

**St. Pauls
United Church of Christ**



Sunday, November 3, 2024
Twenty-Fourth 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: “Legende,” Louis Vierne, arr. Callahan

Frederick Patzner, trumpet

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: Praise the Holy One as long as we live.

Many: Praise the Creator, who makes our days, who trails our paths, and who gives us breath.

One: Praise the Holy One with our whole selves—mind, body, and soul.

Many: Trust in wisdom and honor, truth and love, grace and mercy.

One: Praise the Holy One for God is just, generous, compassionate, liberating, and near.

Many: The Holy One reigns, lifting up the lowly, humbling, the proud, and sustaining the righteous from generation to generation. Praise God!

***INVOCATION:**

Leader: Loving God, what joy it is to know your name. To know that when we call, you answer. When we seek you, we find you. When we long for you, we discover that you are already with us. Anchor our lives in your presence. Encourage us beyond our fear. Remind us of your goodness and miraculous works. Reaffirm the power you have made available and at work within us. Fortify us as your people who give and receive your love to your glory. In your name, we pray. Amen.

***OPENING SONG: “My Hope is Built” #537**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

ALL: Righteous One, write your commandments on our hearts...not as a list of do's and don'ts but as a vision of the people who can be, the lives we may live, and the world we may create. Write liberation of the oppressed, care and wholeness of those with unmet needs, and revelation and understanding to those oblivious to the truth. Emblazon your law of love in our hearts, on our lips, and in our journey. Transform us with your love so that we may reflect your love toward our neighbor and toward ourselves. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

Pastor: Beloved, you are loved, and you have power to choose love in every moment and every encounter. Love has the power to lift, to heal, and to change. Let Holy Love move the mountains before you and the valleys within you.

***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: Ruth 1:1-18 (P. 308)

Pastor's Reading: Mark 12:28-34 (P. 1202)

SERMON: *To Love and Be Loved* **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:** "The Gift of Love," #526

***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: The call to generosity is a charge to love with our resources in material ways. When we give from our abundance, we express our gratitude to God our Provider, we assert our trust in God our Sustainer, and we affirm our communal commitments to God our Creator. Let us give from love in action and in energy, in spirit and in truth, in hope and in expectation that the kingdom comes when we choose to live it.



(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.)

OFFERTORY MUSIC: “Lead Me Lord,” S. Wesley
St. Pauls Adult Choir

***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: Great God, receive these gifts of love with blessing for those who give and those who receive. Magnify our ministries, enlarge our circles of care, and amplify our love in the world. 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:

The Holy One be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the One who guides our life together.

It is our joy to offer gratitude and praise.

God, you never promised us that way would be clear. You have, however, created us in your image – the image of One who is Wisdom, who is Love, who is Courage. You breathed your life into us with the assurance that we have, within and around us, everything we need to be your faithful people. Though we sometimes act in disregard for your call on our collective life, still you show up with and for us, relentlessly. And so, we join with all the saints who have gone before in gratitude for your abiding presence:

Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and presence

all that is, is full of your glory

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of Love.

Sacred is your presence and blessed is Christ with us....

...On the night in which he was arrested, he gathered among friends for a meal.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread and shared it with his disciples saying,

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you; this is the cup of the new covenant. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of Christ with us, and in the assurance of your Love persistent, we offer our lives, our ministries, and our church in the service of your healing work as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Spirit on this community and these gifts. Make them a taste of your Kingdom through Christ with us, that we might leave the Table both nourished by your Love and still hungry for justice for all your people.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

(Please wait until all elements have been distributed)

During the distribution, please join us in singing #414 “Eat this Bread”

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: Communal God, we give you thanks that as you shared in life and death, you lead us into the resurrected life. At this table, we acknowledge your abiding presence among us. You offered us bread and cup, which we receive in remembrance and expectation of your movement in human history. Form us as your faithful community and shape us as servants and stewards of your realm. By your Holy Spirit, may your covenant reign within our hearts and manifest in the witness of our lives now and forever. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN:** “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations,” #484

***BENEDICTION:**

***POSTLUDE:** “Praise Ye the Father,” C. Gounod, arr. Wells



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+Communion liturgy adapted from M Jade Kaiser, Enfleshed Liturgy.

RESOURCES FOR PERSONAL DEVOTIONS

Lectionary Readings for November 10, 2024 *Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost*

~Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17
~Hebrews 9:24-28

~Psalm 127
~Mark 12:38-44

LITURGIST SCHEDULE:

Nov 3 Amy Dethloff
Nov 10 Tom Lindow
Nov 17 Pam Gibowski
Nov 24 John Rubatt

USHER SCHEDULE:

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:

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

COFFEE HOUR HOST:

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
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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 to share your joy or concern)**

- Joann Martin and Samuel Kuhlmann were married here on Nov. 2nd. Blessings on their marriage and the many years ahead.
- Jaye Gardebrecht - Brother, Dale, has recently entered hospice.
- Carol Rubatt - We celebrate that her CT scans came back good.
- Jean Lipenski - Brother, Dan, is recovering from a stroke.
- Jegl Family - As they move parents/in-laws.
- Steve Hecky - 6-year-old grandson, Graham's continued medical journey.
- 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 scheduled three listening sessions. The final session will take place in the sanctuary after worship today. 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.

### Evangel

The November 2024 Evangel has been published and is on our website. It is packed with information this month, so please take a moment to read it. Events such as the annual Cookie Walk, a final campfire and chili night, a holiday mental health workshop, and other events are coming up!

If you have signed up to receive the Evangel through e-mail and have not received it, please check your "Spam" folder, as that's where it can sometimes be found. Please call or e-mail the office if you haven't received 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.

### **Fall Clean-Up**

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

### **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.

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

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## **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 - Liederkranz Rehearsal

## **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

9:30am - Service

9:45am - Children's School

10:45am - Fellowship

10:45am - Christmas Program Rehearsal



# CAMPFIRE *and Chili Potluck*

Gather 'round the crackling flames, eat some chili, and revel in the autumn atmosphere. It's a night of fellowship, filled with laughter, camaraderie, and the cozy glow of a roaring campfire.

Please bring a batch  
of your favorite  
chili to share!  
(Or just come to  
enjoy the  
fellowship!)

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2024**  
**FROM 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

St. Pauls UCC, N89W16856 Appleton Ave.,  
Menomonee Falls, WI

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## Cope Ahead

PREPARING FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON  
WITH SARAH MILLER, APSW MSW

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▶ 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.

