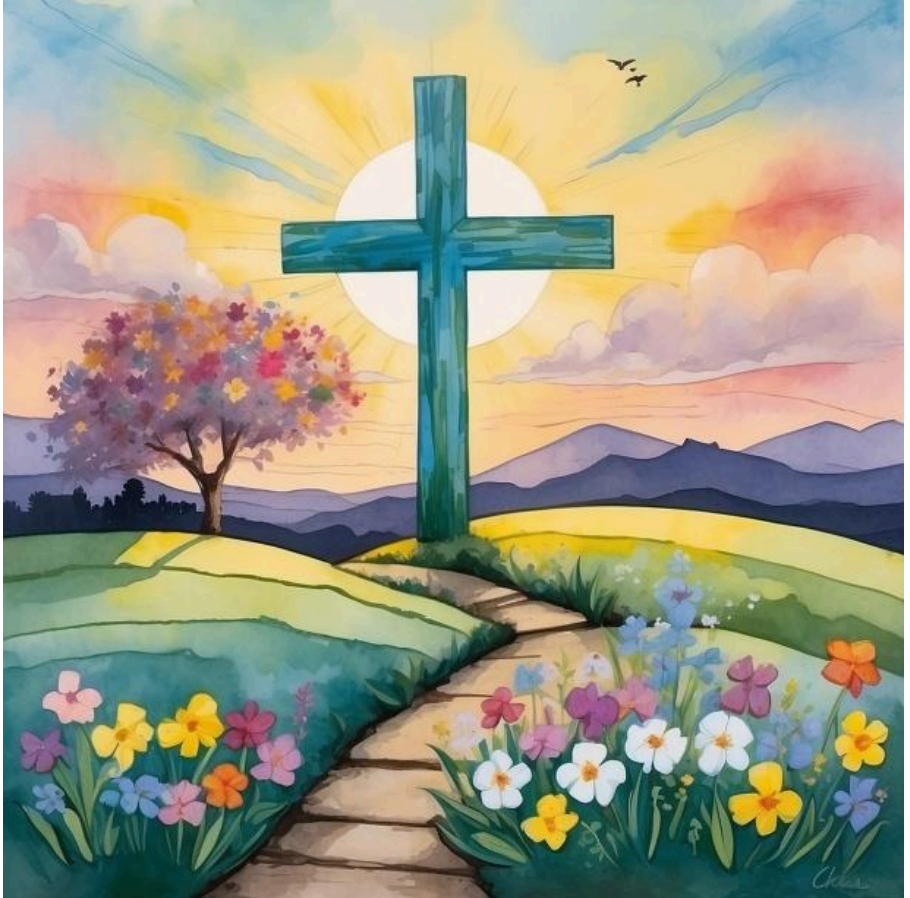


**St. Pauls
United Church of Christ**



Easter Sunday

9:30am Service

Sunday, March 31, 2024

**St. Pauls United Church of Christ
Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin**

(* = YOU MAY STAND.)

PRELUDE: “Crown Him with Many Crowns” #234

RINGING THE BELLS AND WELCOMING THE LIGHT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Back Guest Musician Abmi Emig

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Friends: on this glorious Easter morning,

ALL: We gather with joy in our hearts,

Leader: Surrounded by loved ones and friends,

ALL: And held by the Spirit of God,

Leader: That we might proclaim the Good News:

ALL: “Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!”

Leader: Because this Good News is true,

ALL: The Spirit of the risen Christ is among us,

Leader: And can be known as we pray:

***INVOCATION:**

Leader: Loving God - strengthen in us the will to share the Good News of your redeeming love. Guide us in telling the story of your endless love through our words and deeds. Remind us of your presence. Fill our hearts with your ways of love that bring about peace and justice for all. Bring us your hope found in the eternal life and saving love in Jesus, the Risen Christ! **Amen.**

***OPENING SONG:** “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” #216

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

ALL: Redeeming God - we recognize that your love for all creation is everlasting. All that we need on earth has been provided, and yet we often struggle to share a portion of our blessings so that all might have enough. Give us the strength to help make this world a better place for all. Empower us to bring peace and justice for all people everywhere. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

Pastor: Friends of Christ - again this day, we are mindful of God's faithfulness and forgiving love. God never leaves us, but calls us to spread the Good News of God's redeeming love and forgiveness found in Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

***SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

ALL: And, also, with you.

READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Liturgist's Reading: I Corinthians 15:1 - 8 (P. 1385)

Pastor's Reading: Mark 16:1 - 7 (P. 1210)

SERMON: "He Lives, We Love" The Rev. Stephen J. Davidson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

...We ask these things in the name of Jesus who taught us to say when we pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER (ALL QV)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***SERMON SONG** “Because He Lives” #562 (vs. 1 and 2)

***CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP (ALL)**

Our Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the
Father almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and
the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the one holy universal Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Leader: The abundance of God's generosity is exemplified in the joy and hope found in the rising of the Son. Let us give our offerings with generosity and joy to the One who has faithfully and generously given love, grace, and mercy.

OFFERTORY



(Please place your offering in the plates as they are passed, give through your usual method, or click on the QR code to the left by using your cell phone camera and clicking on the St. Pauls Giving website.)

***DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God for all that love has done
Creator, Christ, and Spirit one. Amen.*

***DEDICATION**

Leader: Everlasting God - may these gifts of blessing be a sign of your love, light, and glory. You have created a world of abundance. May we remain thankful for your generosity as we dedicate these offerings to you and your beloved creation. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The United Church of Christ practices open communion in which all baptized Christians attending are invited to commune together regardless of Church affiliation. Once served, please hold each communion element until all are served so that we may commune together.

*The bread trays contain gluten free bread in the center cup.
The wine trays contain grape juice in the center ring.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

Pastor: This is the Lord's Table,
and Christ invites you to share this meal of grace.
Christ recognizes you and looks upon you with favor.
Christ befriends you and wants you within his circle.
Count yourself among Christ's disciples
by partaking of this spiritual feast.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Pastor: Let us recall “that the Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and, when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “This is my body that is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way, He took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes” (1 Corinthians 11:23-26 NSRV)

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

(Please wait until all elements have been distributed)

Pastor: Take and eat, this is the body of Christ, broken for you. **Amen.**

Pastor: Take and drink, this is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you. **Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION**

ALL (QV): Gracious and loving God, by your goodness and mercy, we have gathered with the risen Christ at this table. We go now to proclaim the Good News that He lives. Because He lives, we can face tomorrow with hope and joy in the name of Christ. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN:** “He Lives” #226 (vs. 1 and 3)

***BENEDICTION:**

Pastor: On this triumphant Easter day,

ALL: Empowered by the truth of the resurrection,

Pastor: May the Lord bless us and keep us.

ALL: May the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us.

Pastor And may the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us,

ALL: And grant us peace.

Pastor: Go in peace, and may God go with us always.

ALL: Amen.

***ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Because He Lives” #562**

Adapted from *Terror and Amazement: Service Prayers for Resurrection Sunday Year B* was written by The Rev. Dr. Sheila Harvey, Pastor of Union Congregational United Church of Christ.



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RESOURCES FOR PERSONAL DEVOTIONS

Lectionary Readings for April 7, 2024 *Second Sunday of Easter*

~Acts 4:32-35

~1 John 1:1-2:2

~Psalm 133

~John 20:19-31

LITURGIST SCHEDULE:

Mar 31 Tom Lindow
Apr 7 Gladys Hoagland
Apr 14 Kate Tracy

USHER SCHEDULE:

Mar 31 Team #6: Dethloff, Krohn
Apr 7 Team #1: Maury, Martin, Rubatt, Seehaver
Apr 14 Team #2: Gibowski, Gardebrecht

GREETER SCHEDULE:

Mar 31 Amy Krohn
Apr 7 Dethloffs
Apr 14 Gardebrechts

COFFEE HOUR HOST:

Deacons Breakfast
Jean Lipenski
Eileen Mattfeld

COURTESY DRIVER:

Mar 31 Sue Schuelke
Apr 7 Sue Schuelke
Apr 14 Gibowskis

OUR STAFF:

Interim Pastor: Reverend Stephen J. Davidson
Guest Musician: Ahmi Emig
Bell Choir Director: Chris Sparrow
Pastor Emeritus: Russell Knoth
Admin. Assistant: Michelle “Mickey” Jegl

