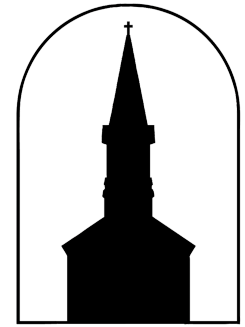


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EVANGEL

October 1, 2024



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Post from the Pulpit

Greetings Beloved Community,

I'll never forget the first time I experienced a drastic change within a friend group. I was in seminary and I had been really intentional about cultivating a strong circle of friends. We all lived on campus together and on top of having classes together, Monday we had an evening worship, Tuesdays we went out for tacos, Thursdays we had "Fireside Theology" where we had a bonfire and shared stories, Friday was volleyball and Sunday afternoon was our potluck. We didn't just spend a lot of time together, we supported one another, we cared for each other and encouraged each other to be the best God was calling us to be. Nobody prepared me for graduation...there was no real "closure" as one by one they started leaving (I started a couple years after they had). My time on campus felt so perfect and then they were gone, leaving me to start all over again with finding people I wanted to spend my time with.

It was hard and sometimes scary trying to start all over again. It was exhausting and took time and energy. It also required that I gave myself permission to grieve what I was missing so I could make space for whatever might be next.

I can imagine that there are some of you here who may feel a similar way. You've seen lots of people come and go, yet something has kept you here. Despite all that this church has experienced, it has also continued to reimagine and continued to press on. Which makes me think about the larger "church"... this community that Jesus has inspired us all to be a part of. For over 2,000, "we" have been responding to this call to action, this desire to be within Community, this hope to make meaning out of this life that is constantly changing around us.

So as we enter into yet again a time of transition as Mickey leaves and we search for a new administrative assistant. We will hold space for all of the feelings that come. Gratitude for the time that she has shared with us here. Sadness that she no longer works here. Vulnerability as we discern how the future might unfold and bravery as we trust that God will lead us every step of the way.

Peace and Blessings,
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)

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| -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



Open Knit/Crochet Night

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

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES:

LITURGIST SCHEDULE:

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| October 6 | Julie Loth |
| October 13 | Tom Lindow |
| October 20 | Chris Sparrow |
| October 27 | Kate Tracy |

USHER SCHEDULE:

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| October 6 | Team #1 (Maury) |
| October 13 | Team # 2 (Gibowski) |
| October 20 | Team #3 (David) |
| October 27 | Team #4 (Medrow) |

GREETER SCHEDULE:

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| October 6 | Gladys Hoagland |
| October 13 | Mary Kuesch |
| October 20 | Pam and Bill Gibowski |
| October 27 | Jayne and Bob Gardebrecht |

COFFEE HOUR HOST:

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| October 6 | Kate Tracy and Pam Gibowski |
| October 13 | Amy Krohn |
| October 20 | Amy and Mike Dethloff |
| October 27 | Jayne Gardebrecht |



St. Pauls UCC has been blessed to have a wonderful Administrative Assistant in its office for the last six years. Michelle “Mickey” Jegl stepped down as of Friday, September 27th. She will remain an active volunteer and welcoming presence at St. Pauls. We look forward to seeing what new adventures come her way!

Thank you for your years of work at St. Pauls UCC, Mickey!

OFFICE STAFFING

Beginning October 1st, the office will be staffed by Tara Nooyen on a temporary basis until a new administrative assistant can be hired. Office hours will be:
Monday and Tuesday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Thursday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Pastor Emma will still keep the same office hours on Wednesdays.

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

EVANGEL GOING TO 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 will be publishing the Evangel once per month.

This now means that 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

5:30 pm - Mental Health Workshop
6:30 pm - Choir
7:30 pm - Bells Practice

WEDNESDAY, October 2

4:30 pm - Bible Study in Guild Hall
6:15 pm - Cabinet Meeting
7:30 pm - Trustees Meeting
7:30 pm - Deacons Meeting

SATURDAY, October 5

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

SUNDAY, October 6

9:30am - Service
9:45am - Children's Church
10:45am - Fellowship
10:45am - Confirmation

TUESDAY, October 8

2pm-5pm - Pastor Emma @
Loca Latte in Sussex
6:30 - Choir Practice
7:30 - Bells Practice

WEDNESDAY, October 9

4:30pm - Bible Study in Guild Hall

SATURDAY, October 12

9:00am - Meditation Group

SUNDAY, October 13

9:30am - Service
10:45am - Fellowship
10:45am - Prayer Shawl Ministry

TUESDAY, October 15

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

WEDNESDAY, October 16

4:30pm - Bible Study in Guild Hall

THURSDAY, October 17

6:30pm - Prayer Shawl Ministry

SATURDAY, October 19

9:00am - Meditation Group

SUNDAY, October 20

9:30am - Service
9:45am - Children's Church
10:45am - Fellowship
10:45am - Confirmation

