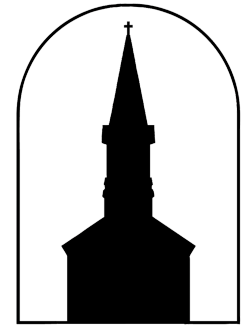


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EVANGEL

November 2024



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Post from the Pulpit

Greetings Beloved Community,

At this point I would imagine that you all know I have made the difficult decision to leave St. Pauls. Words cannot express my deepest apologies to this community. You each took a chance on me in the midst of a life changing time in my own life and for that, I will forever be grateful. Despite all of the advice, opinions, books and wisdom, nothing can truly prepare you for what it's like to be a parent.

But this letter isn't about me, or for me, it's for you...the beloved community. So it is important for me to remind you that you are a beautiful church and the Holy Spirit is indeed present here. There is nothing wrong with you or this place. Sure, none of us are perfect, but that doesn't not take away from how good this community is or how the Holy Spirit is moving in and through this place.

This community is doing some really great things, things that you were accomplishing well before my time here and things you will continue to do well after I am gone.

As a faithful people, we believe that God not only provides, but God will work in mysterious ways. This doesn't promise that everything will be easy. In fact, Isaiah 43 (1,4) reminds us that we will go through chaos, we will walk through the waters and fires of life, "but thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine....Because you are precious in my sight and honored and I love you."

We may not know what tomorrow will hold, we may not know the waters or fires that we will walk through, but what we can hold fast to is that the Divine calls each of us by name, we are the Divine's and we are loved.

Beloved Community, I am here with you until the beginning of January, so lets make it the best couple of months we can. And just remember, my door is always open and you can call me any time.

With love and gratitude,
Pastor Emma Sancomb



Send a note & put a smile on someone's face!

(Please reach out to Pastor Emma if you should be added to or removed from the Homebound List)

-David & Anne Marie Bast	-Lorrie Tatz	-Earl Flaskrud	-Sharon Whitman
-Harlan & Cathy Schnabel	-Hilde Lowen	-Mary Kurtz	-Hal Maury
-Paulette Kornmann	-Dorothy Duehring	-Frank Schleicher	-Elaine Laabs
-Keith Farnham	-Barbara Justus	-Carolyn Golner	

STEWARDSHIP: TIME & TALENT, everything is possible with volunteers!

If you didn't complete a yellow form at Rally Day, please do so at church ASAP

or click on this link to complete an electronic form [Time & Talent Link](#)



The Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer shawl crocheters and knitters will gather the second Sunday of each month after church as well as the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m



Knitters and crocheters and people willing to learn are invited to Guild Hall for fun, conversation, and the joy of yarn! The third Monday of each month.

All are welcome!

Contact Sarah Welke @ 262-893-0150 or swelke6@gmail.com with any questions

NO CROCHET/KNIT IN DEC.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES:

LITURGIST SCHEDULE:

November 3 Amy Dethloff

November 10 Tom Lindow

November 17 Pam Gibowski

November 24 John Rubatt

USHER SCHEDULE:

November 3 Team #5: (Nooyen)

November 10 Team #6: (Dethloff)

November 17 Team #1: (Maury)

November 24 Team #2: (Gibowski)

GREETER SCHEDULE:

November 3 Shawn Frank

November 10 Blaine Harris

November 17 Carol Buss

November 24 Kate & Terry Tracy

COFFEE HOUR HOST:

November 3 Shawn Frank

November 10 Gladys Hoagland

November 17 Cathy Schnabel

November 24 Eileen Mattfeld

OFFICE STAFFING

The office is currently staffed by Tara Nooyen on a temporary basis until a new administrative assistant is hired.

Office hours are:

Monday and Tuesday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Thursday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Pastor Emma's office hours are still on Wednesdays or by appointment.

We ask for your patience and prayers as we search for a new administrative assistant.

FALL CLEAN-UP

The Trustees request your help in their outdoor fall clean-up on **Saturday, November 9th**, from 9:00 a.m. through noon. Rakes and leaf blowers are especially needed. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Gresen.

WINTER HELP NEEDED

The church is in need of help to clear and salt the sidewalks. This would need to be done as soon as possible after a snowfall. A church snowblower is available for the use of the sidewalk snow removal. Shoveling and light salting would need to be done at the entrance areas. It is a paid position. Interested individual(s) should contact the Church Office, the Trustee Chairperson, Mike Gresen, or any of the Trustees for more information.

