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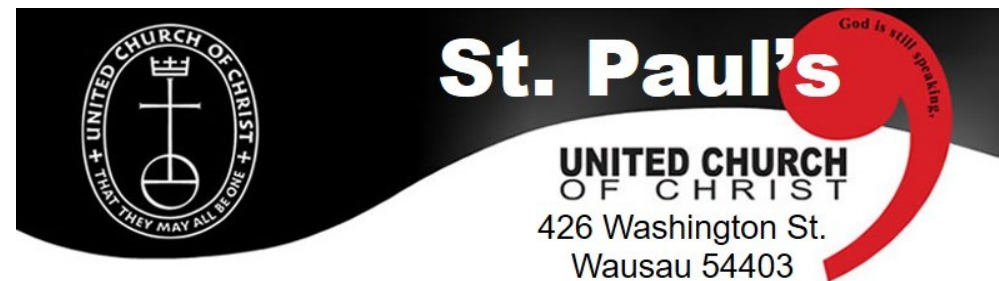
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Please note: Sunday Services are available on Public Channel Spectrum 980 or TDS 14. *Weekly Sunday Services begin on Tuesdays at Noon; Wednesday at 5pm; Thursdays at 8am; and Sundays at 9:30 am.



September 2026 COMMUNICATOR

A Word from Pastor Susie

"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." — Philippians 1:6

Hello St. Paul's,

I am delighted to be here as your new pastor. There is nothing like a local church when a local church is working right — and I believe that's exactly what God has in mind for us.

My hope is that together we will fix our eyes on Jesus, and re-imagine what ministry might look like here at St. Paul's. Our church has a rich history of ministry, and in just a short time I have already heard so many wonderful stories from so many wonderful people connected to this community. That history is a gift, and it's part of the foundation we get to build on.

At the same time, it's apparent that, like many churches, St. Paul's has lost some momentum in recent years. The first job of any leader is to define
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(A Word from Pastor Susie continued)

reality, and one of our realities is that some changes will be needed if we are to leave a legacy of hope for future generations. Change always involves grief — we lose the familiar, the comfortable, the way things used to be. But change can also involve the excitement of fresh movement and new momentum. Both can be true at the same time, and I think that's okay.

I'll be calling on each of you to join me in digging in and discovering what God has in store for us as a church. My hope is that you'll say yes to some Spirit-led endeavors as we welcome the changes ahead together — not change for its own sake, but change in pursuit of reaching people with the love of God and revitalizing the ministry of this church.

Thank you for welcoming me. I can't wait to get to know each of you, hear your stories, and walk this road together.

Grace + peace in Christ,

Susie

Pastor Susie

Despite being rained or smoked out 5 times, our brat stand seemed to have a good following bringing in \$1,977.81 in profit so far this summer. Thank you to all of the committees and volunteers who have donated their time to work there and serve our community. Everyone has a good time enjoying each others company and eating the great food. Again thank you to Kris for picking up the groceries for us and bringing them to church. Thank you to everyone who worked, setup, cleaned up, or bought food!



Weekly Ministries Schedules

Ushers

9/06 Team 3
9/13 Team 4
9/20 Team 5
9/27 Team 6

Readers

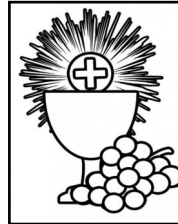
9/06 Need Volunteer
9/13 Picnic: Need Volunteer
9/20 Need Volunteer
9/27 Need Volunteer

Scrip Sales

9/06 Jerry W.
9/13 Gerry B.
9/20 Carla E.
9/27 Pam H.

Media

9/06 Jim M.
9/13 Church Picnic
9/20 Travis S.
9/27 Gerry B.



Communion Setup & Cleanup

September 20: 9AM Nora Schultz



September Brat Stand

9/02: Volunteers

If your committee's brat stand was rained or smoked out— Join us from 5pm– 7:30pm!

★ Thank you ★

From All of Us at St. Paul's UCC

Thank you to our Supply Pastors!

We are so fortunate to have the Rev. Susie Grade join us as our settled pastor. Her arrival brings to a close a year-and-a-half stretch where the church relied on supply pastors to lead worship services. We appreciate all of their efforts & want to thank Rev. Elizabeth Hazel, Ann Larrabee, Pastor Jill Christopherson, Rev. Vicki Wunsch, Chris Ewan, Mike Loomis, the Rev. Michael Jones, and the Rev. Jim Mohr for their leadership on Sunday mornings.

Thank you to our Volunteers!

Many thanks to the small army of folks who signed up to sell hot beef sandwiches and chips at our stand at the Wisconsin Valley Fair in Marathon Park. We especially highlight the efforts of **Nora and Jay Schultz**, who opened and closed the stand each day and were responsible for daily cleanup.

