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**One License: A-724784**

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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.



**March 2026**

## COMMUNICATOR

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. -Hebrews 12:1-2*

The author of the Book of Hebrews is writing to a church of Jewish converts to the Christian faith—or more accurately, Jews who believed Jesus was the promised messiah. But the majority opinion among Jews was that Jesus was not the messiah, and those who followed the Way of Jesus faced tremendous pressure from their family and peers to disavow their Lord and return to the traditional worship of their fathers and mothers. Sometimes this pressure included sticks, stones, and physical violence. Early Christian converts also faced persecution from the Roman Emperor for their refusal to pray to the empire's gods. The Early Church faced pressure from within and without, and some Christians were dropping out.

The Book of Hebrews was written to convince these oppressed but faithful people to stay the course, to endure their hardships and “run with perseverance the race marked out for us.” In chapter eleven of the book, the author puts faith at the center of the Jewish religion, and he recounts the faithfulness of the Jewish patriarchs and matriarchs: Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, and a host of later prophets. He argues that their demonstrated faith leads to the faith **of** and faith **in** Jesus. That “cloud of witnesses” the author refers to, points to Jesus as the fulfillment and perfecter of the faith in God for which they lived and died. With their spiritual forebears behind them and supporting them, and with the resurrected Christ before them, leading them, the author calls Jewish Christians to run the race, stick with it, and remain faithful to God in Jesus Christ.

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Just as the author of Hebrews called on the memory of the Hebrew patriarchs and matriarchs for inspiration and guidance going forward, we too can look back on the “cloud of witnesses” from both the Church and the secular world for inspiration in our own lives. This Lent, we’re looking more closely at the lives of Christians from history who relied on their faith to accomplish feats of leadership, endurance, and transformation in trying times. They worked to correct injustices, bring dignity to the lives of the downtrodden, lead their country through war, and follow the voice of God as they heard it.

This Lent, take time to visit the library or a bookstore and make it a point to read a biography of someone whom we might consider to be part of that “cloud of witnesses,” whether from the Church or the secular world or, even better, where those two worlds overlap. Do this especially if you feel drained, weak, or overcome, if you feel like dropping out and just focusing on your private life. Learn how others wrestled with the problems of their time, and how they contributed to enduring solutions. Find out what made them tick. Find out what made them overcome opposition. In the “cloud of witnesses”—the saints, both sacred and secular—may you find the strength to stick with it, keep working for God’s purpose in your life, and not lose hope. Someday we will depart the scene, and how we are remembered, whether we ourselves will become part of that “cloud of witnesses,” will depend on how we face the trials and tribulations of our day. Don’t quit. Stick with it. And run the race marked out for us with purpose and perseverance. See you in church! -*Christopher Ewan*

**Do you like pizza?** Of course you like pizza, everyone does! St. Paul’s will be taking orders for Main Street Café Pizzas beginning March 1. Look for the order forms in The Communicator and in the Sunday bulletins in March. The church will not purchase extra pizzas, so be sure to get your orders in. Profits from the sale will go towards the St. Paul’s Bell Tower Restoration Project.



## Ministries Schedule



### Ushers

3/1	Team 5
3/4	Team 6
3/8	Team 7
3/11	Team 8
3/15	Team 9
3/18	Team 1
3/22	Team 2
3/25	Team 3
3/29	Team 4

### Scrip Sales

3/1	Bev Romanowski
3/8	Kurt Seefeldt
3/15	Andy Witt
3/22	Jerry Woller
3/29	Gerry Brummond

### Readers

3/1	Gayle Woller
3/8	Cathy Taschler
3/15	Craig Clausen
3/22	Need Volunteer
3/29	Need Volunteer

### Communion Setup & Cleanup

March 4- 3:30 & 6:00	Gary & Marie Kickbusch
March 11- 3:30 & 6:00	Nora Schultz
March 15- 9:00am	Gary & Pam Helke
March 18- 3:30 & 6:00 pm	Dustin & Megan Resch
March 25- 3:30 & 6:00	Randy & Kathy Buedding