MONDAY, October 20

6:30pm - Open Knit/Crochet Night

TUESDAY, October 21

2pm-5pm - Pastor Emma @
Java Dancer in Richfield
6:30 - Choir Practice
7:30 - Bells Practice

WEDNESDAY, October 22

4:30pm - Bible Study in Guild Hall

SATURDAY, October 26

9:00am - Meditation Group

SUNDAY, October 27

9:30am - Service
10:45am - Fellowship

TUESDAY, October 29

Food Pantry
2pm-5pm - Pastor Emma @
Latitude Cafe in Germantown
6:30 - Choir Practice
7:30 - Bells Practice

WEDNESDAY, October 30

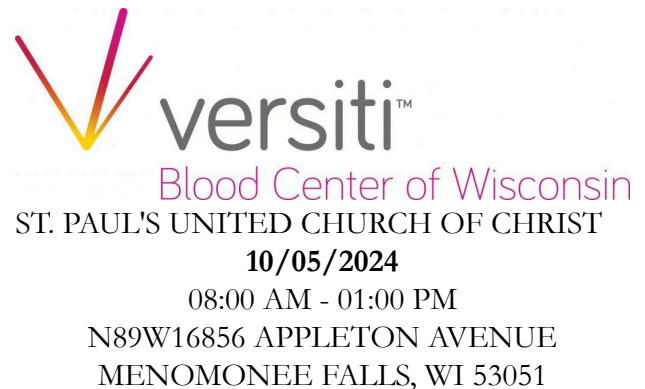
4:30pm - Bible Study in Guild Hall

THURSDAY, October 31

Food Pantry

Back on the schedule for the Fall of 2024:

- **Children's Church** - the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month @ approx 9:45am
- **Confirmation Class** - the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month @ 10:45am
- **Choir Practice** - Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
- **Bells Practice** - Tuesdays @ 7:30pm
- **Bible Study** - Wednesdays @ 4:30pm



Make an appointment:

https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11535550.



NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING

The 2024 Neighbors in Need theme is
“Mental Health Justice For All!”

This year's focus is on Mental Health Justice. In 2015, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ passed a resolution to become WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged) for mental health.

A just world for all is a world where the human rights and well-being of people with mental health challenges are respected, no matter who you are or where you are in life's mental health journey.

This year's NIN **“Mental Health is a Universal Human Right”** collection will take place October 6, 2024, as part of World Communion Sunday.

One-third of the offering supports the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM).

Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.



Lakeland University Invites you to enrich your knowledge.

Events coming in fall of 2024:

Confirmation Event: Thursday, October 10, 7-8:30pm. Back by

popular demand, Rev. Dr. Christopher Grundy will be leading this event. Christopher is a well-known musician and worship professor at Eden Theological Seminary and does an amazing job engaging youth with this event.

Mission House Lecture: Tuesday, October 22, 11am-12pm, Dr. Kevin O'Brien, "The Violence and the Hope of Climate Change"

Ethics Conversation: Tuesday, October 29, 6:30-8pm, Rev. Dr. Karl Kuhn, "'We Must Bring America Back to Christianity!' The God Bless the USA Bible and the Aims of White Christian Nationalism"

Immanuel UCC in West Bend, Along with Non-profit, Joyful Journeys Inc, Invites You to Join the 19th Annual India Gala!

The annual event is a fundraiser to support the Joyful Journeys ministry, which reaches out in many different capacities to lift the people in the remote village of Madhavapatnam India. This year's focus is the JJ Hostel and Marshall School.

Want more info? Go to

<https://www.immanuelwestbend.org/ministries/outreach/india-mission/>

or Check out the bulletin board at St. Pauls' main entrance for more exciting news about Joyful Journeys, Inc.

19th India Gala
Sponsored by Joyful Journeys

Friday, October 4, 2024; 6:00pm
Immanuel UCC, West Bend

\$50 per person
Authentic Indian Meal and Spirits
Special Entertainment
Call Immanuel for tickets: 262-884-2886

In support of the good works being done
in the village of Madhavapatnam
website: joyfuljourneys-inc.org

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September Wedding Anniversaries

VOGDS, Ryan & Amber (2)	10/01
KROHN, Jim & Amy (31)	10/02
JEGL, Jeff & Bonnie (24)	10/07
KIMAS, Adam & Danielle (11)	10/11
WALTER, Jim & Carol (56)	10/12
WOJAHN, Stephen & Lisa (34)	10/13
TRACY, Terence & Kate (42)	10/16
WELKE, Timothy & Sarah (23)	10/20
TOMPKINS, Ted & Dee (69)	10/29

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

SCHNABEL, Harlan	10/01
WELKE, Hannah	10/02
HOLZMAN, Shelley	10/03
NEWMAN, Karolyn	10/04
LOTH, Michael	10/05
JANSETT, Carol	10/14
MATTFELD, Eileen	10/20
GARDEBRECHT, Jayne	10/22
PROCHAZKA, Jennifer	10/25
DETHLOFF, Sam	10/26
TOMPKINS, Dee	10/31

HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF

The impact of Hurricane Helene is widespread and devastating, as more than 100 people have been confirmed dead, over 2 million people are without power, and damages are estimated to be over \$140 billion. We know of two UCC congregations on Florida's Gulf Coast whose church buildings suffered significant flood damage, and another building that experienced structural damage from high winds. We continue to be in touch with our Southern, Southeast, and Florida Conferences as they work to contact local congregations and become aware of their needs.

