

# *THE PATHFINDER*



CHRIST,  
You Teach us of  
**Your Kingdom**

September Sermon Series

Inspired by the evocative hymn penned by  
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette,

Our September sermon series takes us on a journey through the Book of Matthew, diving deep into the teachings of Christ about the complexities, wonders, and intricacies of His Kingdom.

As the days grow shorter and we transition into a new season, let's allow these messages to root us in the timeless truths of God's reign.

**Here's a brief overview of our upcoming sermons:**

**September 3: "The Kingdom's Keystone: The Church's Solid Ground"**

**Matthew 16:21-28**

This sermon introduces us to the foundational truth of the church, grounded in Christ's revelation, and the implications it carries for the Kingdom's citizens.

**September 10: "The Kingdom's Cost: Charting the Discipleship's Direction"**

**Matthew 18:15-20**

Engaging with the challenges and demands of true discipleship, we'll unravel what it means to be a follower of Christ in the context of His Kingdom.

**September 17: "The Kingdom's Kinship: Cultivating Christlike Connections"**

**Matthew 18:21-35**

Delve into the beauty of relationships within the Kingdom, exploring the grace, forgiveness, and harmony that underpin our interactions as believers.

**September 24: "The Kingdom Koinonia: Wealth, Worth,  
and Working in God's Garden"**

**Matthew 20:1-16**

Reflecting on the parable of the vineyard workers, this sermon will bring to light the Kingdom's values on wealth, self-worth, and the overarching theme of divine generosity.

**Join us each Sunday as we embark on this Kingdom journey, allowing the teachings of Christ to illuminate our path and inspire our hearts.**

## *From the Desk of Pastor Jonathan*

Dear Fellow Pilgrims,

As we find ourselves in the midst of September, many of us are navigating the flurry of back-to-school preparations, adjusting to the renewed rhythm of work, and managing the countless routine tasks that populate our days. In this bustling atmosphere, it's essential to pause, breathe, and remind ourselves of the true source of rest amidst the whirlwind of life.

Jesus invites us with open arms, saying, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28). What a comforting assurance! But how do we respond to this call amidst our packed schedules and endless to-dos?

That is where having spiritual disciplines is important. Spiritual disciplines are not just a set of routine religious exercises; they are, in essence, the heartbeat of our relationship with God. They serve as pathways that lead us to the deep wells of spiritual refreshment, ensuring that amidst the clamor, our souls remain anchored in Christ.

Firstly, the Psalmist writes, "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." (Psalm 119:105). By consistently immersing ourselves in God's Word, we are provided with direction, wisdom, and peace that transcend our circumstances.

Secondly, Paul exhorts, "Pray without ceasing." (1 Thessalonians 5:17). This does not necessarily mean praying every second of the day, but rather cultivating an attitude of constant communication with our Heavenly Father. In the middle of school runs and work meetings, we can whisper a prayer, drawing strength and guidance.

Thirdly, God, in His infinite wisdom, modeled the principle of rest when He rested on the seventh day (Genesis 2:2-3). Likewise, we must prioritize taking a day to rejuvenate---spiritually, mentally, and physically. This is not just about abstaining from work but about reveling in God's presence, reflecting on His goodness, and recharging for the week ahead.

Fourthly, Hebrews 10:25 reminds us, "And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near." Sharing life with fellow believers, be it in church, small groups, or casual meet-ups, is vital. Fellowship uplifts us, keeps us accountable, and strengthens our faith.

In conclusion, dear members, as the world around us accelerates, let us be intentional in carving out moments to sit at Jesus' feet, just as Mary did amidst her daily duties (Luke 10:42). By prioritizing and consistently practicing these spiritual disciplines, we ensure that our souls remain rested, refreshed, and ready to face the challenges and joys of our daily lives.

Wishing you God's grace as you settle in into your routine. May you find true rest in Him as you journey through this season.

With love and blessings,  
Pastor Jonathan

# Consistory Corner

BY SHIRLEY BERGMANN



Your Consistory has been hard at work to bring us back to the pre-pandemic status for St. Paul. We have come through the last few years with the pandemic, two interims and a drop in our membership. At the beginning of this year, we presented a deficit budget of \$43,493.00 to the Congregation at our Annual Meeting. We were still in an interim period, not knowing for sure when we would call a new settled pastor.

