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The Messenger

*The newsletter of First Saint Paul's
Evangelical Lutheran Church*

First Saint Paul's takes you to Germany for a day...

Oktoberfest 2011 September 24 5 - 10 pm

Mark your calendars for this year's Oktoberfest, Saturday, September 24, 5 - 10 PM. This is truly the best event of the year and features a live band with sing-alongs, beer garden, brats and other German food, and of course lots of fun and fellowship. So be sure to invite your friends and neighbors!

All tickets will include the full meal, one non-alcoholic beverage and live entertainment provided by Flechsig's Oktoberfest Band. Adult tickets, *purchased in advance*, will include one free glass of beer or wine. Additional beverage tickets may be purchased on the day of the event. Ticket prices are: \$20/adult; \$5/children ages 6-13; children 5 and under are free.

FREE Parking is available at the Franklin School lot located at 240 W. Goethe (2 blocks west of the church).

For more information, call 312.642.7172 or visit www.fspauls.org.



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SERVICES OF WORSHIP

Sunday
9:30 AM
Wednesday Spoken Eucharist
7 AM

HOLY COMMUNION
celebrated every Sunday morning

ELECTED CHURCH OFFICERS

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Near North Singles
Paul Meynen/David Rogner

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Wunder's Cemetery
Rev. Delayne Pauling



“From Hell to Heaven”

“For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol” —Psalm 86:13

Reviewing “hell”:

If you came to our study of “hell,” you heard my argument that the vast majority of Scripture that speak about “hell” are not about eternal punishment at all. And, I believe, that the overriding message of the Bible is good news, a comfort to the believer, and the assurance of his grace, love, forgiveness, and eternal life in a restored paradise.

The word *sheol* is the Hebrew word for “grave.” The Greek word *hades* is the word translators chose to translate the Hebrew word *Sheol*. These texts almost exclusively are meant to assure the believer that God has the power over death and “the grave.” Although these words are sometimes translated as “hell,” they are not talking about an eternal place of torment but the present reality of evil, death, and bondage to sin.

When Jesus talks about *Gehenna* (Matt 5.21-30), he is referring to a garbage dump on the southwest outskirts of Jerusalem. The epistle of James also uses the word *Gehenna* (James 3:6). Both use this word to refer to the presence of evil and the nature of sin.

Jesus’ mentioning of the “furnace of fire” (Matt 13.41-42) and John’s vision of “the lake of fire” (Rev 19.20; 20.10) give us a description of what many call “hell.” But neither use the word “hell.” And, in fact, “hell” is an Anglo-Saxon word describing the mythic pagan underworld. The “furnace” or “lake of fire” is primarily for Satan and those who wage war against God and his people.

Yes, there is the judgment but, again, the emphasis is on those whose names are written in the “Book of Life.” There is no book of death. The Bible is clear and gives assurance of eternal life to the believer (John 3:16-17; Eph 2:8,9; etc.). But the Bible does not tell us who exactly who will be lost forever except the devil and his accomplices. In other words, we Christians should be clear on God’s grace and assure the child of God of

salvation but we should be hesitant to identify or condemn those we think will suffer eternal separation from God.

Again, the emphasis in the Bible is not threatening the world with God’s wrath and eternal destruction but a loving God who promises forgiveness, life and salvation. And, our message is that there is no other comfort or assurance of this grace outside of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are “evangelical” in the truest sense of the word; we are the people of the good news!

The emphasis in the Scripture is that evil, death, sin, “the grave,” and the world’s garbage dumps can destroy lives now. God wants us to know that he has defeated our personal “hells” and that we need not fear or live under the dominion of a broken world. We are free, delivered, and more than conquerors!

From “hell” to “heaven”:

So, we should at least give “heaven” equal time, shouldn’t we? That’s what I hope to do beginning on Wednesday, September 14th and Sunday the 18th. The study of “heaven” will be similarly structured with our study of “hell.” You have the option of coming either Wednesdays or Sundays.

Perhaps it is not surprising that just as the Old Testament says little about “hell” so it says very little about “heaven.” What God holds before the eyes of the Old Testament believers is a righteous “kingdom” that is to be a blessing to the whole world.

