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St. Paul's United Church of Christ – Wausau, WI

*Never place a period where
God has placed a comma ,*

God Is Still Speaking....

MARCH 2024

COMMUNICATOR

“While they were eating, Jesus took the bread, gave a prayer of thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples. “Take and eat,” he said; “this is my body broken for you.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks to God, and gave it to them. “Drink this, all of you.” He said; “this is my blood, which seals God’s covenant, my blood poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never drink this wine again until the day I drink the new wine with you in my Father’s house.” Matthew 26: 26 -29

Imagine with me for just a minute, that you are one of the original disciples. You have forever changed your life to follow him. But now things take an interesting twist. One night during supper, Jesus takes a loaf of bread, blesses it, and says, “this is my body, broken for you.” And then, he takes a cup of wine, and tells them “this is my blood shed for you, drink this.” These commands were alarming at best. At that point, the disciples had no clue of what Jesus was talking about... at least not until later.

On that night, Jesus was letting the disciples know that His death was near, but, through his sacrificial death, the gift of eternal life would be available to each and every one of us who call him Lord and Savior. Eternal death would soon pass away; but eternal life would from this day forward, be the most valued gift of all.

As you are now in the midst of Lent 2024, remember that every time you share in the Lord’s Supper. Your sins have been forgiven, death has been defeated; but life everlasting goes on forever.

Blessings, Pastor Phil

Pastor Phil

Please Remember St. Paul’s in Your Will!



.....JUST ASK PASTOR PHIL

Question: I heard that you have accepted a job as a Lamer's Tour and Travel Guide. Is that true?

Answer: Yes it is, I will be working out of Wisconsin Rapids and Green Bay during the summer and fall months, and out of The Villages in Florida during the winter months. So, hopefully I will see you on a Lamer's tour someday.



Pastor Phil's Retirement Party

Sunday, March 24th

3pm-6pm

Arrow Sports Bar: 6202 Schofield Bar Weston WI.

Dinner will be served at 5pm

Please RSVP by Sunday March 17th if you will be attending.

Thank you!

RSVP to 715-842-3733 St. Paul's Church Office.

Ministries Schedule

Ushers

03-03 Team 6
03-06 Team 7
03-10 Team 8
03-13 Team 9
03-17 Team 1
03-20 Team 2
03-24 Team 3
03-27 Team 4
03-28 Team 5
03-29 Team 6
03-31 7am Team 7
03-31 9am Team 8

Media Schedule

03-03 Gerry
03-10 Travis
03-17 Gerry
03-24 Travis
03-28 Maundy Thursday
6pm Gerry

03-29 Good Friday
Noon Tania

03-31 Easter
7am Chuck
9am Travis

Sound Board Schedule

03-03 Chuck
03-10 Jim
03-17 Gerry
03-24 Tania
03-28 Maundy Thursday
6:00 pm Gerry

03-29 Good Friday
12:00 pm Tania

03-31 Easter Sunday
7:00 am Gerry
9:00 am Tania

Scrip Sales

03-03 Bev
03-10 Kurt
03-17 Andy
03-24 Jerry
03-31 Gerry



Were you "temporarily away"?

We have had several giving statements returned to the church as members were temporarily away. Please stop by the office when you return, and we can provide you your giving statement. Thank you!

COMMUNION SET-UP AND CLEAN-UP

Sunday, March 3, 2024 9am Gary & Pam

Lenten Services

March 6, 2024 3:30pm Nora 6:00 pm Al & Ruth



March 13, 2024 3:30pm Nora

6:00pm Gary & Marie

March 20, 2024 3:30pm Nora

6:00 pm Dustin & Megan

March 27, 2024 3:30 pm Nora

6:00 pm Randy & Kathy

March 28, 2024 6:00 pm Dennis & Carla

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024 7:00 am 9:00 am Gary & Pam

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your recent donation of knit hats, mittens, and socks for the clients at "The Women's Community". Your donation is greatly appreciated and very gratifying. Your continued support is invaluable.

Your gifts help us to continue to offer services to anyone in our community who needs them. On behalf of our Clients, The Board of Directors and The Women's Community staff, we THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts for your support.

Most Sincerely, Jane E Graham Jennings~Executive Director

Diner's Club at Sconnies

Friday March 15, 2024

5:30 Cocktails and 6:00 Dinner
Please call the church office
to make reservations. 715-842-3733



2024 WAUSAU DARTBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE

DATE	TEAMS	VISITORS	HOME
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03-04	Peace Panters vs St. Paul Packers		
	St. Paul Hornets vs St. Stephens Saints		

03-11	St. Paul Packer vs Good Shephard Pointers		
	Wesley Methodist Gophers vs St. Paul Hornet		

03-18	St. Paul Hornet vs St. Paul Packer		
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LENTEN ORGAN MEDIATIONS

At Zion Lutheran Church 709N. 6th.Street Wausau, WI

The Wisconsin River Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present a series of Lenten Meditations. These 30 minute recitals, presented by area organists.