Things moved faster than we had anticipated and with much CELEBRATION, we called our new pastor in June. This brought on additional costs for relocation, remodeling and preparing the parsonage for our Pastor's family to call their home.

We are now just a little over half way thru 2023. We have increased our church attendance, have seen new faces and also people coming back that we haven't seen for a while. Pledges have exceeded the budget amount and fund raising has been wonderful. This has all helped to stabilize our ministry at St. Paul and make us whole again.

With the deficit and additional expenses, the Consistory has been challenged in many ways. We have worked to fill staff positions and realign job descriptions. We are working to hold our expenses to the budget and have asked our committees to do the same. A successful rummage sale along with additional gifts to the "Fundraising" fund have allowed us to ask for a transfer of \$25,500.00 to cover part of the deficit. With these funds, we are still falling short of meeting our deficit and we have had to dip into our reserves.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? You can help by bringing your annual giving up to date. If you could take a moment and ponder whether you could make an additional gift before year end, this would be appreciated. We as a Consistory will continue to monitor our expenses. As of now, we have used a portion of our reserves to cover the shortage. Any additional support will help us replenish our reserves.

We are all being called to be good STEWARDS of the gifts God has given to us. As a Consistory we are charged with being good stewards of the gifts you give. As a steward of the church, you are asked to consider what your gifts to the church might be to carry out the ministry of the church.

STEWARDSHIP IS BETWEEN YOU AND GOD. Only you can make the decision on your gift.

TOGETHER, WE CAN ASSURE THE STRONG AND VIABLE MINISTRY OF ST. PAUL CONTINUES.

# Board of Evangelism

BY DIANE HANNA

We would like to thank all the people who helped construct our float, donated paper towel rolls and candy, and walked in the Columbia Days Parade. Everyone in town should know that we will soon be celebrating 175 years as a church! We will continue to use candy at several more events, so donations are still welcome!

We still need some small group facilitators. The facilitators will be trained before any groups meet. Their primary tasks will be to notify the groups about meeting details and to keep discussion flowing in the group. If you are interested or even mildly curious, please contact Pastor Jonathan or Diane Hanna.

**Big news!** The Pumpkin Hunt is coming! Saturday, October 14 is the date, so mark your calendars! Ticket sales will start on Sunday, September 10, both on-line on our website and after church in the Welcome Center. We ask that you pay for your ticket at the time of purchase. Tickets are \$15 each for a light meal, games, prizes, a pumpkin hunt (don't forget a flashlight!) and the chance to hang out with some fun folks! If you don't care to hunt pumpkins, you can choose pumpkins for your chance at prizes. Bring your friends and come prepared to have fun! Doors open at 6:00. A Parents' Night Out is planned for October 14, so take the kids there to enjoy the evening while you are at the Pumpkin Hunt. Watch for more details in the bulletin, on our website and on Facebook.

## Weekly Attendance

**JULY 2023**

July 2- 63

July 9- 119

July 16- 134

July 30- 143

## Board of Mission and Stewardship

BY LYNDA SAUER

A huge thank you to all who donated food or money or gift cards to our very own Weekend Backpack Ministry. This will be a big help to those students needing weekend food supplies.

September mission is apple pie making on September 22nd and 23rd. Friday will be making pie dough from noon til about 4. Saturday morning will begin at 8:00 until about noon. Proceeds from pie making will go to Little Friends Preschool. Pies will once again cost \$14.



# Care Connection



by Joanne Counce

## ADDRESS AND PHONE UPDATES

For current members, prospective members and friends, please keep the church office up to date with any changes of your current address, e-mail and preferred phone number. While reaching out to members for CARES AND CONCERNS, it was discovered that much of the information was incorrect. We would like to know how to reach you!

## ELEVATOR USE PREFERENCE

SOME Sunday mornings for church services, everyone wants to park in the back parking lot for the elevator use, but other times it is not crowded. Please be mindful of those needing the elevator as well as the handicap parking areas and park in the other parking areas as needed.