### Worship Leaders

3/1:	Chris Ewan
3/8:	Chris Ewan
3/15:	Pastor Jill Christopherson
3/22:	Michael Loomis
3/29:	Pastor Ann Larrabee

### Media

3/1	Chuck Romanowski
3/8	Gerry Brummond
3/15	Jim Maguire
3/22	Travis Schubring
3/29	Gerry Brummond

**Lenten Organ Meditations  
First Presbyterian Church, 406 Grant St.  
Fridays from 12:15pm—12:45pm**

**February 27** Irene Beethe

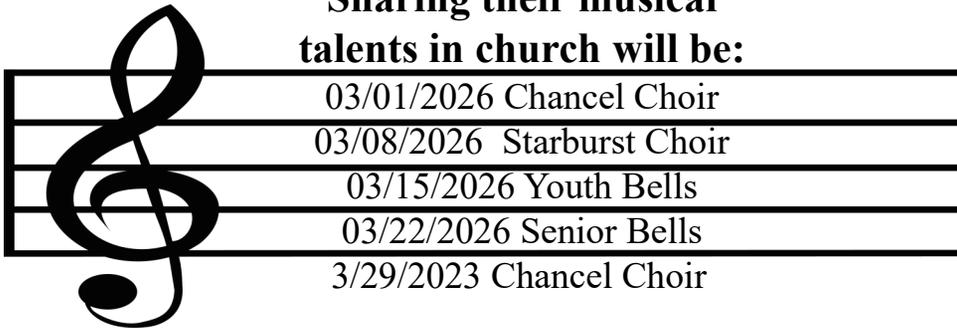
**March 6** Patrick Burkhart, Mark Schroeder & Isaac Tritz

**March 13** George Felty

**March 20** Dan Larson

**March 27** Byan Higgins-Moe, Jacob Drenkler

**Sharing their musical  
talents in church will be:**



**Confirmation Schedule:**

Wednesday, March 4: 6:45-7:45

Wednesday, March 11: 6:45-7:45

Wednesday, March 18: 6:45-7:45

Wednesday, March 25: 6:45-7:45

**SCRIP CARDS For Sale!**

Looking for a way to remember those college students, grandchildren, or others who have been sweet to you this year? Purchase some scrip cards from St. Paul's! They make great gifts to those who would appreciate a tank of gas, some free groceries, or a quick meal. See our wonderful volunteers on Sundays!

**Dollars and Sense from the Finance Committee:**

Lent is a time for reflection and transformation. We take a deeper look into the lessons taught to us by our Savior, the sacrifices made for us, and the blessings brought to us through His resurrection. As you continue your time of reflection, please consider your support of St. Paul's UCC. Whether by time, by talent, or your financial support, your gifts are truly appreciated by our members and our community. Thank you for your continued prayerful support of St. Paul's UCC.

**MORE SCRIP TRIVIA!**

Susie Shopper LOVES a good deal. Every month she goes shopping and spends:

\$200 in gas at Krist Oil

\$200 in groceries at Pick n Save

\$100 in groceries at Lambs

\$100 in paper and beauty products at Walmart

\$100 of Bird Seed at Fleet Farm

\$50 in cheese curds, custard, and fish fry at  
Culvers

\$50 of bananas, donuts, potatoes, and coffee at  
Kwik Trip

If Susie uses scrip every month, and purchases the Kwik Trip grocery scrip at the special rate, how much will she donate to St. Paul's UCC in one year?

THE ANSWER IS.....Available from your scrip sales volunteer! See one of our wonderful volunteers on Sunday, or in the office to get the answer and purchase some scrip.

