

# St. Paul's United Church of Christ

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## Church Council Officers:

President- Nora Schultz

Vice-Pres- Colette Brill

Secretary- Allison Dean

Treasurer- Gail Rowell

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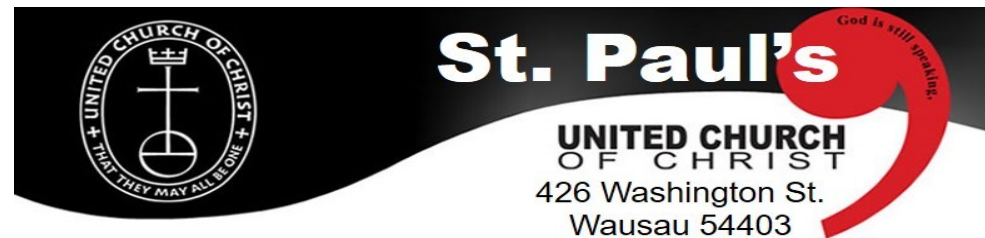
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Please note: Sunday Services are available on Public Channel Spectrum 980 or TDS 14. \*Weekly Sunday Services begin on Tuesdays at Noon; Wednesday at 5pm; Thursdays at 8am; and Sundays at 9:30 am.



## June 2026

# COMMUNICATOR

Matthew 9:9-13: As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And Matthew rose and followed Jesus. And as he sat at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard it, Jesus said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

It is now June, and after six months of changing Church seasons, from the purple of Advent back in November to the flaming red of Pentecost just two weeks ago, we now settle into what the Church calls “Ordinary Time.” That word... ordinary. Ordinary means to us many things: to be normal, routine, common, regular, even mundane. We might get the impression that the Church year is structured like our week, where all the interesting, fun, and sometimes extraordinary stuff happens on the weekend, from Friday night to Sunday evening. Advent, the birth of Jesus, Epiphany, Lent, Christ’s resurrection, and Pentecost are all jammed into that extraordinary time, the weekend. But ultimately, inevitable, Monday morning rolls around and we get back to our “real” lives of work, family, and responsibility Monday through Friday. We get back to ordinary time.

And it's in the ordinary time—perhaps a Monday afternoon—that we meet Jesus in our gospel lesson, doing a most extraordinary thing. He meets a tax collector sitting at his booth, looks him in the eye, and calls this man to follow him. And that man, Matthew, follows him! We might ask, “What’s the big deal?” In Jesus’s time, tax collectors were reviled for their corruption, and nobody wanted anything to do with guys like Matthew, not if they could help it. For Matthew, ordinary life was perhaps materially rewarding, but socially it was a lonely, alienated existence. But Jesus looks him in the eye, and says to him, “Follow me.” And in following Jesus, Matthew the tax collector was healed of his sin and corruption.

The other extraordinary aspect of this interaction is that Jesus took a risk in associating with Matthew the tax collector. Jesus risked the ire of just about everyone in the village who had an ax to grind against tax collectors, including the Pharisees, who pestered the disciples asking, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” One lesson we are meant to take away is that we, too, are called to take some risks, like Jesus, in working with and reaching out to people on the margins of our society. Who are our modern-day tax collectors? Who are we afraid of, for fear of social contamination and stigma? Whichever groups or individuals come to our minds are the very ones we ought to minister to. We’re called to take risks in reaching out, like Jesus did. We are called to do extraordinary things in our ordinary lives, and in the ordinary lives of others. See you in church!

-Chris Ewan

## Weekly Ministries Schedules



### Come & Worship

#### Ushers

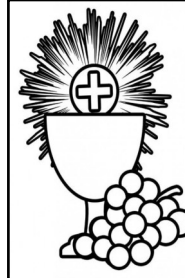
6/07 Team 8  
6/14 Team 9  
6/21 Team 1  
6/28 Team 2

#### Worship Leaders

6/7 Chris Ewan  
6/14 Chris Ewan  
6/21 Rev. Elizabeth Hazel  
6/28 Rev. Susie Grade

#### Readers

6/7 Craig Clausen  
6/14 *Need Volunteer*  
6/21 *Need Volunteer*  
6/28 *Need Volunteer*



#### Communion Setup & Cleanup

June 21 9:00am Randy & Kathy Buedding

#### Scrip Sales

6/7 Pam Helke  
6/14 Josh Reissmann  
6/21 Bev Romanowski  
6/28 Kurt Seefeldt

#### Media

6/07 Chuck R.  
6/14 Gerry B.  
6/21 Jim M.  
6/28 Travis S.

