302

Adult Book Study | *Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation* | 7-8pm | McAdams Hall

Bells of St. Paul Handbell Choir | 8-9pm | Room 303

My thoughts:

Next Week in Worship

Koinonia 9:00am – Gym | Traditional 11:00am – Sanctuary

Livestream at 11:00am on Facebook

Youth Futures | Sarah Timm

Scriptures for the Week: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; John 15:1-8

Lay Reader: Youth – I John 4:7-12

Childcare is available for worship from 8:45am to 12:15pm | Ages Birth through Pre-K

Check the St. Paul Website (stpaulchurchky.org) for more information on these and other activities or scan the QR code to the right for quick links to lots of Next Week in Worship



Prayer requests can be sent to prayer@stpaulchurchky.org.

Sign up for the St. Paul weekly email and Tower newsletter at the website (bottom of homepage) or by emailing info@stpaulchurchky.org.

SERVE

Share Your Eclipse Glasses | Did you know that you can donate your eclipse glasses for eclipses in developing countries? Warby Parker is collecting the glasses. Ruth Ann Whitehouse has offered to deliver any donated glasses from the St. Paul congregation to Warby Parker. Drop off your glasses at the main office (2nd floor).

Resource Center Current Needs | Attention MEN! We would be incredibly grateful if you would clean out your closets and re-home your gently-used (i.e., not badly torn, super dirty, or paint-covered) JEANS and PANTS and T-SHIRTS and SHOES. We have an ongoing need for these items in all sizes. Thank you in advance!

SUMMER SAVE-THE-DATES:

Vacation Bible School (for age 3 through rising 5th graders) is June 17-21, 9am-noon | Visit www.stpaulchurchky.org/vbs to register!

Project Serve (for rising 5th-7th graders) is June 17-21, 1-4pm | Register at www.stpaulchurchky.org/project-serve

Kids Music Camp (for rising 2nd-7th graders) is July 8-12, 9am-noon, with performances July 14 | Register at <https://www.stpaulchurchky.org/music-camp/>

Loucon Summer Camp | St. Paul will once again cover half the cost for our students to attend Loucon. The church will reimburse families directly. Once you have completed your student's camp registration, please forward your invoice to youth@stpaulchurchky.org. Within three weeks, you will receive a check for half of the regular, pre-tax tuition. Please send any questions to the email address above.

Common Cup Celebration | Today, 10:00-11:00am; 12:00pm-12:30pm | Join us for the Grand Re-Opening of the new and improved Common Cup! Plan on stopping by for coffee, doughnuts, and fellowship.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPAMS Derby Party at Uptown Cafe | Thursday, April 25
We'll board the church bus at 11:00am. Wear your best Derby attire. We may play some Derby trivia after lunch! Sign up at the Information Center.

Kids Worship Night | May 5, 5-7pm | A special night of worship geared toward kids in grades K-6. Please pack a dinner for your child, and adults feel free to stay and participate! We will eat in Room 100, then we will worship through art, prayer, music, small groups, and a lesson. Pick-up will be in the Chapel. Childcare available for younger siblings in Room 200!

Tweens Campout at O'Bannon Woods State Park (for 4th-6th graders) | May 17-18 | Come celebrate the end of a great year of service and fun! Dropoff and pickup in the church parking lot. \$20 per child. Email tracy@stpaulchurchky.org to sign up.

Children's Choir Spring Program | Wednesday, May 15, 7pm, FLC Gym | Dinner is served in the Gym from 6-7pm (RSVP by Monday, May 13) | Each of our children's music groups will present music activities and songs they have learned throughout the year and be presented with their yearly choir awards. This will be an exciting evening for our kids, as well as our church family as we celebrate their musical gifts!

St. Paul Youth Choir Coffeehouse Concert | Wednesday, May 29, 7pm, FLC Gym | Join our St. Paul Youth Choir for coffee and desserts as they present a variety of music for your enjoyment! We are requesting a few more people to provide home baked goodies for the coffeehouse. Contact Karla Temple if you would like to add to the desserts for the evening.

Parents Night Out | Friday, May 31, 5:30-8:30pm | Kids up to age 12 will enjoy dinner, gym time, and a movie! \$25/first child, \$5/each additional child. Email tracy@stpaulchurchky.org to sign up.

SPAMS Cruise on the Mary Miller Steamboat | Thursday, June 20, 11:00a-3:00pm | St. Paul Adult Ministry for Seniors will take a day trip on the Mary Miller steamboat. Our trip includes lunch on the steamboat. Tickets are \$37 per person, including meal, or \$25 without meal. Meet at St. Paul at 11:00am. You are welcome to ride on the church bus or drive yourself. Please sign up at the Information Center or by calling the church office (459-1595) by Sunday, May 19.

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