

# St. Paul's United Church of Christ

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## Church Council Officers:

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Vice-Pres- Colette Brill

Secretary- Allison Dean

Treasurer- Gail Rowell

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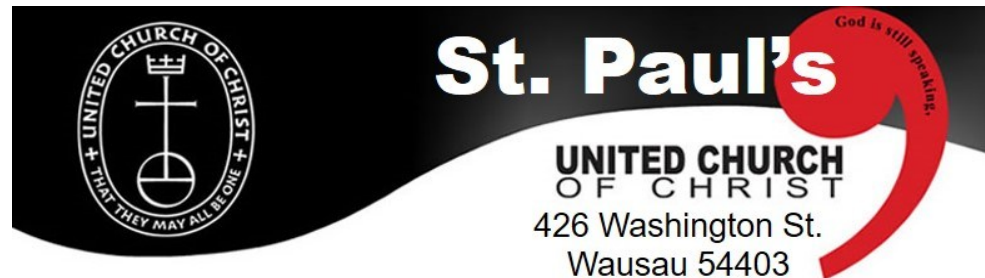
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Please note: Sunday Services are available on Public Channel Spectrum 980 or TDS 14. \*Weekly Sunday Services begin on Tuesdays at Noon; Wednesday at 5pm; Thursdays at 8am; and Sundays at 9:30 am.



## August 2026 COMMUNICATOR

*Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. -Hebrews 10:24-25*

August is upon us, and it's a busy month of transitions. Families make plans for one more weekend getaway before school starts in September. Teachers put down the foundations for the coming school year in late summer, preparing their classrooms and attending in-service meetings. Farmers tune up their combines to harvest oats and other small grains. High school athletes begin practicing on the gridiron, the soccer field, the volleyball court, and the cross-country route. And here in Wausau, the community will come together to put on the Wisconsin Valley Fair August 4-9 in Marathon Park.

There is a lot of activity around St. Paul's this August. We continue to get ready to welcome our new pastor, the Rev. Susie Grade, who will begin her pastorate August 24. Our Sunday School teachers are preparing to welcome their students upstairs in the classrooms. The bells and choir directors are planning their musical offerings which enhance our worship throughout the year. The Brat Stand will continue through the end of the month, hopefully with no rainouts or smokeouts going

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forward. At the Fair, the church will again sell hot beef and potato chips to hungry visitors in the Fair Pavillion. There's a lot going on!

All these activities require volunteers, people willing to work with others in a common endeavor. If you haven't done so already, consider signing up to work a shift at the Fair or cover a few hours at the Brat Stand before it's done. If you've ever thought about singing in the choir or learning how to play bells, our musicians would love to have you join or at least try it out. Want to get to know more folks here? Sign up to be an usher or join the Media team. And if you'd like to work with our young people and have some ideas about how we can recruit and retain more of our youth through activities and fun events, please reach out to us. We'd love to hear from you! Making a church work is a cooperative effort, and you will certainly find a place here! -Chris Ewan

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

St. Paul's took a Lamers Bus to American Family Field in Milwaukee to see the Brewers beat the Miami Marlins 8-3 on a hazy Saturday afternoon. Attendees were treated to pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, potato salad, and cookies for lunch, and refreshments on the bus. Hats off to **Gordie Hintze** of the Mission Committee for putting in the months of planning, calling and texting, and organizing this fun event! Work on the Bell Tower is underway, and thanks to the **Building and Grounds Committee** members for their work in assessing our building's needs and determining the work that needs to be done. Finally, the Attic Treasures Sale is in October, but much of the organizing and pricing has been going on for months. **Marie Kickbusch** has spent hours going through donations, pricing them, and getting ready for the October sale. Thanks go out to everyone who has donated items to sell!

