

# **EVANGEL**

February 2025



### Post from the President

Greetings Beloved St. Pauls Community,

I cannot express how humbled I am to be elected president of Saint Pauls UCC. This institution, which began back in 1868, has been based on our love of the Lord and one another. Our sense of community has grown beyond our walls, through our village and into the world. From the meals we provide at St Bens to the people we have helped through our mental health task force; St Pauls shows humanity how to act towards all walks of life. Our family grows stronger when we work together baking cookies or just sitting down with a cup of coffee after worship. We have always been an example of a faithful community. Thank you for entrusting me to help lead the church through this time of transition. Saint Pauls UCC has been a staple of Menomonee Falls for over 150 years because of their compassion, vision and love of the Lord.

Faithfully,

Michael Nooyen

The Healing Network team at Holy Cross would like to invite you and your adult congregants to the ARC's Your Choice: The Wake Up Call presentation. Our team is dedicated to supporting teens and their families with information and resources to stay drug and alcohol free. The Wake Up Call presentation provides practical information on current drug trends, a walk-through of a teens' bedroom with more than 20 red flags that could indicate substance abuse, and proactive parenting strategies to keep children substance free. Many area high schools have held this presentation in the past to build community awareness on substance abuse. The Wake Up Call presentation will be held for parents and community members on Wed. Feb. 19, 2025 from 7-8:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran W156N8131 Pilgrim Rd., Menomonee Falls. Because of the mature content, this is intended for adult audiences only. If you are interested in joining us, please bring a canned food item for All Peoples Food Pantry and/or a free will offering to defray cost. Contact Kim Fischer (kescher79@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending or if you have any questions! Thank you. We are looking forward to seeing you Feb. 19, 2025

Jim Franklin - The Healing Network



#### The Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meetings will be the second Sunday of each month, after church at 10:30am. Also, the third Thursday of the month at 6:30pm.



Knitters and crocheters and people willing to learn are invited to Guild Hall for fun, conversation, and the joy of yarn!

All are welcome!

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

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

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

- -David & Anne Marie Bast
- -Earl Flaskrud
- -Harlan & Cathy Schnabel
- -Hal Maury
- -Frank Schleicher
- -Keith Farnham
- -Carolyn Golner
- -Paulette Kornmann

- -Lorrie Tatz
- -Sharon Whitman
- -Mary Kurtz
- -Dorothy Duehring
- -Elaine Laabs
- -Barbara Justus

#### **VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES:**

#### LITURGIST SCHEDULE:

Feb. 2 Mike Nooyen

Feb. 9 BSA Troop 321

Feb. 16 Hoagland

Feb 23 Blaine Harris

#### **USHER SCHEDULE:**

**Feb. 2** Team #5 (Nooyen)

Feb. 9 BSA Troop 321

**Feb. 16** Team #6 (Dethloff)

**Feb. 23** Team #1 (Maury)

#### **GREETER SCHEDULE:**

Feb. 2 Kam & Tom Lindow

Feb. 9 Scouts

Feb. 16 Mike Maury

Feb. 23 Sue Schuelke & Mike Gresen

#### **COFFEE HOUR HOST:**

Feb. 2 Mike David

Feb. 9 Scouts

Feb. 16 Amy Krohn

Feb. 23 Sue Schuelke & Mike Gresen



## FEBRUARY WEDDING **ANNIVERSARIES**

Jeffrey & Carol Klimas (32y) 2/13



David Wehrman	02/03
Carol Rubatt	02/07
Jared David	02/08
Charles Lindow	02/08
David Bast	02/10
Michael Gresen	02/12
Steven Holzman	02/12
Ethan Welke	02/15
Griffin Lindow	02/18
Megan Ische	02/22
William Gibwski	02/23
Kim Smith	02/25
Sharon Whitman	02/25
Jonathan Jegl	02/26
Cathi Smith	02/26
Devan Frank	02/27
Sue Harris	02/27

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### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

