

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

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Our Website: www.StPaulUCCWausau.org

CCLI License: 3121320 & 20363711

One License: A-724784

CVLI License #505544354

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.



ST. PAUL'S

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 2026 COMMUNICATOR

A Word from Pastor Susie

We don't need to "go to church" to worship God. We can worship God anywhere, at any time. But a regular rhythm of community worship can help us live in a posture of worship more often.

Sometimes I think of Sunday worship as a gymnasium. Why do people go to the gym? Usually, it is to exercise, build strength, and care for their bodies. In much the same way, we come to church to grow stronger spiritually. Sunday worship can be a "spiritual gymnasium for our souls"—a place where we practice prayer, deepen our faith, and become more aware of God's presence. By intentionally turning our attention toward God each week, we become more aware of God's presence in every moment of every day, no matter where we are.

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(A Word from Pastor Susie continued)

You may have noticed several new prayer stations around our sanctuary. These stations invite all of us to engage with God in different ways. You can touch the water in our baptismal font and “remember your baptism”- and your identity as a beloved child of God.

You can light a candle for someone in your life or something happening in our world. You can write a prayer in our community prayer journal or pray alongside the prayers others have written. You can also bring your honest grief, anger, regret, or fear to our Wall of Lament.

Each Sunday, you will be invited to visit these prayer stations. Our hope is that everyone who enters the sanctuary can take a deep breath, exhale, and bring their whole self to God. I hope we can all leave Sunday worship a little lighter, a little stronger, and more deeply rooted in God’s love.



**Communion is Scheduled for
October 4, 2026
With Pastor Susie**



Weekly Ministries Schedules

Ushers

10/04 Team 7
10/11 Team 8
10/18 Team 9
10/25 Team 1

Readers

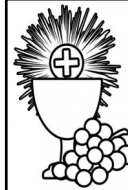
10/04 Craig C.
10/11 Gail R.
10/18 Cathy T.
10/25 Gail R.

Scrip Sales

10/04 Josh R.
10/11 Bev R.
10/18 Kurt S.
10/25 Andy W.

Media

10/04 Chuck
10/11 Jim M.
10/18 Gerry B.
10/25 Travis S.



Communion Setup & Cleanup

October 4:
9AM Gary & Marie Kickbusch



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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 **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!

www.StPaulUCCWausau.org Ph: 715.842.3733

**319 BISTRO
& GALLERY**
319 4TH STREET, WAUSAU 54403



FAIR TRADE



**SHOP SERRV, A FAIR TRADE
NONPROFIT SINCE 1949- AND
LOCAL ARTISANS.**

St. Paul's

FOOD PANTRY

Will Be Open Every
Thursday: 9am - Noon
Through October.

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



WHAT TO EXPECT:

Walk-up: Welcome all operational days	Drive-up: Limited to twice per month	Diaper Distribution: Once per month per family
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"Rejoice in
hope,
be patient in
tribulation,
be constant in
prayer."

-Romans 12:12



St. Paul's United Church of Christ's Annual TREASURE SALE w/ RAFFLES!!


Raffles




BBQ Lunch

***CASH ONLY PLEASE**
****Items Too Numerous to Mention**

FRI & SAT: Oct. 2nd/3rd
9am-3:30pm

SALE! **Sunday, Oct. 4th**
1/2 Price! 9am- Noon
426 Washington Street,
Wausau, WI 54403

St. Paul's Treasure Sale
****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.

Proceeds benefit the Bell Tower Restoration Project.

**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

The winner of the "Fill Your
Freezer" Media Fundraiser was
drawn at our church picnic 9/13.
Congratulations Sally Scinto!

In the past 30 days:

***255 unique visitors viewed 889
pages on our website. *Our
Facebook posts had 3,900 views
and 277 Facebook page visits.**

***YouTube: Sunday Worship views
are at about 30 people. Weekly
Pastor's Thoughts videos have
about 50 views.**



ST. PAUL'S IN OCTOBER THROUGH THE YEARS...