## Weekly Ministries Schedules



### Come & Worship

#### Ushers

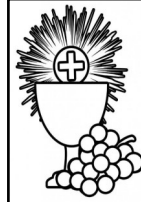
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8/09 Team 8  
8/16 Team 9  
8/23 Team 1  
8/30 Team 2

#### Worship Leaders

8/02 Chris Ewan  
8/09 Chris Ewan  
8/16 Pastor Jill Christopherson  
8/23 Pastor Jill Christopherson  
8/30 Rev. Susie Grade

#### Readers

8/02 Vivienne R.  
8/09 Melissa C.  
8/16 Craig C.  
8/23 Gail Rowell  
8/30 Craig Clausen



#### Communion Setup & Cleanup

August 16th: 9:00am Shirley VanSlate

#### Scrip Sales

8/02 Pam H.  
8/09 Josh R.  
8/16 Bev R.  
8/23 Kurt S.  
8/30 Andy W.

#### Media

8/02 Gerry B.  
8/09 Travis S.  
8/16 Jim M.  
8/23 Travis S.  
8/30 Gerry B.



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BARBEQUE

#### August Brat Stand Schedule

08/05 Media Committee  
08/12 Altar Guild Committee  
08/19 Hospitality  
08/26 Ladies of St. Paul's



We will be collecting an offering for the victims of the 7/27 tornado in Menasha. Our sister UCC church in Menasha suffered significant damage. Despite having 80 people in the building at the time of the storm, no one was hurt.

Please keep this community in your prayers. We are accepting loose change donations on 8/2 and 8/9, as well as any checks or envelopes with "Tornado Relief" on them. Thank you!



**We are looking for volunteers to read the scriptures, opening prayer, & call to worship during services this summer. Please sign up on the table outside the parlor. THANK YOU!**

## Statistics from Our Media Ministry Team

We are still working out some kinks in our new mini mixer. Trying to get the organ sound on the video has been a challenge.

In July, 598 unique visitors viewed 747 pages on our website. Our most viewed social media post this summer was a Facebook events reel that now has over 260 views!



## August at St. Paul's through the Years...

The Women's Choir first began wearing robes in **August of 1934**.

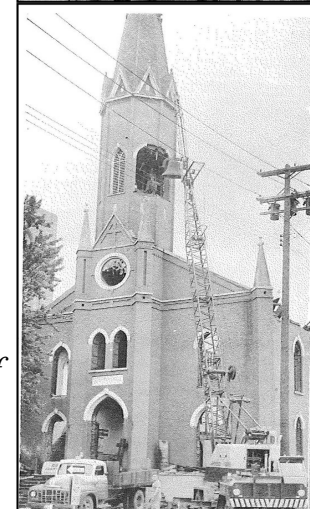
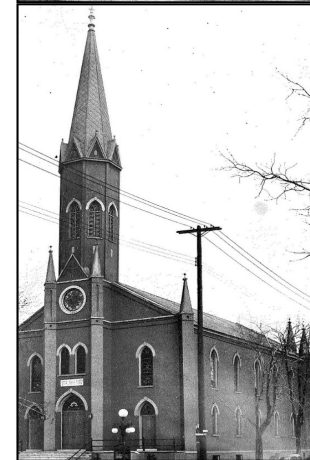
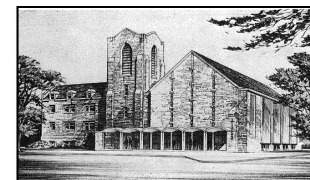
Have you ever wondered how many people can sit in the sanctuary? 760, apparently! That's the figure, according to the flyers at the sanctuary dedication in **1963**.

Clergy from St. Paul's conduct weekly worship services at two Wausau-area nursing homes, a service the church has provided since **August of 1979**.

In the days before Facebook, Youtube, and Livestreaming, our church recorded audio tapes of services for shut-ins and other people who were unable to attend worship in the sanctuary, beginning in **August of 1982**.

A world without computers seems unimaginable to us today. When did the office at St. Paul's get their first computer? **August of 1983**.

Source: *The 125th Anniversary Calendar of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 1988*.



## Communion Services



**In August, communion will be offered on the third Sunday, 8/16.**

Christopher Ewan & Pastor Jill Christopherson will continue leading us in worship in August.

