



THE ST. PAUL SPIRE



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Greetings Church and Happy Labor Day!

I came across a story that truly deserves repeating. An employee name Joel Prusak was serving a customer their food at one of the Dairy Queen restaurants. While doing his work he noticed a blind man had dropped a twenty-dollar bill on the floor.

"A lady standing in line quietly bent down and put the twenty dollars into her own pocket. Young Joel Prusak approached the lady, asking her to give the twenty-dollar bill back to the blind man. She refused, quite aggressively, claiming it was her own. And then Joel did something very generous. Quietly, he opened up his own wallet and handed the blind man a twenty-dollar bill of his own. The man took the money gratefully, and the Dairy Queen resumed normal business.

A customer in line observed the whole episode and sent an e-mail to the Dairy Queen management, informing them of Joel's act of generosity. The DQ management then posted about it on Facebook, and the event went viral. A couple of days later, Joel received a call from the billionaire Warren Buffet, a big investor in Dairy Queen. He thanked Joel for showing such integrity and asked him to come to the next Dairy Queen investors meeting. As Joel was an employee and representative of Dairy Queen, Buffet wanted him to be there as an integral part of the fabric of the organization.

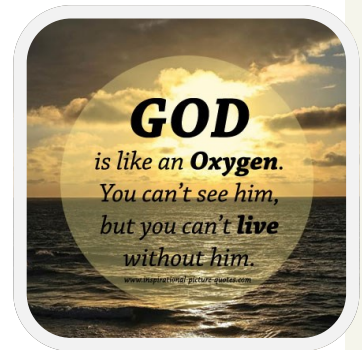
Joel's act of generosity inspired thousands of people to believe that they, too, could do something small to impact the world for good. It was a small act—with a huge impact." And so, it is with God. He takes our small acts of obedience or kindness or goodness and multiplies them for His good, and ours. In Colossians, Paul tells us, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters," Colossians 3:23, NLT. I pray that we, too, can use this act of kindness as an event to be emulated, for any labor we do should be done with the Spirit of the Lord. And we should remember the words of Jesus Himself when he said, "That which you do to the least of these you do also unto me."

So, don't wait until you can do big things; start small. Sometimes small seeds grow into large trees, and from them, God's Fruit of the Spirit can grow.

God Bless Your Hearts,
Frederick G. Sampson

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Points of Interest

- Pastor's Tuesday Bible study meets at 10 A.M. in the Parlor. Join us!
- Small Group meets every other Wednesday, 6³⁰ P.M. in the Pastor's study.



Congratulations to the Kumar Family!

Walter Ravi Kumar was born Thursday, July 26th. Proud parents Andrew & Cassy. Grandparents Anil & Marjorie. Welcome Walter!



July

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Offering</u>
July 1	27		\$1,593
8	28		2,970
15	30		995
22	27		2,617
29	25		1,940



August

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Offering</u>
August 5	28		\$1,806
12	36		1,228
19	27		2,352
26	35		1,208

Designated Gifts/Giving

World Service (UMW): (YTD: \$400)

"Second Mile" Giving

Coins for Mission (YTD Total \$72)

F.I.S.H. Collection (YTD Total \$118)

Fundraisers

Kroger Community Rewards (YTD Total: \$27)

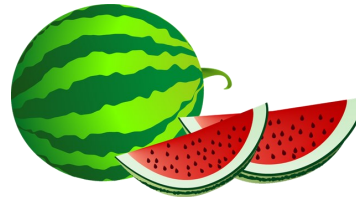
2018 St. Paul Budget Report through August 2018

Ministry, Programs, and Outreach

Budget Each Week	\$2,579
Budget Year-to-Date	\$87,686
Offering Year-to-Date	\$69,851
Year-to-Date Difference	-\$17,835

Mission Opportunities — As of July 30, 2018

	<u>Conf. Request</u>	<u>Paid in 2018</u>
Ministerial Pension	\$2,200	\$1,540
Common Budget**	16,510	400
World Service		810
Ministerial Ed.		0
Black College Fund		0
Africa Univ.		0
Meth. Union for District Missions	782	469
Detroit Ren. District	328	0
Total:	\$19,820	\$3,219



** (This amount is proportionally applied to Connectional Ministries, World Service, and Conference Benevolences, Ministerial Education Fund, the Black College Fund, Africa University, and the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund.)





Worship Assistants

Counters

- 2 Joyce McClelland, Bill Lee
- 9 Fay Alston, Doug Sweeder
- 16 Sherry Pickett, Sue Sweeder
- 23 Bill Lee, Virginia Tuttle
- 30 Fay Alston, Joyce McClelland

Lay Readers

- 2 TBD
- 9 Carol Kelley
- 16 Doug Sweeder
- 23 Marcus Kelley
- 30 Bill Lee

Nursery

- 2 Kecia Brown
- 9 TBD
- 16 TBD
- 23 Scott Sweeder
- 30 Kecia Brown

Ushers

- 2 B. Johns, B. Robinson
- 9 B. & D. Casper, M. Kelley
- 16 B. Johns, J. Leitch
- 23 B. Johns, H. Vaillencourt
- 30 B. Johns, TBD

Trustee on Duty

Marcus Kelley

- Is there anything you'd like in the Spire? Call the office - (248) 338-8233 by the 15th of the month.