Philippians 2:4-- Let each of you look not only to his own interest, but also to the interest of others.



## Prayers for Hawaii

On August 8, the people of Hawaii woke to high winds from Hurricane Dora blowing across their islands. Little did anyone know that within hours those winds would turn deadly, fanning wildfires among the islands, leaving behind smoldering buildings and lost lives. As I write to you, the death toll is up to 99 and still rising.

The United Church of Christ holds all who are affected in prayer. Through Wider Church Ministries, the UCC also has issued a special appeal to provide essential items and long-term support to those impacted by the fires.

The island of Maui was hardest hit, where the fires quickly consumed the historic city of Lahaina. Located in northwestern Maui, the once whaling center is home to 13,000 people and attracts 2 million tourists yearly. What is left now is more than 2,170 charred acres and the ruins of more than 2,200 homes, businesses, schools, and churches. If you have seen any of the news footage, you will agree with me that the destruction is unbelievable and heartbreaking.

Let us take time to pray for our fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ. St. Paul UCC is looking to help... if you have any suggestions on how we can help out to those in need, please contact the church office or talk with Pastor Jonathan on Sunday mornings.

## Illinois South Conference News

Annual Meeting:  
Saturday, October 21, 2023  
9:30 am - 5 pm  
St. Peter UCC, Red Bud  
This year's Annual Meeting  
will center on  
Doing a New Thing:  
Connection, Collaboration,  
Creativity.  
We believe in this moment  
of our nation and world's  
history, more than ever,  
people need to try  
something new.

# Book Club



St. Paul UCC Book Club meets monthly on the 4th Monday of the month. All are welcome to join.

Here are the upcoming books that will be discussed:

- September - Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes
- October - Still Life by Louise Penny (a mystery)
- November - All the Children Are Home by Patry Francis



## Little Friends Preschool News

September is upon us and that means Little Friends Preschool's doors are open! Our first day of preschool is Tuesday, September 5. We have 21 students enrolled & excited to begin another year!

Our Wish Tree will soon change from sunshine and popsicles to apples. We will need snack supplies. So, many apples on the tree will be for snack related items. Our first big event is apple picking on September 21. If you would like to sponsor this event, you can put your offering in an envelope and label it "Apple Picking". Your donation will go towards the preschool's expenses such as the bus rental and purchasing a student's bag of apples.

Thank you once again for your continued donations and support! It is greatly appreciated!

## PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY And Their Families

**Nathan Schnittger**

U.S. Army

Nephew of Cathy Huels

**Roberto DeMarquez**

Army National Guard

Son of Ursula DeMarquez

**James K. Combs**

Marine Sgt.

Son of Jim & Debbie Combs

**Jack Augustin**

U.S. Army

Son of Jason & Shelly Augustin

**Sean Parrin**

Army Ranger - Italy

Nephew of Jody & Jeff Taake



# Youth Ministry News

## FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR JULIE



Wouldn't you like to be locked in a room with this crew? Our July Youth Social Event was a Sunday afternoon escape room experience! Five youth and two chaperones had an hour to unlock cases, make sense of clues, arrange puzzles and escape a Haunted Hotel. We had help from some genial specters as we raced to free ourselves from the spooky surrounds. We celebrated our escape with this photo and a round of mini-golf... Pictured are: Pastor Julie, Joshua Bangera Ben Tarr, Kellan Brunkhorst, Zach Maue, Drew Curry, and Jesse Bangera.

On Tuesday, of that week, (the 25th) Youth and adults came together to support the Spirit of Sharing (SOS) in Collinsville. Meals were served via curbside pickup from First United Methodist Church. Our crew had the option to come for the early shift at 10:00 am, a noon shift and/or gather at 3:00 pm to package and serve in Collinsville. The morning crew was the largest and they got it done! We returned with our popular menu of chicken salad sandwiches, pasta and fruit. Celeste Knierim made and donated 3 large cakes for dessert. (Wow!) Some of our volunteers came back after lunch to travel for the on-site serving. Last year we served more than 80, this year we served 160 and then some! The fire department gladly accepted some left-overs. Volunteers included: Molly and Emery Harres, Kelly and Zach Maue, Laura, Evie and Emma Maddin, Drew and Melissa Curry, Addison, Ben and Tina Tarr, Vicki Simpson Judy Rickey, Faye Mehrmann, Pam Erickson, Denise and Pastor Julie.