Jesus makes the connection of this promised land to a promised presence wherever God’s Spirit works. This is the “Kingdom of Heaven” or the “Kingdom of God” that Jesus spends so much time talking about.

Again, the emphasis is not an abstract “place” somewhere else or sometime in the future but a present reality. This does not deny a future and place without sin, the devil, and death. But the blessings of “heaven” are here for us now.

The concept of a present and future heaven is sure to blow our minds as we talk about God’s promise of restoring his creation and reuniting heaven and earth into a renewed paradise.

I’m confident that our discussions will be as encouraging and fruitful as our last study—actually, I’m sure it will be even better!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Johnson

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WORSHIP NOTES



Psalmody

Each Sunday at First Saint Paul's, as in many Christian churches, we sing a psalm or a portion of a psalm. Most often our psalms have a verse that is used as a refrain. More often than not, we chant the psalm in alternation between choir or a cantor and the congregation. Sometimes the psalm is sung in a modern paraphrase. Regardless of how the psalm is sung or chanted, it is helpful to consider why we sing the psalms in worship.

The psalms are appointed in the lectionary along with the readings. The intent of the psalmody in the liturgy is to relate to one or more of the other readings. On a recent Sunday, the second lesson was from Romans, where Paul treats the nature of proclamation of the word. "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart." The psalm refrain declares, "I will listen to what the Lord is saying."

The psalmody is the hymnbook of the Bible and served the people of the Old Testament to express to God their joys and sorrows, their thanksgivings and laments. If for no other reason, we should sing the psalms for the sake of continuity with those who have gone before us. The psalmody provides a very real connection with worshipers of all times and in all places.

September 11 observance

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the deadly attacks of September 11, 2001. We will have a special service on Sunday, September 11 at 7 PM to remember those who lost their lives in the attacks and those who have given their lives in service to their country since that time. We will pray for peace and for God's guidance and protection in the years ahead.

Our service will be a service of meditation in the Taizé tradition. It will consist of psalmody, Bible reading, and prayer. We will sing a number of songs but have ample time for prayer and meditation. The service will be approximately an hour long. Please consider attending this service and inviting friends and neighbors from the community.

Summer Choir

Many thanks to all who participated in the summer choir in June, July, and August. You enriched our singing and provided a welcome addition to the summer services.

First Saint Paul's Choir

First Saint Paul's Choir starts Wednesday, September 7. If you are interested in singing, or know of someone who should be encouraged to sing, please contact Steven Wentz.





Upcoming Events at First Saint Paul's Church

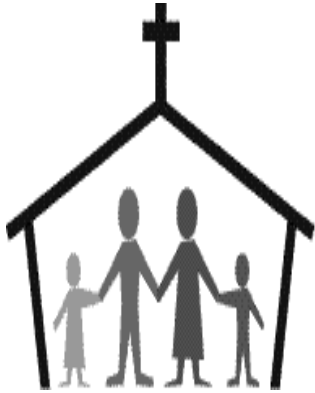
SEPTEMBER

Monday	5	all day	Church Office Closed – Labor Day
Tuesday	6	7 PM	First Tuesday Condo Association
Wednesday	7	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsals begin (every Wednesday at 7:30 PM)
Thursday	8	7 PM	Beekman Place Condo Association
Friday	9	7 PM	Near North Singles Bible Study
Sunday	11	8:30 AM & Noon 9:30 AM	Church Photos taken Installation of Church Officers and Sunday School Teachers and Backpack Blessing
Sunday	11	7 PM	Service of Prayer & Meditation (Taizé)
Monday	12	6 PM	Board of Elders
Monday	12	7 PM	Church Council
Wednesday	14	7 PM	Bible Study: "A Biblical Perspective on Heaven"
Thursday	15	12 NN	50+ Luncheon Group
Sunday	18	10:45 AM 11:45 AM	Bible Study: "A Biblical Perspective on Heaven" Confirmation Informational Meeting
Tuesday	20	8:30 AM – 4 PM	LCEF Board Meeting
Wednesday	21	7 PM	Bible Study: "A Biblical Perspective on Heaven"
Friday	23	7 PM	Near North Singles Bible Study
Saturday	24	5 – 10 PM	Oktoberfest 2011
Sunday	25	10:45 AM	Bible Study: "A Biblical Perspective on Heaven"
Wednesday	28	7 PM	Bible Study: "A Biblical Perspective on Heaven"