Gerry Brummond and **Chuck Romanowski** were big helps setting up and taking down the stand. September 2 brings to a close the summer season's Brat Stand in the alleyway, which was a big success in large part to the volunteers who signed up to help on Wednesdays. Special thanks goes out to the set-up and take-down crew: **Nora and Jay Schultz, Chuck Romanowski, Gerry Brummond, Larry Krueger, and Karen Krueger**; and to others who grilled and prepared food.

Finally, thanks to the generosity of donors and area non-profits, the church's Food Pantry has been able to give out food every Thursday of the month. We couldn't do it without the help of **Sally Scinto** and **Jan Beck**, who manage and sort donations and distribute the food bags. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make our busy month of August go!

An important update regarding Communion from your Church Council



In consultation with incoming Pastor Susie Grade, the Church Council has decided that communion in September will be on September 20, due to the Labor Day holiday, and the church picnic.

In October, we will be having communion on the first Sunday of the month—October 4. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we adjusted the schedule to accommodate those leading worship.

LABOR DAY THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED

Enjoy the holiday; recharge with
your family & friends!



**ST. PAUL'S OFFICE WILL RESUME NORMAL
OPERATING HOURS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH.**

**Are you
receiving our
weekly emails?**



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

**Have you
followed us
on Facebook?**



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

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



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. A special thank you to Glenn & Tim for helping us troubleshoot our sound quality.

In August, 235 unique visitors viewed 576 pages on our website. Our Facebook posts had 1,638 views and 82 engagements.

September at St. Paul's Through the Years...

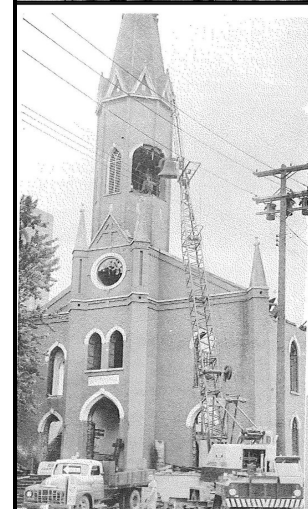
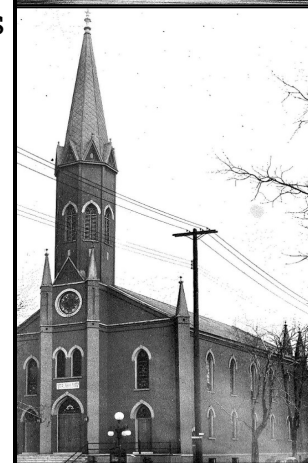
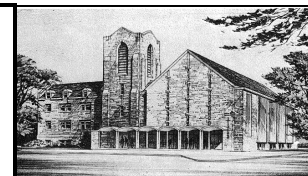
Confirmation classes sounded a little different in **September of 1917**. That's when the church changed the language of instruction from German to English.

From **1865 to 1869**, St. Paul's was led by Pastor Albert, who also served churches in the townships of Berlin, Maine, and Texas. The pastor surely put a lot of miles on his horses!

On Sunday, **September 11, 1988**, the church held a special dinner and celebration in honor of Rev. Ortwein's fifty years of ordained ministry.

Talk about dedicated service to the church! In **September 1966**, Marie Miller retired as organist after forty-six years in that position. George, you've got a long way to go!

St. Paul's paid off its mortgage in **September of 1970**, with a burning ceremony to mark the achievement.



Diner's Club

You're Invited!
Chet & Emil's

Date: Friday, September 18

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: 688 Main St.
Birnamwood, WI

*Please sign up outside the Parlor
or call the office to register so we
can let the restaurant know how
many are coming.*



Door County Tour

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

Cost: \$85/Person

Includes Round-Trip

Transportation on a Lamer's

Deluxe Minivan

**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

**Person
Includes Round-Trip
Transportation on a Lamer's
Coach Bus & Travel Snacks!**

***Shopping and Meals
Not Included.**

Only 5 Seats Left!

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.**

**ST. PAUL'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**SIGN UP
NOW!**

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

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

www.StPaulUCCWausau.org

Suggested donation:
\$15/person.
*Kids 10 & Under
EAT FREE!



Welcome Ann Sczygelski!

**She is our new
housekeeper at St. Paul's.
Ann lives in Merrill with
her husband Mark and
their 2 sons Darren and
Nathan.**

**Ann loves to read and spends her time caring
for their various animals including her many
ducks and chickens. Ann shares that she enjoys
working at St. Paul's and appreciates how kind
and welcoming everyone has been.**

Thank you for joining our team!

Clausen Christmas on the Farm Thursday, November 19th



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

Get Your Family Christmas Picture Early & FREE!

Capture the magic of the season with a FREE picture your family will cherish forever- And You Can Use For Your Christmas Card!

St. Paul's UCC

Christmas MINI SESSION

Limited-Time Mini Sessions Include:

- 10-15 minute photoshoot
- Professional festive setup
- Digital (FREE) copy of photos
- Perfect for holiday cards & gifts!
- Additional Free pictures will be taken to update our church directory

Reserve your Christmas Mini Session now!