Financial Report for January 2026

Current Giving:

January 2026	\$16,078.50
Monthly Goal	\$19,167.00
Year to Date:	\$16,078.50
Year to Date Goal:	Short of budget by \$3,088.50

Staff Support Expenses: Under budget by \$796.31

Administrative Expenses: Over budget by \$4,093.00 (Postage fees, permits, and advertising invoices higher in January.)

Program Expenses: Under budget by \$664.74

Property Expenses: Under budget by \$886.91

**ST. PAUL'S IN MARCH THROUGH THE YEARS...**

St. Paul's Literary Society hosted a Lenten Tea on **March 1, 1988**.

At Sunday services on **March 5, 1960**, Elizabeth Maeck and Ida Streck were honored by the Church Chancel choir for their thirty-eight years singing in the choir.

On **March 12, 1960**, the Wergin Company was awarded the contract to construct the church's new sanctuary.

Do you remember Officer Clemmons from Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood? Francois Clemmons, a singer and writer who played the part on the PBS children's program, sang for Sunday services and gave an evening performance to the congregation on **March 13, 1986**.

For most of its history, St. Paul's Lenten worship services were held on Thursdays, but in **1963** the church changed to Wednesdays.

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

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**



3/1	Barbara Schubring	3/19	Dennis Elliott
3/2	Karen Erickson	3/19	Ellie Franklin
3/4	Leo Okon	3/19	Max Hammerstrom
3/5	Marie Drake	3/19	Samantha Luebke
3/5	Wesley Helke	3/20	Barrett Behle
3/6	Matthew Gilbertson	3/20	Cynthia Clay
3/6	Natalie Tieman	3/21	Angie Schider
3/7	Craig Clausen	3/22	Preston Zeinert
3/7	Michael Doescher	3/24	Thomas Bruning
3/7	Brian *Tieman	3/24	Jason Eberhardy
3/9	Lusiano Texale	3/24	Chester Heil
3/10	David Taylor	3/24	Alyssa Konkol
3/10	Timothy Treu	3/24	Zander Roggenbuck-Texale
3/10	Sonia Zemke	3/25	Allen Gilberston
3/11	Jacob Cebula	3/27	Kyle Crawford
3/13	Lisa Iwen	3/27	Julie Erdmann
3/13	Josie Ray Richter	3/27	Erin Mattila
3/13	Jeremy Schneider	3/27	Mercedes Pasholk
3/14	Brianna Ferber	3/27	Wayne Plant
3/14	Travis Schubring	3/27	Renee Radtke
3/15	Shawn Pontzloff	3/28	Bryce Cebula
3/16	Breanna Zeinert	3/28	Natalie Podeweltz
3/17	Patricia Schreiber	3/28	Rebecca Weiland
3/17	Luke Wimmer	3/30	Jim Ludwig
3/18	Warren Aschbrenner	3/31	Stanley Weber
3/18	Ralph Ferge		

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

...And many more from Your Church Family!

## Join us for Wednesday Services Through Lent:

Please join us this Lent as we deepen our faith from the stories and inspiration of Christians who came before us. Lenten services at St. Paul's are at 3:30pm and 6:00pm, with a meal served in Guild Hall 4:15pm– 5:30pm.

**March 4: William Tyndale**, a biblical scholar and Reformation leader who was martyred, whose English translation of the Bible set the foundation for the later King James Version.

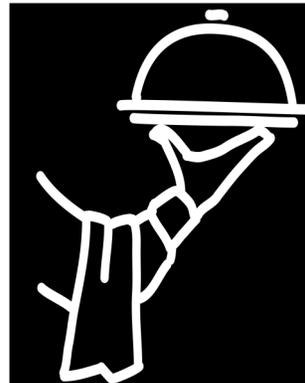
**March 11: Julian of Norwich**, a 14th century English mystic, whose Revelations of Divine Love became a spiritual classic.

**March 18: Dorothy Day**, a radical journalist, author, and social activist whose work was rooted in her adopted Catholic faith.

**March 25: Abraham Lincoln**, the President whose unorthodox faith sustained him through personal tragedy while leading our country through the crucible of the Civil War.

