



JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY
FOR A CANTATA

*Hallelujah!
What a Savior!*

NEXT SUNDAY
AT 3PM

PRESENTED BY THE
SANCTUARY CHOIR
AND MUSICIANS

SEE PAGE 6 FOR MORE.



March 18, 2018

Welcome from Pastor Bob

Whether you're a first time visitor or a long time member of our St. Paul family, I'm so glad that you've joined us during the season of Lent. This year our Lenten series, "Seven Events That Changed the World," takes us through each of the steps Jesus took toward the cross. For all our upcoming Holy Week worship times be sure to visit page 6 of this bulletin. We have Holy Week doortags in the Connection Center as well. Take a few and invite your neighbors to join us!

During both our worship times today we're taking a moment to recognize and celebrate our Stephen Ministers. Our Stephen Ministry is celebrating an amazing milestone—25 years of serving our church and our community! I am so grateful for the wonderful work all our Stephen Ministers do in offering support to those who are having a hard time. You are truly the hands and feet of Jesus. Be sure to visit page 9 of this bulletin for more about the impact of Stephen Ministry.

Take this bulletin home with you or visit our website, stpaulumc.org, to keep up with everything going on at St. Paul. I am so thankful that you have chosen to be part of St. Paul and all we are accomplishing for the Lord.



Bob Martin, Senior Pastor

Glorify God ♥ Grow in Faith ♥ Give in Love

Glorify God

WORSHIP at 9 AM

Prelude		Cindy Triffon, Accompanist
Introit	<i>Beneath the Cross</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Welcome		Dr. Robert Williams, Worship Leader
*Greet	<i>Oh How He Loves You And Me</i>	
*Hymns	<i>O Sacred Head, Now Wounded</i>	No. 286
	<i>In the Cross of Christ I Glory</i>	No. 295
*Nicene Creed		No. 880
*Prayer with Lord's Prayer		Pastor Pam Dubov
Stephen Ministry Recognition		
Offertory	<i>Lamb of God</i>	Sanctuary Choir
*Doxology	<i>Praise God, From Whom...</i>	No. 94
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Transitional Song	<i>Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed</i>	No. 294
Scripture Reading: Matthew 27: 11-26		
Message	"The Trial"	Pastor Bob Martin
Directed Prayer		
*Closing Hymn	<i>Close to Thee</i>	
*Benediction		
*Postlude		

*Please stand, if you are able.

If you need assistance, let an usher know.

Baby changing tables are located in both men and women's restrooms.

9 AM Greeters: Phyllis and Frank Storms

10:30 AM Greeters: Brooke Errett and Linda Bergeron

VISITING US TODAY?

If you're visiting us today, welcome! We hope you find St. Paul a comfortable place to worship and that you feel God's love. To find out more about us we invite you to:



VISIT OUR CONNECTION CENTER

If you have questions or would like to talk to someone about St.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.stpaulumc.org



JOIN OUR MAILING LIST
SIGN UP ON THE CONNECT CARD



FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK
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Turn to page 4 for the Prayer List.



SEE PAGE 9

FOR MORE ABOUT
OUR STEPHEN MINISTRY
25TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION



Security Training Day

May 5 | 9 a.m. | Sanctuary

Anyone who is currently serving or interested in serving as an usher, greeter, Connection Center host, or as part of our parking team or security team, is required to attend a security training on Saturday, May 5 in the sanctuary from 9 a.m. to noon.

The ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) training is conducted by the Largo Police Department. It will prepare us to deal with potential emergency situations, intruders or violence so that we are able to recognize and respond to emergencies.

GROWTHguide

The Growth Guide is a weekly e-mail with devotionals based on Sunday's message. Scripture, challenge questions, and more take you deeper into the topic and help you keep in touch with the Lord all week long. If you would like to receive the Growth Guide by email, you can sign up on the Connect Card on page 3 of this bulletin. The Growth Guide is also posted on our website under the Past Messages section.

10:30 AM WORSHIP

A typical 10:30 a.m. worship at St. Paul lasts about an hour. Worship is filled with current Christian music from our praise band. You are invited to sing along with the words on the screens, or simply enjoy the music. You'll notice there is a time in our worship to give financially. This is how we support the ministries and missions of our church. We hope you experience the love of God with us today!



