



ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 4 AT 10:45 A.M.

Please plan to attend St. Paul's Annual Meeting. Three new council members will be elected, the 2024 budget will need to be approved, and there will be discussion and possible voting on of expenditures for steeple shingling and technology upgrades. See the Annual Report for details before the meeting.



OUR ANNUAL CHILI LUNCH & HOMEMADE PIE SALE will be Sunday, February 25th! Chili will be served from 11 am – 2 pm (Chili will be ready at 10:30 for church members that wish to eat or take some home) Chili Lunch includes a corn muffin, milk/coffee (dine in only) and dessert. Hot dogs are also available to purchase. To-go's are also available for purchase and include a 16oz cup of chili, a muffin and dessert. In order to make this a profitable event, each member is asked to donate items needed to make the chili. Donation slips have been emailed to each member (check with Connie Johnson if you did not receive yours). Canned items need to be delivered to church by Sunday, February 18th. Other items need to be to church by 9:30 am on February 25th.

Willing to make a pie? Contact Betty Zimpelman at 414 507 8330 to learn more and sign up.

We also need volunteers to work at the event. A sign-up sheet can be found on the website (<https://stpaulserin.org/news>) and is posted in the fellowship hall. If you need help signing up OR have questions about the fundraiser, contact Connie Johnson at ecfamily5@gmail.com or 262 313 7672. Please help spread the word and support St Paul's fundraiser for the general fund operations. A flyer is included in your newsletter and can be downloaded from the website. Printed copies are available at church.

WOMEN'S GUILD

After exchanging some ideas to help next year's Cookie Walk run more smoothly, the rest of the January meeting was pretty much pie related. We chose pies to make for the pie sale at this year's Chili Luncheon on February 25.



Also, the Guild will again serve pies to celebrate PI Day at the March 10 coffee and conversation. This has become an annual tradition as a way for Guild members to thank the congregation for all the help and support given us throughout the year, and especially for our Cookie Walk.

The next Guild meeting will be on Thursday, February 15, at noon. All St. Paul's women are invited to bring a sandwich and join us.



SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

New Rooms! Check out the Sunday School corner in the lower level!

We have enough kids to split up into two classrooms! One class for the younger kids and one class for the older kids! If you haven't checked it out yet, please do! If you have been thinking about

joining a class, please don't hesitate! The more the merrier!!

College Care Packages:

We will be packing in March, so please let us know if you have any family you would like St. Paul's to send a college care package to! Any donations for these care packages are greatly appreciated!

Mark your calendars:

Easter Egg Hunt: March 23rd, 10am until Noon! Candy donations appreciated!

Pizza fundraiser: April 21st to benefit the Special Olympics!



ASH WEDNESDAY AND VALENTINE'S DAY

Did you know there is no mention of a ritual similar to Ash Wednesday in the Bible? It gets its name from early traditions in the Christian Church in Rome with a period of public penance. Many would sprinkle themselves with ashes and dress in sackcloth.

Today, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of six weeks of Lent. It's a good time to examine ourselves in the light of truth, to let go of distractions, and to improve our relationships with God and our neighbors. It's about taking a mirror to look at ourselves from the inside out instead of the other way around. Lent is full of hard truths and calls for spiritual honesty.

I don't believe I have ever attended a Valentine/Ash Wednesday before, but it feels very appropriate. God is love. Perhaps placing ashes in the shape of a heart this year would be a reminder of that. Remember you are God's beloved dust, and to God's beloved dust you shall return.

BIBLE STUDY

Kate Bowler has written a book of devotions as part of her Everything Happens Project called *Have a Beautiful Terrible Lent*. I am excited to invite you to Bible Study on the second Tuesday of the month as we reflect on what it means to follow Jesus through the ups and downs of our days. Our discussion will evolve around life as it really is – not just the Instagram or Facebook worthy parts but the difficult and painful too. I hope you will attend.

If you are interested in Kate's new book for yourself, not necessary to participate in Bible Study, you can order from <https://katebowler.com/books/have-a-beautiful-terrible-day/> and she has a daily Lent prompt (<https://katebowler.com/seasonaldevotional/have-a-beautiful-terrible-lent/#daily-email>).

Our first gathering will be on February 8th at 1 pm. Holding each of you close to my heart and in my prayers as we begin this journey together.

COFFEE WITH PASTOR BONNIE is scheduled for February 29th at 10 am. This time we will meet at church!



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

OGHS strives to make meaningful change through our donations to this special offering. Our gifts provide immediate aid and long-term support to people experiencing hunger, thirst, disaster or crisis around the world. Envelopes will be available to place in the offering plate beginning February 25th through March 10th. You can make an online donation at <https://ucc.org/oghs>. Please inform Sharon Schlafer if you make an online gift so you and we are properly credited.

NEIGHBORHOOD BLOOD DRIVE

Our North Lake neighbors at St. Theresa of Calcutta Parish on Highway 83 have Versiti blood drives scheduled every eight weeks—next drive Thursday, February 22, from 1:30 to 6:30 PM. Schedule an appointment through Versiti or contact Rita at 262-719-2815.