9:00am - Main St. Song & Dance 9:00am - Meditation Group

#### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

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

#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

7:30pm - Bell Choir Practice

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

4:30pm - Bible Study 5:30pm - MenOHarmonee

6:00pm - Main Street Song & Dance

6:15pm - Cabinet Meeting 6:30pm - Boys Scouts 7:30pm - Board Meetings

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

5:30pm - Liederkranz Rehearsal

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

9:00am - Main St. Song & Dance 9:00am - Meditation Group

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9:30am - Service

10:30am - Prayer Shawl

10:45am - Fellowship

#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

7:00pm - Masons

7:30pm - Bell Choir Practice

#### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

4:30pm - Bible Study

5:30pm - MenOHarmonee

6:00pm - Main Street Song & Dance

6:30pm - Boys Scouts

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

5:30pm - Liederkranz Rehearsal

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

9:00am - Main St. Song & Dance 9:00am - Meditation Group

#### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

9:30am - Service 10:45am - Fellowship 11:00am - Women's Fellowship

#### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

6:30pm - Knit/Crochet Group

#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

7:30pm - Bell Choir Practice

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

4:30pm - Bible Study 5:30pm - MenOHarmonee

6:00pm - Main Street Song & Dance

6:30pm - Boys Scouts

#### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

5:30pm - Liederkranz Rehearsal 6:30pm - Prayer Shawl Meeting

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

9:00am - Main St. Song & Dance 9:00am - Meditation Group

#### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

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

#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

7:30pm - Bell Choir Practice

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

4:30pm - Bible Study

5:30pm - MenOHarmonee

6:00pm - Main Street Song & Dance

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

5:30pm - Liederkranz Rehearsal

St. Pauls Calendar can be found online <u>HERE</u>. It includes all events held by outside groups as well as church event

# Pastor Steve Davidson's response to the call to serve as Interim Pastor at St Pauls.

Following a period of prayerful discernment, and relying on the presence and leading of the Holy Spirit, I have been led to accept the church's call to serve as part-time interim pastor and teacher of St. Pauls United Church of Christ, Menomonee Falls, WI.

I had not anticipated there might be a second opportunity to serve the church in this capacity, but, as I indicated during the course of our conversation 10 days ago, surprise is one of God's better suits! In the gospel of John, we are told the Spirit blows where it will, often catching us by surprise.

The challenge before all of us is to stay abreast of the Spirit and respond in faith and trust. We will do that together, as we did previously, with the assurance that God will abide with us, providing guidance and hope for the building of the community of faith and the determination to "serve the Lord with gladness."

Obviously, given the church's most recent transition, I will endeavor, as part-time interim pastor, to bring continuity and stability to the community of faith. But, in addition, an effort must be made to bring new life to the church and thus a hopeful future.

Please know how pleased I am that the Holy Spirit has brought us to this time and place. During my previous ministry at St. Pauls, a solid relationship of faith between pastor and people was established. I look forward to building upon this relationship, that together, led and empowered by the Spirit of the risen Christ, we might strengthen the body of Christ, giving witness to God's love and justice and

Peace, Stephen J. Davidson

## To the Congregation

Hildegard "Hilde" Eversum Lowen died January 8th, 2025. She most recently was a resident of The Arboretum. She joins her husband Werner, daughter Christine Marie and granddaughter Kristin Marie in heaven. Funeral services were held on January 15th at Gloria Dei Lutheran church, Menomonee Falls. Hilde was 93.

Earl and Linda Flaskrud are asking for support during Linda's impending shoulder surgery this spring. Linda is the caretaker for Earl and will not be able to drive him to doctor appointments or do some basic household tasks and errands following surgery. Linda is willing to pay someone to do these things for them. Please contact Julie Loth for additional information or if you have questions at 262-422-0267 or <a href="mailto:implease:implea

## Souper Bowl Sunday

It's that time of year again to vote for your favorite football team. Bring a can of soup or two and place it by the team you think might win the super bowl. The soup will go to the food pantry. Place your bets and have fun. This will go for the month of February. If you have any questions, contact Jayne Gardebrecht at jjg1057@gmail.com



#### You're Invited!

### To the Southeast Association Gathering

When: February 22nd, 2025 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Where: Emanuel United Church of Christ, 10627 W Forest Home Ave Hales Corners, WI 53130-2058

Fellowship & Coffee Hour (with pastries provided) from 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Worship at 10 a.m. followed by discussion centering around the conference/association restructuring.

This will be a time to receive, process and ask questions with the Revs. Franz Rigert, Andrew Warner, Jane Anderson, Rachel Bauman and other association leadership.

This event will be live-streamed. The week before the event we will email registrants all pertinent documents and the live-stream link. Childcare will be available.

# Register at the Link Below

Southeast Association Wisconsin Conference UCC https://www.wcucc.org/associations/southeast-association/

# Scout Sunday February 2nd, 2025