#### June Brat Stand Schedule

6/03 St. Paul’s Council  
6/10 Music Committee  
6/17 Worship Committee  
6/24 Building & Grounds Committee

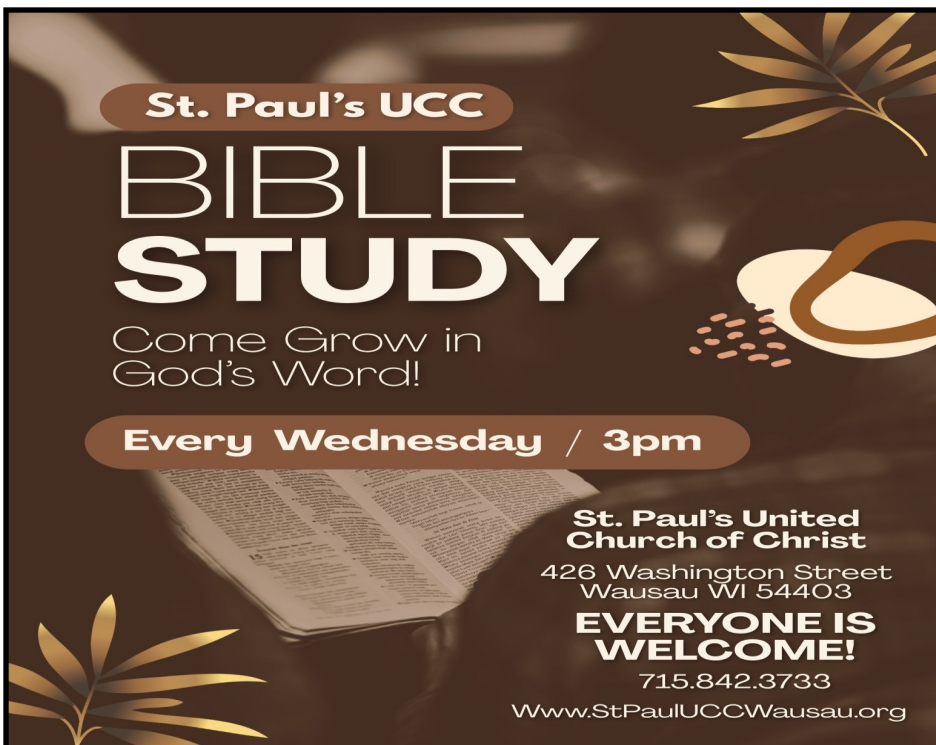
**St. Paul's UCC**

# 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!**  
 715.842.3733  
 Www.StPaulUCCWausau.org



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

The Communicator, the church's monthly newsletter, made its debut in June of 1979.

The Rev. E.C. Grauer, longtime minister of the church, earned his Doctor of Divinity degree back in 1939.

The village of Barneveld suffered catastrophic damage from an F5 tornado that struck in June of 1984. St. Paul's took up a special offering on June 17, 1984, to help the United Church of Christ in Barneveld rebuild their church.

The church's organist hosted noon hour organ recitals every Wednesday from June through August, back in the summer of 1988.

On June 26, 1988, Jane Ziebell and Ann Lohmar gave a Sunday afternoon recital, with refreshments following.

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



## CONGRATULATIONS!

St. Paul's United Church of Christ was recognized for being:

- ◆ A 5 for 5 Church
- ◆ OCWM Wisconsin Impact Champion

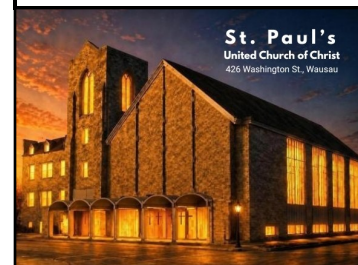
Thank you to everyone who supports these special offerings!

OCWM WI Impact – One Great Hour of Sharing – The Christmas Fund – Strengthen the Church – Neighbors in Need.



