

**St. Pauls
United Church of Christ**



Take heart; get up,
He is calling you.

Sunday, October 27, 2024
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

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

(* = YOU MAY STAND.)

RINGING THE BELLS, WELCOMING THE LIGHT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: “Ode to Joy”, arr. Betty Roe

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Inspired by Psalm 34)

One: Look to the Holy One and be radiant! Bless God at all times.

Many: We praise God who is with us. We honor God who sustains, redeems, and delivers.

One: Look to the Holy One and be radiant! Boast in the Holy One.

Many: We seek the Holy One who hears our cries with grace, mercy, and compassion.

One: Look to the Holy One and be radiant! Magnify God with me.

Many: O taste and see, hear and proclaim, touch and know that God is good. Bless the Holy One!

***INVOCATION:**

Leader: Loving God, it is good to be with you in the company of the assembly. When we seek you, we find you. When we pray, you respond. When we listen, your voice sounds. Make your presence palpable in the places we gather. We come to be formed, informed, and transformed by your lavish and bountiful love for your glory and for all you hold within your heart. **Amen.**

***OPENING SONG:** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” #65

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

ALL: Gracious God, break our hearts for what breaks yours.

Forgive us for hearts that are sometimes cold with indifference.

Forgive us for hearts sometimes hard with intractability. Forgive us for hearts closed with isolation. Open our hearts fully to

compassion and companionship with our neighbor and your vision of a beloved kingdom come. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

Pastor: Beloved, your heart bears the heart of God. With the Holy One's grace, heartbreak can transform into compassion, mutuality, and ministry that makes the love of God real in the world.

***SHARING GOD'S PEACE:**

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

ALL: And, also, with you.

A MESSAGE FOR ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN

READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE *(NRSV^{ue})*

Liturgist's Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9(P. 297)

Pastor's Reading: Mark 10:46-52 (P. 1199)

SERMON: *"What Journey is Jesus calling us each to?"*

Rev. Emma Sancomb

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: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" #586**

***CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP** *(from the UCC Statement of Faith)*

**We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,
God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,
and to your deeds we testify.**

**You judge people and nations by your righteous will
declared through prophets and apostles.**

**You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages,
tongues, and races.**

**You promise to all who trust you
forgiveness of sin and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.**

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Leader: Generosity begins as a decision from the heart. It reflects care and concern for the needs of the world as well as trust for the abundance and plenty of God's creation. Let us give from the gifts we have been given as a sign and act of faithfulness.



(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: Loving God, bless us with increased generosity, trust, and faithfulness. Receive these gifts as an offering of praise. May needs be met, lives be changed, and hearts be warmed through our giving. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN:** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” #2

***BENEDICTION:**

***POSTLUDE:** Toccata in D minor, BWV 565, J.S. Bach

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RESOURCES FOR PERSONAL DEVOTIONS

Lectionary Readings for November 3, 2024 *Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

~Ruth 1:1-18

~Psalm 146

~Hebrews 9:11-14

~Mark 12:28-34

LITURGIST SCHEDULE:

Oct 27	Chris Sparrow
Nov 3	Amy Dethloff
Nov 10	Tom Lindow
Nov 17	Pam Gibowski
Nov 24	John Rubatt

USHER SCHEDULE:

Oct 27	Team #4: Medrow, Schweigert, Maury, Hoagland
Nov 3	Team #5: Nooyen, Toebe, Tracy
Nov 10	Team #6: Dethloff, Krohn
Nov 17	Team #1: Maury, Martin, Rubatt, Seehaver
Nov 24	Team #2: Gibowski, Gardebrecht

GREETER SCHEDULE:

Oct 27	The Gardebrechts
Nov 3	Shawn Frank
Nov 10	Blaine Harris
Nov 17	Carol Buss
Nov 24	The Tracys

COFFEE HOUR HOST:

Jayne Gardebrecht
Shawn Frank/Elaine Laabs
Gladys Hoagland
Cathy Schnabel
Eileen Mattfeld

OUR STAFF:

Pastor:	Rev. Emma Sancomb
Director of Music:	Dr. Kelly Kazik
Bell Choir Director:	Chris Sparrow
Pastor Emeritus:	Russell Knoth
Temp Admin. Asst.:	Tara Nooyen

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## OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Emma: **Wednesday 9:30am-3pm or by appointment**  
Church Office: **Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9:00am-1pm**

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

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## **PRAYER REQUESTS (To be added to the prayer chain, please contact Julie Loth 262-422-0267)**

- Jaye Gardebrecht - Brother, Dale, recovering from a stroke.
- Harlen and Cathy's Daughter, Jill, is home and recovering from a fall.
- Jean Lipenski - Brother, Dan, is recovering from a stroke.
- Elaine Laabs - Elaine has entered hospice at Cedar Community.  
We also hold the Frank family in prayer during this time of transition.
- Jegl Family - As they move parents/in-laws.
- Steve Hecky - Continued feeling for 6-year-old grandson, Graham.
- Dethloff extended family member, Doranne received a new cancer diagnosis.
- Julie Loth - Dear friend/pastor (Jim Martin), who married her and her husband has a new cancer diagnosis.

**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

## Listening Sessions

Following the announcement of Pastor Emma's resignation, the Personnel Committee has scheduled three listening sessions. These will take place in the sanctuary after worship on the following dates:

**Sunday, October 27th (Pastor Emma will be present).**  
**Sunday, November 3rd (Pastor Emma will be present).**

## Snow Removal Help Needed

A church snowblower is available for the use of the sidewalk snow removal. Shoveling would be done at the entrance areas. Light salting of the sidewalk area would need to be done as well. It is a paid position. Interested individual(s) should contact the Church Office or the Trustee Chairperson, Mike Gresen, or any of the Trustees for more information.

## Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Halloween Trick-or-Treat village event. All the work and planning made it successful thanks to you. Thank you also to everyone who donated to purchase candy!

## Giving Statements

Year-to-date giving statements are available for pick-up downstairs in Guild Hall. If you have not picked yours up or if you can pick up a friend or relative's envelope, it would be appreciated. All remaining envelopes will be mailed out this week. If you have any questions regarding your statement, please call the office.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27**

9:30am - Service

10:45am - Fellowship

10:45am - Listening Session in Sanctuary

Pastor Emma will be present.

10:45am - Little Lambs Baby Shower

## **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29**

Food Pantry

6:30pm - Choir Practice

7:30pm - Bells Practice

## **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30**

4:30pm - Bible Study (Guild Hall)

## **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31**

Food Pantry

## **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

5:00pm - Martin Wedding Rehearsal

## **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

9:30am - Meditation

1:00pm - Martin Wedding

## **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

9:30am - Service

10:45am - Fellowship

10:45am - Listening Session in Sanctuary

Pastor Emma will be present.

10:45am - Confirmation



St. Pauls UCC  
Little Lambs Room

# Baby Shower

Sunday, October 27, 2024  
Following Worship

The Little Lambs Room renovation is the Girl Scout project of Jenna Jegl. Donations may also be made to Womens Fellowship "Little Lambs Room".

Target Baby Registry

