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APRIL 5 AND 6 SPEAKERS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY WILL JOIN US AT ST. PAUL TO TALK ABOUT TOUGH QUESTIONS OF FAITH

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February 24, 2019

Welcome from Pastor Bob

Whether you're a first time guest or already a part of our St. Paul family, I'm glad you've joined us today. At 10:30 a.m. we're celebrating this year's confirmation class. It's a great day to support these kids as they take the next step in their faith journey, and to reaffirm your own faith along with them. Join us in the courtyard after the 10:30 a.m. worship to share cake and let the kids know how proud we are of them!

If you're planning to join us for the Reasons for Hope conference on April 5 and 6, don't forget that you can get Early Bird discounted tickets until this Saturday, March 2. This is going to be a really great chance for us to not only deepen our understanding of our own faith, and address some tough questions, but also reach out to those who are still questioning and seeking meaning. If you have a friend who isn't a Christian, you can get their ticket for just \$15! See page 4 for more.

Look through this bulletin, visit our website - stpaulumc.org, follow our Facebook: StPaulUMCLargo or download our free app to keep up with everything going on at St. Paul. I'm so glad you're part of St. Paul and the work we're doing for the Lord!

Bob Martin, Lead Pastor

Glorify God • Grow in Faith • Give in Love

GLORIFY GOD

WORSHIP at 9 AM

Prelude Come and Journey Aaron Cassette, Accompanist

Introit Standing on the Promises Welcome

*Greet Oh How He Loves You and Me

*Hymns How Firm a Foundation No. 529

My Jesus I Love Thee No. 172

*Apostles' Creed Pastor Pam Dubov

*Prayer with Lord's Prayer
Offertory Amazing Grace Sanctuary Choir

*Doxology Praise God, From Whom... No. 94

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Transitional Hymn Blessed Assurance No. 369

Message "Who Will You Love?" Pastor Bob Martin

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John 13:34-35

Directed Prayer

*Hymn Rejoice the Lord is King No. 715

*Benediction

*Postlude World Peace Prayer

*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: Joanne and Carl Haller 10:30 AM Greeter: Ed and Carol Cook, Becky Carter

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. Paul and what we offer, visit the Connection Center to the side of the lobby. One of our pastors will be there after each service and would be happy to speak with you!



VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.stpaulumc.org





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Turn to page 9 for the Prayer List.



WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?

Confirmation is an important milestone in our faith journey. Each of the students being confirmed today completed a class that encouraged them to examine what they believe and why they believe it. Now they are ready to take a big step forward and proclaim their faith in Christ.

Confirmation is also a time for our congregation to celebrate these young people's commitment to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, and renew our commitment to do the same.



Who is Being Confirmed today?

Chloe Anne Elizabeth Conway

GRIFFIN ALLAN ESTER
ASHER JACK HEFLIN
ETHAN ANDREW JAKUBON
JAMES MALATINO PRICE
JACKSON LYNN READ
JACOB MARK READ
ZACHARY REESE STROUP
ELIJAH SAMUEL STROUP

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. This week our message is "Dawning of a New Day" and we are celebrating the confirmation of some of our students. See page 2 for more about confirmation. 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

PASSIONATE MUSIC

NO PRESSURE

Online Giving

It's easy to give online, make payments or set up one time or recurring contributions. Visit stpaulumc.org and click the Give link at the top of the page or use this QR code. Our Giving page is more



user friendly than ever! You can pay by ACH (e-check) or by credit/debit card. We ask that you check the box when making a credit card payment to add 3% to your payment or gift and offset the fee we are charged for each online payment. There is no fee for ACH payments.

Flowers

Today's flowers are provided by:

- ▼ Happy Birthday to Mary Thalman & the Reverend Barbara Brokhoff, From a Friend
- ▼ Dave & Marilyn Bossard. Loving blessings to the Rev. Barbara Brokhoff!

Happy Birthday!

