



Is this the newsletter for AUGUST? Well, most of July is over and we are looking forward to the next month – August. Our summer is coming to an end as we prepare for the beginning for another school year – it's August! We are preparing ourselves for the 8<sup>th</sup> month of the year – it's August! Time is one of the most precious "commodities" we have to spend. Inside the cover of the United Methodist Program Calendar is a section entitled "Thoughts on Time." I would like to share it with you: *People professing their faith for the first time in a United Methodist congregation take two vows dealing with time. As you watch and hear youth and adults committing to life as disciples of Jesus Christ you will hear them asked to agree: 1) To be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church and to do all in their power to strengthen its ministries; 2) To faithfully participate in its ministries by their prayers, their presence, their gifts, their service and their witness.*

*As we agree to these vows, we commit our lives to Christ and agree to give a significant portion of our time to the ministry that we are called to through our baptism. ...will the activities, events and practices filling our days show us to be good stewards of the time with which God gifts us?*

Our calendars can help us use our time wisely.  
"Time is a treasure, use it wisely."

Yes – it is August, the 8<sup>th</sup> month of the year!

Grace and Peace,  
Dr. Keith W. Johnson, Lead Pastor

### Important Dates in August

|           |                                   |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| August 16 | Storm Chasers Baseball Game       |
| August 23 | Dinner Group to Stinson Park      |
| August 24 | Blood Drive                       |
| August 31 | One Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. |



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# New Director of Childcare and Preschool

## A Little Bit about Me:



I am an Omaha native; I graduated from the College of Saint Mary with a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Special Education. I am married to my best friend Matt. We have a little girl named Aspen. She keeps us super busy. We like to spend our time with friends and family!

I am very passionate about early childhood education, and how young minds work. I love to see when a child masters a new skill! You also can learn so much about life if you listen to what a child has to say!

I am excited to be here at Saint Paul UMC. I look forward to learning about everyone and all that Saint Paul UMC has to offer.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. Please call the center at 402-556-2433 or email at ksmith@stpaulomaha.org.

## Giving Tree

Courtesy of the Stewardship/Finance Team, giving trees have appeared in the worship gathering areas for your consideration. Multi-colored "leaves" suggest ways in which you may support the on-going requirements to keep Saint Paul UMC up and running. Leaves have suggested gifts, such as \$10.00 toward the monthly dumpster charge, or \$25.00 toward preschool curriculum.

Simply place your "leaf" and the appropriate donation in the envelopes provided. You are invited to help with Saint Paul UMC's expenses, such as:

- \$ 40 1 month gas for church van
- \$146 1 month security system
- \$ 98 1 month internet fee
- \$ 50 1 case of toilet paper
- \$404 1 month trash dumpster fee
- \$ 40 1 month web hosting

After only two weeks, the Giving Tree has resulted in \$879 in donations. Please take time to check out the suggestions on the "leaves" and help out if you can.



## August Worship Highlights

Guest organist, Julie Sandene (8:30) and pianist, Pat Watts (5:00) bring special music to worship on **August 02/03** and **09/10**. Kris Oertell will offer a handbell solo as part of worship on Sunday, **August 03**.

As part of weekend worship **August 16/17** and **23/24** we will enjoy the tried and true summer “shout & sings” where the congregational favorites will be lifted up and sung. Songs of faith, and the love for them, tell us so much about our spiritual journey; those cherished memories of with whom and why our path has brought us this far.

The last super-summer-single-Sunday-services will be celebrated as part of the Labor Day holiday weekend, **August 31** at 10:00 a.m. Guest music will be offered by the Bad Country Band. This group features Saint Paul’s own Nick Goding who is joined by musical comrades Robbie Garvin, Chuck Serfass, and Cameron Young for a down home, foot stomping good time.

The Saturday evening service will also be a celebratory one, again featuring Pat Watts at the piano. There will be no children’s or youth Sunday school, so plan to worship with the entire family as you enjoy this extended weekend. Make your worship presence known!

## July 6 Worship Service Photos



The Combined Choirs, with Stan Harper on the soprano saxophone, led the singing.