EVANGEL NOW PUBLISHED ONCE PER MONTH

The Evangel is a wonderful way to communicate with everyone in the church. In the previous months, we have published the Evangel twice per month. In order to make things easier between now and the hire of a new administrative assistant, we are publishing the Evangel once per month.

All articles, news, events, and other items should be submitted by the 15th of the month so that it can be included in the next month's Evangel.

The monthly Evangel will be sent out the last week of the month for the following month. If you have any items to submit or have any questions, please e-mail the office at stpaulsinthefalls@gmail.com or call (262)251-5160.

CHRISTMAS FAMILIES

Once again, St. Pauls UCC will be sponsoring two families through the Waukesha Christmas Clearing House. Be on the lookout for a tree in Guild Hall at the end of November! Thank you in advance for your help in making these families' holidays merry!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

5:00 pm - Martin Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

9:00am - Meditation Group
(for more info, contact Terry Tracy,
terencepatricktracy@gmail.com)
1:00pm - Martin Wedding

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9:30am - Service
10:45am - Fellowship
10:45am - Confirmation
10:45am - Listening Session
(Pastor Emma Present)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

7:30 - Bells Practice

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

2:00pm-4pm - Pastor Emma @
Latitude Cafe (M.F. Library)
4:30pm - Bible Study in Guild Hall
6:15pm - Cabinet Meeting
7:30pm - Trustees Meeting

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

3:30pm - Levenhagen Rehearsal

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

4:00pm - Levenhagen Wedding

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

9:00am - Meditation Group
9:00am-Noon - Fall Clean-up

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

9:30am - Service
9:45am - Children's School
10:45am - Fellowship
10:45am - Prayer Shawl Ministry

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

5:30pm-8:00pm - Campfire & Chili

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

6:30 - Choir Practice
7:30 - Bells Practice

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

4:30pm - Bible Study in Guild Hall
5:30pm - Mental Health Workshop

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

11:00am-1pm - Pastor Emma @
Fiddleheads Menomonee Falls

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

9:00am - Meditation Group
10:30am - Confirmation Rehearsal

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

9:30am - Service - Confirm. Sunday
10:45am - Fellowship

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

6:30pm - Open Knit/Crochet Night

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

6:30 - Choir Practice

7:30 - Bells Practice

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

2:00pm-4pm - Pastor Emma @

Latitude Cafe (M.F. Library)

4:30pm - Bible Study in Guild Hall

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

6:30pm - Prayer Shawl Ministry

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

9:00am - Meditation Group

9:00am - Liederkrantz Rehearsal

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

9:30am - Service

9:45am - Children's School

10:45am - Fellowship

10:45am - Christmas Program

Rehearsal

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

7:30 - Bells Practice

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

4:30pm - Bible Study in Guild Hall

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28


Thanksgiving

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

9:00am - Meditation Group

Fall of 2024 Schedule:

- **Children's Church** - the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month @ approx 9:45am
- **Choir Practice** - Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
- **Bells Practice** - Tuesdays @ 7:30pm
- **Bible Study** - Wednesdays @ 4:30pm

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November Wedding Anniversaries

Mary & Mark Kubesch (31)	11/06
David and Anne Marie Bast (32)	11/07
Dennis and Andi McCormick (15)	11/07
Jan & Scott Sarnow	11/20

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Richard Gruetzmacher	11/06
Kam Lindow	11/07
Dolores Tatz	11/10
Dennis Golner	11/18
Carol Klimas	11/21
Dale Wendlandt	11/21
Richard Schleicher	11/22
Ricardo Sparrow	11/22
Jennifer Walter	11/24
Hilde Lowen	11/27
Amber Ische	11/29

"The older you get the better you get,
unless you are a banana." —Betty White

HURRICANE RELIEF

The [Global HOPE](#) team continues to be in communication with the Southeast, Southern, and Florida Conference staff, ecumenical partners in disaster recovery, and response coordination calls with the national network of voluntary organizations active in disasters (VOAD). Several UCC churches throughout the affected region have suffered extensive damage to their church buildings and surrounding communities. As the full impact of both storms continues to become realized, the [Global HOPE](#) team is helping to connect victims of the storm's devastation with immediate resources as well as preparing to support long-term recovery efforts.