ABOUT
60 MIN.



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Giving

It's easy to give online! You can make a one time gift or set up a convenient recurring contribution on our website. You can also use our online giving page to pay for things like worship flowers, class study materials and more. Visit stpaulumc.org and click the Giving button, or use this QR code.



Flowers

We are blessed to have individuals that love to see beautiful flowers in our sanctuary. Thank you to those special donors who make it possible!

Do you have an event or person you would like to honor with flowers? You can give a flower bouquet to the Glory of God. Call the church office at 584-8165, visit the Giving page on our website, or e-mail church@stpaulumc.org. Bouquets are \$40. Be sure to include your inscription with your order.

Please Enter Through the Double Doors

In an effort to better secure our building on Sunday mornings, we ask that you enter through the main double doors. All other outside doors leading to the sanctuary building will be locked Sunday morning for security. Thank you for your cooperation!



Joan Crowder Memorial
Friday, March 23 at 11 a.m.
St. Paul UMC Chapel

St. Paul United Methodist Church CONNECT CARD

Use this card to record your attendance and share your prayer requests, needs and interests. Tear off and return it in the offering plate, the basket in the lobby, or the Connection Center. You do not need to fill out the entire card, only the parts that apply to you!

Date: March 18, 2018 9 AM 10:30 AM

Name: _____
First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____ Home
 Cell

Address: _____

I am a:

- 1st Time Guest 2nd Time Guest
 Regular Attendee Member(s)
 Winter Resident: Here from _____ to _____
 Please update my information.

I came today because:

- I drove by I visited the website
 I've been here before I received a mailing
 I was invited by _____
Other: _____

I want to join your e-mail list:

- Weekly Pastor's E-Note Growth Guide
 Weekly St. Paul Newsletter Children
 Students
Other: _____

Be sure to put your e-mail address at the top of the card!

How can we pray for you?

- For Military Prayer List
 Do NOT publish in bulletin.
 Do NOT include on prayer chain.
 I would like to connect with a Stephen Minister.

Don't forget to fill out the other side!

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I am interested in:

- Rededicating my life to Jesus
- Being baptized
- Becoming a member
- Joining a Small Group
- Serving at the church

How: _____

- Serving in the community

How: _____

- Learning more about St. Paul ministries

Specifically: _____

- Taking a Spiritual Gifts Assessment

Other: _____

I need a name tag for:

(Name tags can be picked up in the Connection Center to the side of the lobby two weeks after your request is placed.)

I would like to help with:

- Serving the Homeless on Sunday
- Livestream Team on Sunday 9 AM 10:30 AM
- Sunday Coffee Team 9 AM 10:30 AM
- Connection Center Hosts 9 AM 10:30 AM
- Memorial/Funeral Hosting
- Usher 9 AM 10:30 AM
- Jumpstart Supervisor Mentor Tutor

Remember to fill out the other side with your name and contact info!

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Making a Prayer Request

Write your prayer request on the Connect Card and drop it in in the offering plate. You can call our prayer line at any time: 559-PRAY (7729).

Hear Our Prayer

Please pray for these people with immediate prayer needs:

Adrian Ocasio	David, Nicole,	strong
Allison Hall	Calvin	Mary Jane Arn
Anne Davis	Izzy Smith	McKenzie
Aubri & Jessi	Jace Michael	Meg, Jake, Dom
Baby Charlotte	Jackson	& Char
Barb Martin	James Glenn	Meghann Tim-
Barbara Dumb-	Jan Dale	berlake
leton	Jane Huter	Mike Whelan
Bettie Maddrey	Jeff & kids, Jes-	Murray, S.A.
Bill Slavins	sica	my brother
Bob, Troy & Fay	Jenny Walter	My family
Hartel	Jim Lucky	Paul & Mary,
Brad Jones	Jim M., Bob S.,	Helen, Doug &
Bran, Kam &	Susan L., Kins-	Rose L.
Kara	ley M., Paul C.,	Peter H.
Bruce, Andrew &	Enid L.	Rich Stem-
Aaron Medlin	Joan Chesak	boroski
Bud Haskell	Jodie & Jay A.,	Rickie Martin
Caitlynn Timber-	Robin, Henrietta	Rita Pennington
lake	K., Ty W.	Ron
Carole Diehm	John B., Carl J.,	Ron Fowler
Caroline Fields	Kathleen M.,	Rosemary Potter
Carolyn Goodwin	Evelyn B	Samantha
Chad	John Fady	Sandra Peterson
Cheryl Ciandella	John Kuzin	Sandy Miller
Cliff Armbruster	Jon Clicke	School
Connie Panac-	Joseph Evanson	Shirley
cione	Josh DeLoach	Shirley & Allen
Dave, Do, Mike,	Kat Farhangi	Wilson
Leslie, Cathy,	Kathy Seitz	Steve Harvey
Del, Amy, Sandy,	Kenneth A.	Suzie Evanson
Tom, Martha,	Kenneth Pack-	Terry B
Lynn	ard	The Swan &
Dawn Green	Kevin, Heather,	Hunt family
Dixie Lee Fergu-	Malachi	Todd Smyzer
son	Kim Morris	Travis Ward
Don Mitchell	Kristi Burslem	Trevor Birt
Donna Cordes	Libby Burke	Wessel family
Doris Ackerman	Linda Weaver	Women, chil-
Emil Pizzingrillo	Hank	children, youth
Gilbert Quinn	Margie Kill-	Zackary Kueker
Gordon Berry	ingsworth	
Government	Margie Stillwell	
Greg, Meg, Jack-	Mark LaPolla	
son & Connor,	Martha Arm-	

Grow in Faith

Adult Studies

Adult Sunday Morning Classes

Adults of any age are invited to join one of our Sunday school classes:

9:15 a.m. Sunday school class

Room 202 in **Bldg C**

10:15 a.m. Sunday school classes

Inspirations - Purple Door Classroom (101) in **Bldg C**

Bereans - Conference Room 2 in **Bldg B**

Friendship—Room 201 (Community Room) - **CLEC**

JOY (Just Older Youth)

Older adults are invited to join us at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays for worship, study and fellowship in the Lu-Anne Willey Fellowship Hall (CLEC). Bring a lunch and enjoy fellowship together. The church provides beverages. For more information, contact Senior Director of Ministry, Bobby Van Duyne at bobby.v@stpaulumc.org or 584-8165.

Parent's Lounge

Mariposa Café—CLEC. | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Parents are invited to come build relationships and support each other through the challenges of raising children. Each week we discuss a different parenting topic. You can miss a week and pick right up the next week with a new topic. Coffee and desserts provided. During this time children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to Worship Arts in room 201 of the CLEC.



Griefshare Tuesdays at 2:30 PM

Room 101 (CLEC)

Please note the correct time for the Tuesday Griefshare meeting is 2:30 PM. This group is open to anyone over the age of 18 who has suffered the loss of a loved one and offers an opportunity to share the journey through grief with others who understand what you're going through. Cost of the workbook is \$18. You do not need to attend every week, so feel free to attend whenever you are able.



Your Wishes Matter: Free End of Life Planning Seminar Tomorrow

March 19 | 6:30 p.m. | Student Room

It's never too early to gain the peace of mind from making arrangements to ensure that you and your family are taken care of according to your wishes. Stephen Ministry is sponsoring this free seminar with presentations and Q&As on:

- Health Care Planning
- Legal and Financial Planning
- Funeral Pre-Planning

The seminar begins at 6:30 PM. Refreshments will be served.



TNT (Twenties 'N' Thirties)

Tonight at 7 p.m. Mavis Toa leads a study on the meaning of the Lord's Prayer and why Jesus taught us to pray it. Join us in room 202 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center for discussion.

TNT will take the next two Sundays, Palm Sunday and Easter off. Enjoy time with your family and friends! We will resume with XPerience Sunday on April 8.

Follow TNT on Facebook for info on upcoming studies, events, scheduling and more.



Email youngadults.stpaulumc@gmail.com.

Join us for Holy Week



Next Sunday: Palm Sunday
9 and 10:30 a.m.

Join us in the sanctuary as we celebrate Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem.



