



ST. PAUL'S

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
426 Washington Street,
Wausau WI 54403

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Thursday: 8am- 3pm
Fridays: 8am - Noon

COUNCIL OFFICERS:

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Treasurer: Gail Rowell

**SUNDAY SERVICES are available to watch on
YouTube & Public TV Channel 980
or TDS Channel 14.**

Tuesdays at Noon
Wednesdays at 5pm
Thursdays at 8am
Sundays at 9:30am



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November 2026 COMMUNICATOR

Making Room for Wonder An Advent Reflection from Pastor Susie

*"The Word became flesh and made his
dwelling among us." — John 1:14*

Advent is almost here, and with it comes one of the busiest and most wonderful seasons of the year! At St. Paul's, we're looking forward to the Wausau Holiday Parade, Breakfast with Santa, Salvation Army bell ringing, Elf Shop, our Community Christmas Dinner, & Christmas Eve Candlelight Services. Add to that, our own family gatherings, work parties, shopping lists, & holiday traditions, and our calendars fill up quickly!

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In the midst, of all this activity, I wonder if we might make room for something else this Advent.

Wonder.

At the heart of Christmas is one of the most extraordinary claims of the Christian faith:

God became human.

Theologians call this the *incarnation*. The God who created the universe chose to enter into the ordinary, messy, beautiful, and sometimes painful experience of being human.

God did not remain distant. God came near. This is the miracle of Emmanuel, which means

“God with us.”

With us in our celebrations and our sorrows. With us around crowded dinner tables and in the loneliness of an empty chair. With us in the extraordinary moments & the ordinary routines of everyday life.

What if, instead of trying to make this Christmas season perfect, we simply practiced noticing God's presence in the middle of it? Perhaps in a child's laughter, a generous act, a shared meal, or the quiet glow of a candle on Christmas Eve. As we enter Advent together, my prayer is that we would rediscover the wonder of a God who loves us enough to come near.

Emmanuel. God with us.

Grace & peace in Christ to you this Advent season,
Pastor Susie

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Thank you! Gracias! Merci! Danke!

Thank you to all who volunteered and served the church in the month of October!

A special thanks to Gary and Marie Kickbusch, Deb Nass, Gayle Woller, and a team of volunteers who collected, priced, and displayed merchandise, prepared food, and assisted customers during the three-day Treasure Sale, which raised more than \$5,000 for the church!

Thank you to everyone who attended Pastor Susie's Installation and helped with the refreshments afterwards. A special thank you to Christine Heise, who provided much of the food.

A special thanks go out to Bill Panzigrau and Wes Helke for working with our youth on a Sunday morning when our Youth Leader was not here. And another thank you to Gerry Brummond for driving the church van for a youth outing to a Halloween corn maze.

St. Paul's Through the Years: November

The renowned harpist Phyllis Schlomovitz gave a concert at St. Paul's on **November 5, 1985**.

The church celebrated its 100th anniversary on **November 10, 1963**. No word on exactly how they celebrated, but we imagine there was plenty of good food, refreshments, and a special service, much like when we celebrated St. Paul's 160th anniversary back in 2023.

The dedication of the new sanctuary on **November 13, 1961**, was a big deal. The president of Elmhurst College was the keynote speaker at the ceremony.

On **November 21, 1963**, Mr. Berthold "Burt" Pagenkopf died. He had been the superintendent of the Sunday School for more than fifty years, a record that will never be matched.

The church's Senior Choir sang for several radio broadcasts in **November of 1942**, amid WWII.

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



Weekly Ministries Schedules

USHERS

11/01 Team 2
11/08 Team 3
11/15 Team 4
11/22 Team 5
11/29 Team 6

MEDIA

11/01 Gerry B.
11/08 Chuck R.
11/15 Jim M.
11/22 Travis S.
11/29 Gerry B.

SCRIP SALES

11/01 Jerry W.
11/08 Gerry B.
11/15 Carla E.
11/22 Pam H.
11/29 Josh R.

READERS

11/01 Craig C.
11/08 Vivienne R.
11/15 Melissa C.
11/22 Cathy Taschler
11/29 Gail Rowell

COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP

November 8th: 9AM Gary & Pam H.



See You Sunday!
ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST - WAUSAU

9AM WORSHIP SERVICE	9:15AM NURSERY, KIDS CLUB & YOUTH GROUP	5PM THE GATHERING YOUTH GROUP
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FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Help Us Bring Some
HOPE to Families
Running On **EMPTY**.

We are so proud of our food pantry. Donors have been generous in providing non-perishable food to help us reduce hunger in our community. However, to keep the food pantry going, we are in need of additional volunteers.



**CALL THE CHURCH
OFFICE TO VOLUNTEER**

715.842.3733

Volunteer 3 Hours/Week:
Thursdays 9am- Noon

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Dollars and Sense

Don't get tricked this Halloween! Buy your treats with St. Paul's UCC Scrip. Give some treats to the church while taking care of your trick-or-treaters.



Financial Report for September 2026

Current Giving	\$11,374.00
Monthly Goal	\$19,167.00
Below Budget Year to date	\$34,487.65

Staff Support Expenses Year to Date	
Below Budget	\$55,536.32
Administrative Expenses Year to Date	
Above Budget	\$3,251.30
Program Expenses Year to Date	
Below Budget	\$1,693.93
Property Expenses Year to Date	
Above Budget	\$1,455.17



As you prepare your Thanksgiving dinners and begin your Christmas shopping, please remember all the opportunities to help our church by purchasing scrip cards from us.



