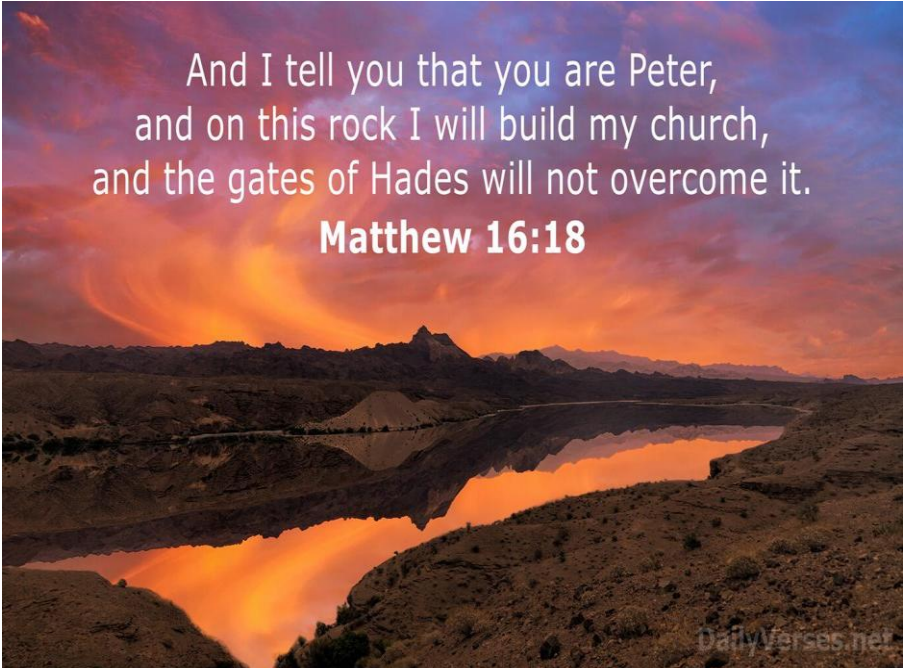


**St. Pauls
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And I tell you that you are Peter,
and on this rock I will build my church,
and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

Matthew 16:18



Second Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 19, 2025

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

(* = YOU MAY STAND.)

ORGAN PRELUDE:

We invite you to use the Prelude as a meditative moment of transition from the outside world into God's house.

RINGING THE BELLS AND WELCOMING THE LIGHT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Guest Pastor, Steve Hecky

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Your love, O God, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.

**ALL: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your justice like the great deep.**

Leader: Earth's children, high and low, take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**ALL: We feast on the abundance of your house;
you give us drink from your river of delights.**

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

ALL: Glory be to you, O God, our life and our light! (Adapted
Psalm 36)

INVOCATION:

Leader: With different gifts, with a variety of talents, with an array of interests, we come to worship you, our creating God. We are here to unite our spirits, to be made one in Jesus Christ, to be merged in hope as your children. Bless our differences, that the unique gifts and perceptions of each may strengthen our oneness. Drawn into your Spirit, we give you the thanks of our hearts, in the name of the living Christ. **Amen.**

OPENING SONG: "People of Faith" (Anniversary Song - sheet music on the following page)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Leader: You have called us, God, to live as Christ did and to follow in his ways. It is difficult. We confess to you and to ourselves how often we fall short of Christ's example.

ALL: We have gone off after our own goals, forgetting to test them by your intention for us. (Pause)

We have failed to understand the needs of those around us, and seek their good. (Pause)

We have relied on our own strength and given in to despair, when we ought to have turned to you. (Pause)

Forgive us, open our hearts to the simple, gentle, loving ways Jesus taught and empower us by your Spirit. (Pause)

Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:**

Pastor: Cleanse and renew us, that we may know the joy of purposeful living and be bearers of your light, through the grace of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

***SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE**

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

ALL: And, also, with you.

A MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN "Have you ever been in a wedding ceremony?"