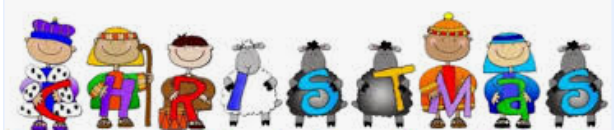
As we continue to pray for and support those who have experienced unimaginable loss this past week, we invite you to support the UCC's recovery efforts through the Hurricane 2024 Relief Appeal. The National Ministries of the United Church of Christ has a long history of supporting communities as they recover from disaster and their plight fades from the headlines. Your support of this appeal will ensure that communities are supported and accompanied for years as they rebuild.

Thank you for your assistance in helping families and communities who are in great need in the aftermath of these hurricanes. Your heartfelt support will make a difference.

You can also mail a check payable to the United Church of Christ, PO Box 71957, Cleveland, OH 44194. Please be sure to note "Hurricanes 2024" in the memo section of your check.

Our EIN: 34-1927041

[DONATE](#)



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

St. Pauls is looking for adults and confirmands to participate in this year's Children's Program to be held on **Sunday, December 15th.**

Not an actor? No worries!

Opportunities to narrate, help with props, help children offstage, etc. would be appreciated as well.

Practices after church will be held on the following Sundays:

November 24

December 1

December 8

It is helpful but not necessary to attend all three practice sessions.

If interested, please contact the church office, Kam Lindow, Julie Loth, or Jennifer Seehaver.



ST. BENS

St. Benedict was started in 1966 by an Irish immigrant couple who saw the need to serve the poor and homeless in Milwaukee. It started in their kitchen but quickly outgrew that place. It is now located at 9th and State Street, downtown Milwaukee. A large variety of churches and organizations help support this mission. They serve approximately 150 people each night, Sunday through Friday from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. We at St. Pauls provide the chili mac casserole. We have 14 cooks who take turns preparing the recipe, which requires 4 cooks each month. The recipe is posted on the Missions Board in Guild Hall. It costs approximately \$45 per batch to make this meal. We serve once per month and have about 10 people who volunteer to do the serving. This is one of the many mission programs that St. Pauls has in place. Are you interested in cooking or serving? Please contact the office or Jayne Gardebrecht.





FROM ELAINE LAABS & HER FAMILY

Thank you for the love, support, and prayers. She enjoys receiving the beautiful cards from her church family. Elaine moved into Cedar Community Long-Term Care in August. She is adjusting well and is keeping busy with many of the fun activities they provide. If you'd like to send a card to Elaine, you can drop it off in the mailbox outside the church office and we'll make sure she gets it.

Election Self-Care

1. Download new music to avoid ads.
2. Avoid talking about politics.
3. Take a break from social media.
4. Re-watch some of your favorite movies.
5. Hang out with your pets.
6. Try to get the right amount of sleep.
7. Reach out if you need to talk.
8. Make an effort to use coping skills.
9. Take a walk or just breathe.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT JOB POSTING

The church administrative assistant position has been posted on Indeed. All interested candidates should apply via Indeed or contact the office to fill out an application.

Hours: Approximately 15-20 hours/week

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
(or other hours agreed upon)

Duties include bookkeeping, light accounting, filing, community outreach, database maintenance, creation of bulletins and monthly newsletters, and possible other special tasks as needed by the pastor and committees.

The link to the Indeed posting is below:

[Apply Here](#)

It can also be found by going to Indeed.com and searching “administrative assistant + part-time + menomonee falls”.



Cope Ahead

PREPARING FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON
WITH SARAH MILLER, APSW MSW

▶ November 13th from 5:30-7:30pm at
St. Pauls UCC in Menomonee Falls.

▶ \$10 recommended donation fee.
Free childcare provided.

▶ Complementary desserts and hors
d'oeuvres will be provided.

Who is this for and why should I attend?

▶ Between busy schedules, family dynamics and seasonal depression, the holiday season can be challenging for any of us!

▶ Each one of us is worthy of slowing down to care for our mental and emotional wellbeing.

▶ Sarah has a kind and compassionate way of providing practical support and resources so we can better care for ourselves and each other.

Why is self-care important during the holidays?

The holiday season can be a special time. We can spend time with the people we love and celebrate the year gone by.

This special time can also come with more responsibilities, like cooking, cleaning, shopping, and hosting family visits. All these extra tasks can feel like extra stress. And sometimes, extra guilt for feeling this way.

This is where self-care comes in. When we practice self-care, we spend time charging our internal battery. Our battery gives us the energy to complete day-to-day tasks and make the most of the holidays.

