



Sunday, September 12, 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!

THIS MORNING

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| Prayer | 8:30 a.m. |
| Journey Adult Sunday School | 9:10 a.m. |
| Wonderland, ECHO, Ascent | 10:00 a.m. |
| Worship Service | 10:00 a.m. |
| Congregational Meeting | 11:15 a.m. |

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting and New Leadership! *TODAY 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 or racing through the inflatable obstacle course. Lunch will be provided! And, our current ministries will have tables set up 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!

Sunday Morning Prayer Hybrid! - NEW TIME

Sundays, 8:30 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

Journey Adult Sunday School - NEW TIME

Sundays, 9:10 a.m., beginning September 12

Zoom & Fellowship Hall

Join Journey this morning at 9:10 am to hear Nick Beyer, Alex Mejia, and Cayla Rindflische share photos and stories about their mission trip this summer. This is your chance to learn more about SPC's youth group and how God is working among our teens.

Please note that Journey is moving to a NEW TIME. Instead of meeting after the worship service, Journey will be held in Fellowship Hall at 9:10 am, with the speaker starting promptly at 9:15 am. You can also participate in Journey using Zoom visiting <https://www.zoom.us/join> and entering Meeting ID: 833 1146 0818 Password: 554103.

To accommodate this change, the prayer meeting will begin at 8:30 am. If you come to Journey a few minutes early, why not slip quietly into Fellowship Hall and feel your hearts fill with peace and thanksgiving as you lift your voice to God or listen to others pray.

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 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)

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. The upcoming Fall Series: Women of the Word will equip us to engage the Word of God in a way that will train our minds and transforms our hearts. [Click here to register online.](#)

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:Kristin@southparkchurch.org), call 847-825-5507 x125 or visit the welcome center for more information!

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.

Celebrate Recovery Step Studies
Thursdays at 7 p.m. beginning September 23

Celebrate Recovery is a 12-Step Recovery Program (for ages 18+) based on Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount. Only one third of Celebrate Recovery participants struggle with drugs, alcohol, or sexual addictions. Most at CR are battling with the repercussions of codependency, broken relationships, depression, anxiety, guilt, anger, grief, and the list goes on. In Step Study small groups, delve deeper into your past and the choices you have made while learning practical tools to reject old patterns of dysfunction and live in true joy, hope, and freedom in Christ. Cost is \$20. Attendance at Large Group Meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m. is encouraged but not required. [Email southparkchurchcr@gmail.com](mailto:southparkchurchcr@gmail.com) for more information or to sign up.

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 or give her a call at 847-825-5507 and press 125 to leave her a message.

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Week ending August 29, 2021

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| YTD 2021 | \$ | 702,707 |
| YTD BUDGET | \$ | 963,846 |
| YTD Surplus(Shortfall) | \$ | (261,139) |

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:28-31

We serve the one and only almighty God. Pray that this fact would bring us deep comfort and would renew our strength during times of uncertainty and would embolden us to live courageous lives.

Pray for the Country of Afghanistan - Let us approach the throne of grace with confidence praying that the vulnerable 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. Pray that our almighty God will provide for the physical needs and safety of the Afghan people both still in Afghanistan and those that are in the process of relocating. 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.

Pray for those in our country that are at risk, including our first responders, due to both the wildfires in California and the widespread flood damage and power outages created by Hurricane Ida in the southern and northeastern parts of our country. When we feel overwhelmed with all that is going on, let us remember we put our trust in our almighty God with whom all things are possible. “Then the word of God came to Jeremiah: ‘I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?’” Jeremiah 32:26-27

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

God Only Knows

Psalm 139

Introduction: God is characterized by infinity of mind.

One: God's knowledge applied to His creatures
vs. 1 – 6

Two: God's knowledge applied to history
vs. 13 – 18

cf. Matthew 11:20 – 24

cf. Romans 8:28 – 30

Conclusion: God's knowledge and wisdom should give us peace of mind in trusting Him!

cf. Romans 11:33 – 36

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Why do people generally discredit God being omniscient?
2. What makes even believers think that we know better than God what will bring Him glory?
3. How should the reality of God's omniscience influence our thinking in decision-making and planning?
4. How should the reality of God's omniscience affect our praise and worship?