





YOUTH GROUP

When:
1st & 3rd
Sunday
4:00–6:00 pm

St Paul's Youth Group

is an opportunity for the youth, in grades 6–12, to gather for fellowship, service and fun all while learning more about their relationship with Jesus. We take field trips, meet with groups from other churches, and offer ourselves in service to the church and out in the community. This is an excellent chance for youth to learn more about their faith and to hear about the faith of others while also getting a little nutty from time to time!

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FAMILY MINISTRIES



Family Ministries at St. Paul's seeks to bring together families in a way that allows our children to play with each other and for parents to talk about the joys and struggles of raising a faithful family in today's world. Whether a class on family faith, a field trip to a local park or zoo, or lunch here at the church, we seek to relax and have fun with each other knowing that these moments to slow down can be a challenge to find for today's family.

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

When:
Sundays
9:00 am

Adult Formation: Wide range of topics featuring time for discussion and sharing, generally no more than five weeks, such as Bible Study, theology and spiritual growth.

At St. Paul's we also offer retreats, classes, workshops & discussion groups to accommodate the needs and preferences as we each walk our own path. Many of our offerings are available to join via Zoom or watch the recording afterward.

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION – BEYOND SUNDAY MORNING



Our adult formation programs offer conversation and learning that extends beyond the classes that are offered on Sunday morning.

BOOK GROUPS:

Each fall and spring, the parish has the opportunity to select a book to read together from a list of three choices provided by Nancy Grear. In the recent past we have read: *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson, *The Righteous Mind* by Jonathan Haidt, *Whole Hearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans, and *The Fullness of Time* by Kara Slade. We have been meeting on Zoom, but are considering an unperson group, weather permitting. The meeting times and length depend on the book we are reading.

Education for Ministry:

St. Paul's has offered the Education for Ministry program in the past. While we do not currently have an active group, there are other groups in the Diocese. If you are interested, speak with Nancy Grear.

Other Programs:

We are in the process of re-establishing some of the programs that were active before the pandemic.

Dessert and Discussion:

A one hour lecture by invited speakers, with dessert.

Lenten Soup 'n Study:

A series of 3 or so lectures on a chosen topic, along with soup supper.

News Article Reading Group:

This is a new group to share news or opinion articles and gather as a small group to gauge our reactions to the writing.



FLOWER DELIVERY

When:
Sundays
following 10:15
worship as
scheduled

The Flower Delivery ministry creates flower arrangements from the weekly altar flowers and delivers them to parishioners who are unable to attend church or who are hospitalized. The ministry is greatly appreciated by all who receive flowers along with the sense of community it brings.

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USHER TEAMS

When:
Sunday
10:15 worship
as scheduled

Usher teams welcome people to worship each week and are a presence throughout the service to assist with needs, communicate special concerns to the clergy, gather the offering and assist the congregation during Eucharist. After worship, they make sure the church is back to its neat and orderly state. This ministry is a wonderful way to work together as a team and get to know other members in St. Paul's community.

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LECTORS AND INTERCESSORS

When:
Sunday
10:15 worship
as scheduled

Lectors are a crucial piece to Sunday worship, sharing their talent for speaking as they share the Word of God & our prayers.

Reading the lessons or prayers offers a unique opportunity to be an integral part of liturgy. According to Allen Brings, "Like the best poetry, which family members used to read to one another in generations past, Sacred Scripture has always been an oral tradition, often sung, but at least spoken aloud. As long as the Word of God remains letters fixed on a page, it does not live. When proclaimed aloud, or sung, it takes flight and only then rises to God. Singing, even speaking, enlists the entire being, body and spirit; it is when we sing or speak that we are most completely engaged in the celebration of the Liturgy."

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WEDDINGS

St. Paul's offers a beautiful sacred setting for your wedding. The marble altar, historic Skinner pipe organ & Steinway grand piano and 75-foot-long center aisle provide the perfect setting for your special day. In consultation with our clergy, Wedding Coordinator and Director of Music, you and your guests will enjoy a day to remember always.


Fees include the use of the church on the day of the wedding, rehearsal on the eve of the wedding, services of the clergy to provide pre-marital counseling and officiate at the ceremony, services of the on-site Wedding Coordinator, services of the Director of Music or Organ Scholar to provide music for the ceremony and 30 minutes of photography time after the ceremony.

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ALTAR GUILD

When:
Sundays and
occasional
weekdays as
scheduled



The Altar Guild at St. Paul's ensures the church is ready for worship throughout the week. Serving together in teams, we prepare the altar and make sure the church is prepared for its members to come to worship. In addition, we polish the silver, wash the linens and care for the altar hangings. Since much of our ministry is done before and after worship, we have the opportunity to be in the church when it is quiet and peaceful.

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BAPTISMS

When:
Sunday
10:15 worship
as scheduled

Following the teachings of The Episcopal Church, Holy Baptism at St. Paul's is considered the full initiation into the Church and is offered to all those who desire it, regardless of age. For infants and young children, the parents make this choice and the promises of Holy Baptism are fulfilled by the parents and Godparents.

Baptisms are included within our normal Sunday worship and are scheduled at the discretion of the clergy. Parents and Godparents, or those old enough to answer on their own behalf, will schedule a conversation with the clergy to prepare for baptism.

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ACOLYTES



Acolytes serve during worship through leading processions, assisting the clergy, preparing the altar and during Holy Communion.

