



HE IS
RISEN

MATTHEW 28:6

Welcome to Worship

Welcome to St. Paul Church! We are glad you are here!

9:00 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
11:00 am Celebration Service in Heritage Hall

Information for our friends...

Weekly Sunday morning services ~

Our **9am Traditional Service** is inspired with hymns and has Children's Church.

(Please enjoy your family today - there is no Children's Church on Easter morning)

Bring your children to attend service, after our Children's time, go for a lesson & kids can be picked up in the Welcome Center after service.

We also have our relaxed family-friendly **11am Celebration Service** in our Heritage Hall. The B Street Band is proud to share their contemporary Christian music and welcomes you to listen and sing along.

Please feel free to try one or both styles of worship.

The Nursery is open during 9 am services, and is the first classroom in the hallway off the sanctuary. If the small person who is with you gets wiggly, there are toys & books to enjoy. Please feel free to visit whenever needed!

Hearing devices, large print bulletins, and large Bibles (in church library) are available, please see your ushers if you have any questions.

Our Worship Service is broadcast on KSTL-690 AM radio & streamed on Jubilee690.com at 9am Sundays and repeated at 9pm.

We want to know you!! Please sign the Pew Pad today. If you are new to St. Paul, want your information updated or with us every week— let us know you are here!!

Please fill in your contact information and we will happily contact you as you wish.

When you or a loved one is admitted to a hospital, please ask the hospitals to notify the church office. Also please telephone the Church Office regarding hospitalized members of the St. Paul faith family. The pastors will visit church members and their families each week. If you have a new addition to your family, please contact the church office so we can keep our records current. *Your telephone call is crucial to our ministry!*

115 West "B" Street, Belleville (618) 233-3303

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SERMON

The Easter Surprises

SERMON RESPONSE

**Lord I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
in my heart, in my heart,
Lord I want to be like Jesus in my heart.**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE JOYFUL FEAST

Invitation

Communion Hymn #210

Let Us Break Bread Together

Communion Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Sharing the Elements

Christ welcomes to the table all who seek his presence. The outer circle of cups contains grape juice. The inner circles contain wine. Please hold the bread and cup until all have been served, so we may commune together.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

RECEIVING OUR MORNING TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Angels Rolled De Stone Away

Jester Hairston

Men's Ensemble

+OFFERTORY RESPONSE #353 Bless Thou the Gifts

Bless Thou the gifts our hands have brought;

Bless Thou the work our hearts have planned;

Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;

The rest, O God, is in thy hand. Amen

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+EASTER HYMN 139

Thine is the Glory

+COMMISSIONING

The Messiah died for our sins,
exactly as Scripture tells it.

Jesus was buried and he was raised from death on the third day,
again, precisely as Scripture says.

**Our Lord presented himself alive to Peter, then to his
closest followers, and later to more than five hundred of his followers all at the
same time, most of them still around (although a few have since died);
then spent time with James and the rest of those he commissioned to represent him.**
Just as we read in the Scripture.

Then, surprise, the Savior presented himself ALIVE to *ME*.

It was fitting that I bring up the rear.

I don't deserve to be included in that inner circle, as you well know.

But the resurrected Lord does some pretty astonishing things.

And because God was so gracious, so very generous, here I am.

And I'm not about to let his grace go to waste.

Go!

Go then wrapped in the cloak of Easter grace and give as much of it away as you can.

From 1 Corinthians 15 (MSG)

+BENEDICTION

Hallelujah Chorus, from *Messiah*
The congregation is invited to join the Chancel Choir

G.F. Handel

POSTLUDE

Lead on, O King Eternal
Brass Quintet

Smart/Moore



Easter Gifts

In Memory of

LOWELL F. BELCHER, by the Darwin Bretsch family.
JOSEPH & LOURENE BUCKROD, PATRICIA BUCKROD,
CLARENCE & EDNA GEORG, by Gary Buckrod and family.
HELEN & ART BURGOTT, by Lou, Carolyn, James, & Dr. Julia Ryseff-Wasserman.
HENRY & GLADYS CAUGHMAN, by Wayne Caughman.
MY MOM, HILDE DEGENHARDT, by Joan Pace.
MARVIN HENKE, by his wife Rosemary.
LEROY KIRSCH, by his wife, Dolly, his children and grandchildren.
ST. PAUL'S 3 BARITONES: DAVID KLINGEL, STEVE SUESS, & JIM MEANS,
by Ruth Klingel.
JOHN & BEULAH KOMESHAK, WAYNE & RENE WAGNER,
by the Wagner & Florek Families.
LESTER KRICK, by his wife Glenna, and daughters, Linda, Janice, Nancy, and Diane.
WILLIAM W. LINDAUER, by Marlene & family.
OUR LOVED ONES, by Russ and Mona Scheibel.
OUR PARENTS, by Bill & Cynthia Cummins.
OUR PARENTS, ELMER & GENEVIEVE FRIEDRICH AND
FREDRICH & ESTHER KOCH, by Gary & Janice Friedrich.
MY PARENTS, WALTER AND MARCELLA PETER, by Eileen Peter.
KENNETH & ANNALEE SAUERWEIN, OUR PARENTS,
by Terrylee, Carlene & David.
LEROY & BLANCHE SCHAUFLER, by Jan Noble and family.
EDWIN A. & CAROL J. SCHMIDT, by Barb Schuckman.
GENEVA M. SCHILLING,
by her husband, Ray Schilling, daughter, Bonnie Clements, and son, Alan Schilling.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY HUSBAND, STEVE SUESS, by Barb Suess.
IN MEMORY OF MY BROTHER, STEVE SUESS, by Jennifer Sage.
IN MEMORY OF THE LIFE OF OUR DAD & OPA, STEVE SUESS,
by Chip Suess, Andrew, Megan, Drew, & Kate Selck.
DAVID SUTHERLAND, by Paul & Sue Sutherland.
CHARLES VOTRIAN, by his loving wife, Verna.
MARY ANNE WALTON, by Larry Walton.