If you would like to honor an event or a special person with flowers, you can give a flower bouquet to the Glory of God. Call the church office at 584-8165 or e-mail us at church@stpaulumc.org to make an order and share your inscription. Bouquets are \$40. You can pick up the flowers after the second worship or donate them to members who are in the hospital.

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!

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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 sid of the lobby two weeks after your request is placed.)
I would like to help with:
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☐ University ☐ 9 AM ☐ 10:30 AM ☐ 10:30 AM ☐ Open Arms (10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mon-Thurs) ☐ Pick-Ups ☐ Stocking ☐ Other Help
□ Coffee Team
Flower Team ☐ First Week of Month ☐ Second Week
I plan to attend: ☐ Weekly Griefshare Support Group March 7 See page 5 for info.

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

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Reasons for Hope

April 5: 7-9:30 PM | April 6: 9 AM—Noon Join us for this two day conference in the St. Paul Sanctuary on April 5 and 6, featuring world-class speakers on topics that will help us tackle tough questions of faith and be inspired. Whether you're a dedicated Christian, or you're still looking for answers, this is a place for you to learn, grow and find Reasons For Hope.

OUR TOPICS

- Absolute Truth
- Why God Allows Evil
- Defense of the Resurrection/Gospels
- Is the Bible Sexist?
- Why We Need Apologetics

If you wish to be more confident in your faith or are looking for new knowledge to help you share the truth of Jesus Christ, join us!

OUR SPEAKERS

Our speakers are apologetics scholars who are dedicated to sharing intelligent and reason-based faith and empowering others to do the same.

- Krista Bontrager (TheologyMom)
- Dr. Clay Jones (Biola University)
- Rachel Shockey (Women in Apologetics)
- John Stewart (Intelligent Faith)
- Laurie Stewart (Intelligent Faith)

Visit our website for more about each of our speakers: www.stpaulumc.org

EARLY BIRD PRICING ENDS MARCH 2

Register online if you're paying with a credit card or at the church office if you're paying with cash or check. Cost for both days is \$25 early bird or \$30 for regular price. Discounted pricing is available for groups, students, and more. If you know someone who is a non-believer you can get their ticket for just \$15. This is a great way to reach out to those who have questions or doubts about God.

Visit stpaulumc.org for more information.

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

Homeward Bound - Room 106 (Carpenter's Room) - CLFC

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



Our Light Seekers study group meets Tuesdays in the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall from 10:30-11:30 a.m. The group is currently studying Adam Hamilton's *Simon Peter: Flawed But Faithful Disciple*. Peter was just an ordinary guy who heard and followed God's extraordinary call. Discover how you, too, have special gifts, talents, and abilities that God can use to make a difference today.



Weekly Griefshare Begins March 7 Thursdays | 1 p.m. | Room 202 (CLEC)

Griefshare is a weekly grief support group that will meet on Thursdays at 1 p.m. starting on March 7. This thirteen week 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. Weekly meetings include informational videos, group discussion and support, and a workbook with personal study exercises to help you work through the grieving process. You do not have to attend every week, just come when you can. If you're interested in attending, please fill out the Connect Card or email stephenministry@stpaulumc.org. If you need childcare, let us know when you sign up to attend the class.



Join us on Saturday, March 30 for our annual prayer breakfast! Our speaker is Dr. Linda Plunkett, a Christian psychologist and author. She will speak about her near-death experience from a brain tumor and her supernatural rescue. Linda's story gives hope to others experiencing physical and spiritual pain, as she declares that God does have a good plan for our lives. Come and be inspired!

TICKETS: \$12 - ON SALE NOW

Buy tickets in the courtyard between worship times on Sundays and in the church office Tues. and Wed. from 10 a.m.-noon starting Feb. 12.