Serving as an acolyte is often an easy way to begin serving the church and is open to all ages. It offers a unique view of some of the behind the scenes work that goes into Sunday morning and holiday worship at St. Paul's.

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CONFIRMATION



When baptized as a young child or infant, Parents and Godparents make promises on behalf of the child. Confirmation is the opportunity for that person to make a mature confession of faith and to take personal responsibility for those promises in the presence of a bishop. As such, Confirmation is offered to people who have been baptized and who are teenagers or older. A person who has been confirmed in another tradition may be formally received by the bishop.

A period of preparation is offered at different times and schedules each year depending on when the bishop will next visit St. Paul's. Please speak with a member of the clergy for the next scheduled classes to begin your preparations.

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ST. PAUL'S CHILD CARE CENTER

St. Paul's Child Care Center is a non-denominational, not-for-profit, Pathways-accredited program providing quality care for families with children ages 8 weeks to 5 years old, including free full-day Universal Pre-K for city residents.

We offer children a rich, nurturing environment in which our highly educated and enthusiastic teachers encourage children to participate in exploring a wide variety of activities and interests at all developmental levels.

Please contact us to schedule a tour:
585-244-4527 □ stpcc_family@yahoo.com
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CHILDREN FORMATION

When:
Sundays
10:00 am

Our youngest members are vital to our life as a congregation. Children's earliest memories of church should be warm, faithful, fun and welcoming. After what children learn about God at home and what they learn at church, forms their faith foundation for years to come.

Children are always welcome in worship, even when wiggly and making noise. If you prefer to have them in class or the nursery, these can be found in the upstairs Education Wing.

The nursery is staffed by professional childcare providers and available for ages infant through 5 from 10:00-11:00 am.

Sunday School class is for ages 5-5th grade, beginning at 10:00 am. Children will be brought into the church in time to receive Communion.

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MEMBERSHIP

We are so happy that you have been enjoying your time here at St. Paul's! You have blessed us through your presence and we hope that we have been a blessing to you and that you have sensed God's presence in this place.

As you continue to learn more about St. Paul's and desire to become a formal member, we ask you to please speak with the clergy. While each individual's path to membership is unique, each person is asked to regularly worship with us, to be baptized and/or confirmed (or received as appropriate) and to make a financial commitment to the congregation.

Arrangements for any of these are begun by speaking with the clergy.

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MUSIC MINISTRY AT ST. PAUL'S

St. Paul's is blessed with an outstanding music program that serves our parish and the greater Rochester community. We enjoy two singing choirs: a fine adult choir and a newly-revitalized choir for children and youth; a bell choir rounds out our active musical groups. Our parish is fortunate as well to have numerous gifted instrumentalists who offer their talents in services from time to time throughout the year. St. Paul's offers musical programs throughout each season – special choral programs, concerts to benefit Rochester's FOODLINK and organ recitals by our music staff and students from the Eastman School.

Musical instruments include a historic Skinner pipe organ (built in 1927; restored in 2012), a Wissinger continuo organ, three grand pianos and two sets of handbells.

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ST. PAUL'S CHOIR

When:
Wednesdays
7:00 pm

BELL CHOIR

When:
Thursdays
7:00 pm

Music at St. Paul's serves first to glorify God in our worship. It also contributes to the Christian formation of its participants, and provides a caring community for them.

The St Paul's Choir is mostly for adults but is also open to high school students who are able to commit to the schedule.

The St Paul's Ringers is our bell choir and is open to all ages. A good grasp of music reading and rhythm is important for membership in this group.

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ST. PAUL'S CHORISTERS

When:
Sundays
11:30 am

Music at St. Paul's serves first to glorify God in our worship. It also contributes to the Christian formation of its participants, and provides a caring community for them.

The St Paul's Choristers is open to children and youth in second grade through high school.

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ST. JOSEPH HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY

When:
Once a month

Once each month we prepare a meal and bring it to St. Joseph's where it is shared with homeless men and women seeking their services. We also collect various items throughout the month in baskets at the rear of the church and will bring those items to be shared with those oppressed by poverty in the Rochester area.

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CARING MINISTRIES



Caring Ministries responds to St. Paul's members and families enduring a difficult time, and who are in need of a reminder of God's loving care for them. This often means caring for families who have had a recent death, undergone surgery or experienced some other hardship.

There are many ways that we can care for these families and we respond in a way that can be most useful in their particular situation.

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WORSHIP



Worship at St Paul's is found in several forms, each offering its own way for people to experience, listen to, and praise God in this community. Whether a large festal service full of music or a quiet prayer service of a couple of people, we give thanks to God and pray to continue to grow in love and service.

Sunday

8:00 Spoken Holy Eucharist

10:15 Holy Eucharist with music (livestreamed)

Wednesday, 12:00

Brief, Spoken Holy Eucharist

Thursday, 8:00

Spoken Morning Prayer via Zoom



WIFI STREAMING & ZOOM ACCESS

While at St. Paul's, you are welcome to join our public WiFi network:

password: wewelcome

For worship and other events that are livestreamed, they can be accessed through our webpage or YouTube channel.

website: stpaulsec.org

YouTube Channel: StPaulsChurchRochester

For Adult Formation and other special events, we often utilize Zoom on our public meeting access

Meeting ID: 585 271 2240