



Dear Members & Friends,

I am honored to have a chance to serve as your part-time “Bridge” pastor. You were blessed to have Rev. Bob Fellows serve with you. In 2006, not yet ordained, Bob was the Youth Director at Edina Morningside Community Church in Edina when I served as Senior Pastor. His ministry with that congregation is still remembered fondly.

My commitment at St. Paul's is 20 hours a week, including Sundays and another day. I am “in the office” some of that time. If you'd like to get together, please let me know and we can set it up. In addition to Sunday worship and preaching, funerals, weddings and Baptisms, I am calling on and bringing communion to those on the visitation list and others as needed. If you want a visit or know someone who does, please let me know. I will be working with Confirmation later in the summer and hope to gather St. Paul's youth together sometime this summer.

I do need your help. Connecting new names and faces is a great challenge to me. If you would send me a picture of yourself or your family with names, I would greatly appreciate it. I am thinking of taking pictures on Sundays so I can increase my chances of getting to know you more quickly. Here's my contact information. If you want to call me, please text first with your name so I'll know to answer the call!

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A bit about me. I grew up Roman Catholic in Lowell, MA. After college I taught elementary grades in Lowell. In the early 70s I chanced upon a UCC church. After three years, I knew I had a call to ordained ministry. In 1977, I graduated from Pacific School of Religion (a UCC-related seminary) in Berkeley, CA and had my first pastorate in Ashland, OR. After marrying, I moved to San Francisco, serving as Associate Conference Minister of the Northern California Conference UCC. I then served churches in Missoula, MT, Iowa City, IA, Cleveland, OH and Edina, MN. Since retiring in 2015, I've served as interim at Mizpah UCC, Hopkins, New Spirit UCC, Savage and Zion UCC, Le Sueur where I also served as Visitation Pastor. I have two daughters, Elisa Iha (Bloomington, MN) and Alison Iha (Dallas, TX). I am divorced and live in Eden Prairie. I love dancing, especially ballroom, social dance whenever I can, take weekly lessons, compete with my instructor, and make most of my dance costumes. Also love walking, watching cooking competitions and spending time with my daughters and grand puppies!

Blessings on you – I hope to see you in worship soon!

Pastor Rosemary



On Sunday, May 5th Rev. Cindy Mueller from the Minnesota UCC Conference office will be joining us for worship. Immediately after our worship service Rev. Mueller will review the results of the Congregational Vitality Project assessment we took in February.

A vital congregation is one that lives out God's mission through strong relationships with God, each other and the world. The questions we answered can help our congregation determine its current vitality.

Spring Brunch and Raffle Results

THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way make our Spring Brunch and Raffle a success. We served 181 adults and 21 children. This is a major fundraiser for our church each year and a great opportunity for everyone to join together for fellowship.

Door Sales	\$2,328.95
Bucket Raffle	\$ 581.00
Cash Donations	\$ 990.00
Sale of leftover food	\$ 56.00
Thrivent Donation	\$ <u>250.00</u>
Total Income	\$4,205.95
Expenses	\$ <u>285.36</u>
Profit	\$3,920.59



Sunday, May 19th we will honor and celebrate with our high school graduates.

Lauren Hanna Dyb—Minnesota New Country School

Ayden Christ—Le Sueur Henderson High school

Chloe Conrad—Le Sueur Henderson High School

Join us at worship to recognize these individuals and for a coffee hour following.



Annual Meeting of the MN Conference UCC,
St. Benedict's College, June 7 & 8.

We will gather for a few days focused on Sacred Re-Imagining. This will be a hybrid meeting, but we hope you will choose to join us in person. There will be a forum to kick off the theme and the week on Zoom on Sunday, June 2. All the hearings for the budget, compensation guidelines, and resolutions will be available via Zoom on Monday – Wednesday (June 3-5) in the evenings. The plenary sessions that take place on Friday and Saturday will be offered on Zoom as well as in person, but voting will only be available in person. There will be workshops offered on both Friday, June 7th and Saturday June 8th during the in-person meeting. They will not be available online. There will be proposed by-law changes to vote on. Details on workshops, agendas, registration, and other information on Annual Meeting can be found on the Annual Meeting page of our website. If you are interested in registering either for in person or virtual, please contact Council President Steve Fries, sfries@frontiernet.net. For more information: <https://www.uccmn.org/2024/04/07/the-2024-annual-meeting/>

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

ROMANS 12:2



Ecumenical Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Monday, June 10 – Thursday, June 13, 2024

9 AM – 3 PM

At Zion United Church of Christ

240 Elmwood Ave, Le Sueur MN 56058

Ages: Kids completing K – 6 Grade.

