

St. Paul's Primetimers

May 2024 Newsletter

Our Mission:
Lifelong Learning

ABOUT

PRIMETIMERS

Organized 1986.
Programs or Day Trips:
Feb-May, Aug-Dec.
Fondren Hall in Jones
Building or Activity or
Youth Center in Sanc-
tuary Building.

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May 9: "Tour" Grand Organ with Chris Betts



Above: Console of St. Paul's Grand Organ, an 84-rank Schantz organ

On Thursday, May 9, St. Paul's Director of Music Chris Betts will take the Primetimers on a metaphorical tour around



St. Paul's Grand Organ.

He will demonstrate the many tones and colors of

the Grand Organ, explaining how it all works and how organs are made.

This demonstration will include music, such as J.S. Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D minor.

Purchased during the 1980 Golden Jubilee Sanctuary renovations, the Grand Organ was built and installed in 1981 by the Schantz Organ Company and was adapted and enlarged in 1997 and 2004. It currently has 84 ranks and 4,359 pipes, including some pipes from the 1909 Pilcher organ from the St. Paul's previous Sanctuary building at Milam and McGowan.

In 2004, the Gallery Organ was installed, thanks to a generous bequest from William Lortz in honor of Larry Walters, a St. Paul's Choir and Primetimers Steering Committee member. Also built by Schantz, the Gallery Organ is playable from a portable console in the balcony or from the console of the Grand Organ.

The chapel is home to a third organ that also can be moved to other locations. Built by Oberlinger Orgelbau of Windesheim, Germany, it is housed in a beautiful hand-carved case.



Chapel Organ

When

Thursday, May 9, at 10:30 am.

Where

Sanctuary; lunch in Activity Center, 2nd floor, Sanctuary Building

Preview

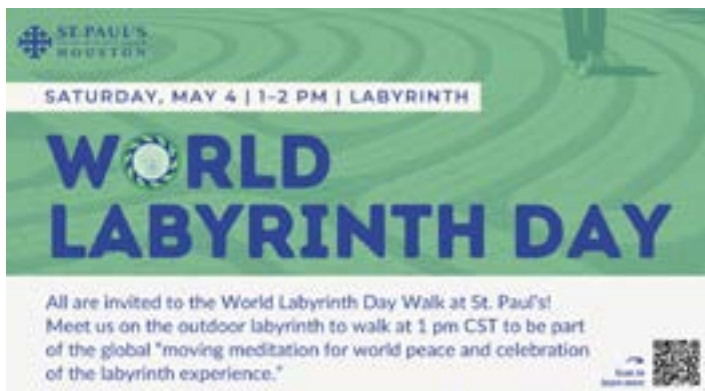
For a video behind-the-scenes tour of the Grand Organ, please go to www.stpaulshouston.org/organs

Lunch/Cost

A \$10 lunch will be served in Activity Center after the program to those who RSVP by Tuesday, May 7, to primetimers@stpaulshouston.org or 713-528-0527. Pay at door in cash or check or in advance via www.stpaulshouston.org/give. Click on blue "Give Online" box, select "Give One time," then pull down to "Other/Event" and write PT May 2024.

Questions?

Contact Rev. Melinda Owens via 713-528-0527 or mowens@stpaulshouston.org



If interested in care and planning for the labyrinths, attend St. Paul's Labyrinth Society. Third Tuesdays at 1 pm. Questions? Helen Spaw via hspaw@stpaulshouston.org.

Adult Helpers Needed at St. Paul's this Summer

June 10-14. All Things Strings Music Camp for ages 5 through 12. Questions? email susie@stpaulshouston.org

July 29-August 2. Camp Firelight Vacation Bible School for ages 4 through 5th grade. Questions? email kflint@stpaulshouston.org



Also at St. Paul's in upcoming months

- **June 1** - Pride Picnic
- **June 22** - Plant marigolds for El Día de Muertos
- **July 1** - MacGregor mentor application deadline for upcoming school year
- **July 7 to 28** - School Supply drive for MacGregor Elementary students

For details, check www.stpaulshouston.org/calendar

If you or anyone you know would like to receive this newsletter via email or the U.S. Postal Service — or both — please email Donna V. Adair via donna.adair@gmail.com.

St. Paul's Primetimers' Steering Committee Members

If you have program or day trip ideas or other suggestions or questions, please contact any of the people below:



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Looking Ahead

Thursday, August 8

- **Gathering:** Ice Cream Social and Table Games, including Aggravation, Checkers, Chess, Clue, Monopoly, Scrabble, and Sets. Decks of cards also will be provided.
- **Time/Place:** 2pm/Youth Center

Beyond

If you have ideas for programs or day trips, please contact a steering committee member pictured above or email primetimers@stpaulshouston.org.

Older Americans Month

May is Older Americans Month. An April 1963 meeting of President John F. Kennedy with members of the National Council of Senior Citizens led to designating May as "Senior Citizens Month," the prelude to "Older Americans Month."



Every May, the Administration for Community Living leads the nation's observance of Older Americans Month. The 2024 theme of "Powered by Connection" recognizes the profound impact that meaningful relationships and social connections have on our health and well-being.