**Rev. Susie Grade will begin leading us on August 30th.**

St. Paul's

UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

SUMMER BRAT STAND



Every Wednesday: 4:30-7:30pm  
In the Alley Between Intermission  
Bar & St. Paul's Community Center  
On 4<sup>th</sup> Street- Wausau!

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& GALLERY  
319 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET, WAUSAU 54403



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# BIBLE STUDY

Come Grow in  
God's Word!

Every Wednesday / 3pm

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Church of Christ  
426 Washington Street  
Wausau WI 54403

EVERYONE IS  
WELCOME!

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One step at a time.

You'll get there.

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## Ladies of St. Paul's News



### St. Paul's Treasure Sale

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday  
October 2, 3, and 4

The Ladies of St. Paul's need your help!

As you are going through your house this summer deciding to get rid of unwanted items, please consider donating them for our October Treasure Sale.

We are looking for items in CLEAN and GOOD condition.

### Suggested Items to Donate

\*Jewelry \*COMPLETE Adult and Kids games \*Adult and Kids books \*Toys, CLEAN stuffed animals  
\*Puzzles \*CD's, DVD's, LP's \*Lamps - SMALL furniture \*CLEAN bedding and blankets \*Baskets \*Purses  
\*Pictures, frames, photo books \*Housewares (Baking items, silverware, dishes, pots and pans, utensils,  
glassware, etc.) \*Canning jars \*Craft items - yarn, material, sewing items, etc. \*Knick-knacks \*Small  
electrical appliances such as coffee makers, toasters, hand mixers, crockpots, etc. in CLEAN AND  
WORKING CONDITION \*Seasonal decorations (Valentines, Easter, Spring, Fall, Thanksgiving and  
Christmas items, etc.) \*Sports items - bats, balls, gloves, etc. - in good condition \*CLEAN yard tools \*Tools  
\*ANTIQUES \*ETC.

\*\*\*\*NO CLOTHES PLEASE\*\*\*\*

### Donate a Raffle Item

ALSO, WE WILL BE HOLDING RAFFLES EACH DAY DURING THE SALE. ANYONE WISHING TO DONATE  
GIFTS FOR THE RAFFLE PRIZES, YOUR CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.  
(See Deb Nass for donations)

### We need your help!

**Days Prior to the Sale**  
We are continuing to price items  
during the summer. Please  
consider donating time the week  
prior to the sale for displaying the  
items we have for sale.

**During the Sale**  
We need assistance monitoring  
the entrance door, cashiers,  
baggers, and help to rearrange  
tables and displays. We will  
also need assistance in the  
kitchen with food preparation  
and sales.

**Days After the Sale**  
Immediately following the  
sale, we will be packaging  
items to be given elsewhere.  
*Many hands make quick  
work.*

When the time comes, please be willing to donate a few hours of your time to make the St. Paul's Treasure Sale a success. Although this effort is led by our Ladies of St. Paul's, it is an all church event which will take the support of everyone in our congregation.

### PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE BELL TOWER RESTORATION PROJECT

If you have items to donate and need assistance unloading, please call the church at 715-842-3733 so we can schedule a volunteer to assist you.



Welcome Back  
**TO SCHOOL**  
**BUY YOUR SCRIP**  
**TODAY**

for all those important back to  
school purchases



## Door County Tour

**Saturday,  
September 19, 2026  
7am -9:30pm**

**Cost: \$85/Person**  
**Includes Round-Trip**  
**Transportation on a Lamer's**  
**Deluxe Mini Coach Bus.**  
**Meals & Shopping Not**  
**Included.**

**SATURDAY**  
*September 19, 2026*  
Bus departs 7am

**Points of Interest:**  
\*Renard's Cheese  
\*Maritime Museum  
\*Harvest Fest at Sturgeon Bay  
\*Grandma Tommy's  
\*Charlie's Smokehouse  
\*Door County Distillery  
\*Egg Harbor Shops  
\*Dinner at Pizza Ranch  
in Green Bay

**COST: \$85.00/Person**  
\*Includes Round-Trip  
Transportation on a Lamer's  
Coach Bus & Travel Snacks!

\*Shopping and Meals  
Not Included.

