

# **EVANGEL**

January 2025



# Post from the Pulpit

Greetings Beloved St. Pauls Community,

Happy New Year. As we all enter into 2025, I pray that this new year is kind and gracious to all of you.

Thank you for allowing me to journey with you this past year. Although our time together has been brief, I have learned so much from you and I am grateful for the ways we were able to be a community together. I so enjoyed our conversations at coffee shops and individual home visits, helping with the cookie walk, Sunday morning worship services, bonfires and Bible Study just to name a few things. I hope that when you reflect back on 2024 that you find moments of joy too.

Through the Advent and Christmas Season, we have utilized the sermon series Words For the Beginning from A Sanctified Art. We looked at words and phrases that Mary might have taught her beloved son, Jesus, and we wrestled with how we might bring those words into our own life. We looked at what it means to be seen as blessed, to recognize that we cannot do this thing called life alone, to do the good that is ours to do, honoring that hope is worth the risk, all while not forgetting to laugh. It almost feels fitting that the final Sunday in the series focuses on "the road not being straight".

The road is filled with twists and turns, and at this time, our paths will go two separate ways. But God remains and will continue to walk with each of us no matter where we go. So, as we part ways, I'd like to offer this final prayer to you from A Sanctified Art.

Guiding God, we know that this life of faith is not easy. Even the Magi, those faithful seekers, had to change course. Even the Magi had to go home by another way. So, as we journey, bless our wanderings. Bless our path. Walk beside us. Dance beside us. Hang stars in the sky and place a deep knowing in our gut that we simply cannot ignore. And if the road turns into a dead end, grant us the courage to begin again.

May it be so. Amen.

So much love to you St. Pauls Community, Pastor Emma



# **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.



# Next Gathering: Monday, January 20th at 6:30 p.m.

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



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)

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

- -Lorrie Tatz
- -Sharon Whitman
- -Hilde Lowen
- -Hal Maury
- -Dorothy Duehring
- -Elaine Laabs
- -Barbara Justus

# **VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES:**

# LITURGIST SCHEDULE:

Jan. 5 Amy Dethloff

Jan. 12 John Rubatt

Jan. 19 Pam Gibowski

Jan. 26 Marcus Seehaver

#### **USHER SCHEDULE:**

Jan. 5 Team #1 (Maury)

Jan. 12 Team #2 (Gibowski)

**Jan. 19** Team #3 (David)

Jan. 26 Team #4 (Medrow)

#### **GREETER SCHEDULE:**

Jan. 5 Kate & Terry Tracy

Jan. 12 Julie Loth

Jan. 19 Sarah Welke

Jan. 26 Mike Maury

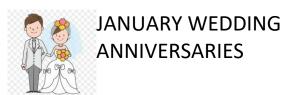
#### **COFFEE HOUR HOST:**

Jan. 5 Chris Sparrow

Jan. 12 Julie Loth

Jan. 19 Sarah Welke

Jan. 26 Jean Lipenski



Daniel & Jane Ische (28)

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME TO BE AN USHER, LITURGIST, GREETER, OR TO HOST COFFEE HOUR IN 2025!



David Nooyen	01/03
Noelle Newman	01/05
Scott Jansett	01/09
Daniel Ische	01/13
Lee Rolfs	01/16
Carol Wehrman	01/21
James Krohn	01/26
Lynn Bauman	01/29
William Hoagland	01/30

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Thursday - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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# **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

# **SUNDAY, JANUARY 5**

9:30am - Service (Pastor Emma's Last Day) 10:45am - Fellowship

#### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 7**

7:30pm - Bell Choir Practice

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8**

4:30pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - Board Meetings

# FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

6:00pm - Boy Scout Lock-In

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

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

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 12**

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

# **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

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

# **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

# MOON BEACH CABIN





October 28, 2024

St. Paul's UCC Attention: Rev. Emma Sancomb N89w16856 Appleton Ave Menomonee Falls, WI 53051-2066

Please accept my hearfolt thanks for your generous donation of \$150,00 to our Cabin Foundation Restoration Campaign at Moon Beach Camp. Your generosity is truly appreciated and significantly impacts our efforts to preserve and restore the historic cabins at Moon Beach, Generous donations have already funded foundation reinforcements to Loon, Snipe, Balsam, and Hemlock cabins.

Thanks to your support, we are one step closer to ensuring that these cherished structures remain standing for generations to come, providing countless campers with memorable experiences and moments of connection. Please know that your donation will be put to excellent use, helping to safeguard the essence of Moon Beach Camp for all who visit.

Once again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generous contribution. We look forward to keeping you updated on the progress of our restoration efforts and welcoming you to Moon Beach Camp soon.

With deep gratitude and blassings,

Rev. James Schleif Executive Director

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It was good to be with you last work, and your pulpit supply. Stipend is generously supporting say "Roots o wine" appeal!

Please note that IRS regulations require that this letter state that United Church Camps, incorporated is a tax-esserget organization that did not provide any specific goods or services in return for this contribution. Please seve-this latter to your fair files.

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# Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 26th, 2025 10:45 a.m. Following Worship