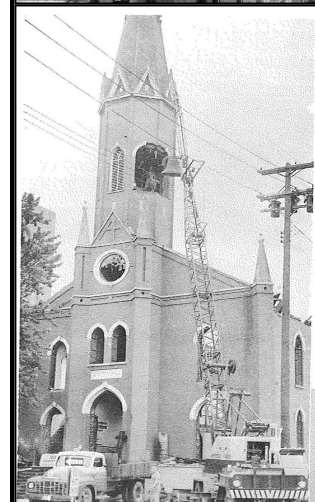
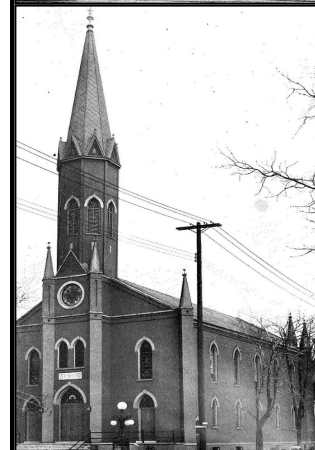
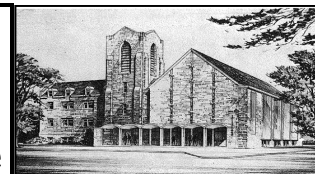
On **October 3, 1960**, the cornerstone
for the new sanctuary was laid.

Mother's Club was established on
October 6, 1946. The group has
recently changed its name to "The
Ladies of St. Paul's".

The Guild Hall downstairs cost
\$258,000 to build and was dedicated
on **October 17, 1950**.

On **October 20, 1985**, the church
welcomed a visiting minister from
what was then East Germany,
Reverend Raimund Hoenen. Rev.
Hoenen was a scholar of Adolf von
Harnack & liberal Christianity in
Germany. He became a theology
professor at one of Germany's most
prestigious seminaries at the
University of Halle. He passed away
in 2022.

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



GUESS WHO!

**This is our mystery church
member.**

Do you recognize them?

Let us know.

Email: web@stpaulsuccwausau.org

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

Youth Group

*For Middle & High School Students

Fall Schedule

September - December 2026

Sunday Mornings:

Youth Group
9:15 AM
Abba's Cafe

Sunday Evenings:

The Gathering
5PM @
The Grades

The Gathering on Sunday nights at 5pm



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

St. Paul's
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
426 Washington Street, Wausau WI 54403

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



All children present in the worship service will be called up front early in the service to sit in the front pew facing the front of the church for a short message. After the children's message, youth leaders will lead the children to their age appropriate space for faith enrichment.

Leader with a **RED FLAG**: Nursery and Preschool

Leader with a **BLUE FLAG**: Elementary Kids Club

LIME GREEN FLAG: Middle and High School Youth Group

*Nursery & Preschool children will need a parent or guardian to accompany them downstairs to the nursery to sign them in. The nursery will be staffed 9:15am- 10:15am each Sunday.

The Gathering Fall Schedule

	SEPT 20	Introduction to the Sermon on the Mount + water balloon toss
	SEPT 27	The Beatitudes + campfire & s'mores
	OCT 4	Jesus and the Torah + kick ball game
	OCT 11	Murder, Adultery & Divorce + ping pong challenge
	OCT 18	Oaths, Retaliation & Enemy Love + pumpkin carving
	OCT 25	Cornmaze at Schairer's Autumn Acres 4pm departure, return to Grade's 6:30pm
	NOV 1	No gathering tonight, <i>happy fall break!</i>
	NOV 8	Jesus' Warnings About Religious Practices + scavenger hunt
	NOV 15	The Lord's Prayer + a game of Sardines
	NOV 22	Bowling at Dale's Weston Lanes 4pm departure, return to Grade's 6:30pm
	NOV 29	No gathering tonight, <i>happy Thanksgiving!</i>
	DEC 6	Wealth & Worry + Mafia
	DEC 13	Wisdom in Relationships + Capture the flag
	DEC 20	The Choice + White Elephant Gift exchange, bring one wrapped gift per student
	DEC 27	No gathering tonight, <i>enjoy Christmas break!</i>

♡ Bring a friend. All are welcome. You belong here! ➡

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!