## New Things for This Year:

### Lawn Games:

- \*Corn Hole
- \*Yahtzee
- \*Jumbo  
Connect 4
- \*Rev. Susie  
Grade

**Volunteers are  
always needed  
for setup &  
cleanup.**

**Please contact  
the office to  
sign up.**

**SAVE THE  
DATE!**



**ANNUAL  
CHURCH  
PICNIC**

Suggested donation:  
\$15/person.  
\*Ages 9 & Under  
EAT FREE!

Join us for a picture-perfect day filled  
with sunshine, worship, and a delightful  
catered lunch in the park.

**September 13, 2026**  
**10AM - 2PM**

Riverside Park; 100 Sherman St., 54401

**For More Information or to Signup:**  
715.842.3733  
Wwww.StPaulUCCWausau.org



## Clausen Christmas on the Farm Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>



**Cost: \$90/Person-**  
**Includes Dinner & Transportation**

**BOOK  
SALE**

**MARATHON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
WAUSAU HEADQUARTERS | 300 N. FIRST STREET, WAUSAU, WI

**August 5-8, 2026**

Browse great deals on thousands of like-new and gently used books, movies, music  
and more! Proceeds support library programs. Hosted by the Friends of MCPL.

**FRIENDS MEMBERS ONLY:**

Wed., 8/5, 5-7:30 p.m.

Non-members can join at the door for \$10.

Also: Don't forget our members-only book  
sales on the third Saturday of every month!

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Thu., 8/6, 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Fri., 8/7, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sat., 8/8, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
*Saturday only: \$6 Bag Sale!*

**St. Paul's United Church of Christ's**



**2026  
YOGA  
CLASSES**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays  
5:30pm with Denise**

Contact the church office to begin  
registration: 715.842.3733

**Cost: \$66  
for 6  
Classes.  
Drop-In  
Rate: \$15  
per Class.**

**50% OFF for  
St. Paul's  
Members!**





*You are invited!*

# DINER'S CLUB

Friday, August 21st

5:30pm Refreshments

6pm Dinner

**Memories Ballroom**

142475, County Rd NN,  
Marathon City, WI 54448

**RSVP: 715.842.3733**

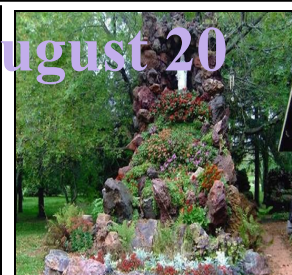
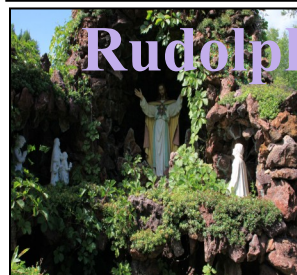
## 2026 Fair Booth Signup OUTSIDE PARLOR

Wausau Fair:  
August 4<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup>



**Fair Booth Setup: August 3rd**  
**Booth Cleanup: August 9th**

**\*Please contact the church office to help  
with either or to work our food booth.**



## Rudolph Grotto August 20

**Chris Ewan is looking for people interested in  
a day trip to the**

**Rudolph Grotto on Thursday, August 20**

**We will be leaving church at 12:30pm**

**Garden paths are lengthy and not paved.**

**If you are interested, please sign up outside the parlor or  
call the church office at 715-842-3733.**

# Hello and greetings from the Wisconsin Conference!



I am Shannon Joshi, the newly settled Associate Conference Minister for the Northern Region of the Wisconsin Conference. I am excited to begin working with the region's 58 congregations, along with the many clergy & chaplains.