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THANK YOU

January has not been a healthy month for Jeff and I. Covid sent Jeff to the hospital for a short stay and I spent some time in the emergency room. Jeff is recovering quite well while I have lingering symptoms. We are so appreciative of the cards and calls and messages. Your prayers are very powerful, and God is good. – Pastor Bonnie

My thanks to Rev. Gayle Tucker for her worship leadership on January 21st and for my scheduled vacation on January 28th. – Pastor Bonnie

Special thanks to the Mission Maniacs for their participation in worship on January 7th. They did a great job. As always thanks to the Mission Maniacs teachers!

Many thanks to those who shoveled and made certain our driveway and sidewalks were as clear and safe as possible.

SOMETHING TO SHARE

I'm not entirely sure who to credit this to but it was on a friend's Facebook page as 98.5 KTIS ,which is a Twin Cities Christian Radio station.

Did you know there's a prayer called the "I don't know prayer? It's very spiritual. You just go off somewhere quiet and hidden and you walk right up to the heart of God and you say, "I don't know."

I don't know where to go from here. I don't know what is happening. I don't know what to do with these emotions. I don't know how to handle this situation.

It covers a lot of I don't knows.

And then with whatever dusty little sand grain of faith you have, you say, "But You know."

And you leave it there.

Like us on Facebook: "St. Paul's United Church of Christ" AND "St. Paul's Mission Maniacs"

Receive our E-Blasts: Please let us know if you would like to be added or have a new email address

If you would like to ask for prayers, share a joy or have an announcement, when attending worship via Zoom, please enter it in the chat or email Pastor Bonnie prior to service.

Check out the Church Website: stpaulserin.org. Visit the News & Resources tab and click on Worship Resources for a recording of Sunday's Worship.

Church Email Address: saintpaulserin.pastor@gmail.com

Church/Pastor's Phone Number: 262-416-5094

Church Address: 495 St. Augustine Road, Colgate, WI 53017

Pastor Bonnie's Office Hours: Thursdays from 10 AM to 2 PM. Stop by for a visit.

Friday and Saturday are Pastor's weekend.



Greeters for February:

February 4th - Fred & Wanda D.

Steve & Alice M. Com.

February 11th - Bernice D. & Cheryl F.

February 18th - Eugene & Vicki D.

February 25th - John & Lynn D.

Liturgists:

February 4th - Jill P

February 11th - Curt H.

February 18th - Eugene D.

February 25th - Polly E.

Church Council Meeting Minutes
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
December 11, 2023

Meeting was called to order by President, Charmaine Duehring, at 6:00pm. Those in attendance were Charmaine Duehring, Kay O'Keane, Pastor Bonnie Jacque, Carl Roock, Janene Kluever, Connie Johnson, Kim Kersten, Lucy Krapfl, and Cheryl Fischer. Dave Zimpleman was a guest to provide information. The information regarding the projection system. Our zoom system is outdated with the computer.. Replace the projector using the drop down screen and change it to a large screen TV. The technology we are using now is outdated and quality is poor and the feedback has been negative. We do not have any support for repairs. The new system could be plugged into our sound system. The control panel would be easy to use. We may have to replace our outdated router which would cost around \$400 to \$500. The new system could range from \$7500 to \$13,000.

The council meeting minutes were approved as changed. The financials were doing well and also the envelopes. The financial report was approved. Pastor Bonnie's report included new membership and letting the new members know of our history of our church and the aims of the United Church of Christ. The provision of the adult changing table is not going well. We will need to get a new tax number, our old one is sometimes not accepted. Pastor Bonnie will reduce her hours at Church on Thursdays. She will have the bible studies starting up again and her coffee time together will also continue. We will discuss it again in January or February.

Our nomination committee of Lou Ann Evert, Kurt Hulterstrum and Debbie Braden have accepted their duties. When the church service needs to be canceled, there will be the flash email to all. To those who do not have emails, Cheryl Fischer will call directly to provide the information. Committee reports are due January 14th. 42 Pledge cards were returned with a total of \$88,210. It was discussed to present a gift to Bernice Dieball for all her work at the church office.

We worked on the budget again to get ready for the annual meeting in February. We will need final numbers in January. To repair the steeple, it will cost \$36,000. If we do CPR training, it will cost \$10 per person which will be done at the fire station. The maximum number of people for one class is 20 people.

After more discussion on the budget, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm. Our next meeting will be January 8,2024.



February 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 9:30 Worship Annual Meeting 10:45	5	6 Seniors	7 Julia K. Anna K.	8 Bible Study 1 PM	9	10
11 9:30 worship	12	13	14 Ash Wednesday	15 Guild 12 Noon	16 Jacquie B. Betty Z..	17
18 9:30 worship John E. Nolan W. Jeff G.	19 Katie G.	20 Chapel Bells items due to Donna	21	22 Blood Drive at St. Theresa of Calcutta North Lake 1:30-6:30 Bonnie H. Marysa H. Debra W.	23	24 Bill & Bernie C. Anniversary
25 9:30 worship Chili Lunch & Pie Sale 11—2 	26	27 Wanda D. Jack D.	28	29 Coffee w/Pastor 10 AM at Church		