

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

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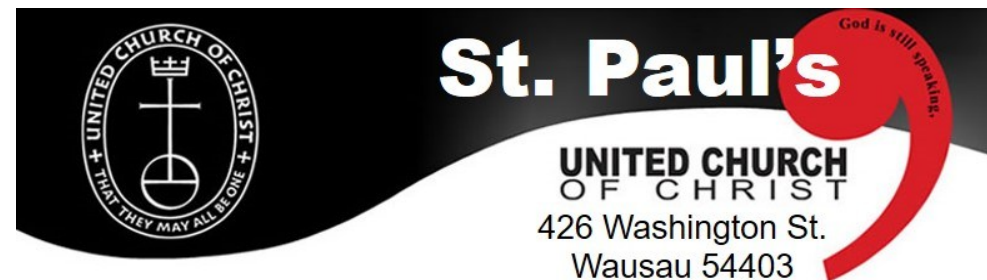
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Please note: Sunday Services are available on Public Channel Spectrum 980 or TDS 14. *Weekly Sunday Services begin on Tuesdays at Noon; Wednesday at 5pm; Thursdays at 8am; and Sundays at 9:30 am.



July 2026

COMMUNICATOR

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. -Philippians 4:6-7

Transitions can be nerve-racking times in life. Whether it's a new job, retirement, graduation from school, or moving to a new city or house, these transitions from something old to something new can be stressful as well as exciting. At St. Paul's we're in the midst of a transition ourselves, as we welcome our next settled minister, the Rev. Susie Grade. It will be a happy, eagerly anticipated transition, as we've waited more than two years for a new pastor. But even with changes we're looking forward to, there can be stress & questions. What will worship be like under our new pastor? Will the music and hymns change? What new activities or spiritual practices will we be asked to do? How will we reach out & connect with new residents of downtown Wausau?

I often look for reassurance and guidance going forward, by looking backward to the example of the past. In 1909, St. Paul's called a new pastor from Menominee Falls, the Rev. Ernest Grauer. He had been in the ministry for about fifteen years, shepherding three congregations in that time with the help of his wife, who taught Sunday School. When Rev. Grauer and his wife came to Wausau, St. Paul's was in the middle of a major transition.

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...All the worship services at the time were conducted in German, but the children and young people of the congregation were more comfortable speaking English, the language of the schools and playgrounds. Over the course of Rev. Grauer's pastorate, English was slowly introduced into church life: first in Sunday School, then in Confirmation, then in special monthly services, until the late 1940s, when all worship services were conducted in English. In addition, Rev. Grauer oversaw a number of much-needed upgrades to the church's sanctuary & grounds, including new cement work, repairs to the steeple, new lighting & doors, & new decorations throughout the church buildings. Rev. Grauer's thirty-six year tenure at St. Paul's was a great blessing.

As our church begins what we hope will be a long and successful ministry with the Rev. Grade, there may be some changes around here. But as the past shows us, change is often a welcome and necessary thing. Be open to the ways you might contribute to the ongoing life and vitality of St. Paul's church under its new pastor. See you in church! -Chris Ewan

Aitäh! Thank you! Kösz! Asante!
(Estonian, English, Hungarian, Swahili)

Thank you to the many volunteers and helpers who contributed their time and talents to the church's activities in June. **Tania Schwarze** planned the Vacation Bible Study activities at the church on June 23 and collaborated with staff from Peace and Grace at the other VBS locations.

You might have noticed that the church's Brat Stand has a new tent, which is courtesy of **The Ladies of St. Paul's**. It takes a small team of folks to carry it from the garage each Wednesday, and **Larry Krueger** was a big help with the lifting. Speaking of the Brat Stand, the June 3 premiere was the bestselling day in its history. Thank you to the volunteers from **Church Council** for helping make that happen!

Thank you to **Gerry Brummond** for driving the church van to the Clauson Music Show on June 18. And finally, thank you to **Tracey Baken** for assisting at a church wedding on May 30!

Weekly Ministries Schedules



Come & Worship

Ushers

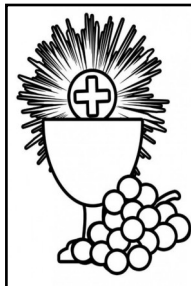
7/05 Team 3
7/12 Team 4
7/19 Team 5
7/26 Team 6

Worship Leaders

7/05 Chris Ewan
7/12 Chris Ewan
7/19 Rev. Elizabeth Hazel
7/26 Rev. Susie Grade

Readers

07/05 Gail Rowell
07/14 Need Volunteer
07/19 Craig Clausen
07/26 Vivienne Reissmann



Communion Setup & Cleanup
July 19 9:00am Randy & Kathy Buedding

Scrip Sales

07/05 Andy W.
07/12 Jerry W.
07/19 Gerry B.
07/26 Carla E.

Media

07/05 Chuck R.
07/12 Jim M.
07/19 Gerry B.
07/26 Travis S.