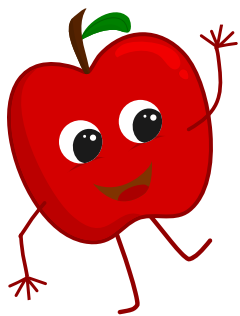
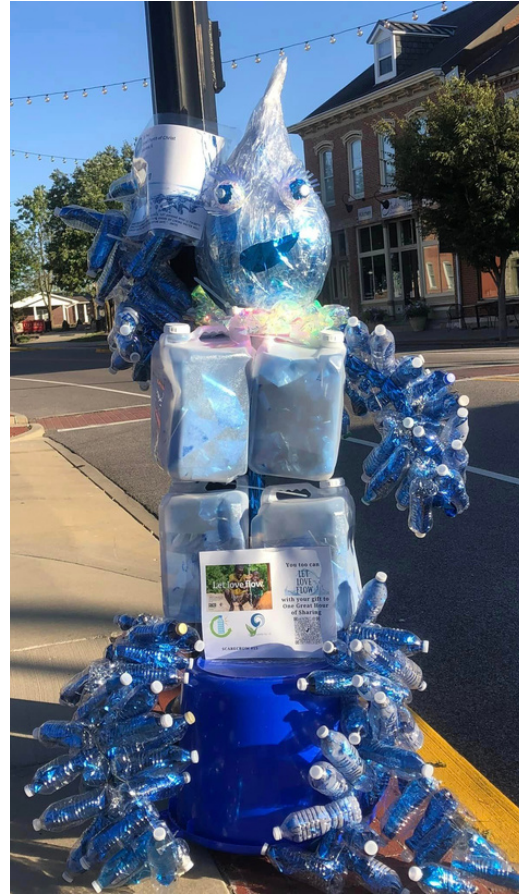


## Save the Date...

The Scarecrow crawl is coming soon! Our registration deadline is September 22.

Youth, we need your ideas and your energy! Last year we went with a water conservation theme and included a QR code for one of our UCC missions. We won the “Best Use of Recycled Materials” award.

This year we are thinking again about the 3 Great Loves: Neighbor, Children and Creation and another ecological theme. suggested materials are steel or aluminum cans or plastic straws (we’d need a lot!) Let’s chat about it in Sunday School and meet Saturdays September 16 and 23 at 5:00 pm.



Let’s knock-off some new-school-year blues with some apple pickin’. On Sunday afternoon, September 24th, meet at the Bottom Avenue Parking Lot at 2:30 pm. We will return no later than 6:00 pm. Please RSVP with Pastor Julie if you will be joining us!.

## Confirmation

Confirmation has kicked off a new season with a welcome dinner and first “Confirm, Not Conform” class. We invite students to talk openly as they think through their beliefs and develop in faith. Over the course of the school year we plan to expose them to topics around the nature of God, the value of scripture, our formation as a church and denomination, as well as exploring various faith traditions and practices. Youth meet weekly on Wednesday evenings and participate in “field trips” related to mission and faith exploration.

# Director of Christian Ed Denise Johnson

## MESSY CHURCH



In July, We explored the stories of Daniel to learn about leading a Christian life. We made Olympic Ring Art. The Olympic rings symbolize unity. Can you think of any symbols in your faith that unify us as Christians? We passed the Water Relay. To be successful in this task we had to stay focused on what we were supposed to be doing. In the same way, Daniel stayed focused on God even when others, including the king, tried to distract him. How can you stay focused on serving Jesus and shining His light into the world? We made an Olympic torch. We passed the torch around during our closing celebration and talked about who passed the torch of faith onto you and how are you passing the torch of faith on to others.

A New Beginning will be our next Messy Church Thursday, August 31 at 5:30 pm.

God is able to make a way even in the most hopeless situations. We start a new school year with a fresh start, letting go of what happened before and trusting God to lead us in new and wonderful ways.