October Media Statistics

Website: In the last 30 days, 307 people viewed 860 pages on our website. That is a 10% increase from last month.

YouTube: Sunday Worship services are getting over 50 views each month. Weekly Pastor's Notes are getting 50- 80 views.

Facebook: We are up to 59 followers on our Facebook page. Most of our posts are getting 100+ views.

STAY INFORMED

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

Email: If you would like to receive our weekly email updates or monthly newsletter:

**Call the church office to get on the list.
(715) 842-3733**

Social Media: Follow us on Facebook & YouTube for our Pastor's weekly notes, worship services and event updates.

Youtube: @st.paulsucc1460

Facebook: St. Paul's UCC Wausau (Look for our logo)



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Warm Winter Blessings

Guests at our Christmas Dinner will receive a 'Warm Winter Blessings' gift bag filled with useful items for the colder months.

HELP FILL THE BAGS!

- Winter Hats
- Gloves
- Mittens
- Hand & Feet Warmers
- Socks
- Scarves
- Granola bars
- Monetary Donation



Thank you for offering comfort, kindness, and care for our community. Every gift, large or small, can bring warmth and brighten someone's Christmas. Donations will be accepted Nov. 1 - Dec. 6. in the large boxes throughout the church.

Hanging of the Greens

November 22, 2026



CHRISTMAS SANCTUARY DESIGN PLAN

Simple. Beautiful. Modern.
A space of hope, light, and welcome.

KEY ELEMENTS



LIT EVERGREEN TREES
(2-3' trees only)



POINSETTIA
(Orange, red, white)



NATURAL SPRIGS
(Pine, cedar, and other greens)



CANDLES
(Real or LED for safety glow)



WREATHS
(On walls and doors)



EXISTING PARASOLS
(Real center glass preferred)

Help us beautify the sanctuary for CHRISTMAS.

Please Meet in the Sanctuary Directly After Worship Service.
Bring Your Coffee, Friends, & Family.



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Fall Pie Sale

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Pie orders are due: Friday, November 13th

Pie Pickup: Wednesday November 25th

Please include the number of each
pie that you want to order.

- _____ Dutch Apple
- _____ Banana Cream
- _____ Chocolate Silk
- _____ Peanut Butter Heath
- _____ Cherry Crumb
- _____ Strawberry Cream Cheese
- _____ Blueberry Cream Cheese
- _____ Raspberry Cream Cheese
- _____ Lemon Supreme
- _____ Total Pies Ordered (\$20 each)
- _____ Amount Enclosed



THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Grace UCC • Peace UCC • St. Paul's UCC
at Peace UCC
1530 Grand Ave. Schofield
6:00 PM • Wednesday, November 25

Led in worship by leaders from all three churches

We invite you to join us as we gather to
give thanks for God's abundant goodness
in our lives.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is
good. His love endures forever.
Psalm 136:1

TOTENFEST



MESSAGE BY:
PASTOR SUSIE GRADE

NOV 22 9AM

A sacred time to remember those who have died,
give thanks for their lives, and find comfort in
God's promise of eternal love.

CHURCH AND TREAT

FREE CANDY

JOIN THE COSTUME PARTY

NOV 1ST AFTER CHURCH IN GUILD HALL

*Adults can bring candy to share with the kids.

Clausen Christmas on the Farm

Thursday, November 19th

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

Help St. Paul's UCC Make a Difference THIS Christmas!

December 5th
10a-6p

Bell Ringing at Walmart-Pharmacy & Grocery Doors

REGISTER TO RING

4300 Rib Mtn. Dr., Wausau



THE NURSERY

IS OPEN SUNDAYS:
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM
STAFFED: 9:15-10:15 AM

You can watch the entire service in the nursery, or join us upstairs in the sanctuary. Please sign your child IN and OUT of the nursery each Sunday if you leave.

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FOOD PANTRY

Will Be Open Every Thursday:
9am - Noon Through December.
EXCEPT: Wed., 11/25/26
INSTEAD OF 11/26/26.
AND NO PANTRY DEC. 24th.

Volunteers Needed!
Call the church office to schedule volunteer times.
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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 & Faith-Filled Experience for Elementary School Age Children

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

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Kids Go to the Club AFTER Children's Moment in Church
- 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!

Youth Group

*For Middle & High School Students

Fall Schedule

September - December 2026

Sunday Morning:
Youth Group
9:15 AM
Abba's Cafe

Sunday Evening:
The Gathering
5PM @
The Grades

The Gathering on Sunday nights at 5pm

Games. Friendship. Scripture. Prayer. Faith. Fun.

This fall we will explore the 10 core topics in Jesus' famous collection of teachings in Matthew 5-7, the Sermon on the Mount.

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We have open enrollment in all our Youth Programs. Please fill out a registration form & media release for each child.

YOUTH GROUP WISH LIST: <https://giffful.com/wishlists/wu7kmVXEXXyW7i1okLAG>

If you didn't get a church picture taken in October:
Please email your picture to:
web@stpaulsuccwausau.org