Our veterans accompanied the American flag to the front of the Sanctuary.

## August Sunday Worship Hours

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <b>3, 10,<br/>17, 24</b> | <p><b>8:30 a.m. “Traditional” Worship in the Sanctuary</b></p> <p><b>10:00 a.m. “Contemporary” Worship in Fellowship Hall</b></p> |
| <b>31</b>                | <p><b>10:00 a.m. One Worship Service in the Sanctuary</b></p>   |

## August Communal Offering

An important element in the receiving of Christ's holy meal is how we respond to the invitation. Through our monthly communal offering we respond to being the body of Christ in a truly tangible way. On **August 02/03** our second mile giving will help support the Great Plains Annual Conference special offering for the **Epworth Village, Inc.** Located in York, Nebraska, Epworth Village, Inc. remembers its historical roots as Mothers' Jewels Home for Children, but is no longer an orphanage. More than 1,000 people across Nebraska are served each month in their York and Grand Island locations through [Child Welfare Group Home Services](#), [Educational Services](#), [In-Home Safety Services](#), [Foster Care Services](#), & [Outpatient Therapy Services](#). Epworth Village provides a home for children dealing with issues such as oppositional defiant disorders, post traumatic stress disorder, sexual abuse disorders and the list goes on. The sacramental observance on this weekend reminds us the commandment to "love one another" is made all the more meaningful as we participate in ministries that actively promote Christ's loving model of caring.

## New Refugee Family

The St. Paul Mercy & Justice Team continues to prepare for the receiving of a new refugee family, at this time scheduled for mid August. The team's original request was for a Bhutanese speaking family, that we might honor the invitation to the Rai Family that they participate with us as mentors. We are seeking the help of the congregation in securing furnishings and household items to make a livable first home in their new country. See the church office for a "Whole Nine Yards" info sheet and be ready to offer your help when you hear the call. In particular, we will need licensed drivers to take our new friends to their necessary weekly appointments: doctor, grocery, laundry, government offices, Lutheran Family Service Center, etc. Contact the church office to volunteer your services. August will be a busy month of preparation!

## Refugee Clothes Closet

Do you have summer shorts, shoes or shirts the children have outgrown? There are refugees who will be doing their back-to-school "shopping" at the Benson Area Refugee Taskforce clothes closet hosted at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 61<sup>st</sup> & Maple, Saturday, August 23 from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Benson community refugees of all ages will be invited to come and pick up good used clothing and shoes at no cost. Clothing is needed in baby, children's/youth and men's small/medium sizes. **NO WOMEN'S CLOTHES ARE NEEDED AT THIS TIME.** Any gifts of gently used shoes children's thru adult medium sizes are welcomed. Very much appreciated are packages of new socks and underwear in all sizes up to adult medium; school supplies (pens, pencils, notebooks, and crayons, etc;) and toothbrushes and toothpaste. You may bring your donations to the church anytime before August 21, when the donations will be transferred to Immanuel.

## Thank You from Habitat for Humanity Omaha

Dear Saint Paul United Methodist Church,

On behalf of Habitat Omaha we would like to thank you for your generous gift of \$1204.95 to support the work of the Carpenters Crew Coalition.

**"For it is in giving that we receive."—Saint Francis of Assisi**

For 30 years, faith partners like Carpenters Crew Coalition, have been the cornerstone of our work to help end poverty housing. With their efforts, and the generosity of people like you, Habitat Omaha has provided a hand up to more than 803 families in our community!

Thank you again for your generosity and support.

