

St. Paul's



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

**October
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**All articles are due in by
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Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for the lovely cards, beautiful flowers and generous gift marking Pastor Appreciate Day. I am grateful for your kind words and thank the Lord for the experience of sharing in Christ's ministry with you.

I feel encouraged about tomorrow. I feel encouraged because I am trusting in God's grace and your willingness to serve. Even after all these years, God continues to amaze and delight as God performs wonder after wonder.

I see this in your compassion and service to those in need. If you see a need, you want to help meet it. You care about people who are hurting. You want to help. You do help. You show compassion and sympathy. You regularly give time, talent and treasure to those who are lacking. You show Christ's love and I have seen you do it day after day, week after week, month after month and year after year. How do you do it? I know. I know how you do it. You strive to love as Jesus showed you love.

God inspires through you.

Peace,

Pastor Greg

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Follow us on Facebook & Instagram: [stpauls_ucc_cl](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsucccl)

Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Via Facebook Live or streaming on website.

Church Office Hours

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday



October 2022

Dear Church Family,

“To every thing there is a season and a time for every purpose under the heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3:1. We at St. Paul’s are entering a new season of transition as we prepare for Pastor Greg’s retirement in the spring from his almost 20-year ministry at St. Paul’s. As I mentioned in last month’s Council News, this new season will call for times of careful planning and discernment for the future of St. Paul’s, as well as times of celebration of and gratitude for Pastor Greg’s time with us over the last two decades. Our purpose during this time will be to discern and facilitate God’s will for St. Paul’s as we forge the path ahead. Your Church Council will lead the way in charting this course, with God’s help, but we will also need the congregation’s participation and support throughout this transition.

Several members have already offered to share their time and talents! At our Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting on October 9th, the congregation approved the nomination of two church members, Wendy Manser and Linda Ticknor, to serve on the 2023 Council. In addition, since that meeting, Ruth Costello has come forward to volunteer as a Council member in 2023 and, subject to congregational approval at this coming January Annual Meeting, she will join our existing Council member, Janis Braun, as well as Wendy Manser and Linda Ticknor, to serve on our 2023 Church Council. We are deeply grateful that they have answered God’s call. We have asked several others to prayerfully consider serving on the Council and we continue to pray that they will open their hearts to let God use them to serve in this way during this important time.

At our Council meeting this past Tuesday, we discussed key steps in the pastor retirement and transition planning process and have begun to develop an outline of what needs to take place and when. As I have previously mentioned, we have determined to proceed with an Interim Pastor to provide continuity in worship and pastoral care, and to help facilitate our transitional work in preparation for our new pastor search. We have already communicated with our Fox Valley Association of the UCC Conference to enlist their support and guidance and have reviewed materials they have provided outlining the process. Our search for an Interim Pastor will be conducted by the UCC Conference on their platform, based on our input regarding St. Paul’s profile and needs. While the search for an Interim Pastor will begin in earnest with next year’s Council, we are doing our best to provide a roadmap for that process. We will also be asking a small group of St. Paul’s members to work together on a Planning Committee, which will, in coordination with the Council and Pastor Greg, organize ways in which we can celebrate Pastor Greg’s leadership over these many years, facilitate his retirement planning, and gather input from the congregation as appropriate.

I pray for your continued support of and love for St. Paul’s and one another as we embark on this new season together. St. Paul’s has been abundantly blessed by God’s grace. Let us continue to use the resources He has bestowed upon us to glorify His name and spread His Good News.

With gratitude and great hope for our future,

Nancy Bellis, Church Council President

Let's Celebrate Birthdays



Ann Kummerow	11/3
Sophia Engel	11/5
Todd Fredrick	11/6
Bill Deuerling	11/9
Nolan Van Hoorn	11/9
Barbie Fredrick	11/10
Jan Lloyd-Gohl	11/13
John Gulino	11/13
George Heck	11/15
Elizabeth Speros	11/15

Faith Lotesto	11/17
Glenn Berg	11/17
Dan Pagnotta	11/21
Tim Monahan	11/21
Jill Albertson	11/23
Kevin Kruse	11/24
Dennis Radet	11/24
Gary Voss	11/25
Kevin Lang	11/28



Mikey Sopchyk	12/2
Nancy Schmitz	12/3
Arlene Kopsell	12/6
William Jelinek	12/7
Maxwell Wilson	12/7
John Kennedy	12/12
Jonathan Kriegel	12/13

Adam Kay	12/13
Jared Kay	12/13
Lon Schmidt	12/17
Jo Ellen Roxworthy	12/22
Wendy Domanico	12/22
Eric Domanico	12/25
Marsha Britt	12/27

Church News

Upcoming Events

Mitten Drive October 1-31

As the cooler weather approaches we would like to help children in need. We are collecting mittens for those in need. If you would like to help please hang donations on the line in front of the Preschool office window.