Lenten Cantata: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Palm Sunday, March 25 | 3 PM | Sanctuary

This Palm Sunday at 3 p.m. our choir brings the Passion Story to life through moving music and narrative. **From the euphoria surrounding Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the desolation of the lonely Garden as He fully embraced God's plan and ensuing death; from utter despair as He died on a cross to triumphant joy as Christ's followers began to realize that His prophetic words had become reality.** This inspiring cantata provides an unforgettable worship experience.



Maundy Thursday - March 29
6:30 p.m. - Sanctuary

Holy communion will be served as we remember the Last Supper and the importance of the new covenant Jesus made with us.



Good Friday—March 30
6:30 p.m. - Sanctuary

Join us at the cross as we focus on Jesus's sacrifice for us. The joy of Easter comes from experiencing the pain of Good Friday.



Invite Your Neighbor

Pick up a few doortags in the Connection Center and hang them in your neighborhood. Holy Week and Easter are the perfect time to invite someone to worship because many find their hearts are seeking God at this time of year.

April Communion

We normally serve communion on the first Sunday of the month; however, Easter Sunday is the first Sunday in April. Communion will not be served on Easter, but we will serve communion at our Maundy Thursday worship on March 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please join us then to receive the sacrament.



Children Infant- 5th Grade, Kaitie Zimmerman,
Director of Children's Ministry, Kaitie.j@stpaulumc.org

Sunday Morning: Lil' Kidz Care

Lil' Kidz Nursery Care is available today for infants to 4-year-olds, at 8:45 a.m. in the nursery building (Bldg B) next to the sanctuary. Sign in and you will be given a card that you will need to pick-up your child.

Sunday Morning: Preschool & K-5

Preschool and K-5 are invited to attend their own worship and lessons in the Children's Ministry Center in Bldg C at both 9 and 10:30 a.m.



Worship Arts on Wednesday

Kids ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to join us at 6:30 p.m. in room 201 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. Kids learn about worship in creative ways that include arts and music, play fun games and more. Pick up is at 7:30 p.m.

Parents are invited to the Parent's Lounge (Mariposa Café) while your kids are in Worship Arts. Discuss parenting topics and hang out with other parents.



Summer Camp Registration Is Open

This summer K-5 kids are invited to join us all summer long for CampXP! Our theme this year is "The Sweet Life," and kids will learn about how sweet life is with Jesus. Every week brings special activities, field trips, and lots of fun all day long.

Visit our website to find out more about this year's summer camp and register your kids to join us for a summer of fun: stpaulumc.org



Student Ministry

6th-12th Grade
Alison Van Duyn, Student Ministry Director, alison.v@stpaulumc.org



Sunday Night Student Ministry

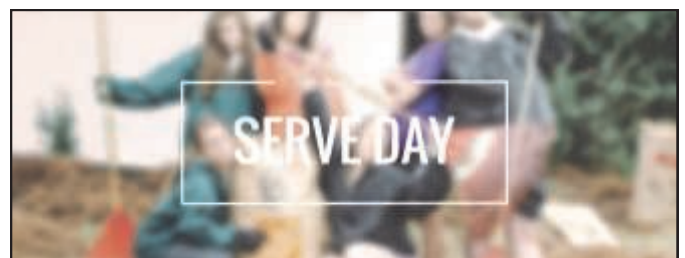
When life gets hard and things don't turn out the way we hoped, it's easy to believe that God is distant and that our story is over. But Easter reminds us that the opposite is true. Through Easter we'll discover that Jesus is a God who isn't distant and hasn't abandoned us. In fact, He's always working to bring our stories back to life.



TONIGHT: Because of Jesus, your story isn't over.

Sometimes life can feel like a movie gone wrong. You hope for a happy ending, but then the credits roll and the story is over. Believe it or not, the Easter story in the Bible played out just like that. This week, we see how the story continued to unfold even when everyone thought it was over. Because of Jesus we can have hope that our story isn't over, either.

Students are invited to join us in the Mariposa Cafe for dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by group games, exciting crowd breakers, passionate worship, biblical teaching, and a chance to connect with others through Small Groups. Dinner is \$3. Register in advance: stpaulumc.org. Time together ends at 8 p.m.