## Communion Services

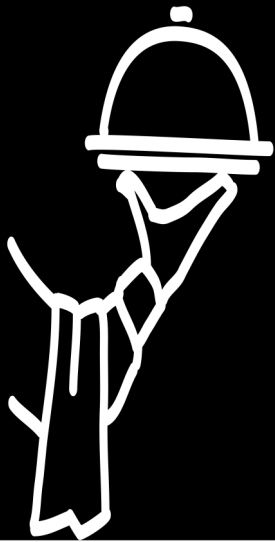
In **June, July, and August**, we will continue to offer **communion on the third Sunday** of the month to accommodate the worship schedule. Christopher Ewan, Rev. Elizabeth Hazel, and Pastor Jill Christopherson will continue leading us in worship. Rev. Susie Grade will also be with us a few Sundays throughout the summer months.



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 United Church of Christ  
 426 Washington St., Wausau

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs."  
 — 1 Corinthians 13:4-5





Diner's Club  
Friday, June 19  
6:00 Dinner  
5:30 Refreshments at  
**Chet & Emil's**  
388 Main St., Birnamwood

*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 May, 196 unique visitors viewed 636  
pages on our website.  
By Tuesday, our May 31 worship service  
had 13 views on YouTube.



## **Treasure Sale Announcement!**



**Are you in the midst of your spring cleaning?  
Are there some nice as new, gently used items  
that you believe others would purchase?**

If so, please consider donating them to the Ladies of St. Paul's Treasure Sale. They have begun collecting items for their sale during Harvest Fest on October 3 and 4.

If you are going to need assistance bringing your items into church, please call ahead at 715-842-3733, so we can arrange a volunteer to assist you.

To celebrate the 250th Anniversary of our country, we would like to display pictures of veterans in uniform in the showcase. They can be members of



St. Paul's, past members, or members of your family. Please drop off your pictures in the church office or give them to Gerry Seidler. Note the name of the veteran and what war or area they served in, relationship to you, name of person to return picture to, & a phone number. Pictures will be displayed through August and will be changed out monthly. Thanks!

Thank you! Gracias! 謝謝 תודה (In English, Spanish, Mandarin, Hebrew)

There are so many people to thank for their help in May!

Gary Kickbusch and his fancy iPhone took the Confirmation pictures that will soon grace the wall in the Guild Hall. One of the Confirmation gowns was torn in the sleeve, but Nora Schultz sewed it up the night before the big day. Music Sunday was May 10, so hats off to George Felty, Bill Day, Carol Seefeldt, and all the singers and bell ringers who contributed their musical talents during service. Thanks to Gerry Brummond for helping move and put away a truckload of supplies for the summer brat stand, in addition to the many other ways he helps at church every week. And finally, the grass is growing, which means everything green needs clipping. Thank you to Wes Helke for sweating it out mowing, trimming, mulching, weeding, and making our grounds & landscaping look beautiful.

# Clausen Dinner Show

## Thursday, June 18th



All-Time Favorites New for 2026! A show filled with all different styles of music with the most-loved songs from across the decades.

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

St. Paul's

UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

Opens June 3rd!

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!

# Clausen Christmas on the Farm

## Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>



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

## Official Acts of the Church:

Memorials received by the church:

In Memory of Susan Kroepin:

The Bell Tower Project memorial

Donna Pagenkopf Carol Koerten

Mary Petersen

Nancy Junkerman

Nola Lotzer

Bell Choir Fund

Sr. Bell Choir

Phyllis Buch

Betty Latzig

In Memory of Julie Gault

Visitation Ministry & Music Fund

Edward Gault

Bell Choir Fund

Bell Choir

## Help US Help OTHERS.

Please fill a bag to donate to our food pantry. Some items we need:

- \* Canned Corn
- \* Canned Green Bean
- \* Canned Fruit
- \* Baked Beans
- \* Canned Tuna/Chicken
- \* Mac & Cheese
- \* Rice A Roni
- \* Chunky Soup
- \* Graham Crackers
- \* Saltine Crackers
- \* Spaghetti Sauce
- \* Pasta
- \* Peanut Butter
- \* Jelly
- \* Beef Jerky
- \* Small pkgs. of instant potatoes
- \* Beefaroni (or any pasta w/meat)
- \* Instant Oatmeal (single serving pkgs.)