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Mickey: Tuesday - Friday, 11am - 3pm, Sunday, 10:30am-11am  
Pastor Steve: Wednesday 10am-12pm or by appointment



**CPR (Church and Pastor Relations Committee) MEMBERS**

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**Don't forget to complete the Who's In The Pews Form  
located on the end of the pew near the main aisle.  
**PLEASE** put completed forms in the offertory plate.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **DENISE "DENI" SERIO**

It is with tremendous sadness and shock that St. Pauls UCC announces the passing of Denise "Deni" Serio. Pastor Steve received a call on Monday from Deni's good friend, Sunny, letting us know of her passing over the weekend. It was an unfortunate accident that took Deni from this earthly home. Please pray for her family, good friends, Sonny & Dave, and her entire church family.

Her Celebration of Life will be held Thursday, April 18th at 6pm.

## **ATTENTION CONFIRMATION FAMILIES**

The April 7th Confirmation class has been postponed to April 14th. Pastor Steve will be on "holiday," as they say in the UK, with family and friends from April 1 - 8.

## **TREASURER NEEDED**

We are still in need of a volunteer to sit on the Church Cabinet and perform the treasurer duties. If you can balance a checkbook and understand how to pay bills electronically, we can teach you the rest. Prior treasurer's include: Tom Lindow, Amy Dethloff, and Andy Toebe; they'd be happy to answer your questions. We need a detail oriented person willing to give some time to do the Lord's work. If interested, please contact Mickey or Chris Sparrow.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

New members will be received April 28. If you desire to be received as a member of this community, either by letter of transfer or profession of faith, please contact the pastor (989.388.7657). According to our Constitution, only active members of the church have the right and the privilege to vote at called meetings of the congregation.

## **STORM CLEAN UP - HELP NEEDED**

The Trustees are going to do a Winter Storm Damage cleanup on Saturday, April 6th at 9AM.

If there are any other church members that are interested in helping the Trustees and the Boy Scouts with this cleanup please let one of the Trustees know. (Mike Gresen, Paul Martin, Mike Maury, Bob Trapp, Blaine Harris, Lynn Bauman)

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## **SUNDAY, MARCH 31**      *Easter*

8:00am - Easter "Sunrise" Service (front lawn)

8:45am - Easter Breakfast

9:30am - Easter Service

10:45am - Fellowship

## **TUESDAY, APRIL 2**

7:30pm - Bell Choir

## **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3**

6:15pm - Cabinet

7:30pm - Board of Trustees

7:30pm - Board of Deacons

## **SATURDAY, APRIL 6**

9:00am - Meditation Group (for more info, contact  
Terry Tracy, [terencepatricktracy@gmail.com](mailto:terencepatricktracy@gmail.com))

## **SUNDAY, APRIL 7**

9:30am - Communion Service (Guest Pastor: Rev Stephen Gifford)

9:45am - Children's Church

10:45am - Fellowship

10:45am - Confirmation Class postponed until  
April 14 (Pastor Steve on holiday today)

10:45am - Mission Task Force Meeting

## **TUESDAY, APRIL 9**

7:30pm - Bell Choir

## **SATURDAY, APRIL 13**

9:00am - Meditation Group (for more info, contact  
Terry Tracy, [terencepatricktracy@gmail.com](mailto:terencepatricktracy@gmail.com))

## **SUNDAY, APRIL 14**

9:30am - Service

10:45am - Fellowship

10:45am - Confirmation Class

10:45am - Prayer Shawl Ministry



## St. Pauls United Church of Christ's Mission Task Force



Invites You to attend a

# Mental Fitness Workshop

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

5:30 - 7:30pm

(5pm dinner)

\$20/person

Presented By: Treva Wetherell, Life & Leadership Coach  
& Terri Donlin, ICF Certified Coach

Based on *Positive Intelligence*, this workshop will help build your mental fitness so you can remain calm, clear-headed, stress-free, even in the middle of handling life's greatest challenges. You'll learn about three core mental muscles and practices to help grow them, so you can shift your inner balance of power from your Saboteurs (your negative self) to your Sage (your positive self).

And there will be fun and laughter along the way!

Register through St. Pauls UCC's website  
[stpaulsucc.org](http://stpaulsucc.org) or click the QR code:



Questions?

Call the church office during the hours of 11am - 3pm Tues-Fri at  
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