TNT (Twenties 'N' Thirties)

Tonight TNT invites adults in their twenties and thirties, and high school grads, to join us for our series on Genesis and Exodus. Discover how Jesus is the fulfillment of the Old Testament and learn how to interpret and apply God's word. Join us tonight at 7 p.m. in room 202 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. For more information about all of TNT's activities follow us on Facebook:

TWENTIES 'N' THIRTIES



Prayer and Action

If you have something on your heart, St. Paul has a "Stay and Pray" prayer opportunity on the first Sunday of each month. There is nothing that compares to having someone pray with you and for you, and give you a gentle hug or a pat on the shoulder. Suddenly you feel loved. You know you are not alone. Putting your hopes, needs and worry into a prayer to God, our heavenly Father and comforter, allows us to:

- Take our situations or needs to God and leave it there
- Clear our vision so we are able to see the situation more clearly through God's eyes
- Quiet our hearts from worry and anxiety. It give us peace.

Best of all, prayer activates our faith and allows us to trust our God to do His will and work in our lives.

If you have prayer needs, we invite you to "Stay and Pray" next Sunday, March 3. Join members of our Prayer Team after each worship in the stillness and quiet of the Chapel, a special and holy place in God's church. Come. Pray. Be comforted. Feel the love of God and fellow members of your St. Paul family as we support you through prayer.

Mary Vaughn, Prayer Team Coordinator

How to Purchase Copies of the Upper Room Remember that beginning in March you will need to purchase copies of The Upper Room directly from the publisher. You can call and subscribe over the phone by calling 800-972-0433 or use the Upper Room website www.upperroom.org and click the "Shop" link at the top right of the page. You can choose paper booklets in large print or small print, or a digital format subscription. The reason for the change is because it is more cost effective for readers to buy The Upper Room directly from the publisher than through the church. If you have any questions, contact Bobby Van Duyne, Senior Director of Ministry, at 584-8165 x216 or bobby.v@stpaulumc.org.



Student Ministry

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



SPUMCLighthouse

Sunday Night



Tonight: Is My Phone Good or Bad?

We're all constantly on our phones. But is that really a bad thing? While our phones have done a lot of things to make our lives better and easier, we all also know that some of the ways our phones have impacted our lives aren't all that great. This week we'll see that it's not so much about our phones, but about the wisdom we have to use them in the right way that makes all the difference. Bottom Line: Don't be owned by your phone.

Middle and high school students are invited to join us tonight from 5:30-8 p.m. for group games, exciting crowd breakers, passionate worship, biblical teaching, and a chance to connect with others through Small Groups. The group meets in the Mariposa Café, in the Christian Life Enrichment Center at 5:30 p.m. for dinner, then branches out depending on activities. Dinner is \$3. Register for dinner: stpaulumc.org.

Get Student Ministry Updates by Text If you want to receive Student Ministry Updates by text, just text SPSTUDENT to 444999 to sign up.

XPerience Sunday Next Week

On the first Sunday of each month, Xperience Sunday allows fifth, eighth and twelfth graders to experience what worship is like at the next age level. Next Sunday, March 3 fifth graders are invited to join our Student Ministry for dinner, games and worship. Eighth graders join our high school group, and graduating seniors join our TNT group.



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.



Our Current Study

This month we've been learning about service, lending a hand to help someone else. What lessons can we learn from Jesus about helping others? "Jesus sat down and called for the 12 disciples to come to him. Then he said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last. They must be the servant of everyone." -Mark 9:35, NIrV



Worship Arts on Wednesdays

Kids in preschool through 5th grade are invited to join us on Wednesdays at 6 p.m.in the Student Room of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. Worship Arts includes games, crafts, and other fun ways to worship. Pick-up is at 7:30 p.m. in the gym.



Summer Camp Registration Is Open

This summer we invite K-5 kids to come make new friends and have fun with field trips, theme weeks, dress up days and more at Camp XP. Camp XP is a chance for kids to explore and experience faith, friends and fun all summer!

WEEKLY FEE INCLUDES:

- daily lunch and snacks
- field trips like the aquarium, Jumpstation, the movies, swimming, bowling, and more
- arts and crafts, sports, water days and more

Visit our website for more information about camp and sign up now!