Serve Day This Saturday

Students are invited to come and serve from 9 AM to 2 PM on March 24, this Saturday. Join us at the church at 9 AM and bring \$10 for lunch.

Give in Love

UMW Ditty Bag Project

You can help to provide bags filled with personal care and other necessities for the homeless and for migrant workers in our community. We're currently taking donations of the following items:

- Deodorant – **Men's and Ladies**
- Combs and Brushes – adult and kids
- **Children's books (coloring or reading)**
- Toothpaste – adult and kids

Drop items off in the donation bin in the sanctuary lobby on Sunday or at the church office during the week.



Jumpstart is our middle school mentoring ministry for the students of Largo Middle School. We're looking for volunteers to fill the following roles:

Adult Supervisors

The Adult Supervisor's role is to oversee high school tutors, middle school students and to interact with both. An education background is not required, just a willingness to get to know students and to help where they can. We also need adults to help serve dinner and clean up, and to oversee games and recreation in the gym.

High school tutors

Tutors must have at least one advanced or AP class. Students can use their volunteer time towards the Bright Futures scholarship, which requires community service, or for National Honors Society hours.

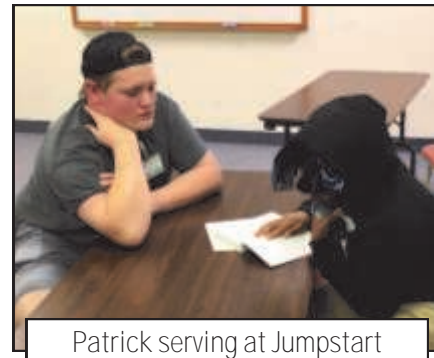
High school mentors

We're also looking for high school students who would like community service hours to come, eat dinner, and play in the gym with our middle school students from 6:00-7:30 p.m. AP and honors classes are not required for this time slot.

Visit our website stpaulumc.org for volunteer hours and more information. You can also contact our Student Ministry Director, Alison Van Duyne at alison.v@stpaulumc.org

Donate Blood for a Member of our St. Paul Family

One of the students from our Student Ministry is having surgery this April to correct scoliosis. Patrick



Patrick serving at Jumpstart

has been dealing with health challenges his whole life, but he has not let them stop him from being an active part of our Student Ministry, or from serving others. The doctors are going to need blood for the surgery and the family is requesting a directed donation, where blood is designated for a specific patient and donated by family or friends. Patrick is type A- so they need a donor that matches his blood type or a universal donor. If you are one of these blood types, please consider giving blood for Patrick! Any donated **blood that's not needed for the surgery** will be released into the community blood supply to help other patients.

The donation would need to be made between March 14 and March 29 at:

One Blood Center
9900 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St N
St. Petersburg, FL 33716
727-568-2101

Tell the blood bank you're doing a Directed Donation.

You will need to provide:

The patient's name: Patrick Teehan
The Location of Surgery/Send Blood to: Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital
The Date of Surgery: April 4, 2018

Be sure to also bring your ID.

For more information you can email the family:
mcmillan1109@gmail.com

If you serve at St. Paul be sure to check the back page of this bulletin for information about our Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast in April. You're invited!

Coming this Week

Sunday, March 18

Courtyard Coffee	8:30 AM
Lil' Kidz Nursery	8:30 AM
Worship	9:00 AM
Children's Worship	9:00 AM
Sunday School	9:15 AM
Bereans	10:15 AM
Friendship	10:15 AM
Inspirations	10:15 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Children's Worship	10:30 AM
Stephen Min. Reception	10:45 AM
Homeless Meal	3:30 PM
Student Ministry	5:30 PM
TNT	7:00 PM

Monday, March 19

Girl Scouts	6:00 PM
Your Wishes Matter	6:30 PM
Boy Scouts	7:00 PM

Tuesday, March 20

Sonrise Men's Study	6:30 AM
Pack-a-Sack	9:00 AM
Toy Making	9:00 AM
JOY	10:30 AM
Griefshare	2:30 PM
Jumpstart	4:30 PM

Wednesday, March 21

Toy Making	9:00 AM
Handicapable	6:15 PM
Worship Arts	6:30 PM
Parents' Lounge	6:30 PM
Adult Co-ed Volleyball	7:45 PM