July Brat Stand Schedule

07/01 Christian Ed.
07/08 Church Staff
07/15 Finance Committee
07/22 Ushers
07/29 Mission Committee

Official Acts of the Church:

Judi McGill

June 14, 2026



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!



Special Persons Summer Worship Service July 16: 2pm

At: St. Paul's United Church of Christ 426 Washington St., Wausau 54403



July at St. Paul's through the Years...

In **July of 1928**, Irma Redetzke was hired as the congregation's secretary.

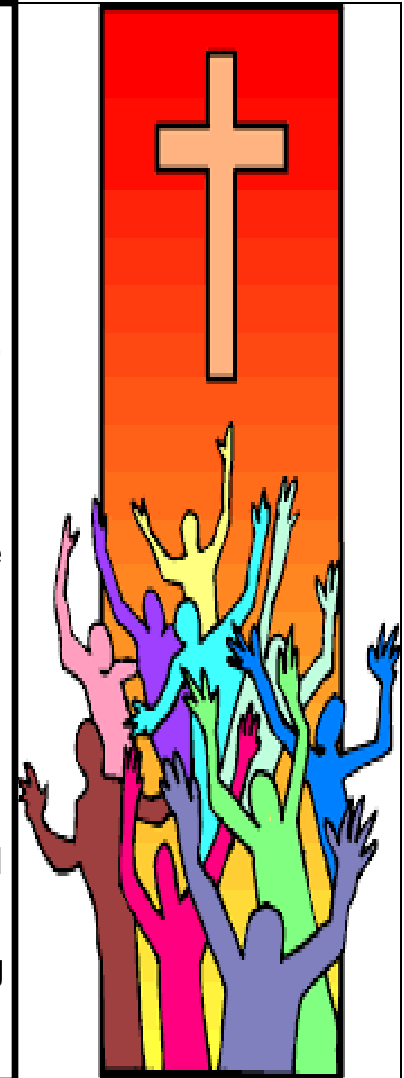
The cornerstone for the old St. Paul's church was laid on **July 5, 1886**.

Rev. Don Baumann began his pastorate here on **July 3, 1979**.

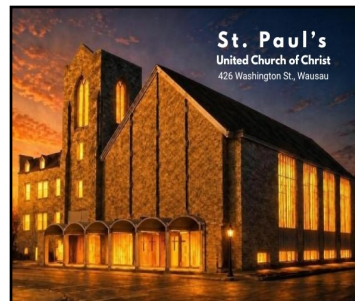
Back in **July of 1982**, plans were begun to redecorate the Guild Hall.

In **July of 1937**, the congregation completed a renovation project which included new sanctuary decorations, indirect lighting, and cement steps.

Work will soon begin on repairing and reinforcing the Bell Tower.



Communion Services



In **July & August**, we will offer communion on the **third Sunday** of the month. Christopher Ewan, Rev. Elizabeth Hazel, & Pastor Jill Christopherson will continue leading us in worship.

Rev. Susie Grade will be leading us next on July 26th.

Clausen Christmas on the Farm Thursday, November 19th



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

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 4th Street- Wausau!

God is still speaking.

St. Paul's UCC

BIBLE STUDY

Come Grow in
God's Word!

Every Wednesday / 3pm

St. Paul's United
Church of Christ
426 Washington Street
Wausau WI 54403

**EVERYONE IS
WELCOME!**

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Environmental Impact
Our handcrafts are sustainably made from eco-friendly and natural materials, and our partners fund climate change projects like reforestation and solar power.

**Newly Arrived
Additions!**



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!

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.

SUGAR Cookies

Cookies for sale \$20 per box. See Nora to get yours today - only 6 boxes remaining!



PEACE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Pie and Ice Cream Social
1530 GRAND AVE,
SCHOFIELD
4:30 - 6:30



Join us for a delicious meal of **beef or turkey turkey BBQ sandwiches, hot dogs, chips, pickles, ice cream, and a variety of homemade pies!**

ST. PAUL'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

SAVE THE DATE!

New Things for This Year:

Lawn Games:

*Corn Hole

*Yahtzee

*Jumbo Jenga

*Jumbo Connect 4

*Rev. Susie Grade

Volunteers are always needed for setup & cleanup. Please contact the office to sign up.

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:

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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.

St. Paul's Annual Brewer Game Trip!



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Sat., July 18, 2026

\$100/Person

Raffles
on Bus!

Limited
Seating!

***Includes Round Trip Bus
Transportation, Tailgate Food,
& Game Ticket.**

SOLD OUT!

Leave Lamer's at 10am. Game at 3pm.

**Bring A Snack to Share on Bus.*

2026 Fair Booth Signup

OUTSIDE PARLOR

Wausau Fair:
August 4th- 9th

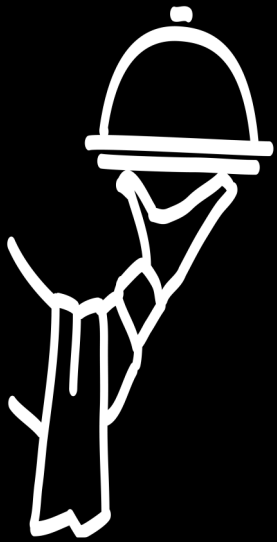


Shine His light in all you do.