REGISTER NOW: WWW.STPAULUMC.ORG



GIVE IN LOVE

Order Easter Flowers by March 7

On Easter Sunday, we fill the sanctuary with colorful hydrangeas in celebration of our Risen Lord. If you want to dedicate an Easter flower to a loved one or to the Glory of God, flowers are \$10 each and can be picked up after the 10:30 a.m. worship on Easter, April 21. Call the office at 727-584-8165, fill out the form online, or email karen.h@stpaulumc.org. All orders must be placed by March 7. Don't forget to include your inscription!



Open Arms Food Drive Next Week

On the first Sunday of each month we're collecting specific items to help keep Open Arms supplied

with staples. Next Sunday, March 3 we will collect Hamburger Helper, pasta and meat sauce, and detergent. Toiletries like toothpaste, soap, etc. are also welcome. Bring any of these items with you on Sunday, March 3 and drop them off outside the sanctuary.

Ditty Bags

The United Methodist Women are collecting items to make Ditty Bags, which are filled with toiletries and others items. The bags for



adults go to homeless shelters in the Tampa Bay area and the bags for children go to the Farm Worker's Alliance. Anyone can take part and contribute items for the Ditty Bags.

We are currently collecting the following items:

- Shampoo ladies, men's and kids
- Deodorant ladies and men
- Toothpaste adult and child
- Crayons/ Markers

You can drop off donations at the church office during the week, or in the donation bin in the lobby on Sundays.



Support This Year's Student Mission Trip Almost all the envelopes have been taken. Let's keep it going and make sure that every envelope is filled! From March 9-16 our Student Ministry will serve in the Florida panhandle where they will be helping with Hurricane Michael recovery and repairs. If you would like to help fund the trip, visit the envelope display in the sanctuary lobby.

TAKE AN ENVELOPE

Each envelope is labeled with a number. The number on the envelope is how much you'll donate. You can take as many envelopes as you like.

MAKE YOUR DONATION

Put your donation inside the envelope, and place it in the offering plate. Be sure to use the envelope so we know your donation is for the mission trip. You can also make a donation of any amount without an envelope, just label it "Student Mission Trip."



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO'S ALREADY TAKEN AN ENVELOPE!

Carpenter's Shop Saturday Work Day

You can help paint wooden toys for children who've experienced trauma in their lives. No experience necessary! You do not need to sign up in advance, just join us this Saturday, March 2 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Carpenter's Shop (Druid campus-2039 Druid Rd. in Clearwater). You can also help every week Tues. through Thurs. mornings from 9 a.m. until noon.

Coming this Week

Sunday, February 24

Courtyard Coffee	8:30 AM
Lil' Kidz Nursery	8:30 AM
Worship	9:00 AM
Children's Worship	9:00 AM
Homeward Bound	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
Homeless Meal	3:30 PM
Student Ministry	5:30 PM
TNT	7:00 PM

Monday, February 25

Girl Scouts 6:30 PM **Boy Scouts** 7:00 PM

Tuesday, February 26

Sonrise Men's Study 7:00 AM Toy Making—Druid 9:00 AM Light Seekers 10:30 AM Jumpstart 4:30 PM Trustees Meeting 6:30 PM

Wednesday, February 27

Toy Making-Druid 9:00 AM UMW-Dorcas 9:00 AM Worship Arts 6:00 PM Handi Worship 6:15 PM Open Adult Volleyball 7:45 PM

Thursday, February 28

Toy Making—Druid 9:00 AM Prayer Shawl 4:30 PM Handbells 5:45 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM

Friday, March 1

Church Office Closed

Saturday, March 2 Early Bird Registration for Reasons for Hope Ends

Soaring Eagles 8:00 AM Basketball 8:00 AM 9:00 AM Toy Making-Druid

> Contact us at 584-8165 or karen.h@stpaulumc.org

All ministries and groups need to submit a facilities request form for all events, including meetings, one time and recurring events.