September Anniversaries

- 2 Randy Whitcomb & Michelle Gentile
- 15 Lawrence & Kim Hinkle
- 17 Chris & Andrea Drouillard
- 20 Anil & Marjorie Kumar
- 21 Gary & Jane Lowell
- 24 Randy & Laura Ferguson
- 29 Scott & Lisa Sweeder

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Ads/Announcements

- **First Sunday F.I.S.H. Collection** — Non-perishable Food.
- **Donations to help offset church expenses** — Please mark envelope, "100th Year Celebration".
- **Celebrate 100 Years Potluck Picnic — Saturday, Sept. 8th, 12-4 P.M. (FH).** St. Paul will provide meat and beverages. Petting Zoo: 12 to 2; Bounce House: 12 to 3; Featuring: Universal Xpression, (music group) 3 to 4. Sock Donation (assorted sizes and colors), to benefit Cass Avenue.
- **Church Charge Conference — Tuesday, September 18th, 7 P.M.** Everyone is invited to attend our all church conference at St Paul, we hope you join us.
- **Crop Walk — Sunday, September 23rd, Birmingham First.**
- **Walt Whitman Elementary School Outreach** — We are taking school supply donations, through the end of September for Mrs. Schall's 2nd grade class. Collection box is in the narthex. Thank you!
- **Worship Celebration of 100 years — Sunday, October 14th, 9⁴⁵ A.M.** After worship, there will be a luncheon potluck with speakers. St. Paul will provide the meat and cake. Everyone will have an opportunity to share memories of St. Paul and its members.
- **The Stewardship Campaign TBA.**



September Birthdays

- 10 Kaia Sweeder
- 11 David Walsh
- 21 Brendan Sweeder
- 23 Zakiya Kelley
- 24 Bill Lee
- 26 Sue Puckett

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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1
UMM — 9 A.M.
Dixie Diner
AOL — 8³⁰ A.M.
(FH)
Shotokan —
10 A.M.
GTAC — 10 to 12
(upstairs)
GTAC — Picnic
12 to 5 P.M.

2
Worship —
9⁴⁵ A.M.
GTAC — 12 P.M.



4
Bible Study —
10 A.M.
UMW — 11³⁰ A.M.

Shotokan —
6 P.M.

5

Small Group —
Pastor's Study
GTAC — 6³⁰ P.M.
(Parlor)
Tai Chi — 7 P.M.

6

Choir — 7 P.M.

7

8
AOL — 8³⁰ A.M.
(FH)
Shotokan —
10 A.M.
(Upstairs)

"Celebrating 100
Years" picnic —
12 to 4 (FH)

9
Sunday School —
9 A.M.
Worship —
9⁴⁵ A.M.
GTAC — 12 P.M.

10

Tai Chi — 7 P.M.

11
Bible Study —
10 A.M.

Finance — 3 P.M.

Shotokan —
6 P.M.

12

GTAC — 6³⁰ P.M.
(Parlor)
Tai Chi — 7 P.M.

13

Choir — 7 P.M.

14

15
AOL — 8³⁰ A.M.
(FH)
Shotokan
— 10 A.M.

District Annual
Conf. —
Hope UMC

16
Sunday School —
9 A.M.
Worship —
9⁴⁵ A.M.
GTAC — 12 P.M.

17

Tai Chi — 7 P.M.

18
Bible Study —
10 A.M.

Shotokan —
6 P.M.
St. Paul's
Charge Conf. —
7 P.M.
SPR 6¹⁵

19

Small Group —
Pastor's Study
GTAC — 6³⁰ P.M.
(Parlor)
Tai Chi — 7 P.M.

20

Choir — 7 P.M.

21

22
AOL — 8³⁰ A.M.
(FH)
EIP — 8³⁰ A.M.
Shotokan
— 10 A.M.

Rental — (FH)

23
Sunday School —
9 A.M.
Worship —
9⁴⁵ A.M.
GTAC — 12 P.M.
Crop Walk —
2 P.M.
Birmingham
First

24

Tai Chi — 7 P.M.

25
Bible Study —
10 A.M.

Shotokan —
6 P.M.

26

GTAC — 6³⁰ P.M.
(Parlor)
Tai Chi — 7 P.M.

27

Choir — 7 P.M.

28

29
UMW — 8³⁰ A.M.
Leo's Coney
AOL — 8³⁰ A.M.
(FH)
Shotokan
— 10 A.M.

VSNA — (FH)

30
Sunday School —
9 A.M.
Worship —
9⁴⁵ A.M.
GTAC — 12 P.M.