Saturday	1	3 PM	Blessing of the Animals
Sunday	2	10:45 AM	Bible Study: "A Biblical Perspective on Heaven"
Tuesday	4	7 PM	First Tuesday Condo Association
Wednesday	5	10:45 AM	Bible Study: "A Biblical Perspective on Heaven"
Friday	7	7 PM	Near North Singles Bible Study
Sunday	9		Chicago Marathon Sunday Heaven Bible Study Cancelled Today
Sunday	9	11 AM	Service of Holy Communion *see page 9* (Time change due to Chicago Marathon)
Monday	10	all day	Church Office Closed – Columbus Day
Wednesday	12		Heaven Bible Study Cancelled Today
Sunday	16	10:45 AM	Bible Study: "A Biblical Perspective on Heaven"
Monday	17	6 PM	Board of Elders
Monday	17	7 PM	Church Council – 2012 Planning
Monday	17	7 PM	Wunder's Board of Directors
Wednesday	19	7 PM	Bible Study: "A Biblical Perspective on Heaven"
Thursday	20	12 NN	50+ Luncheon Group
Friday	21	7 PM	Near North Singles Bible Study
Sunday	23	10:45 AM	Bible Study: "A Biblical Perspective on Heaven"
Tuesday	25	8:30 AM – 4 PM	Lifeline Health Screenings
Sunday	30	9:30 AM	Reformation Festival Service of Worship
Sunday	30	9:30 AM	2012 Stewardship Campaign begins

Praying Through The Church



BECAUSE WE ARE A CHURCH FAMILY, a community of faith, we have a concern for one another, a concern that is expressed on Sunday mornings, as we pray for members of our church family 'by name.'

WE PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER remembering the words of St. Paul the Apostle to Timothy, "I urge, then first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone..." and the promise of our

Lord Jesus Christ, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

WE ALSO ENCOURAGE members and friends of the congregation to make their prayer requests, births, illnesses, deaths, anniversaries, special occasions for intercession or thanksgiving, known to the pastor, preferably before the Sunday morning services, but in cases of emergency, right up to service time.

THE FOLLOWING FRIENDS & MEMBERS of our church family will be remembered in the services of worship during June, July and August. The non-member spouses of members are also listed, and even though not 'officially' members of our congregation, they are certainly included in our concern.

September 4 – Kofo & Taiwo Ogunyankin, Tobi and Kemi; Hosana Okamura; Eric & Lura Ophelan; Greg & Eva Oreskovich, Gabriel & Lukas:

September 11 – Rev. Delayne H. Pauling; Desiree Paulius; Marjorie Pedersen; Nada Pedersen; Daniel Perschbacher; Helen J. Petersen; Erin Polczynski; Keely Polczynski

September 18 – Grant Pothast; Margaret Pothast; Morgan, Jake and Taylor Pothast; Mary Jo Puls; Chris & Connie Rademacher; Janette Ramirez

September 25 – Renee Ramsey & Steven Green, Nicholas and Kiely; Tom & Gretchen Randall; Owen & Liz Ranta and Maxwell; Ambrose Ratcliff

October 2 – Paul Rehmer; Russell Reisenleiter; Craig Richmond; Laura Ridings; Jennifer Riederer; David Rogner; Susan Rosborough

October 9 – Dawn Roscoe; Amy Roth; Charles & Lisa Rowe; Kristine Rull; Sinikka Russell; Shawn Sackett; Brad & Emily Salmon, Greta and Tate

October 16 – Patrick & Beth Sartore and Adam; Janice Schaffrick; Mark Shaper; Dan Schedler; Daniel Schiessl; Susan Schifferdecker

October 23 – Karen Schickschnus; Dan Schlemmer; Jennifer Schmidt; Bryan Schneider; Mamie Scott; Jan Seefeldt; Joni Seidel-Burnett

October 30 – Robert Shafis; Jeffrey & Melanie Shank, Claire and Whitney; David & Liza Sharp; Michael Siebert; Eden Simmer

Official Acts

New Born:

05.19.11 Zeke Jordan Fisher

Marriages:

07.23.11 Rosemaire Weber and Daniel Rubino

08.13.11 Melissa Riley and Kevin Dahm

New Members:

07.31.11 Carrie Foreman
Matt Hauman
Katie Young

Transfers:

06.07.11 Mary Cameron and Charles Cameron to Faith Lutheran Church, Lake Forest, IL

07.06.11 Roseann Molyneaux to St. John Lutheran Church, Union, IL



Our Church Family

I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints. Philemon 1:4-5



Simply Giving

Open your heart without opening your checkbook

Electronic Giving is the term used to describe automatic methods for making contributions on a regular basis without the need to write checks, carry cash or prepare envelopes. It is a greener approach to giving. No more paper checks or envelopes. Reduces donation processing time and saves on volunteer hours.

Frequently Asked Questions About Direct Debit Giving

What are the major advantages of electronic giving by direct debit?

Direct debit is all about convenience for you and consistency for First Saint Paul's. Electronic giving eliminates frequent check writing and helps members stay on track with pledges even when they are unable to attend services. The church in turn benefits from much-needed donation consistency and a reduction in the volume of check and cash contributions that must be handled and manually processed in the church office.

How does Direct Debit Giving work?

Contributions are transferred automatically from your checking or savings account or charged to your credit / debit account.

How can I sign up for electronic giving by direct debit?

Simply go to the First Saint Paul's webpage at www.fspauls.org and you will find Donate Online at the lower right hand corner of the homepage. Click on the Donate Online button and set-up your profile and contribution choice. You can choose your donation amount, frequency, and how you want pay: debit your checking or savings account, or pay by credit / debit card.

How are my automatic contributions deducted and transferred?

Contributions are then transferred through the Automated Clearing House (ACH) network—the same network already used by families to make mortgage and utility payments or to receive payroll earnings and Social Security income. Direct debit goes by other names including Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), automatic payment, or simply, ACH.

When will my contribution be debited from my account?

A debit to your account will occur on the date(s) you specify on when you set-up your account.

How will I keep track of contributions in my check register?

Since your contribution is made at a pre-established time, you simply record it in your check register on the appropriate date. Electronic contributions will appear on your bank statement.

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What can I use to prove I made a contribution?

Your bank statement will show an itemized list of electronic transactions that can be used as proof of your contributions. In addition, you will receive a statement two times a year from First Saint Paul's detailing your contributions year to date.

Is giving by direct debit risky?

It is certainly less risky than writing checks or carrying cash to church. To process electronic donations, the church uses Vanco Services, LLC—an established and highly-regarded company that moves funds directly from church members to the church on the same day without any delay. Vanco processes contributions for more than 10,000 churches and nonprofit organizations.

How much does direct debit giving cost?

It costs you nothing and it costs the church very little. It is the lowest cost method of transferring funds.

Can I change my donation amount?

Yes you can change your donation amount, frequency, and payment method. You can also make one time donations to special funds.

What if I try electronic giving by direct debit and don't like it?

We know you love'll it but if you want to cancel you can go online and stop the authorization at anytime.

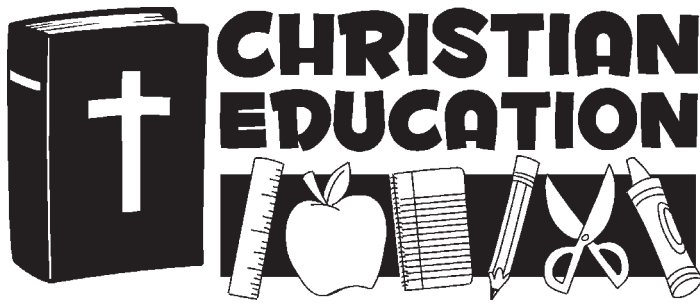


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Greetings from your Thrivent North Cook County Chapter Board!

We hope your summer has been a great one!! We have had a very exciting year on our Board so far. It has been very heartwarming for the Board Members to have played such an important role in giving Thrivent money to so many worthwhile causes. Our chapter has given away over \$25,000 so far this year already! We also won the Chapter of Excellence Award, of which we are very proud. And, we have had some fun events on the Spirit of Chicago and at Ravinia, to name a few.

