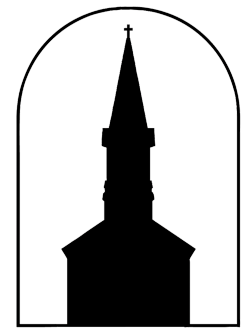


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EVANGEL

December 2024



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Post from the Pulpit

Dear Beloved Community,

As we enter the season of Advent, we are reminded that it is a time of expectant waiting, a time of preparation. We wait not only for the celebration of Christ's birth but also for the presence of Christ in our lives. Advent is a season that invites us to slow down, to reflect, and to make room in our hearts for the hope, peace, joy, and love that Jesus brings. If you're like me and need some reminders or examples on how to slow down and reflect during this busy season, here are a few spiritual practices you could incorporate into your routine this Advent season:

Daily Scripture Reading: Set aside time, maybe with a cup of coffee or hot chocolate to read and reflect on the scripture passages from the Advent lectionary. This simple practice will help you focus your heart on the "reason for the season".

Prayer: Contemplative prayer can be a meaningful way to help quiet yourself and slow down...Practice taking deep breaths and focus on the presence of God. You can choose a word or theme as you sit in prayer. Even sitting with one word each week, like peace, hope, joy or love can be a meaningful experience.

Acts of Kindness: Advent is the time of sharing and giving. Can you look for small ways to bless those around you? Could you consider contributing to our Reverse Advent Calendar for the Food Pantry? Or maybe you could participate in the Giving Tree to support two local families with Christmas gifts? Maybe you could be intentional with sending Christmas cards with words of encouragement to a friend.

Be mindful of your pace: Consider how quickly you do things and if you're always in a hurry. Give yourself permission to slow down or be kind to yourself when you may not be moving as fast as you want to be.

As we journey together during this time of anticipation, may we open our hearts and our minds to the presence of the Divine already in our midst, may we center ourselves in the love of God, wait with patience, and anticipate with joyful expectation.

In Peace, Hope, Joy and Love,

Pastor Emma

Mitten Tree

St. Pauls annual mitten tree is up in Guild Hall. It is that time of year when it is chilly outside and people could use a hat, scarf or pair of mittens/gloves to help them keep warm. Please consider donating new items to the St. Pauls Mitten Tree in Guild Hall. Only new store-bought items or newly knitted or crocheted items please. All donations will be sent to St. Bens for distribution in January. Deadline for donating is December 24th at the Christmas Eve service. Any questions please contact Julie Loth at 262-422-0267 or jmhloth@gmail.com



The Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl ministry will NOT meet this month. Please keep knitting and crocheting those mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for the mitten tree in Guild Hall through December 24. Everything will be donated in January to St. Ben's. Prayer shawl will resume in January!

No Open Knit/Crochet Night in December



ADOPT A FAMILY

Thank You to everyone who took a tag and purchased a gift(s) for the family. Please make sure that your gifts are returned by December 15th! We are sponsoring two families who are incredibly grateful that we can make their holidays more enjoyable for them and their children.



Send a note & put a smile on
someone's face!
Drop off cards or notes in
the church office ❤️

(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 | |



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
12/21/24
08:00 AM - 01:00 PM
N89W16856 APPLETON AVENUE
MENOMONEE FALLS, WI 53051

Make an appointment:

https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11535551

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES:

LITURGIST SCHEDULE:

Dec. 1	Mike Nooyen
Dec. 8	Gladys Hoagland
Dec. 15	Blaine Harris
Dec. 22	Jeff Jegl
Dec. 24	Amy Krohn
Dec. 29	Kam Lindow

USHER SCHEDULE:

Dec. 1	Team #3 (David)
Dec. 8	Team #4 (Medrow)
Dec. 15	Team #5 (Nooyen)
Dec. 22	Team #6 (Dethloff)
Dec. 24	Team #1 (Maury)
Dec. 29	Team #2 (Gibowski)

GREETER SCHEDULE:

Dec. 1	Sue Schuelke/Mike Gresen
Dec. 8	Chris Sparrow
Dec. 15	Mike Maury
Dec. 22	Kam and Tom Lindow
Dec. 24	None
Dec. 29	Sue Schuelke/Mike Gresen

COFFEE HOUR HOST:

Dec. 1	Sue Schuelke/Mike Gresen
Dec. 8	Lincoln Lodge #183
Dec. 15	The Cookie Crew
Dec. 22	Kam Lindow
Dec. 24	None
Dec. 29	Sue Schuelke/Mike Gresen

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE
WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR
TIME TO BE AN USHER,
LITURGIST, GREETER, OR TO
HOST COFFEE HOUR IN 2024!**



DECEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Richard & Ellen Schleicher (55) 12/6
William & Barbara Hoagland (53) 12/18

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Kim Mueller 12/15
Tom Lindow 12/16
David Brill 12/18
Benjamin Jakusz 12/18
Amy Krohn 12/21
Braden Harris 12/23
Steve Fritz 12/24
Arturo Sparrow 12/24
Carol Walter 12/26
Andrew David 12/28
Timothy Welke 12/31

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**OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, and
Thursday - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**CAN'T MAKE IT TO CHURCH?
FIND US LIVE ON:**