Thank you,

St. Paul's Guiding Light Preschool



OCTOBER 1- 31



PLEASE HANG DONATIONS ON LINE
IN FRONT OF PRESCHOOL OFFICE
WINDOW

ST. PAUL'S GUIDING LIGHT PRESCHOOL

REMINDER TRUNK OR TREAT!

Is Friday, October 28th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

We will take care of everything else, but we need 20 TRUNKERS! Please consider being a trunker-- there will be prizes for the best trunks!



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TRUNK or TREAT

SAVE THE DATE!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2022

6:00 - 8:00 PM

- *SAFE "TRUNK OR TREATING"
- *KIDS HALLOWEEN MOVIE PLAYING
- *FESTIVE PHOTO BACKDROP
- *VOTING ON BEST TRUNKS

"TRUNKER" SIGN-UP
COMING SOON!



Any questions, please contact Becky Lucking at guidinglightdirector@gmail.com

Church News

It's that time of the year again!

A time when our wonderfully generous community comes together to help us provide food to our neighbors in need throughout the area. Your donations help us feed thousands every year! Through your participation you can help us celebrate this community-wide, hugely impactful, and "FEEL GOOD" event of the year.



St Paul's has been a great supporter of the food pantry throughout the years. This year we will hold our community harvest on **Sunday November 20th**. This is the date of our annual Thanksgiving celebration which will once again include a Turkey pot luck dinner following the service.

The pantry has offered a list of suggested food donations, they include:

CANNED FRUIT | MAC & CHEESE
PASTA | TOMATO SAUCE
SIDE DISHES/DINNER HELPERS
CANNED BEANS | CANNED MEAT
CANNED MEALS (hearty soups, chili, ravioli)
PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS

Please no open or expired items, they happily accept monetary donations also.

The food pantry has been experiencing higher numbers of neighbors requesting assistance, and is counting on this food drive to help meet those needs.



CHURCH LIFE

St. Paul's Church Life group will once again host our traditional Thanksgiving Supper on Sunday, **November 20th** immediately following the evening service at 5:00 pm.

Church Life will supply the turkey, dressing, gravy and beverages. Watch for a sign up sheet in the narthex to confirm your attendance and list the delicious item you will bring to share with the congregation.

Please remember to bring nonperishable items for the Food Pantry.

Also, if you are uncomfortable driving at night, but still wish to attend the service and the supper, **NO PROBLEM.** Call **Wendy Manser at 815-245-0058, or the church office at 815-459-5096** so we can arrange transportation.

Church News



Lounge Renovation

Plans for the renovation of the lounge have been developing over the past months. With the success of our Capitol Campaign, we will soon be undertaking those repairs and changes.

Before those things can happen, we need to empty the lounge. We tentatively plan to move one book shelf to the confirmation room for reference materials. The plan for the remaining books in the library is to offer them to church members first and then donate the remaining books. It has also been suggested we install a little library near the drive way to supply books to our community.

If any church members have special ties to items in the lounge, we would encourage you to claim them. If you have an interest in the furniture, please let us know.

We will work with groups who currently use the lounge to find appropriate places to meet. The timeline for the work to be done is being determined and we will communicate those dates as they are finalized.

Please know that this is your renovation, if you have thoughts and ideas or would like to part of this planning process, we welcome you input or participation in the process. Now is the time to offer those thoughts or join our committee.

Laurie Revak

Jane Dawson

Cathy Schmidt

Wendy Manser

Church News



Piano **Accompaniment**



Looking for a Temporary Service Accompanist

As you may have noticed, our service accompanist, Kristin Lundine Scheets, is having a baby! She is due in early February, so we are on the hunt for someone to fill in for her during February and March. Do you know of any competent pianists or organists that might be interested in playing for our worship services for these 2 months? We don't need someone as accomplished as Kristin, but we do need someone that can glorify our services with beautiful keyboard music. If any of your family, friends or contacts might be interested, please have them reach out to me, or you can contact me for more details.

Thanks for any leads you can uncover!