Fridays from 12:15pm-12:45pm

March 1- Irene Beethe

March 8- Susan Schaefer and Susan Bender

March 15-Patrick Burkhart and James Holt

March 22-Bryan Higgins-Moe

FREE WILL OFFERING!

The church is handicapped accessible. You are invited to come for a time of meditation and music during the lunch hour.

Sponsored by the Wisconsin River Chapter American Guild of Organist

Join us every Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 for YOGA.

Remember 1st session is FREE!

St. Paul Members get a discount rate.



MARCH



BIRTHDAYS

03-01 Barbara
03-02 Karen
03-04 Leo
03-05 Marie
03-05 Wesley
03-05 Phyllis
03-06 Matthew
03-06 Natalie
03-07 Craig
03-07 Michael
03-07 Brian
03-08 Sawyer
03-09 Luciano
03-10 David
03-10 Timothy
03-10 Sonia
03-11 Jacob
03-13 Lisa
03-13 Jeremy
03-14 Brianna
03-14 Travis
03-15 Shawn
3-16 Breanna
03-17 Patricia
03-17 Luke
03-18 Warren

03-18 Ralph
03-19 Dennis
03-19 Ellie
03-19 Max
03-19 Samantha
03-20 Barrett
03-20 Cynthia
03-21 Angie
03-22 Preston
03-23 William
03-24 Thomas
03-24 Jason
03-24 Alyssa
03-24 Zander
03-25 Allen
03-27 Kyle
03-27 Julie
03-27 Erin
03-27 Mercedes
03-27 Wayne
03-27 Renee
03-28 Bryce
03-28 Natalie
03-28 Rebecca
03-30 Jim
03-31 Stanley

*Celebrate life. Celebrate happiness.
Celebrate your birthday.
Celebrate that God gives all this to you*

Dollars and Sense from the Finance Committee

We need your help!

Our scrip sales for January 2024 were the lowest we have recorded in six years. Did you know that one member donated over \$1000 in scrip earnings in 2023? We also had four members who donated over \$500 in scrip earnings in 2023. How much did it cost them? Not one cent! They received the entire value of their scrip card, and allowed the earnings to go to the church.

Your scrip purchases help support the vital ministries of St. Paul's UCC. As you purchase gas and groceries, please consider using a scrip card. It makes a difference.

"Giving is more than a responsibility – it is a privilege; more than an act of obedience – it is evidence of our faith."

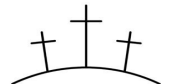
William Arthur Ward

BOW THE KNEE Dramatic Musical for Easter

You are invited to a powerful musical Easter drama, **BOW THE KNEE**, AT St. Stephens United Church of Christ, 903 E. Second St., Merrill, Saturday, March 16th at 7:00 pm.; Sunday, March 17th at 2:30pm and Palm Sunday weekend at Zion Lutheran Church 238145 Star Rd, Aniwa (12 miles east of Wausau, just off highway 52) Saturday, March 23rd at 7:00 pm and Sunday, March 24th at 2:30pm *Come follow Anthony, a Roman centurion, whose life is changed after encountering Jesus.*

Admission is free.

For more information
contact Zion church office
at 715-845-2014.



Lenten Schedule for 2024 Theme:

Service Times: 3:30 and 6:00 pm
Dinner Time: 4:00-5:30pm

Wednesday, March 6th

Text: Rev. Henry Gerecke-1Corinthians 11:27-32

“Chaplain to the Nazis at Nuremberg”

After serving as a chaplain in the US Army in WWII, Pastor Henry Gerecke was tasked with providing pastoral care to fifteen Nazis on trial at Nuremberg. For almost a year, Gerecke ministered to these men; preaching to them, speaking with them and their families, calling them to repent of their sins, and for some of them hearing their confessions. The Lutheran pastor’s experiences will shine light on what it means for us to partake of Holy Communion in a “worthy manner”.

Dinner Host: CE

Wednesday, March 13th

Text: Fanny Crosby-1Peter 4:8-11

“Using our gifts to serve God”

Fanny Crosby authored the lyrics to more than 8,000 hymns, making her the most prolific hymn writer of all time. Later in life, she became a celebrated evangelist, speaking to thousands of crowds. She accomplished all this in spite of being blind since infancy. We’ll sing some of her most popular hymns, including “Blessed Assurance”, Draw me Nearer”, and Pass Me Not”, and will consider the ways Crosby inspired Christians through her words and her example.