With gratitude,

Kathy Katt, CFRE  
Sr. Director of Development & Marketing

Janneane Gerot  
Faith Engagement Manager



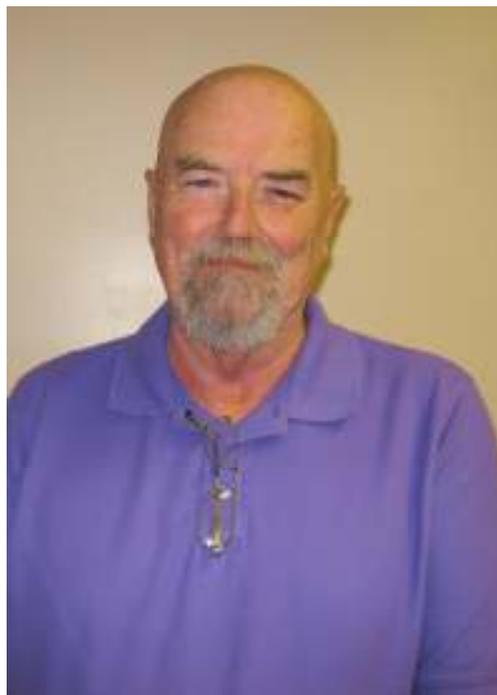
## Nebraska Retiree Health Assessment

July 5th & 6th ~ \$707.00

# New Members



Jennifer Nagel



Jeffrey Bass



Carla Stephenson

## Adult Ministries

There is lots to look forward to during the second half of the summer with Adult Ministries activities. We travel to Werner Park to watch the StormChasers baseball game on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the ticket window at 5:30 so we can get seats together!

On Saturday August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm the Dinner Club will meet in Stinson Park near Aksarben for a summer night concert by The Confidentials. Folding chairs or a blanket to sit on can be beneficial for this event.

We are making plans along with Congregational Care for a walk-run-bike-fit day on Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup>. More details will be forthcoming as plans are finalized.

## Small Group Studies

The Tuesday morning study group has decided to continue meeting after the completion of our World Religions course. We will resume discussions at 10am on Tuesday August 5<sup>th</sup> in the Reading Room, and make choices regarding the next study topic. We have several options available, some curriculum based (text book and video), some more biblical, some topical. Two possibilities are "The 5 Habits of Fruitful Congregations" by Bishop Rober Schnase of the Missouri Annual Conference, and "The Wesleyan Way" by our own Bishop Scott Jones of the Great Plains Annual Conference. We also plan to offer a new Fast Track Disciple study. This spends 12 weeks covering the Old Testament and 12 weeks in the New Testament, and meets for approximately 1 hour 15 minutes during each week. We are considering a Sunday afternoon time for this, but it will depend on those who sign up when is best to meet. Contact Doug Olson or Kathy Rice for more information.

## September is Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month

What is a brain aneurysm?

A brain/cerebral aneurysm is a weak bulging in the wall of an artery in your brain. It's much like a thin balloon or weak spot in an inner tube. Blood flows in our arteries. As an artery wall becomes thinner, blood flow causes the weakened wall to swell outward, pressure causes the aneurysm to rupture and blood flows into the space around the brain.

Signs & Symptoms

Anyone experiencing some or all of the following symptoms needs immediate medical attention.

- sudden severe headache, the worst headache of your life.
- loss of consciousness
- nausea/vomiting
- stiff neck
- sudden blurred or double vision
- sudden pain above/behind the eye or difficulty seeing
- sudden change in mental status/awareness
- sudden trouble walking or dizziness
- sudden weakness & numbness
- sensitivity to light
- seizure
- droopy eyelid

Health Ministries Team



**August 24—8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
**To sign up, call Marty Shields at 402-553-1457**

# Pilger Mission Trip

Seventeen people (aged 9-65) traveled to Pilger, NE, on July 19 to help with clean up after the tornadoes. Immediately the shocking level of devastation struck us. Our assignment was to remove hazardous debris from around the remnants of the elementary school. We put on our gloves; took shovels, rakes and buckets. Dug through debris looking for broken glass, concrete and bricks. Shared snacks, stories and bowed our heads with fellow servants of the Lord, working side by side doing the Lord's work. Surely the presence of the Lord was in this place. My God had His hand on me. As we talked about the experience later, while we may have been initially struck by the damage, what is more significant is that the town and the people who live there are so kind, welcoming and so very resilient.