Linda Kranz

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Church News

This year the altar guild will be ordering white and red poinsettias from Renee's in Ridgefield, the same place we ordered from last year. The price will remain the same at \$10 each. You can put the order form and check in the offering plate or send your order in to the church office. Someone will be in the narthex to take your orders on November 13th, 20th, and 27th. ***The deadline to order is November 27th.***

Altar Guild



It's time to order your CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS!

This year you have your choice of two poinsettia colors, indicate your selection below.
All plants have 5-8 blooms per 6" pot.

___ Classic Red



___ White



Name: _____

Phone: _____

I would like to order ___ Poinsettias at \$10.00 each.
Enclosed is my check/cash for \$ _____.



MEMORIAL LISTING

HONOR LISTING

Deadline for Ordering
November 27th, 2022

Please return your order form with payment to an Altar Guild member or the Church Office.

Thank you.

All plants are available to be taken home after the Christmas Eve service.



Usher Schedule

**October
Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.**

USHERS

October 23

Rob Revak - Captain
Kevin Kruse & Nancy Bellis
Greeter: Lynn & Gene Virzi
Reader: Wendy Manser

October 30

Gary Voss - Captain
Carla Voss
Wendy Manser
Greeter: Arlene Tuscano
Reader: Jane Dawson

**November
Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.**

USHERS

November 6th

Ken Hansen - Captain
Karen Hansen
Steve Tobin
Greeter: Jo Ellyn
& Don Roxworthy
Reader: TBD

November 13

Ken Thrun - Captain
Rebecca Eckhart
Wendy Dominico
Greeter: TBD
Reader: TBD

November 20

Rob Revak - Captain
Laurie Revak
Elizabeth Speros
Greeter: Lon & Cathy Schmidt
Reader: TBD

November 27

Sheryl Gee - Captain
Gary Gee
Jack Vogt
Greeter: Sondra Matterness
Reader: TBD

**December
Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.**

USHERS

December 4th

TBD - Captain
Greeter: TBD
Reader: TBD

December 11th

TBD - Captain
Greeter: TBD
Reader: TBD

December 18th

TBD - Captain
Greeter: TBD
Reader: TBD

December 25th

TBD - Captain
Greeter: TBD
Reader: TBD

St. Paul's Prayer List



St. Paul's Homebound Friends

Arlene Kopsell, Barb Biscomb

Military - Stateside

Todd Whetham

Beth Roxworthy - Now stationed in Djibouti, Africa

Sponsored Children

Alberly (Dominican Republic), Andrian (Indonesia), Daniel W. (Indonesia), Nicole V. (Bolivia), Nicole S. (USA), Tran Thi Chin (Vietnam), Breny (Columbia), Alfred (Tanzania), Dereje (Ethiopia), Isack S. (Tanzania), Maria, Jobenta M. (Haiti), Emyli (Guatemala)

St. Paul's Vision

Call to serve

Our

Neighbors' and Members'

Needs by

Engaging as

Christ's people

Through service and Love

Follow Us on Social Media!

Keep up with St. Paul's latest news, information, and connection. LIKE and share our on social media.



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Give the Gift of SCRIP



IN STOCK SCRIP CARDS as of October 20, 2022

Amazon	4 @ \$25
Buffalo Wild Wings	2 @ \$25
Chipotle	3 @ \$10
Darden	1 @ \$25
Dunkin'	8 @ \$10
Fannie May	8 @ \$10
IHOP	2 @ \$25
Jewel	3 @ \$100
Kohl's	2 @ \$25 / 1 @ \$100
LL Bean	2 @ \$100
Mariano's	2 @ \$50
Panera	7 @ \$10
Red Lobster	8 @ \$25
Shell	3 @ \$50
Speedway	1 @ \$100
Starbucks	5 @ \$10
Synergy (Mobil)	10 @ \$50
Steinmart	1 @ \$25
Subway	3 @ \$10
Walmart	6 @ \$100/1 at \$250

Former members (regular LL Bean customers) moved without buying two of those cards I still had in stock. If anyone could make use of them, it would help us out as they were NOT returnable after two months. If you need any of the above cards, they can be dropped off at church for pick up. If you want to order any particular cards, please let me know. As always, checks are made payable to St. Paul's. **Karen Radovich** (nuknees@mc.net)

EASY AND CONVENIENT

These products make it easy to earn on the go.

PrestoPay™

The secure online payment system for families that lets them pay for orders and receive e-gift cards and reload their cards immediately.

MyScripWallet™

Our mobile website where families can buy physical gift cards, reloads, and eGift cards. Directly onto their phones great for when you are in line at a store. you can reload or buy cards to go straight to your phone!