## June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026

### Bags of Love Offering



Please fill a Brown Bag with Nonperishable Food & Hygiene Items & Bring it to Church Sunday, 6/21/26.

← Bulk/Cases of Items Welcome!

*\*If you wish to make a cash contribution, please make the check payable to St. Paul's UCC and put Food Pantry in the check memo line or on the envelope.*

## Shop SERRV at 319 Gallery & Bistro

319 N 4th St, Wausau, WI 54403



**Social Impact**  
By shopping fair trade, you help skilled artisans and farmers gain access to basic healthcare, education, skills training and more through the work of their hands.



**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.**



**Graduation Sunday June 7th**  
Coffee & Cake in Guild Hall after Service.

## Dollars and Sense from the Finance Committee:

As we enter this summer season, we are currently \$1,005.75 behind our current giving goal. **We would like to keep reaching our current giving goal of \$19,167 per month for the summer months, so that when Pastor Susie starts at the end of August we are at budget.** Please continue to give to the General Fund. It helps us to cover bills and meeting our budget goals as we welcome our full-time pastor.



**Please continue to buy scrip!** As of the end of April, we have sold \$39,015 in scrip earning the church an additional \$2,708.75. We have scrip available to purchase:

- \* Home Improvement Supplies
- \* Father's Day Gifts
- \* Setting up Graduates at College
- \* Gas to get up north to church, and to the grocery store.

Please see the office or a scrip volunteer on Sundays for more information.

### Financial Report for April 2026:

#### Current Giving:

April 2026 \$17,605.00

Monthly Goal \$19,167.00

Year to Date: \$75,662.25

**Year to Date Goal: Under budget by \$1,005.75**

**Staff Support Expenses: Under budget by \$7,360.64**

**Administrative Expenses: Over budget by \$2,648.18 (Advertising from winter events, licenses, copier charges.)**

**Program Expenses: Under budget by \$918.23**

**Property Expenses: Over budget \$4,675.39 (Purchased garbage disposal, elevator maintenance contract payment.)**

### OUT AND ABOUT THIS SUMMER?

Don't forget to set up your electronic giving. You can set it to continually give every week, or every month. It will take care of your church donations, so you don't have to worry about them.

## 2026 VBS Menu

### June 9<sup>th</sup>: Cookout at Peace UCC

6-6:30pm Outdoor Cookout at Peace UCC (In case of poor weather, dinner menu will remain the same, but it will be moved indoors to Fellowship Hall)

**Menu: Brats, Hotdogs, \*Chips, Watermelon, Veggies, & \*Dessert.**

*\*Families are encouraged to bring chips or a dessert to share.*

### June 16<sup>th</sup> At Grace UCC

6-6:30pm Families are welcome to join us for a family style dinner.

**Menu: Walking Tacos & Apple Pie in a Bag for dessert.**

### June 23<sup>rd</sup> At St. Paul's UCC

6-6:30pm Families are welcome to join us for a family style dinner.

**Menu: Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, & Northern Lights Punch. Neon Cupcakes for dessert.**

### June 30<sup>th</sup> At Peace UCC

6-6:30pm Families are welcome to join us for a family style dinner.

**Menu: Polito's Pizza, Chocolate Chip Cookies & Strobe Light Cookie Dips for Dessert.**



## \*Attention\*

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

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

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

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

## Graphic Story Bibles in the Guild Hall Library

Let's face it, the Bible can be a daunting read, especially for young people. The settings, vocabulary, themes, and cultural contexts of the Old and New Testaments seem so alien, so strange, so frustrating, that young readers often give up early in the endeavor. Three new additions to the Guild Hall Library aim to change that, introducing the Bible to young readers through graphic novels. The Action Bible: God's Redemptive Story is action-packed and beautifully illustrated, taking readers from Genesis through Revelation. Its companion text, The Action Bible: Heroes and Villains, introduces seventy-five characters of the Bible with illustrations, biographical sketches, and fun features like each character's "Claim to Fame", "Biggest Challenge", and "Most Embarrassing Moment," that highlight their role in the biblical narrative. The last graphic novel is Paul: The Apostle, described by its author as "a graphic story Bible with awesome looking cartoon creatures, set in a futuristic universe." Think Star Wars mixed with The Labyrinth mixed with Shrek mixed with the Apostle Paul. The books are available in the Guild Hall Library under the "New Books"



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