Love Like Jesus

Show love in every word,
every smile, and every
act of care.

Kind. Forgiving. Real.
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Diner's Club
 Friday, July 17
 6:00 Dinner
 5:30 Refreshments at
Arrow Sports Club
 6202 Schofield Ave, Weston

*Please sign up outside the Parlor or
 call the office at 715-842-3733 if
 you plan on attending.*



Volunteers Needed

Join Our Media Ministry Team!

We are Looking for Members to Represent
 St. Paul's UCC on Various Social Media Platforms.

***TikTok *Facebook *Instagram**

***See Tania in the Church Office – Or Email
 Tschwarze@stpaulsuccwausau.org**

Statistics from Our Media Ministry Team

In June, 388 unique visitors viewed
 734 pages on our website.
 Our June 7 worship service had the
 most views (18) in June on YouTube.



Rudolph Grotto August Trip?



**Chris Ewan is looking for people interested in
 participating in a day trip to the
 Rudolph Grotto in August.
 Date & Time TBD.**

If you are interested, please contact Chris Ewan or the church
 office at 715-842-3733.

Trip to Order of Julian of Norwich in White Lake, WI

One of our Lenten services this spring centered around the
 life of Julian of Norwich, a 14-century mystic whose
Revelations of Divine Love became a classic in mysticism
 and in late-medieval literature generally. As it turns out,
 there is a monastic order devoted to Julian in our own
 backyard! The Episcopal Order of Julian of Norwich has its
 monastery in rural White Lake, about an hour and a half
 drive from Wausau. On **Thursday, July 23**, we'll leave the
 church parking lot at 2:00 p.m. to tour the monastery, learn
 more about Julian of Norwich and monastic life, and join
 the nuns and guests at their 5:30 worship service. We will
 return to St. Paul's by 8:00 p.m. Please join us!

Dollars and Sense from the Finance Committee:

We are continuing to see a decline in our current giving. Due to the decreased donations to the General Fund, we have had to resort to tapping into our savings to pay our monthly bills.

This is concerning, as in the fall our expenses will increase as we will be compensating our newly called pastor. The future of St. Paul's is so bright as we look to the future. We are excited about the vitality and energy that a newly settled pastor brings.

Therefore we ask that you continue to faithfully financially support the ministry and programs of St. Paul's UCC. Our church has promising times ahead of it, and we want to embrace it both spiritually & financially. Thank you for your prayerful gifts to support the church.

Financial Report for May 2026:

Current Giving:

May 2026	\$14,085.10
Monthly Goal	\$19,167.00
Year to Date:	\$89,747.35
Year to Date Goal:	Under budget by \$6,087.65
Staff Support Expenses:	Under budget by \$17,764.82
Administrative Expenses:	Over budget by \$3,896.87
Program Expenses:	Under budget by \$25.89
Property Expenses:	Over budget \$2,790.09

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED ELECTRONIC GIVING?

Enjoy a worry-free summer by setting up electronic giving. No matter where you are, your important gifts to the church will continue. Thank you for your faithful support of St. Paul's UCC ministries and programs!



Attention

**St. Paul's Food Pantry will be
Open Every Thursday in July!**

****Volunteers Needed****

Hours of Operation: 9:00 am-Noon

Walk-up: Welcome all operational days

THOUGHTS ABOUT SCRIP...



Just the other day, I was at the gas pump. At first I was rather grumpy when pulling into the station. I have a van with a 20 gallon tank, and if I get lazy or wait for better weather to go to the station, trips to the pump can be expensive. Then I pulled out my scrip card to pay for the gas. I noticed the card had a sun reflecting over water—a beautiful picture. The beauty in the picture reminded me that I'm a pretty lucky person. First, I could afford to purchase the scrip card, and put gas in my tank. For that I am very grateful.

But then I also thought, for what I am paying for gas today—5% of that is going back to help the ministries of St. Paul's. It helps pay the preachers who share Christ's word. The earnings offset the costs of Vacation Bible School, teaching our young people through scripture and example, the light of Christ. Funds help us stay in touch with each other with bulletins, newsletters, e-mails, livestreaming, and social media. The proceeds help maintain this wonderful church building, which is faithfully used to uplift the Congregation and Community of St. Paul's United Church of Christ.

As I realized these many blessings, my attitude turned from grumpiness to gratitude. I was blessed to do my little part in supporting the ministries of St. Paul's—and it cost me nothing extra to be able to provide that support.

I hope all of you will consider using scrip as you purchase items at your favorite gas station, grocery store, department store, or restaurant. It's an easy way to support the church. What a wonderful gift to be able to offer this program!

Blessings, Kris Vraney