Kristin Malone, Director of Youth Ministries



# UMW NEWS

Featuring the activities of the United Methodist Women of Saint Paul UMC. AUGUST 2014

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**NO MEETING IN AUGUST**  
  
**RUTH CIRCLE WILL HOST THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.**

**CONTINUE TO SAVE CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS AND BOX TOPS**



**NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2014  
COFFEE AT 9:30, PROGRAM AT 10 AM**

Join us as we plan for UMW Weekend  
September 27 & 28 and  
our next MINI-MART on October 4 & 5.

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**OUR BAKELESS BAKESALE**

**A bit of news we have today....  
OUR BAKELESS BAKESALE is on the way.  
In these busy days, who wants to bake  
a pie or cookies or even a cake?**

**You'd be surprised if you counted the cost,  
of ingredients, heat and the time you've lost.  
Baking for sales is extra work,  
yet nobody really wants to shirk.**

**So we've thought of a plan that's really grand,  
and feel quite sure you will understand.  
In an envelope, if you like, please include the  
price of a pie, cake or anything nice.**

**Without fuss or bother, you've done your part.  
We hope you'll give with a willing heart.**

**Please bring to the church office or  
send to Pat Leslie, Treasurer.**

## Recent Hospitalizations

George (Don) Bentley, Carolyn Schmitz, Grace Custer, Marge McCary

## Congratulations

To Ted & Jenny Cecava on the birth of their son, Clark Nelson. Clark's big sister is Scarlett.

## Christian Sympathy

To Cathy & Jim Jensen in the death of Cathy's mother.

To the family of Ruth Anderson in her death.

## Honorariums

For Gladys Lantz—Donald, Sandra & Lisa Hansen

## Memorials

For Lowell Meisinger—Mark & Martha Allen, Shawn Ammon, Bob Furr & Lucy Romine, Donna Grimm, Lori Hineline, Carol McKay, Leonard Linafelter, George & Bernadine Meisinger, Peg Reed, Nancy & Larry Rush, Joann & Ivan Sawyer, Betty White

## Memorials (continued)

For Sheila Meier—Jerome E. Coniglio & Patricia K. Morgera-Coniglio, Cheryl Bedell, Corinthian Class, Jim, Peggy & Janet Matzner, Kent & Sue Bacon, Doug & Celeste Olson, Bob & Joanna Lonnecker, Lana & James Anderson, Bob & Reva Knightly, Darlene & Fred Nash, Vance Taylor, Jan & Ken Walker, Steve & Sharon Wilken, Jeanette & Dean Ekberg, Stan & Virginia Richards, Pat Watts, Pat Ladika, Hackett Family, Rich & Joyce Schaben, Terry & Steph Katoon, Jon Manichol & Diane Butler, Gladys Lantz, Mark & Vicki Davison, Mary Ann Kirchner, Chuck & Carol Morgera, Nick & Mary Stolzer, Linda Mead, Jim & Karen Breyfogle, Myra Reed, Mary Braun, Dale Lidberg, Margaret Coniglio, Jack & Claudia Griger, Bob & Reva Knightly, Sylvia Coons, Lorraine Andersen, Staff at Lincoln Mattress and Furniture

For Kevin Gatzemeyer—Jerry Brabec

For Shirley Puncoschar—Gladys Lantz, Helen Kensinger, Kimberly Waszgis, Linda Nelson

For Shirley Drake—John & Betty Pestal, Martha Ann Orr

For Mildred Taylor—Vance Taylor



Gladys Lantz ushers at many of the funerals we have at Saint Paul UMC. Thanks for your service, Gladys.

## Electronic Giving

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Internet users can go to the Saint Paul website, [www.stpaulomaha.org](http://www.stpaulomaha.org), and click on the "Onling Giving" button.



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## in<sup>W</sup>orship

Saturday Evening

5:00 p.m.—Roth Chapel

Sunday Morning—August Service Times

8:30 a.m.—Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. FUSION—Fellowship Hall

12:30 p.m. African National Service

*(Nursery care available for all Sunday services)*

## in<sup>O</sup>ffice

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

# Saint Paul in<sup>S</sup>piration