While all positions on our Board are one-year terms, we have some Board Members whose term limits are ending, so we will have Board positions available for the 2012 year. We are looking for people who would like to be a part of the Thrivent organization as a chapter board member. We meet once a month. If you, or someone you know, would like more information, please contact Marian Sperling, at either 847.288.0334, or mjsperling@sbcglobal.net. You can also visit the Thrivent website at www.thrivent.com for more.



SUNDAY SCHOOL & TODDLIN' TO JESUS

After a wonderful time this summer spent in the jungle, we will be back to our regular Sunday School classes starting September 11 with our fall kick off. Sunday School for ages 3 and up will begin right after the Sunday service. Join us for music, crafts and stories to help us grow in our faith.

If your child is under three we hope you will join us for toddlin' to Jesus down in the nursery. This fifteen minute class is filled with songs and activities to share Jesus with our littlest members. It is also a great way for parents to meet other families in the church.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The group meets for lunch (bring your own sack lunch) at 12:15 PM each Wednesday followed by a study led by Pastor Johnson. Currently, the group is studying the book of John. All are welcome to attend.

LIVING AS THE CHURCH: THE BOOK OF ACTS AND US

Join Near North Singles as we explore key stories from the book of Acts. We will use this narrative of the early church to examine what it means to be the church: how we should live together, how we can present the Gospel to the world, and how we can find strength for these actions. Some session topics will focus on early Christian fellowship, persecution for the Gospel, conflict in the church, and the power of God to change lives.

Gather at 7 PM in the Lounge on the following Friday's followed by dinner and fellowship: August 26, September 9, September 23, October 7, October 21, November 4, and November 18. For questions, contact Paul Meynan at tallman23@aol.com.

God deeply desires each believer to live out his or her vocation in this world in order to make a wonderful and life-giving difference. As a new school year gets under way, we want to assure everyone involved in education that



our congregation is a community that loves and supports them. So on Sunday, September 11, Pastor Johnson will invite students (young and old), teachers, custodians, cafeteria workers, bus drivers, crossing guards, school board members or school activity volunteers, school nurses and social workers to come forward for a special prayer of blessing. Students please remember to bring your backpack along.

Now faith is
being sure
of what we hope for...
Hebrews 11:1

Confirmation Classes Starting Soon!

Pastor Johnson will host an informational meeting for parents of 7th grade students on **Sunday, September 18 at 11:45 AM** (right after Sunday School and the Adult Education Hour). The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss a common time for students to come to the church for instruction and an overview of the class. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Johnson in the church office, 312.642.7172.



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If your copy of *The Messenger* ever does arrive, is this how it looks? Here's a way to stay connected while saving a tree or two in the process.

The church office sends members and guests a link to a PDF version of *The Messenger* posted on our website. Not only does it provide more timely communications, but also has advantages for the church as well. We save on printing costs, have fewer newsletters to label and sort, and reduce postage costs.

If you'd like to link up to more efficient communication while helping the church better manage our communication expenses, please send an email to office@fspauls.org with the subject line "Email Me" or call the church office at 312.642.7172, and we'll be sure to add you to our e-Messenger list. Thanks for your help!



SUNDAY SERMONS

The First Saint Paul's website now includes the Sunday sermons! Simply go to www.fspauls.org. On the right side of the front page you'll see the words: *New Page! Sermons*. Click on that and you'll be able to choose to listen or read sermons.

LOOKING TO STAY CONNECTED?

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CHANGE IN SERVICE TIME SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9 CHICAGO MARATHON

Long after the 40,000+ runners have run past our church we will worship God and celebrate Holy Communion at **11 AM (no 9:30 AM Service)**. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. Also, if you're running in the Marathon, sign up on the bulletin board so that we can remember you in the prayers that day.