For me, home base is Eau Claire. I was born and raised in Eau Claire and have made the Chippewa Valley my home. With family living in Chetek, Wausau, Tomahawk, Prairie Farm, Barron, and Turtle Lake, I have a deep love for northern Wisconsin. I look forward to getting to know better the communities where I have not spent as much time.

Over the course of the next year, my goal is to visit each of the churches in the Northern Region. This may include weekday, in-person meetings or a Sunday visit to join you in worship. While my aim is to visit all churches, I will begin with those currently in transition. In the coming weeks, I will be reaching out to the churches that were working with Michael and Franz.

I look forward to getting to know you, your church, and your community. Please feel free to reach out with questions, concerns, wonderings, or simply to introduce yourself. I am looking forward to walking alongside you in whatever ways are most helpful and meaningful to you and your congregation.

With you in Christ,  
Shannon

*The best ways to reach me are by email ([sjoshi@wcucc.org](mailto:sjoshi@wcucc.org)) or by phone (608-419-7509). I keep office hours Monday through Friday and regularly check both email and voicemail between 9 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.*



**\*Attention\***  
**St. Paul's Food Pantry will be Open Every Thursday in August!**

**\*\*Volunteers Needed\*\***

**Hours of Operation: 9:00 am-Noon**

**Walk-up:** Welcome all operational days

**Drive-up:** Limited to twice per month

**Diaper Distribution:** Once per month per family.

## **CALLING ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS, SUBS, and HELPERS!**

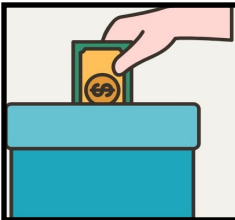
Are you interested in sharing your love of Jesus Christ with the youngest among us? Have you ever considered helping out with Sunday School?

Are you curious as to what will be available in 2026-2027?

Please join Pastor Susie on Sunday, August 30 after the worship service in the meeting room for a planning meeting.

**First day of Sunday School is Sept. 20.**





## Dollars and Sense

Are you starting your back to school shopping? Looking for a special birthday gift for that person who has everything? What about using St. Paul's UCC scrip cards?

For every scrip card sold, St. Paul's can receive up to 15% of the purchase price! Scrip can be purchased during office hours or on Sunday mornings.

Thank you to all those who allowed us to earn \$3,960.28 in our first six months.

### Financial Report for June 2026:

|                                      |               |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Current Giving                       | \$11,146.00   |
| Monthly Goal:                        | \$19,167.00   |
| Year to Date Under Budget by         | (\$14,108.63) |
| Staff Support Expenses Year-to-Date  |               |
| Under Budget by:                     | \$28,927.13   |
| Administrative Expenses Year-to-Date |               |
| Over Budget by                       | (\$2,929.97)  |
| Program Expenses Year-to-Date        |               |
| Under Budget by                      | \$875.30      |
| Property expenses Year-to-Date       |               |
| Over Budget by                       | ( \$1,084.19) |

*"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."*

— Winston Churchill



## Brewer Trip July 18, 2026

Submitted by: Tania Schwarze

A great time was had by all at this year's Brewer Trip! We had a fun bus ride to Milwaukee; filled with snacks, beverages, & raffles. At the game, they were giving out Brandon Woodruff bobble heads & most of our group received them. We watched the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Miami Marlins 8-6. The highlight of the game was when the Brewers scored 4 runs in the 6th inning. Then the Marlins tried to rally scoring 3 final runs in the 9th inning, but did not succeed.

The Polish Sausage won the Sausage Race at the game; we had 9 winners on our bus raffle who guessed the winner correctly. The total attendance at the game Saturday was 40,144 people. Lillian won the bus raffle with a guess of 40,182— only 38 off!

Congratulations to all of our raffle winners! All proceeds raised will go to St. Paul's Mission Committee.

**See you all again next year for an amazing day!**

**Are you  
receiving our  
weekly emails?**



**Call the office at  
715-842-3733 to  
get on the list!**

**Have you  
followed us  
on Facebook?**



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**Don't miss out on any of the  
happenings at St. Paul's UCC!**