Easter Gifts

In Honor of

IN HONOR OF OUR WONDERFUL MOM & BABBA, BARBARA SUESS,
by Chip Suess, Andrew, Megan, Drew, & Kate Selck.

OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN,
MEGAN, ANDY, DREW, & KATE SELCK and CHIP SUESS
by Barb Suess.

Easter Flowers

In Memory of

SUE BRETSCHE, by the Darwin Bretsch family.
OUR FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE NO LONGER WITH US, by Bruce & Pam Elser.
MARVIN ENGLESDORFER, by Dottie Engelsdorfer.
OUR GREAT-GRANDPA, MARVIN HENKE,
by James McEvilly, Izzy, Mia, & Abram Scheibel and Stili Teodosiev.
SAMUEL & ROSE KELLY, by Donna Kelly.
PEGGY MUELLER, by Lynwood and Kristine Mueller.
KURT MUELLER, by Lynwood and Kristine Mueller.
LES MUELLER, by Lynwood and Kristine Mueller.
KURT JACOB MUELLER,
by Lou, Carolyn, James, & Dr. Julia Ryseff-Wasserman.
KENNETH E. NETTLETON & MICHAEL D. NETTLETON, by Vi Nettleton and family.
JACK RYSEFF, by Lynwood and Kristine Mueller.
JACOB RYSEFF, by Lou, Carolyn, James, & Dr. Julia Ryseff-Wasserman.
DAVE SHERLAND AND JUNE & KEN DOVE AND RON STEEN,
by Deanna & Larry, Matt and Wayne.
IN MEMORY OF OUR BROTHER-IN-LAW, STEVE SUESS, by the Kriegel Family.
MARY ANNE WALTON, by Larry Walton.
OUR MOTHER, MARY ANNE WALTON, by Christy Nabers & Donnie Sutter.
ALLAN AND LOUISE WIATT, by Mimi Llamas.

In Celebration of

CECILIA MUELLER, by Ken & Angie Nettleton.



“No matter who you are,
 No matter where you are
 on life’s journey,
 You are welcome here.”

LEADING THIS TIME OF WORSHIP

Traditional Service - 9 am

- Lay Reader*.....Roger Relfe
- Ushering Team*.....Jim & Donna Young, Leslie, Carly, and Megan Dahm,
Beverly Brightwell & Dana Rosenzweig,
Carol Simon, Tammy & Amber Flach
- Welcome Center*.....Rose Hoy, Sandy Kramer, Debbie Lippert, Jeanine Guthrie
- Radio*.....Sherrie Stepp
- Sound Technician*.....Wayne Caughman
- Control Room*.....Rick Haar
- Special Musical Guests, Brass Players*.....Garrett Schmidt, trumpet
Tom Birkner, trumpet
Brad Bobcik, trombone
Jon Siddle, trombone
Troy Marble, tuba
- Music Ministry*.....St. Paul Chancel Choir & Men’s Ensemble, Glory Ringers
- Traditional Music Director/Organist*.....Dan Fry
- Guest Pastor*.....Pastor Gus Kuether

Celebration Service - 11 am

- Music Ministry*.....B Street Band
- B Street Band /Heritage Hall Sound Tech*.....Scott Keplar
- B Street Band Director*.....Scott Wilson
- Guest Leader*Greg Seaman



For Our Prayers

Marilee Black - Linda Mentzer - Marsha McCoy - Jim Young

For Our Pastoral Search

Hebrews 10:19-25 A Call to Persevere in Faith

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the day approaching.

Pray for the church to be committed to biblical worship.

Pray for the search committee to be confident that they are following God's will as they make decisions regarding your future pastor.