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Financial Report

	<u>Actual 2011</u>	<u>Our Budget 2011</u>
<i>Operating Account: Funds Available 01/01/11:</i>	66,920	
<i>How much we raised:</i>		
Worship contributions	143,878	145,000
Facility rental income	2,890	2,500
Investment Income	485	1,000
	<u>147,252</u>	<u>148,500</u>
<i>How much we Spent:</i>		
Administrative and Stewardship	6,426	7,000
Communications and Outreach	3,232	2,700
Education and Fellowship	912	2,225
Facility Expenses	32,006	32,000
Synodical Commitment	2,000	2,000
Music and Worship	1,573	3,563
Office Expenses	5,808	4,656
Personnel and Employee Benefits	84,450	107,913
Social Ministry	-	150
	<u>136,406</u>	<u>162,206</u>
<i>Operating Account: Funds Available 06/30/11:</i>	77,766	
<i>Designed Funds Balances 06/30/11:</i>		
Memorials - unallocated	7,000	
Altar Guild Fund	2,641	
Angel Restoration Fund	1,355	
Christian Education Fund	6,090	
Christmas Concert Fund	8,792	
Community Meals	15,848	
Creche Fund	2,110	
Foot Clinic	813	
Mission 2009	1,936	
Installation Fund	825	
Liturgical Arts Fund	324	
Lutheran Service Book	(231)	
Music Program Fund / Special Music	14,973	
Preserving God's House Capital Fund	47,619	
Townhouse Repair Fund	4,150	
Townhouse Sale Proceeds, net current expenses	(41,399)	
VBS Fund	537	
Sunday School & VBS Fund	2,317	
Youth Group Fund	1,098	
Other Restricted Funds	801	
	<u>155,363</u>	
<i>Total Funds 06/30/11:</i>	155,363	



Financial Report, continued

Properties less mortgage:

Land and Buildings - Church Property (Cost)	450,000
Land and Buildings - Parsonage (Cost)	656,600
Mortgage Payable - Church Extension Fund	<u>(305,869)</u>

Total Net Assets 06/30/11: 956,095

Other Contributions Received:

Armd Forces Ministry	200
Voice of Care	480
Voice of Hope Prison Ministry	505
Foot Clinic	774
Community Meals	6,274
Lutheran Child & Family Services	320
Lutheran Church Charities	346
Lutheran World Relief	1,961
Lutheran Service Book	3,690
Music Fund	3,145
Pastor Installation	1,686
Preserving God's House Fund	1,460
Sunday School Fund	535
Wheat Ridge Ministries	25
Wunders Cemetery	<u>882</u>

Total Other Contributions 06/30/11: 22,283



WILL YOU VOLUNTEER TO BE THE FACE OF FIRST SAINT PAULS?

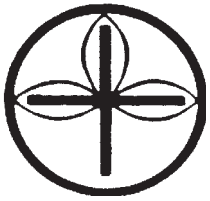
You already know that First Saint Paul's is a great place to come for worship and enjoy fellowship with our extended faith family. But how do we let others know that they could enjoy these things too?

To help spread this message, we need to keep our website and promotional materials fresh with current images of all the wonderful worship, educational, and fellowship activities that happen here. More than just showing our building, we need to populate the photos of our facility with the people that make it such a lively place. Several photographers from FSP have volunteered to capture images of worship actions and fellowship, hopefully featuring *you* - "model" volunteers from among our members and friends. Our first Photo Day is this Sept. 11th, with sessions at 8:30 AM and Noon - that is, one session before the 9:30 AM Service and then one after Education hour. To avoid distraction, photos will not be taken during the worship service. A light lunch will be available for those who stay for the afternoon session.

We are a diverse congregation (just look around!) and this is a key part of the message in the photos that we'll project out to the larger community, so every kind of person needs to participate, there are no exclusions!

Volunteers to be photographed will need to complete a written release form, permitting the church to use these images publicly. These photo release forms will be available in the narthex for volunteers. Please help by lending your smile to build up a catalog of inviting images helping to spread the Good News about Jesus and about First Saint Paul's.

For answers to questions or to help on Photo Day, please contact Dan Hendricksen, 773.844.7361.



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In response to numerous requests by members and friends of First Saint Paul's Church, we will conduct a "Blessing of the Animals" on **Saturday, October 1 at 3 PM** on the church patio. Pets are invited to receive a blessing in memory of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals, whose feast day is October 4. You are invited to bring your dog, cat, hamster, bird, fish, rabbit, turtle, lizard, etc., to the church for a blessing. Pets are expected to be under control at all times by their owners and must be restrained by a leash or confined to a cage or other applicable enclosure. Please do not bring aggressive or uncontrollable pets.