Facebook

&

YouTube



The Christmas Fund



For over one hundred years, **The Christmas Fund** has provided direct financial assistance to the healers in all our lives: retired and

active UCC ministers, church workers, and their families. You are part of the community of **The Christmas Fund**, whether you donate at Christmastime, benefit directly from our grant or leadership programs, or simply believe in our mission to help secure the financial foundation of those engaged in the life of the church. **We will be receiving contributions on December 22nd and again on the 24th during the offertory. You can also send them to the office through the mail. Thank you!**

Urgently Needed

Snow Removal Help



St. Pauls UCC is in need of help during the winter for sidewalk snow removal. Shoveling would need to be done at entrance areas. Light salting of the sidewalk and entrance areas is also needed. This is a paid position. A snowblower and shovels are provided. Any interested individual(s) should call the office for more information.
(262)251-5160

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:30am - Choir Practice
9:30am - Service
10:45am - Fellowship
10:45am - Children's Program Rehearsal

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

6:30pm - Choir Practice
7:30pm - Bell Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

4:30pm - Bible Study
6:15pm - Cabinet Meeting
7:30pm - Board Meetings
7:30pm - Bell Choir Practice

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:30am - Service
10:45am - Fellowship
10:45am - Children's Program Rehearsal
10:45am - Directory Pictures

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

6:30pm - Choir Practice
7:30pm - Bell Choir Practice

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:00am-9:00pm - Cookie Baking

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:00am-9:00pm - Cookie Baking

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

9:00am - Meditation Group
9:00am-Noon - Cookie Baking
12:00pm-5:00pm - Cookie Walk

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:30am - Children's Christmas Program
10:45am - Fellowship
10:45am - Directory Pictures
11:00am - Women's Fellowship

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

6:30pm - Choir Practice
7:30pm - Bell Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

4:30pm - Bible Study

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:00am-1:00pm - Blood Drive
9:00am - Meditation Group

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

6:00pm - Choir Practice
7:00pm - Christmas Eve Worship

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

9:00am - Meditation Group

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

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

St. Pauls Calendar can be found online [HERE](#). It includes all events held by outside groups as well as church events.

COLLEGE STUDENT CARE PACKAGES

We are putting together care packages for our college students. If you have a student, please let the church office know and please provide their address. If you'd like to donate small snacks, gift cards, or a note of encouragement, we have a basket in Guild Hall. We will plan to ship in January in time for the start of the second semester. Thank you!

Need ideas?

- hand sanitizer
- Post-It notes
- pens
- travel tissues
- gum
- Dove chocolate
- beef jerky
- granola bars
- Emergen-C packets
- Rice Krispies treats
- trail mix
- gummy bears
- fruit bars
- microwave popcorn
- Nutella snack packs
- herbal tea
- chocolate espresso beans
- cough drops
- \$5 Starbucks gift card
- Chapstick/Carmex
- Target gift cards
- Amazon gift cards
- Snack-size cookies
- Snack-size Goldfish crackers
- notes and cards
- microwave "add water" noodles
- snacks of any kind!

COOKIE WALK!

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.



Reverse ADVENT CALENDAR

December 1st - December 24th

BENEFITING THE



Falls Area
FOOD PANTRY

DEC. 1ST - PEANUT BUTTER

DEC. 2ND - JUICE

DEC. 3RD - STEW

DEC. 4TH - CANNED PASTA
(SPAGHETTIOS, RAVIOLI, ETC.)

DEC. 5TH - SHAMPOO/CONDITIONER

DEC. 6TH - SOUP

DEC. 7TH - VEGGIES

DEC. 8TH - CANNED FRUITS

DEC. 9TH - DEODORANT

DEC. 10TH - APPLESAUCE

DEC. 11TH - MAC&CHEESE

DEC. 12TH - CONDIMENTS

(KETCHUP, MUSTARD, BBQ SAUCE)

DEC. 13TH - RELISH

(OLIVES, PICKLES, PEPPERS)

DEC. 14TH - JELLY/JAM

DEC. 15TH - FLOUR OR SUGAR

DEC. 16TH - VEG. OIL

DEC. 17TH - BAKING MIX
(CAKE, BROWNIES)

DEC. 18TH - RICE

DEC. 19TH - OATMEAL

DEC. 20TH - CEREAL

DEC. 21ST - TOOTHPASTE

DEC. 22ND - PASTA (NOODLES)

DEC. 23RD - TEA/HOT CHOC

DEC. 24TH - TUNA OR CANNED CHICKEN

MONETARY DONATIONS ALSO ACCCEPTED.

IT COSTS APPROXIMATELY
\$65 TO PURCHASE ALL THE ITEMS
ON THE CALENDAR.

ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN GUILD HALL IN THE ADVENT TREE. THANK YOU!



St Paul's Church directory photos & personal family photos!

Church directory photos:
Dec. 8th, 15th, 22nd.
Choir room, after church.



Personal holiday family photos-
Message Katie at 414-659-1365 or talk to me in person to book.
Indoors at my studio in Menomonee falls!





IMPORTANT

>>> ANNOUNCEMENT <<<

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE!

It's that time of year again. Please get your Annual Reports into the office as soon as possible. We have a new Administrative Assistant and it will take extra time to assemble packets.

**E-mail them to:
saintpaulsinthefalls@gmail.com**

Please send them ASAP!