Dinner Host: Music Committee

Wednesday, March 20th

Rev. Dr. Phil Schneider returns to lead our Lenten service!

Dinner Host: Building/Grounds Committee

Wednesday, March 27th

Rev. Dr. Phil Schneider returns to lead our Lenten service!

Dinner Host: Finance Committee



Ladies of St. Paul’s Fundraiser

Trenton Mills Dishcloths are available to purchase after Sunday Service during coffee hour. And during Lent after the 3:30 pm service in the Guild Hall.

Wednesday Night Vespers – Faith, Fellowship, and Food!

Growing up in the Christ UCC congregation in Athens, I always looked forward to Lenten services Wednesday nights. Our worship time was 7:30, and so by then the day’s work was finished, the sky was dark, and the whole sanctuary environment was different from Sunday mornings: the interior was a little darker, the order of service was abbreviated, the smells of coffee and sweets wafted from the church kitchen, and the whole ambiance was more relaxed. I found it was easier to get pulled into the narrative readings from the gospels, and to think about what we had just heard in the readings and sermon.

Continuing our theme of modern Christian biographies, in March we’ll look at the lives of Pastor Henry Gerecke and the hymn writer Fanny Crosby. Pastor Gerecke served as a Lutheran chaplain during WWII, and at the close of the war was given a very challenging task: to serve as the Protestant chaplain to fifteen of the top Nazis on trial at Nuremberg. We’ll look at his understanding of Holy Communion, the all-encompassing power of God’s grace, and the power of confession. You’re doubtless more familiar with Fanny Crosby, who wrote more than 8,000 hymns, some of which are regularly sung in our sanctuary. You might not have known that she was blind since early childhood. We’ll look at her very personal faith in Jesus, and the ways in which her disability and unique way of interpreting the world contributed to her literary work.

On March 20 and 27, Pastor Phil will return and lead our Wednesday night services. Please join us for supper between 4:00 and 5:30, for good conversation and cheer between services. May this Lenten season be especially fruitful as we journey together as followers of Jesus.

Christopher Ewan



Diner’s Club Schedule

All Dates are Fridays with arrival at 5:30 pm and
Dinner at 6pm

All require a reservation count so please call the church
office if you will be attending with St. Paul’s

Friday-April 19, 2024-Gulliver’s

Friday-May 17, 2024-2510 Restaurant

Friday-June 14, 2024 Townies

The Search Committee has made a recommendation to hire an Interim Pastor. The recommendation was approved by the Church Council during the session following the Annual Meeting. We are pleased to report that a contract has been extended to Pastor Mary Jo Laabs to be our next Interim Pastor. Some of us may remember that Mary Jo served St. Paul's 9 years ago while Pastor Phil was on sabbatical. She was excited to see our call and responded quickly and enthusiastically with her letter of interest. The Search Committee is sure that she is qualified to lead St. Paul's through the transitional phase and to help us find our next permanent Pastor. She will be starting in mid-April. Please contact me or a member of the Search Committee if you have any questions about the continuing search process.

Thanks,
Nate

Dear friend of Bridge Street Mission,

thank you

Thank you for your financial support in 2023. During the course of the year, together we provided over 30,000 meals and 10,000 nights of shelter. We also saw 10 men graduate from our recovery and reentry program and saw 14 in all successfully transition to independent housing.

We also acquired the former Pied Piper Plaza which will allow us to improve our recovery and reentry services for men, expand our day shelter and meal service as well as eventually add recovery and reentry services for women-all on one unified campus!

Thank you for your commitment to meeting people in crisis and moving them toward success through the power of the Gospel. Craig Vincent/Executive Director

Food Bag Distribution
will be on Every Thursday 9am-Noon
Curbside only ***The Food Pantry is in Need of Paper Bags***
with handles and/or reusable bags are acceptable too.
NO PLASTIC BAGS



Easter Flowers 2024

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 early to be included. Thank you!

No Later than Sunday, March 10th 2024

No.

_____ Lilies \$15.00 each



Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Total Plants ordered _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Given by _____

Your Name _____

Phone # _____

You may take your Easter Lily after 9am Easter worship.



Tiny Tots Closet

**The Diaper Depot is Open Thursday 10:00-Noon at
St. Paul's United Church of Christ**

Limit of 2 Dozen Diapers per visit. One visit per month.

Curbside only.