SESSIONS 9/15-10/31: SIGN UP OUTSIDE THE PARLOR OR CALL CHURCH TO RESERVE YOUR SESSION.

CALL CHURCH: (715) 842-3733

St. Paul's UCC 2027 Directory!

In order to save church monies—and your family's Christmas funds—we have decided to make our own 2027 Directory. We need **YOUR HELP** to accomplish this!

Please sign up for a Mini Session and we will also take a family Christmas-themed picture for you!

As of this writing, St. Paul's UCC has raised **\$1,327.50** towards **Menasha Tornado Relief**. Thank you for your generosity in supporting our **Brothers and Sisters in Christ**.



Work is now complete on the Bell Tower. There were some issues with the tower roof. Work on that was completed on 8/19. The cost for all work came in under the \$100,000 approved by the congregation. Thank you for your patience during the process. It's not too late to donate towards the project.



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for all those important back to school purchases

St. Paul's
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Join Our
FALL BIBLE STUDY

A place to explore God's Word, build friendships, and grow in faith together



- Bible reading
- Group prayer
- Day Trips
- Fellowship

WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30AM
426 WASHINGTON STREET,
WAUSAU WI 54403

Everyone is welcome! No experience needed.
Please bring your open mind & heart!

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St. Paul's
United Church of Christ

Kids Club

A Fun-Filled Experience for Children
Age 3 Through 6th Grade

EVERY SUNDAY | 9:15 AM
426 Washington St.- Wausau

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Interactive Bible Stories
- Exciting Games & Activities
- Creative Crafts
- Music & Singing
- Friendship & Fun

CONTACT US
(715) 842-3733
StPaulUCCWausau.org
Registration Required



Starts 9/20!
All kids welcome!

St. Paul's
FOOD PANTRY

Will be Open every
Thursday from 9am - Noon
in September.

Volunteers Needed!
Call the church office to
schedule volunteer times.
(715) 842-3733




Seek JUSTICE
Love MERCY
Walk HUMBLY

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OCT. 2-4, 2026

ST. PAUL'S UCC ANNUAL
CHURCH
TREASURE SALE

**Electronics, Housewares, Accessories,
Seasonal Decor, Crafting Materials,
Toys, Books & More.**



St. Paul's Treasure Sale

Friday and Saturday, October 2 and 3
9:00am - 3:30pm
Sunday, October 4, 2026
(9:00am—12noon)

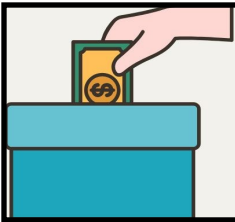
**A lunch will be available for purchase Friday
& Saturday.**

****VOLUNTEERS NEEDED****

We need of help to make this a success!

*If you are willing to donate your time on the days
before, during, or after the sale, it would be greatly
appreciated. Please call the church office at (715)
842-3733 to volunteer.*

**All proceeds will benefit the Bell Tower
Restoration Project.**



Dollars and Sense

Scrip Suggestions for September:

Don't forget those back shopping needs—clothes, shoes, backpacks, jackets! We have scrip for Kohl's, Target, and Walmart. We can also order some for Amazon, Dick's Sporting Goods, Gap, Old Navy, and TJ Maxx just to name a few.

Halloween will be here before you know it. Don't be tricked into purchasing candy without a scrip card.

Sneaking away for that one last get away—purchase your gas using a St. Paul's UCC gas card from Krist, Shell, and Kwik Trip. Help the church earn a little more dough while enjoying what is left of our warm weather.

Financial Report for July 2026:

Current Giving	\$13,675.50
Monthly Goal:	\$19,167.00
Year to Date Under Budget by	(\$19,590.15)
Staff Support Expenses Year-to-Date	
Under Budget by:	\$38,755.08
Administrative Expenses Year-to-Date	
Over Budget by	(\$2,744.87)
Program Expenses Year-to-Date	
Under Budget by	\$2,191.24
Property expenses Year-to-Date	
Over Budget by	(\$2,363.87)

Update on the 2026 Fair Booth

When we initially had a booth at the fair, we gave away things: fishing game prizes, popcorn, and children's tattoos. We also handed out information on the church inviting families to join us for worship. We paid for the booth rental, supplies, and tickets for those working at the fair. There was nothing to bring in money so the fair was a sizeable expense.

Today, the fair booth still provides us with the opportunity to get our name out in the community and for our volunteers to invite people to join us in worship. However, now we can also serve food, which allows us to not operate at a total loss.

We want to thank all of the volunteers, as well as Nora and Jay, for all of the hours spent setting up, serving food, and taking down the booth. Thank you to Kris for making sure that we had all of the ingredients for the sandwich plates here when we left for the fair.

We made \$632.08 in profit after paying for the health department license, booth rental, tickets for those assisting at the fair, and the ingredients to make the sandwich plates. Although not a huge money maker; it is a great opportunity to invite people to join our church and show that St. Paul's is an active member of the community.