**April 1: Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**, America's foremost leader in the Civil Rights Movement, whose Christian faith formed his method of nonviolent protest.

**Do you like cookies?** Everybody likes cookies! The church has some unsold boxes of cookie dough from our pre-Christmas fundraiser that are now for sale. Contact the church office or see a Confirmation student after Sunday service if you're interested.



Diner's Club  
at Palms  
5912 US Business 51, Weston  
March 20 at 6:00;  
Please sign up or call the office at  
715-842-3733 if you plan on  
attending.

## News from the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ

### The Wisconsin Conference offers additional information on many ministries including:

- Aging in Grace newsletter
- Becoming the Beloved Community - Resources and tools, wisdom and insight
- Creation Care / Kairos Call to Action News
- Damascus Project News
- Generosity Forward Newsletter: Resources for your Stewardship initiatives
- Immigration Justice Working Group Email List
- Palestine Justice newsletter
- Racial Justice Task Force Email List
- Wisconsin Conference Life - Semi-monthly Conference e-newsletter
- Youth Ministries News

Please check out their website at <https://wcucc.org/> for further information.



**\*Attention\***

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

**\*\*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.  
*In person distribution only. NO carry-outs for others.*

**Church Dartball League Update**

The St. Paul's Hornets and St. Paul's Packers seasons are well underway. Anyone who is interested is welcome to join. We play at 7:00 pm on Mondays. Please contact Gerry Brummond or Gary Helke if you are interested.



<u>Date</u>	<u>Hornets</u>
3/2	Home/Good Shepard
3/9	Away/Covenant
3/16	Home/Immanuel
3/23	Away/Playoffs

<u>Packers</u>
Home/St Stephens
Away/Mt. Olive
Home/Wesley Methodist
Away/Playoffs

Join Us For  
**Wednesday Night  
Lenten Worship**  
**3:30pm & 6pm**



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\*Meal will be Served 4:15-5:30pm; 2/18/26-4/01/26

**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**

Have you noticed the seasonal display case has been moved to the main hallway outside the sanctuary? Its previous location, at the base of the stairwell in the bathroom hallway outside the Guild Hall, didn't draw much foot traffic. The case is in a more prominent location to allow more folks to enjoy the changing exhibits. Thanks go out to **Jerry Woller, Gerry Brummond, and Chuck Romanowski** for their work in making this happen.

The meals in between Lenten services on Wednesday nights are a great opportunity for fellowship and conversation. Thanks to members of the **Church Council** for Arby's and salad on Ash Wednesday, and to the **Ladies of St. Paul's** for the BBQ, beans, and potato salad on February 25.

June seems a long, long time in the future, but plans are already being made for Vacation Bible School, in collaboration with our friends from Peace and Grace churches. Thanks to **Tania Schwarze** for setting up planning meetings and getting the ball rolling for our youth programming this summer.

Our musical volunteers contribute so much to our worship services, particularly during Lent. Thank you to the **Chancel Choir, Paul Vesely, and Jerry Woller** for sharing their gifts of music with us in February.

**Communion Services**

In **March**, we will be offering **communion the third Sunday** of the month to accommodate the worship schedule. Christopher Ewan will be preaching the first and second Sundays of the month. Pastor Jill Christopherson will be preaching the third Sunday. Michael Loomis will be preaching the fourth Sunday, and Pastor Ann Larrabee will preach on Palm Sunday. Communion will be served at Peace Church on Maundy Thursday at 6:30 during our joint services. Pastor Jill Christopherson will also be doing our Easter Sunday Communion on April 5, 2026 at both the 7:00 am and 9:00 am services. Thank you

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

**SPRING PIZZA SALE**

- All proceeds to benefit the Bell Tower Restoration Project
- Please return this order form by 9:00 am, **Monday, March 16!**
- All pizzas must be pre-ordered. There WILL NOT BE EXTRAS!!!!
- Pizzas must be picked up Thursday, March 26th from 2-4 pm at St. Paul's Church (unless other arrangements are made in the office)
- **MAIN STREET PIZZAS WILL BE DELIVERED FRESH NOT FROZEN**