Thursday, March 22

Men's Bible Study	7:00 AM
Toy Making	9:00 AM
Prayer Shawl	4:30 PM
Handbells Rehearsal	5:30 PM
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM

Friday, March 23

Church Office Closed

Joan Crowder Memorial 11:00 AM

Saturday, March 24

Soaring Eagles	8:00 AM
Student Serve Day	9:00 AM

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If you have an event to schedule, contact us at 584-8165 or e-mail kerry.k@stpaulumc.org



ST. PAUL UMC STEPHEN MINISTRY

25th Anniversary

TODAY WE ARE PROUD TO CELEBRATE 25 YEARS OF STEPHEN MINISTRY AT ST. PAUL UMC! OVER THE PAST 25 YEARS OUR STEPHEN MINISTERS HAVE TOUCHED SO MANY LIVES WITH THE CARING SUPPORT THEY'VE OFFERED TO HURTING INDIVIDUALS IN OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY. AS PART OF OUR CELEBRATION WE HAVE COLLECTED TESTIMONY FROM SOME OF OUR PAST STEPHEN MINISTERS AND ST. PAUL PASTORS, INCLUDING THE TWO BELOW, AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL LETTERS THAT WILL BE HEARD DURING WORSHIP.

FROM A FORMER PASTOR AT ST. PAUL,
JOE WALKER, AND HIS WIFE JACKIE :

What a great milestone you have achieved. The Stephen Ministry has helped countless people at St. Paul UMC and in the surrounding community. Lives have been changed because you and the many who have served were willing to go beyond your comfort zone and trust God to work through you to help others. God has provided!

I am sorry that Jackie and I are unable to be with you to celebrate, but know that our hearts and prayers are with you. Thank you all for serving our Lord.

My God continue to bless all who serve at St. Paul UMC.

Rev. Joe and Jackie Walker

FROM FORMER ST. PAUL STEPHEN MINISTER & CURRENT MISSIONARY IN UGANDA,
CAROLYN GOODWIN:

I'm very happy to share that I use all that I've learned from Stephen Ministry as tools in my toolbox daily. Both physically and spiritually. I thank God He gave me this wonderful opportunity as a way to get to know Him better and to be a better servant. I am also proud to say that we are a third generation Stephen Ministry family, and my desire is to see the 4th!

Blessings,
Carolyn Goodwin

*Thank you,
Stephen Ministers,
past and present!*

Good News

Druid Campus Updates

Work Day a Big Success

It was an exciting day at the St. Paul Druid Campus on Saturday, March 10. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked so hard to make the day a huge success! All the rooms were emptied of items that were no longer usable or needed, and many items were taken to a designated storage area for future use. Many people worked hard to rip up stained and damaged carpets in the rooms. We filled a 30 sq. yard dumpster!

Keep watching for updates. As soon as we get permits to do demo work, we will be taking down some walls that are non-weight bearing and epoxy finishing the bare cement floors so they can be easily kept clean. Then we will be painting walls and begin moving Open Arms and the Carpenter's Shop. There are more work days coming in the near future if you were unable to help at this one.

Thank you again for your hard work. The church family pulled together to make it happen!



New Sign Installed This Week

The new sign has been installed with the St. Paul logo. This is the first step in letting our new neighbors know that St. Paul is now part of their community.



High School Pizza Night

When our middle school students were on their retreat, our high school students got to make their own pizzas at the Zimmerman's house. Thanks to Sharon and Gary for your hospitality!



*Thank you to the women of Martha Ministry!
I appreciate the food they brought me and all they've
done. Thank you! - Pat Greech*



Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast: April 14

We are blessed to have so many volunteers at St. Paul who serve in our many ministry areas and use their time and talents to share the love of God with others. We want to thank you all! If you serve in one of our St. Paul ministries, we invite you to join us on Saturday, April 14 at 9 AM for an appreciation breakfast. Enjoy a free breakfast served by our church staff, and spend some time in fellowship together. It's just one small way of saying thank you for all you do!

The Reverend Bob Martin, Senior Pastor
The Reverend Pam Dubov, Minister of Outreach and Missions



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