The United Church of Christ has a long history of supporting communities as they recover from disaster well after their plight fades from the headlines. As we continue to pray for and respond to those who have experienced unimaginable loss this past week, please consider a gift to the Hurricane Helene Recovery Appeal. Your gifts matter. This is something you can do to help alleviate suffering, rebuild homes, and restore communities. Your gifts will make a difference to those who are struggling during these difficult times and enable needed assistance as we stand with impacted communities in the years ahead.

Thank you for your generosity.

Rev. Kent Siladi
Interim Director of Philanthropy
United Church of Christ

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October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month

Here are some tips to help keep you and your loved ones safe against phishing, scams, and hacks:

1. KEEP A CLEAN MACHINE

Keep all software on internet connected devices – including personal computers, smartphones and tablets – current to reduce risk of infection from ransomware and malware. If you want to “set it and forget it,” configure your devices to automatically update or to notify you when an update is available.

2. CREATE LONG, UNIQUE PASSWORDS

Length trumps complexity. Strong passwords are at least 12 characters long and include letters, numbers and symbols. Ideally, your password is not recognizable as a word or phrase. And, yes, you should have a unique password for each online account.

3. USE A PASSWORD MANAGER

It's time to ditch the notebook if that's where you keep your passwords – use it for doodles. Ditto for that Notes app or word processing doc – save the hard drive space. Instead, the simplest, most secure way to manage unique passwords is through a password manager application. A password manager is software created to manage all your online credentials like usernames and passwords. Many are free. Often, browsers and device operating systems include password management programs. Password managers store your passwords in an encrypted database (think of it as your personal data vault). These programs also generate new passwords when you need them.

4. ENABLE MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION

Multi-factor authentication (MFA), sometimes called 2-factor authentication, adds a whole other level of security to your key accounts. MFA includes biometrics (think face ID scans or fingerprint access), security keys or apps that send you unique, one-time codes when you want to log on to a sensitive account.

5. THINK BEFORE YOU CLICK

What's the most common way for cybercriminals to get your sensitive information? It's when you click on something you shouldn't have. Malicious links in email, tweets, texts, posts, social media messages and malicious online advertising are a direct way for hackers to get your sensitive information. **Don't make it easy for them. Be wary of clicking on links or downloading anything that comes from a stranger or that you were not expecting.**

6. REPORT PHISHING

One of the best ways to take down cybercriminals is by reporting phishing attempts, and nowadays its easier than ever. If the email came to your work email address, report it to your IT manager or security team as quickly as possible. If you're at home and the email came to your personal email address, do not click on any links (even the unsubscribe link) or reply back to the email. Most email programs and social media platforms allow you to report phishing attempts. But don't keep that phishing message around – delete it ASAP. You can further protect yourself by blocking the sender from your email program, social media platform or phone.

7. USE SECURE WI-FI

Public wireless networks and hotspots are unsecured, which means that anyone could potentially see what you are doing on your laptop or smartphone while you are connected to them. Limit what you do on public WiFi. Especially avoid logging in to key accounts like email and financial services. Consider using a virtual private network (VPN) or a personal/mobile hotspot if you need a more secure connection.

8. BACK IT UP

The best way to protect your valuable work, music, photos, data and other digital information is to make copies and store them safely. If you have a copy of your data and your device falls victim to ransomware or other cyber threats, you will be able to restore the data from a backup. If you break your computer or it crashes, you won't lose the data along with the device. Use the 3-2-1 rule as a guide to backing up your data. The rule is: keep at least three (3) copies of your data, and store two (2) backup copies on different storage media, with one (1) of them located offsite. One of these storage possibilities can be backing up to the cloud, which are secure computer servers you can access through an account.

9. CHECK YOUR SETTINGS

Every time you sign up for a new account, download a new app or get a new device, immediately configure the privacy and security settings to your comfort level for information sharing. Regularly check these settings to make sure they are still configured to your comfort. Audit your apps, platforms and games every few months and delete ones you no longer use – then you don't need to check their settings!

10. SHARE WITH CARE

Think before posting about yourself and others online. Consider what a post reveals, who might see it and how it might affect you or others.