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:

Addie Martin Gary Cradick Al Girard George Amy Johnson Greg Seitz Family Andrea C. Haley Bishop Andrea Preston Hariette Phillips Aubri & Jessi Harold Register Baby Charlotte Henry Baumann Daughters & Husbands Irene Ferro Blaze White Jane Huter Bob S. Jean Peacock **Bobby Quinton** Jessie H. Brad Jones Jim Brandi, Kami, Karaline, Jim M. Meg, Jake, Dom, Char Joan Kolofsky Bryan Branham Joan Pitts Bree Whitaker John B. Brooke Chiodo Jon B. Josh DeLoach Bud Haskell Caitlynn Timberlake Josiah Seitz Carl J. Judi Carla Julia Smith Carol Quinton Caroline Fields Carolyn Goodwin Curtis Chad M. Kathy Herrell Hannas

Julie Bishop family Karleen Younger &

Chris Mitchell Kay W Cliff Armbruster Ken A.

Corey Mooney Kenneth Packard Dalls Fields Kevin Seitz Family David Seitz Family

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Dawn Green Kristina Whited Dawn Thompson Libby Burke Debbie Dubov LillyAnn Dee Bartlett Linda Dennis "Oso" Gil-Linda Weaver Hank

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Donna Simonetti Lois Thomson Eileen Corsini Lynn Jennings

Marilyn Moore's Family Eric Meghann Timberlake Evelyn B.

Fred Melanie Loya Melissa & Sarah Gail Blagg Bloomgren

Gail Terbush Michael

Dennis Lord

Michelle Allen Nancy Burns Nancy Starry Natalie D. Nonnie Wilson Ola Joseph Peter H.

Phyllis Spaulding Richard Buckley Ron & Judy Getz Ron Barker

Russell and Carmen Munyan's Sisters Sally Sorbello Savannah Scott S.

Shanna, Shirley, Michael & Samantha

Sharlene

Shelley Hamilton Sherry Hartel Shirley Register Shirley Stabler Stephanie Prevost Stephen D Robinson Steve & Christine

Brower Steve W

Ted & Susan Pelyaks Terry Scholz Tommy

Vickie Perdue Vicky & John Dibble Walker-Huff family Walt Errett

Walter Wilkins, Jr Wayne Hogg family Welch family **Yvette Carter**

GOOD NEWS



Handicapable Stars Rule Talent Nite

Friday, February 15, the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall was filled with music and special performances for Handicapable's 22nd Annual Talent Nite! How inspirational and entertaining to witness our 34 amazing and talented performers! 149 attendees join us as the entertainers performed country and pop songs, danced, read scripture, played a drum solo, and sang popular Handicapable Christian songs. There was something for everyone to enjoy. Our heart-felt appreciation goes out to Vicky Anderson who prepared the programs and arranged the music; Rick Farr who emceed; and Andrea Spensiero who organized the performers to make their timely entrance onto the stage. Certainly Jesus was smiling down upon His "Special People."





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Choir Receives
Valentine's Surprise
Our choir got a Valentine's
Day surprise at their
Thursday practice when
members of awardwinning local acapella
group, The Heralds for
Harmony, serenaded
them. What a treat!
Thanks to our guests for
sharing their musical gifts!

Serve Expo

Thank you to everyone who visited the tables at the Serve Expo to learn more about our ministries, and especially to everyone who signed up to serve! We are so excited to help you find a place where you can be passionate about serving! If you missed the Serve Expo but you want to know more about serving, fill out the Connect Card, send an email to church@stpaulumc.org or call the office at 584-8165 any time!









Girls from our Student Ministry had dinner, spent time having fun together, and heard some encouraging words from Kaitie Zimmerman on "Galentine's Day." Thanks for a great night!

The Reverend Bob Martin, Lead Pastor The Reverend Pam Dubov, Executive Pastor



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