Cost: \$20 per child, 3 + Children = \$45

Register using the link below:

<https://goodearthvillage.org/daycamplesueur2024>

VBS is sponsored by Zion UCC, First Lutheran and the United Methodist Church, Le Sueur

And . . . it is being led by:



St Paul's Women's Guild

March 7, 2024

The Women's Guild met at the Arlington Haus on Thursday March 7th. Those present were: Mary Ann Tesch, Carol Reiter, Deb Boettcher, Lyla Smith, Jo Anne Martens and Ruth Ann Buck. Ruth Ann was the hostess.

Carol called the meeting to order, secretary's report was read and approved. Mary Ann gave the treasurer's report, we decided to transfer money from the saving's account to a CD.

We discussed that we need new water glasses, Mary Ann is going to look for some. No other business.

No Guild meeting in April, our next meeting will be May 2nd, Lyla is the hostess, because of the road closures she has decided we should meet at the Schuette Ice Cream Shoppe, at 11:30. Please join us and if you can let Lyla know you are coming, so she can let Sarah know.

Secretary,
Ruth Ann Buck

HENDERSON AREA FOOD SHARE

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Sponsored by area community members and churches

NEED HELP MAKING ENDS MEET?

**Minnesota New Country School
200 Main Street, Henderson**

**Thursday, May 16
3:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, June 20
3:30 p.m.**

St.Paul's supplies workers



Those Who Serve

Flower Committee

May & June

JoAnne Martens, Ruth Ann Buck,
Lorraine Just

Sympathy Committee

March, April, May

Glenna Fries, Lois Dvorak, Ruth Ann Buck

June, July, August

Sharon Ban, Mary Ann Tesch, Linda
Duzan



Danielle Rice	05/01	Sandi Andersen	06/02
Jody Hornaman	05/10	Maxine Petzel	06/02
Kayla Champagne	05/11	Lyla Smith	06/03
Jacqueline McConnell	05/11	Lois Schroeder	06/04
Chance Wigand	05/12	Mia Ehlers	06/09
Levi Mende	05/13	Phillip Champagne	06/10
Fredrick Braun	05/15	Lauren Hanna-Dyb	06/10
Reed Creighten	05/15	Hannah Oestreich	06/10
Henry Hanna-Dyb	05/15	Brooke Hornaman	06/11
Roger Pivec	05/18	Beverly Stueber	06/11
Donald Adams	05/23	Mandy Pivec	06/15
Hailey Ehlers	05/25	Cheryl Blaschko	06/17
Amanda Meierbachtol	05/25	Larry McConnell	06/23
Mary Ann Tesch	05/27	Tim Hornaman	06/27
Ruth Dvorak	05/29	Abigail Fries	06/28
Cameron Braun	05/31	Larry Von Lehe	06/28
Ron Schroeder	05/31	Samantha Ehlers	06/30

Prayer Corner

In Our Prayers: JoAnne Martens, Lois Schroeder, Margaret Ceminsky, Tom Ziemer, Sandi Braun-Ziemer, Katie Meierbachtol

Prayer requests go out to: Pauline Woehler – Bayside Manor—Gaylord
Ed Nye – Cura Care Center—Le Sueur
Arline Karels—Oak Terrace—Le Sueur
Marlene Nye—French Meadows
Marvel Tesch—Sunrise Plaza

At Home: Larry McConnell, James Schultz Sr.

If you know of someone in the hospital, scheduled for surgery, recently hospitalized visit, please call the church office.

May 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Women's Guild 11:30 a.m. Schuette's	3	4
5 9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion Baptisms 10:30 a.m. Rev Mueller	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 9:30 a.m. Worship 	13	14	15	16 3:30 p.m. Food Distribution MNCS	17	18
19 9:30 a.m. Worship Graduation Sunday	20	21 6:30 p.m. Church Council	22	23	24	25
26 9:30 a.m. Worship	27 	28	29	30	31	

June 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion	3	4	5	6	7 Minnesota UCC Conference Meeting →	8
9 9:30 a.m. Worship	10	11	12	13	14 Flag Day 	15
16 9:30 a.m. Worship Happy Father's Day! 🎁	17	17 6:30 p.m. Church Council	19	20 3:30 p.m. Food Distribution St. Paul's Supplies Workers	21	22
23 9:30 a.m. Worship	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 9:30 a.m. Worship Pentecost Sunday						

2024 Church Council

President:..... Steve Fries
 Vice President:
 Secretary: Sandi Braun-Ziemer
 Building & Grounds.....Marvin Petzel, Daniel Dyb, Jake Creighton, Connor Wigand
 Worship Ruth Ann Buck, Kristine Tullis, Katie Meierbachtol
 MembershipCarol Reiter, Tammy Meyer, Sharon Ban
 Christian Education..... Lynnsay McCormick, Sydnie Graff, Crystal Creighton, Paula Dhaene
 Witness & Mission..... Glenna Fries, Brianna Petzel, Mary Ann Tesch
 Budget & Finance Irene Doerr, Larry Wigand, Deb Boettcher
 Pastor Relations..... Arden Kroehler, Greg Petzel, Katie Meierbachtol

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