The wilderness is messy; God doesn't promise to clean up the mess but to lead us through it.

God is calling us into something new and we can trust God to lead us someplace good!

Come and join us for food, fellowship as we make a Marble Run, Wax Resist Pictures, Recycled Flowers, and a Finger Labyrinth. We will play an Old and New Relay game. All ages from 1 to 101 and up are welcome!

Come alone or bring your whole family and your friends.....



This ministry program is for ALL CHILDREN and YOUTH,  
third through seventh grades.  
After School Program members may participate in all groups offered,  
or just choose one or two of the activity groups.

The groups include Kid's Crew, Youth Handbells and Super Singers  
Choir. Our church van will pick up students from Parkview and  
Columbia Middle School.

**Kid's Crew** members enjoy snacks, going for walks, playing games,  
doing mission projects, and growing in fellowship together.  
ALL ARE WELCOME!

**Youth Handbells** Playing handbells requires a commitment to attend  
weekly Wednesday practice and performing one Sunday a month.  
ALL ARE WELCOME!

**Super Singers Choir** requires a commitment to attend weekly  
Wednesday practice and performing one Sunday a month.  
ALL ARE WELCOME!

To register for our After School Program please go to our website:  
[www.stpaulcolumbia.org](http://www.stpaulcolumbia.org)

For questions you may contact: Denise Johnson  
Cell 618-340-2952 Email: [christianed@stpaulcolumbia.org](mailto:christianed@stpaulcolumbia.org)



Faith Formation Celebration is planned for Sunday, September 17, at 9:30 am. This is how our Christian Education department begins a new year in our faith journey. Our family-friendly "Spark Story Bible" will be handed out to Preschool children and families that are new to St. Paul UCC. This bible is the one that our preschool – second grade Sunday school teachers use in their classes. During worship third graders will receive their new study bibles. The most important part of Faith Formation Celebration, however, is renewing our covenant with God, to help each other grow in faith. God inspired many to tell, to write, to teach, just as God continues to inspire us today to read, to study, to tell and to live faithfully.... for God is still speaking!

# thank you

The definition of a volunteer is a person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task.



The jobs can be big or small, and sometimes it's the little things that make the biggest difference in everyday life to the ones they help. For instance, helping clean up after a party or assisting in a yard sale for charity. Other times, it's teaching a Sunday school lesson, spending hours creating a beautiful quilt, or cleaning, waxing floors, DIY projects, cooking, delivering meals and serving in many ways around our church and our community.

We are so thankful! We want to let our volunteers know how special they are!

Let's gather and take a moment to celebrate, relax and enjoy some food, fun and conversation.

**Volunteer Appreciation Brunch** will be held on Sunday, October 22, at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP by text, email or call to Denise Johnson 618-340-2952 or [christianed@stpaulcolumbia.org](mailto:christianed@stpaulcolumbia.org)

## World Communion Sunday



"You shall put these words of mine in your heart and soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and fix them as an emblem on your forehead. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise up."

The United Church of Christ believes in an open communion table, which means whoever Jesus would have welcomed is invited to partake in the sacrament of Communion.

Through the breaking of the bread and the pouring of the wine, we experience the grace of the triune God. As we recall the many stories where Jesus ate with both friends and enemies, we are joined with Christ's ministry in community.

At St. Paul UCC we trust parents to decide when their child will participate in Communion. We believe that whatever you decide, God continues to be a presence in your child's life and walks with them their whole life long. As the Church, we have made covenant to teach our children the rituals of the faith and to provide meaning for why we do what we do.

**On Sunday, October 1**, we encourage you to bring your child for World Communion Sunday. On that day, children will learn about the sacrament of Holy Communion during the Children's Chat and in their Sunday School classes. Before Communion is served, children will return back to the sanctuary to witness &/or participate in the Lord's Supper as your family feels called. We look forward to seeing you there!