Clausen Christmas on the Farm Thursday, November 19th



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

CHURCH AND TREAT



JOIN THE COSTUME PARTY

NOV 1ST

**AFTER CHURCH IN
GUILD HALL**

***Adults can bring candy to share with the kids.**

Neighborhood Trick-or-Treating:

Saturday, October 31st: 4pm - 7pm

Locations: City of Wausau, Rib Mountain, Rothschild, Schofield, Weston, Kronenwetter, and Mosinee

HARVEST FEST



Harvest Fest on the 400 Block: October 3rd: 11am– 1pm

- ♦ Celebrity pumpkin carving contest
- ♦ Special treats for kids in costumes
 - ♦ A full petting zoo
- ♦ FREE pumpkins for kids 12 and under (while supplies last!)

St. Paul's UCC– Wausau will have a Pumpkin Decorating Booth on the 400 Block.

Come decorate your pumpkin!

★ Thank you! Grazie! Salamat! Tack! ★
(English, Italian, Filipino, Swedish)

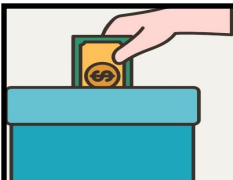
September was an action-packed month at church, full of picnicking, gathering together in Kids' Club and Youth Group, and settling into the fall season.

A whole lot of people helped make the picnic at Riverside Park happen, but we want to highlight a few folks' contributions: **Tamara Sillars** for ordering and making food, for arriving first and leaving last; **Carol Seefeldt** and **Donna Pagenkopf**, who staffed the greeting table; **Gerry Brummond**, **Jerry and Gayle Woller** for helping set up the tents; and **Kurt Seefeldt** and his family for helping with cleanup.

Once a month, the Mission Committee prepares a meal that is served at the Bridge Street Mission and Community Shelter. Special thanks to those who cooked and served in September: **Sally Scinto-Reinertson**, **Gary Helke**, **Bruce Olbrantz**, **Laura** and **Andy Witt**, and **Gordie Hintze**.

Finally, have you noticed how dark and tanned **Wes Helke** looks? Nope, it's not from Tan in a Can or a tanning bed. He's spent all spring and summer mowing, trimming, and keeping up the grounds at the church. It's a lot of hours in the sun and the heat, and we thank him for his dedication to keeping our green spaces looking good!

Thank you to all who volunteered their time and talents to the church in September!



Dollars and Sense

We have a scrip special!

We now have some additional Kwik Trip gas cards at a 10% bonus and some Kwik Trip grocery cards with a **20%** bonus. They don't earn anything though until they are purchased. Supplies are limited, so please get your scrip cards today!

Are you behind on your giving after the summer?

Thank you to those who have kept up with their planned giving during the summer. You are truly appreciated. If you fell behind—there is still time to make up your giving & finish the year strong.

Your financial support is needed now during this exciting time. We have a new Youth Leader. We continue to re-imagine all that St. Paul's can be. Please be a part of that by faithfully supporting the church.

Financial Report for August 2026:

Current Giving	\$12,062.50
Monthly Goal:	\$19,167.00
Giving Year to Date Under Budget by	(\$26,694.65)
Staff Support Expenses Year-to-Date	
Under Budget by:	\$49,082.74
Administrative Expenses Year-to-Date	
Over Budget by	(\$964.53)
Program Expenses Year-to-Date	
Under Budget by	\$2,107.00
Property expenses Year-to-Date	
Over Budget by	(\$2,689.27)



ST. PAUL'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

You are cordially invited to attend the
installation of our Senior Minister

The Reverend Susie Grade

Please join us for a celebration
of installation on

October 18, 2026 at 2:00 pm

at

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

A time of fellowship with refreshments will
be shared following the service.

Please contact the church
at 715-842-3733 or by email at
admin2@stpaulsuccwausau.org
by October 10 if you are able to attend.