For Our Thoughts

The cross is the lightning rod of grace that short-circuits God's wrath to Christ so that only the light of His love remains for believers. *A.W. Tozer*

God proved His love on the Cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, 'I love you.' *Billy Graham*

Christ the Lord is risen today, Sons of men and angels say. Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply. *Charles Wesley*

Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone but in every leaf of springtime. *Martin Luther*

Because of the empty tomb, we have peace. Because of His resurrection, we can have peace during even the most troubling of times because we know He is in control of all that happens in the world. *Paul Chappell*



Special Guests at St. Paul

*We are blessed to have special guests
in our pulpit in coming weeks.*

*Make sure to join us
& welcome our guests!*

April 1 9am-Pastor Gus Kuether
11am-Greg Seaman

April 8 9am - Craig Bielke
11am-Greg Seaman

Apr 15 9am-Rev. Michelle Torigian
w/Craig Bielke

April 22 9am-Pastor Herb Schafale
11am-Greg Seaman

April 29 9am-Craig Bielke
11am-Greg Seaman

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United Church of Christ**

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*Wishing you a happy
& blessed Easter!*

Roses on the Altar

Charlotte Rae Arriola, born on January 26, 2018
to Adam & Lauren Arriola, sister of Mila.
Lennon Lee Smith, born on February 19, 2018
to Jenna & Travers Smith, brother of Liam and Lachlan.
Grandparents ~ Sandy & Drew Kramer
Great Grandmother ~Rose Hoy



St. Paul Women's Guild SPRING Rummage & BAKE Sale

Friday, April 6 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 7 9:00 a.m. - Noon
(Saturday - \$1.00 Brown Bag Special)

**It's that time of year again for the St. Paul Women's Guild Rummage Sale!!
And it's that time of year again -- for YOU to bring unwanted items to the church.**

All items such as clothing, children's things, household knick-knacks, liners, books, dishes, small appliances (no furniture or tv's) - anything that you think would be of some use to someone in our community. Please come to parking lot by garage door and then call office on buzzer we will come help—please call ahead if you have a large amount.
(For Guild members and friends—set up begins Apr 4 at noon)
Your items are needed **BEFORE** April 6th at noon, so that they may be set up for sale on Friday evening. **Mark your calendar !!**

The St. Paul Quilters, Threads of Hope, generously donated to a group named Compassion International. With this small donation, the ladies that work at a child development center overseas were able to purchase 2 pedal sewing machines (little or no electricity) and sewing supplies. Great job Quilters!



Hello fellow members of St. Paul,

Now I am delighted to report that a pastoral candidate has been selected for our approval. The Search Team comprised of Donna Nettleton, Chairperson; Al Scharf, Dana Rosenzweig, Roger Henke, Terry Kalinowski, Susan Relfe, Tina Lake-Hopper, Donna Davis and the late Jim Means, brought their recommendation to the Church Council on March 15th. Their recommendation passed unanimously.

This past Sunday, the Search Team's recommendation was announced at the 9am Traditional and 11am Celebration Services.

On Sunday, April 15, Reverend Michelle Torigian will preach at a 9am Combined Service. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING that service, there will be a Special Congregational Meeting at which time the congregation present will vote on whether to call Reverend Michelle Torigian as our Settled Pastor.

Reverend Torigian is a native of Belleville. She is a graduate of Belleville West High School, Fontbonne University 1995, and Eden Seminary in 2010. She is currently Pastor of St. Paul UCC in Cincinnati, Ohio.

We hope you will join us in welcoming Reverend Torigian to preach our service at 9am on April 15th, stay afterward for the Congregational Meeting, and prayerfully consider your vote.

See you there! Blessings,

Mimi Llamas, President St Paul UCC Church Council

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN
THE ST. PAUL MINGLES AND SINGLES ORGANIZATION
IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE OUR NINTH ANNUAL OBSERVANCE OF:



DERBY DAY "THE RUN FOR THE ROSES"

WHEN: SATURDAY MAY 5, 2018 START TIME 3:30 P.M.
WHERE: AT THE HOME OF LYN AND KRIS MUELLER
429 WEATHERSTONE DRIVE BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS 62221
PLEASE BRING: HORS D'OEUVRES AND BEVERAGES TO SHARE

If you haven't attended a Mingles and Singles event lately, this one is not to be missed! PLEASE COME!
Remember our non-fund-raiser pledge: \$10.00 per person for "the good of the cause."

RSVP: KRIS MUELLER 234-9447 or muellerkm75@hotmail.com

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Check out our website for info-
About our church!
Upcoming events!
Calendar!
News! Pictures!
Latest happenings!
And.... Our archives!
Now you can find Audio/Video

Archive Page -
containing Rev
Eichenlaub's
last Easter
sermon
& Index of
Records from
1839 to 1939.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study Returns April 10 10am in the Genesis Room

facilitated by "Committee"
Join your church friends for the UCC produced
"LISTEN UP" bible study series.
Participants will share questions and responses
as we study the Gospel of Luke. Trusting in the Holy Spirit,
we believe that in that mix of biblical text, personal engagement
and honest speaking and listening, God's word may be
heard, speaking words of challenge and words of comfort.



ELECTRONIC RECYCLING & PAPER SHREDDING

Sat, April 14 9am to Noon

St. Paul UCC, Parking Lot

FOR COMPLETE LIST OF WHAT IS ACCEPTED—
PLEASE SEE WWW.STPAULUCC.ORG