



**Sunday, August 29, 2021**



**Walk with God • Connect as Family • Love People in Jesus' Name**

## WELCOME GUESTS!

Thank you for joining us today. We'd love to get to know you and help you get connected to our community. If this is your first time with us either in person or virtually, if you are looking to take your next step of connection, or you are simply wanting to find out how to participate please [click here to fill out our Connect Card](#) and a staff member will be in touch!

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ***Congregational Meeting and New Leadership!*** *September 12th following the Worship Service.*

We have many exciting things to share: the next phase in the KNOWN vision, Great Banquet news, the initial steps of the pastoral search process, an update from Pastor Marty, incoming leadership nominees, a new SPC member, and more! The meeting will be held in person and will be [streamed on our YouTube channel](#).

At the meeting, members will have the privilege of voting on the following:

- Gretchen Gullo - Elder
- Scott Engle - Trustee Chair
- Karen Anderson - Trustee Vice-Chair
- Joe Rancich - Treasurer
- Mary-Pat Schimka - Nominator
- Randy Kjell - Nominator

## ***End of Summer Bash***

*Sunday, September 19, Following Service*

Join us for our “End of Summer Bash” where you can enjoy time with one another while catching up over a game of corn hole, racing through the inflatable obstacle course, or purchasing lunch from a local food truck. Our current ministries will also have tables set up at the event so you can stop by to ask questions, connect, and get involved with what is going on around South Park Church. There will be something for everyone at our “End of the Summer Bash”, so we hope to see you all there!

## ***Financial Peace University***

*Mondays at 7 p.m., beginning September 13*

You can retire with dignity. But it won't happen until you take control of your money. Join our virtual Financial Peace University class. Together, we can learn how to make a plan for the future. Visit [fpu.com/1137957](https://fpu.com/1137957) to sign up for the class and start your 14-day free trial of Financial Peace! Class starts Monday, September 13, 2021 at 7 p.m. [Visit fpu.com/1137957 to sign up and learn more.](https://fpu.com/1137957)

## ***Outreach Partners Dave and Rosa Smith Open House***

*Monday, August 30, 7 p.m.*

We are happy to let you know that our global outreach partners David and Rosa Smith will be at SPC for an evening to reconnect and share their stories. Please join us in the Cafe at 7:00 p.m., Monday, August 30 to visit with the Smiths and hear what God is doing through the Community Center in their city.

## ***Thrive Women's Ministry Fall Kick-off***

*Thursday, September 9, 7 p.m.*

Join us for the Fall Series Kickoff where we'll be able to register for the upcoming Fall Series: Women of the Word, pick up the Women of the Word study guide, and enjoy an evening of fellowship playing a variety of games and just getting to know each other better.

***Thrive Women's Ministry Fall Series: Women of the Word***  
*Thursdays at 9:15 a.m. or 7 p.m., beginning September 16*

We all know it's important to study God's Word. But sometimes it's hard to know where to start. How can we keep our focus and sustain our passion when reading the Bible? The upcoming Fall Series: Women of the Word (using the book, "Women of the Word - How to Study the Bible with Both Our Hearts and Our Minds" by Jen Wilkin) will equip us to engage the Word of God in a way that will train our minds and transforms our hearts. Jen Wilkin is a speaker, teacher, and writer of women's Bible studies who has a background in women's ministry. [Click here to register online.](#)

***How to Fight Racism Book Study and Discussion***  
*Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. beginning September 18 or*  
*Tuesdays at 7 p.m. beginning September 21*

[Click here to register for the "How to Fight Racism" book study and discussion.](#) Each month we will meet to discuss the book and an additional time for fellowship and/or service with our SPC Outreach Partners.

"How to Fight Racism" is a handbook for pursuing racial justice with hands-on suggestions bolstered by real-world examples of change. Beginning in the church, he encourages us to be part of the solution and suggests that the application of these principles can offer us hope that will transform our nation and the world.

## ***Reboot and Renew Retreat***

*September 21 - 23, Conference Point Center, Williams Bay, WI 53191*

Join Kristin Sorensen and other South Park Church Folks at the Renew and Reboot Retreat. Enjoy the beautiful fall colors of Lake Geneva in Wisconsin and gain resilience for the next season of your life. At the Renew and Reboot retreat, singles and couples will connect with people their age, share experiences, and grow in their relationship with God. [Email Kristin@southparkchurch.org](mailto:EmailKristin@southparkchurch.org), call 847-825-5507 x125 or visit the welcome center for more information!

