

**St. Pauls
United Church of Christ**



Third Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 26, 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, Jim Gorman

***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: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing #5

***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.

READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Liturgist: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a #1381

Pastor: Luke 4:14-21 #1220

SERMON: "Many Members, One Body" Pastor Jim Gorman

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: How Great Thou art #33**

***CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP (*Our Apostles' Creed*)**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord:
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin
Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,
and buried; He descended into hell; The third day
He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at
the right hand of God, the father Almighty;
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; The One Holy Universal
Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness
of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen

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: Blest Be the Tie that Binds #433

*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:**

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
February 2, 2025**

~ **Luke 4:21-30**

~ **Jer 1:4-10**

~ **Ps 71:1-6**

~ **1 Cor 13:1-13**

LITURGIST SCHEDULE:

Jan 26	Marcus Seehaver
Feb 2	Mike Nooyen
Feb 9	BSA Troop 321
Feb 16	Hoagland
Feb 23	Blaine Harris

USHER SCHEDULE:

Jan 26	Team #4
Feb 2	Team #5
Feb 9	Troop 321
Feb 16	Team #6
Feb 23	Team #1

GREETER SCHEDULE:

Jan 26	Mike Maury
Feb 2	Kam & Tom Lindow
Feb 9	Scouts
Feb 16	Mike Maury
Feb 23	Sue Schuelke & Mike Gresen

COFFEE HOUR HOST:

Jean Lipenski
Mike David
Scouts
Amy Krohn
Sue Schuelke & Mike Gresen

OUR STAFF:

Pastor:	Pastor Jim Gorman
Bell Choir Director:	Chris Sparrow
Pastor Emeritus:	Russell Knoth
Admin. Asst.:	Stephenie Osuji

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**OFFICE HOURS**

Church Office: **Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 10:00am-2:00pm**

**CPR (Church and Pastor Relations Committee) MEMBERS**

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We invite anyone that is interested to share their concerns and thoughts. Please contact the committee at the email address listed above.

## **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.
- Jayne 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**

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

Chris -

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

### **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!

### **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))

# Giving Totals

ST. PAULS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Funds Report by Date  
for period: 01/12/2025 to 01/19/2025

01/20/2025 11:17 AM

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| 01/12/2025 - Sunday        |                      |        |
| 3 Current Regular Envelope |                      | 900.00 |
| 01/14/2025 - Tuesday       |                      |        |
| 3 Current Regular Envelope |                      | 725.00 |
| 01/19/2025 - Sunday        |                      |        |
| 3 Current Regular Envelope |                      | 933.00 |
|                            | Total for 01/19/2025 |        |

Total Contributions

\$2,558.00

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

9:30am - Service

10:45am - Fellowship

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

7:30pm - Bell Choir Practice

## 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 - Liederkrantz 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