Self-care is never selfish.

By taking care of ourselves, we are making sure that we are able to remain present with the people we care about, and enjoy the holidays together.

Food Pantry Reverse Advent Calendar Begins December 1st!

Countdown the days until Christmas by giving a non-perishable food or personal care item each day to help people who utilize the Food Pantry. To participate, purchase the items listed for each day and place it in the appropriate box in Guild Hall.

There will be a different item for every day from December 1st through December 24th.



Thank you for your support and for helping our community food pantry!

If you wish to help out but would like somebody else to do the shopping for you, you may make a monetary donation and mark "Food Pantry" in the memo line. To buy every item on the list costs approximately \$65. Every little bit helps!

Dec. 1 st	CEREAL
Dec. 2 nd	JUICE
Dec. 3 rd	OATMEAL
Dec. 4 th	STEW
Dec. 5 th	PASTA
Dec. 6 th	SOUP
Dec. 7 th	VEGGIES
Dec. 8 th	CANNED FRUITS
Dec. 9 th	PEANUT BUTTER
Dec. 10 th	APPLESAUCE
Dec. 11 th	MAC & CHEESE
Dec. 12 th	CONDIMENTS (KETCHUP, MUSTARD, BBQ SAUCE)
Dec. 13 th	RELISH (OLIVES, PICKLES, PEPPERS)
Dec. 14 th	JELLY/JAM
Dec. 15 th	FLOUR or SUGAR
Dec. 16 th	VEG. OIL
Dec. 17 th	BAKING MIX (CAKE, BROWNIES, COOKIES)
Dec. 18 th	SNACKS
Dec. 19 th	SHAMPOO (AND/OR CONDITIONER)
Dec. 20 th	DEODORANT
Dec. 21 st	TOOTHPASTE
Dec. 22 nd	CANNED PASTA (SPAGHETTIOS, RAVIOLI, ETC)
Dec. 23 rd	TEA/HOT CHOC
Dec. 24 th	CANNED MEAT (TUNA, CHICKEN, SHRIMP, etc.)



Women's Fellowship will be hosting the annual Cookie Walk fundraiser on December 14th from 2pm - 4pm, and we need quite a few ingredients to bake our 600+ pounds of cookies. Please consider signing up to donate some of the ingredients on our list. We would like all ingredients to be delivered to church by the end of church service on December 1st. Please click on the following link to sign up to donate ingredients:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0544A8A928A3FA7-52698227-cookie>



We also need several volunteers to make the Cookie Walk a success! Please sign up to volunteer to help us bake at church December 12th -14th and work the sale on December 14th. We have volunteer jobs for all abilities, and dishwashers are always needed as well! I'm looking forward to another fun year spending time with my church family preparing for the Cookie Walk! Please click on the following link to sign up to volunteer to help:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0544A8A928A3FA7-52700560-cookie>

Please contact Sarah Welke (262-893-0150 or swelke6@gmail.com) or Sue Harris (262-385-2276 or suemarieharris@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.



CAMPFIRE AND CHILI!

Come out for a night of fellowship and chili! Let's gather one more time before the weather turns too cold (and while there are no mosquitos!). Invite your friends and neighbors!

If possible, please bring a batch of your favorite chili. Otherwise, just come to enjoy the evening! There will be plenty of chili to go around.

Please also bring a chair with you if you have an extra.



Chili Recipe

- 2 pounds lean ground beef
 - 1 onion diced
 - 1 jalapeño seeded and finely diced
 - 4 cloves garlic minced
 - 2 ½ tablespoons [chili powder](#) divided, or to taste
 - 1 teaspoon cumin
 - 1 green bell pepper seeded and diced
 - 14.5 ounces crushed tomatoes
 - 19 ounces canned red kidney beans drained and rinsed
 - 14.5 ounces canned diced tomatoes with juices
 - 1 ½ cups beef broth
 - 1 cup water
 - 1 tablespoon tomato paste
 - 1 tablespoon brown sugar optional
 - salt and black pepper to taste
1. Combine ground beef and 1 ½ tablespoons chili powder.
 2. In a large pot, brown ground beef, onion, jalapeno, and garlic. Drain any fat.
 3. Add in remaining ingredients and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer uncovered for 45-60 minutes or until chili has reached desired thickness.
 4. Top with cheddar cheese, green onions, cilantro or other favorite toppings.