## ***Journey Adult Sunday School***

Journey class will be on hiatus until after Labor Day. Check out past Journey classes on our [website](#) or [YouTube](#).

## ***Sunday Morning Prayer Hybrid!***

*Sundays, 9.a.m.*

*Zoom & Fellowship Hall*

Join us in person or online as we praise God and seek His presence and favor. **Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87402266783?pwd=QUI0aZyVkwzNG1PYnptR1VmVWZCQT09>

Meeting ID: 874 0226 6783      Password: 807766

## CARING FOR EACH OTHER

If you or someone in our church family are experiencing hardship and have a need for resources, financial help, or prayer, please reach out to Kristin Sorensen, Care Director. Kristin can be reached via email at [kristin@southparkchurch.org](mailto:kristin@southparkchurch.org) or give her a call at 847-825-5507 and press 125 to leave her a message.

## WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

*Week ending August 15, 2021*

YTD 2021	\$	679,092
YTD BUDGET	\$	908,769
YTD Surplus(Shortfall)	\$	(229,677)

## PASTORAL PROFILE TEAM

The Pastoral Profile Team has met three times and have determined general categories that are needed for the profile, what information is needed to fill in those categories, and a list of sources to gather it from. One very important source is the congregation! The team is now working on the initial draft of a survey for the congregation. Thank you for your prayers for God's guidance in this process.

## PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

*Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.* Colossians 3:12-15

Pray that we, as individuals and a church body, clothe ourselves daily with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience as we face challenges through the strength of Christ who is all and is in all.

**Pray for the Country of Afghanistan** - Let us approach the throne of grace with confidence praying that the vulnerable (Christians, women and children) will be protected from increased suffering, that the sick will receive the care they need, and that Afghan pastors, missionaries and church leaders will be protected and preserved. Please open opportunities for those who need to get out and strengthen those who stay. Please pray that our leaders and our military will be supplied with great wisdom and protection. If you feel so led,



pray that the Taliban are stopped in their tracks by the God of the universe as we read in Genesis 35: 5, “And as they journeyed, a terror from God fell upon the cities that were around them, so that they did not pursue the sons of Jacob.” And, when we don’t know how to pray, let us remember the promise of Romans 8:26, “Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.”

**Pray for our healthcare professionals and first responders** who continue to care for the sick as the pandemic continues. Please pray they would be protected from burnout and be richly blessed due to the blessing they are to our communities.

*Continue to pray for:*

**Our Outreach Partners--** Please pray for all of our outreach partners both in the US and around the world as they have been ministering to people during a pandemic. Please pray that our international partners and the countries they serve would experience the arrival of robust vaccination programs, that devastated economies will be recovered, and that the Good News of Jesus Christ will be a healing balm to people who have experienced massive loss.

**Greg Schimmel** -- Please pray that the current oral medication Greg is on will get the cancer under control so the tumors will stop growing. Please pray that Greg's persistent, exhausting cough will reduce. Please pray that Greg and Judy find joy and something to be grateful for each day. And, please pray that God proves to be their rock and salvation, in whom they will not be shaken.

**Kathy Palansky**-- Please pray that the Lord will comfort and surround Kathy with His deep love for her as she is in hospice care. And, pray that Kathy would experience His presence and peace.

**Dawn Phillips**-- Dawn is home receiving outpatient therapy and making steady progress. Dawn has requested prayer for physical strength and endurance as well as for emotional strength as she is struggling with depression. Please pray for Bill as he manages Dawn's care needs as well as for God's comfort and endurance for Bill, Michael and Gregory. What a joy it has been to see the Phillips' family in church these past Sundays!

# SERMON NOTES

## Placed for a Purpose

*Acts 17:26-27*

*2 Corinthians 5:16-21*

God has \_\_\_\_\_ you for a

\_\_\_\_\_ . (vs. 14)

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. Where has God placed you exactly this fall?
2. How can you be an “ambassador for Christ” in that place?
3. Who can you be an ambassador to?
4. How does knowing we have a purpose and a mission where God put us change the way we think and act each day?