(Ringbearer, flower girl, acolyte, dancing at the reception)

READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Liturgist: Psalm 36: 5-10 #664

Pastor: John 2: 1-11 #1267

SERMON:

"Cana Grace"

Reverend Steve

Hecky

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)

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:** “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” #305

***CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP** (*from the United Church of Canada*)

Leader: We are not alone, we live in God's world.

ALL: We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Holy Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Mission Moment: 158 Amazing Years of Service to the Lord

by: Chris Sparrow

Piano Selection:

Played by:

Jared David

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Leader:

Loving God, our hunger is never better satisfied than at your table. Our gifts can have no higher value than when they are offered to you. Because you fill our spirits, we hunger to serve. And we pray that these our gifts may be as food to nourish the living body of Christ, his church. Amen.

OFFERTORY



(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: Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as a sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: "We've Come This Far by Faith" #533

*BENEDICTION:

Pastor: Go gladly into the world.
Be filled with the love of God.
Dance to the song of the Spirit.
You are a dearly loved child of God.
Peace be with you wherever you go!
Amen.

***ORGAN POSTLUDE:**

***OPENING HYMN: “People of Faith”**

Let all of us here to the past ages sing,
To millions of those now gone,
To people of faith, from the free to the king,
the named and unnamed in hist’ry’s throng.
One great voice unites us all,
the song of God on earth.
For centuries ever we each hear the call,
from each death to each new birth.

From Abraham’s time and to Moses and Ruth,
To Mary and John and Paul,
Refrains of the goodness and beauty and truth
are passed from each age to age to all.
Our own folk did hear the strain,
they joined the millions strong,
From Europe and Asia and Africa came to bring the new
world the song.

In pondering, then, our path yet ahead,
And looking for what’s to come,
Recall all of those whose examples have led us
each to become what we’ve become.
By the Spirit we unite to sing with ages gone,
As people of faith we continue the light
And pass to the future God’s song.

**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.**



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RESOURCES FOR PERSONAL DEVOTIONS

Lectionary Readings for January 26, 2025

~ Neh 8:1-3,5-6,8-10 ~ Luke 4:14-21
~ Ps 19 ~ 1 Cor 12:13-31a

LITURGIST SCHEDULE:

Jan 19 Pam Gibowski
Jan 26 Marcus Seehaver

USHER SCHEDULE:

Jan 19 Team #3
Jan 26 Team #4

GREETER SCHEDULE:

Jan 19 Sarah Welke
Jan 26 Mike Maury

COFFEE HOUR HOST:

Sarah Welke
Jean Lipenski

OUR STAFF:

Pastor: Rev. Steve Hecky
Bell Choir Director: Chris Sparrow
Pastor Emeritus: Russell Knoth
Admin. Asst.: Stephenie Osuji

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Pam Gibowski  
Drew Olson  
Chris Sparrow  
Paul Martin

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

- Julie Loth - Whose cousin, Scott Schwinn, died this past November and for his family going through their first Christmas without him.
- Darlene Eisen - who is home recovering from a broken hip.
- Jaye Gardebrecht - Whose brother, Dale passed away and brother Kurt who is going through treatment for his cancer that has returned.
- Carol Rubatt - We celebrate that her CT scans came back good.
- Jean Lipenski - Brother, Dan, is recovering from a stroke.
- Steve Hecky - 6-year-old grandson, Graham's continued medical journey.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **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 box in Guild Hall. We will plan to ship in January in time for the start of the second semester. Thank you!

### **FOOD PANTRY**

There were 203 items collected for the food pantry. A warm thank you to everyone that donated.

### **Jim Franklin - The Healing Network**

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 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](mailto:kescher79@gmail.com))

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# Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 26th, 2025

10:45 a.m.

Following Worship

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 14**

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

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 16**

**6:30am-8:00pm - Prayer Shawl**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18**

**9:00am - Meditation Group**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 19**

**9:30am - Service**

**10:45am - Fellowship**

**11:00am - Women's Fellowship**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 21**

**Food Pantry**

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

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22**

**4:30pm - Bible Study**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 23**

**Food Pantry**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25**

**9:00am - Meditation Group**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26**

**9:30am - Service**

**10:45am - Fellowship**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28**

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