# september

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3 Kindercottage Collection 9:30 Worship and communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Social Time	4  Office Closed	5 9 am Preschool	6 9 am Preschool 6pm Confirmation	7 9 am Preschool 5:30 pm Personnel 7pm Executive Committee	8 8 am Quilters	9
10 9:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Social Time	11 10 am Staff Meeting 6pm Finance 7pm Consistory	12 9 am Preschool	13 9 am Preschooll 10am Morning Bells 3pm Kids Crew 6pm Evening Bells 6pm Confirmation 7pm Chancel Choir	14 9 am Preschool 7 pm Evangelism Bd 7pm Cemetery Board	15 8 am Quilters Pathfinder Articles Due 530pm Shrimp Boil	16 5pm Youth
17 9:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Social Time 3pm Pastor Jonathan Installation Service	18 10 am Staff Meeting 7pm Property Committee 7:30 Board of Worship	19 9 am Preschool	20 9 am Preschooll 10am Morning Bells 3pm Kids Crew 6pm Evening Bells 6pm Confirmation 7pm Chancel Choir	21 9 am Preschool 5:30 pm Technology Team 7pm Pastoral Relations	22 8 am Quilters  5pm Youth	23
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# Memorials



**Memorials and Tributes Fund**  
**In Memory of Bill Rauch given by:**

Anne Haltenhof  
Lynda Sauer  
Carol Helmkamp  
Shirley Bergmann  
Lea Berry  
Becky Stechmesser  
Evelyn Stumpf  
Erlene Bretzlaff  
Donna Mehaffey  
Kathleen May  
Sandra Straub  
Kathleen Kuehner  
Shirley Harres  
Myron and Diane Hanna  
Joseph and Judith Asselmeier  
Rosalie Fauerbach  
Roger Esker and Lisa Russell  
Charles and Mary Ann Domzalski

**Special Music**  
**In Memory of Bill Rauch given by:**

Jack and Mary Ellen Norman

**Solar Fund**  
**In Memory of Bill Rauch given by:**

Bob and Jan Habermehl

**Technology Fund**  
**In Memory of Bill Rauch given by:**

Shirley Asselmeier

**Memorials and Tributes Fund**  
**In Honor of Shirley Asselmeier given by:**

Pat Rauch

**Special Music Fund**  
**In Memory of Lucinda Smith given by:**

Mary Ellen Norman

**Kindercottage Collection**  
**In Memory of Justin Erickson given by:**

Pam Erickson

## Our Members in Senior Living

Garden Place  
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Ed Schutte Rm. Rm. 113  
Grace Volkert Rm. 110

Dammert G.C.  
The Esquiline  
Betty Lou Carle  
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Waterloo, IL 62298

## Our Members in Nursing Homes

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# Financial Report

	July		Year to Date	
	2022	2023	2022	2023
<b>Revenue</b>				
Tithes & Offerings:				
Pledged & NonPledged	31,616.64	29,269.63	226,363.01	235,271.85
Misc. Contributions	30.00	27.00	5,477.00	6,587.00
Interest Income	751.64	1,504.34	3,161.47	3,161.89
Endowment Interest Income	13,796.95	13,906.20	41,273.12	41,410.71
Rental Income	0.00	0.00	300.00	850.00
Misc Income	<u>158.53</u>	<u>2,915.98</u>	<u>7,338.45</u>	<u>24,804.11</u>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>46,353.76</b>	<b>47,623.15</b>	<b>283,913.05</b>	<b>312,085.56</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Personnel	27,103.16	38,857.10	199,092.12	219,522.75
General Expenses	8,140.77	9,441.15	76,658.16	95,924.96
* OCWM	<u>1,995.12</u>	<u>2,553.03</u>	<u>18,037.92</u>	<u>19,257.43</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>37,239.05</b>	<b>50,851.28</b>	<b>293,788.20</b>	<b>334,705.14</b>
Net Receipts	9,114.71	(3,228.13)	(9,875.15)	(22,619.58)
RESERVES			112,515.48	67,281.47
*OCWM 10,000.00 out of St Paul Mission (833.33 monthly)				
Solar Loan Balance	30,850.61			

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## The Pathfinder

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Does the church office have  
your current contact information?

We don't want you to miss out on any information. If you haven't been receiving emails, chances are we don't have a current email address for you, or the email went to your spam.

If you are unsure, please contact Amanda in the office by email (see below) or call 618-281-5102.

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