Buyer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Buyer's Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

	Type of Pizza	Price Each	Buy 3 for	Quantity	Price
A	12" Cheese	\$7.50	3/\$22.00		
B	12" Pepperoni	\$8.50	3/\$23.00		
C	12" Sausage	\$8.50	3/\$23.00		
D	12" Sausage & Pepperoni	\$9.50	3/\$26.00		
E	12" Sausage & Mushroom	\$9.50	3/\$26.00		
G	12" Supreme*	\$11.00	3/\$29.00		
H	12" BBQ Chicken*	\$11.00	3/\$29.00		
	<b>TOTAL</b>				

\*Supreme Pizza toppings: pepperoni, sausage, mushrooms, onion, red & green peppers, black olives.

\*BBQ Chicken Pizza toppings: BBQ ranch sauce base, diced chicken.

\*Meatza Pizza toppings: pepperoni, ground beef, sausage & bacon topping.

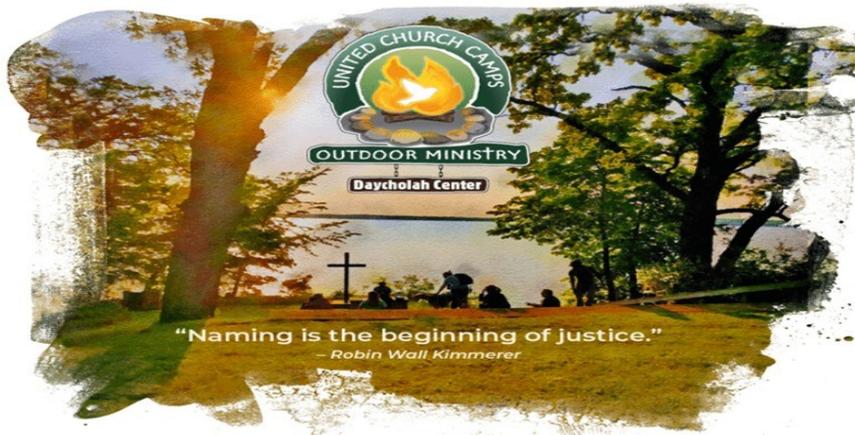
Total Pizzas Ordered \_\_\_\_\_ Total Paid / Due \_\_\_\_\_  
(circle one)

Please make checks payable to St. Paul's UCC.

Memo: Pizza Sale

Thank you for supporting the restoring of our Bell Tower!





## Summer Camp Registration Is Open!



Registration for Summer Camp at Daycholah Center opened on January 12. Camp Daycholah offers a joyful, unplugged experience where children and youth build friendships, grow in confidence and spirit, and connect with nature. Families are encouraged to register early at: [WWW.UCCI.ORG](http://WWW.UCCI.ORG)

**Steffen scholarships are available!**



### Holy Week Schedule

3/29 **Palm Sunday** 9:00 am at St. Paul's UCC  
 4/1 **Lenten Services** 3:30 and 6:00 pm at St. Paul's UCC, Dinner 4:15-5:30  
 4/2 **Maundy Thursday** Dinner 5:00-6:15 pm, Service at 6:30 at Peace UCC  
 4/3 **Good Friday** Service at 3:00 at Grace UCC  
 4/5 **Easter** Services 7:00 and 9:00 at St. Paul's UCC with breakfast between Services.

To order your Easter Lilies please complete the form below, and return it, along with money indicated, to the church office.

We have only ordered a certain amount of Lilies for Easter so please return your form and payment early. Thank you!

**Please order by Sunday March 29, 2026**

Lilies \$16.00 each

Number Ordered \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Plants ordered \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_



*You may take your Easter Lily after the 9:00 am Easter worship service.*