



**The Newsletter of St. Paul's United Church of Christ**

# Trumpet

November/December 2023



### Pastor's Letter

I am happy to be asked to serve St. Paul's United Church of Christ until April 1, 2024. We will celebrate Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter together. Already, I have enjoyed preaching on Sunday mornings and attending Confirmation classes, Council meetings, and a Women's Guild meeting. I look forward to more visits and the opportunity to take Communion to our homebound members.

Even though I will be part-time, my care and concern for you will be there all the time. Please call on me for pastoral needs. My email is [revfellows@comcast.net](mailto:revfellows@comcast.net) and my cell phone/text number is 603-562-1022.

The challenge in writing a letter of inspiration in these times is whether to focus on the beauty of autumn or the terrible plight of so many innocent people in the world. The answer has to be: both. All of life is spiritual, and God through Christ permeates everything.

Certainly it is a beautiful season of the year. It is the time of harvest, fall sports, crisp air, red trees, and falling leaves. Children may come to your door in costumes asking for treats. Soon we will be curling up in blankets with hot cocoa and Hallmark movies. The sanctuary will be decorated for Christmas, snow will fall, and everything will be brightly lit.

In our prayers, we ask God to be a blessing to all those people who would love to be enjoying the season the way we do, but cannot. There is uncertainty about conflict in the Middle East and Eastern Europe. As I write, the stability of our own government seems to be in question. Our prayers are with all those affected by the world situation. And if we are open to it, we can also see that there is much good in the world—in the end more good than bad. Our faith carries us through, and we pray that the way we treat each other is an example of what we would like to see globally. May our Christian actions be our contribution to bringing about a different kind of kingdom, a kingdom of God.

Peace be with you today and always,

Rev. Bob Fellows



Join us on Sunday, November 12th for the Hot Beef Commercial Drive Thru Dinner

11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Hot Beef Commercial Cole Slaw Pumpkin Bar

\$12.00

Proceeds from the dinner will be used for maintenance projects at the church and parsonage

## Confirmation Update



Have you heard buzz about Confirmation Cash?!? The confirmation class is individually earning Confirmation Bucks for all the worthy things they are doing, from worship duties, teaching a class, taking part in service projects and participating in fundraisers. Along with growing their faith, they will be growing their stash for an end of the year auction!!

We are seeking donations from businesses and individuals for this auction. While you are out doing your holiday shopping, please consider picking up something extra for their bidding fun. Some of the things they mentioned they would like is fishing, gift cards (think Scrip order), sports, snack goodies. This is for 6th-8th graders. We will be collecting the donations until March, of course letting them see what they can win as it arrives.

SPUCC Confirmation students are required to do service projects for the church and their community. Some they come up with on their own and others are suggested to them. They help with church projects and fundraisers, and now this week they will be writing letters to our homebound members. Our hope is that they become pen pals and gain a relationship that nurtures their faith. Our confirmation students are amazing!!



St. Paul's Women's Guild  
September 7, 2023

Those in attendance were Sharon Ban, Carol Reiter, Lois Dvorak, JoAnne Martens, Mary Ann Tesch, Lyla Smith, and Ruth Ann Buck.

Lorraine Just was to be the hostess, but because of illness she was unable to be there, but she did arrange the place The Schuette Shoppe. Because she could not be there Lorraine and Roger treated us to a scoop of ice cream, it was very much appreciated.

Mary Ann T reported a beginning balance of \$1857.59, with several donations and money from Larry Teschendorf's funeral we now have a balance of \$2,114.72.

We had a very nice lunch and spent the time visiting.

Our next meeting will be October 5<sup>th</sup>, it will be a potluck at 11:00, at church. We will set up our committees for 2024.

Secretary,  
Ruth Ann Buck

St Paul's Women's Guild  
October 5, 2023

A potluck luncheon was provided by Lyla Smith, Carol Reiter, Lois Dvorak, Sharon Ban, JoAnne Martens, Deb Boettcher, Kristi Tullis and Rev Bob Fellows was a guest.

The delicious lunch was served, and the time was spent with Rev Fellows getting to know the members.

Most of the committees will remain the same as last year, with a few changes.

We will set up the mitten tree after our November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, this will run until early December, so please bring your mittens, scarves, caps to church so the Sunday School kids can collect them and put them on the tree. These items will be taken to Gaylord to be given to those in need.

There will also be a Blanket Sunday probably in December, the date has not been decided yet.

We are looking for people to host the coffee hour after church, there will be a sign up sheet in the hall at the top of the steps.

Our next meeting will be at church on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, pizza will be provided, and we will set up the mitten tree. This will start at 11:00.

Thanks for the report from Carol and Lyla

Secretary  
RuthAnn Buck

Items for the shut-in goodie bags should be brought to church by noon on Thursday, December 7th. Bags will be packed at the Women's Guild meeting that day.

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, November 16th  
4:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, December 21st  
4:00 p.m.  
St. Paul's provides workers**

Next scrip order will be due Sunday, November 26. Be sure to order your Christmas gift cards. You will have them in plenty of time for your Christmas gatherings. Order forms available on table in back of church on top of stairs. Our October profit was \$11.03. Thanks to all who place orders.



Winter will soon be upon us, and to prepare we are seeking someone committed to keeping the church's door areas and steps cleared of snow and ice. We would need to be made a top priority on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in the job, please send a message to [danieldyb@gmail.com](mailto:danieldyb@gmail.com)

**The church council is looking for anyone interested in being on the Search Committee for our new settled pastor. Please contact any council member if you are interested in serving on this important committee.**

**Those Who Serve**

**Flower Committee**

**November**

Katie Meierbachtol, Arlene Busse

**December**

MaryAnn Tesch, Lyla Smith

**Sympathy Committee**

**September, October, November**

MaryAnn Marquardt, Irene Doerr,  
Deb Boettcher

**December, January, February 2024**

Carol Reiter, JoAnne Martens,  
Beverly Stueber

**Happy Birthday**



Lorraine Just	11/04
Bill Lehnertz	11/05
Molly Braun	11/06
Lyndsay Mende	11/09
Sven Mattson	11/15
Larry Wigand	11/15
Tom Bender	11/16
Arline Karels	11/16
Debbie Boettcher	11/17
Stephanie Wigand	11/17
Judy Petzel	11/19
Jack Steinborn	11/24
Paige Hornaman	11/25
Marvin Petzel	11/29

Ruth Ann Buck	12/01
Asher Graff	12/04
Aaron Mende	12/06
Alexia Schroeder	12/09
Pauline Woehler	12/11
Arden Kroehler	12/12
Eva McCormick	12/18
John Duzan	12/28
Lisa Steinborn	12/28
Gordon Almquist	12/29
Thomas Ziemer	12/29

**Prayer Corner**

In Our Prayers: Lucy Reinman, Terri Kroehler, JoAnne Martens, Lois Schroeder, Margaret Ceminsky, Bill Jones, Tom Ziemer, Linda Duzan, Gaylen Moody

Prayer requests go out to: Homebound:  
Pauline Woehler – Bayside Manor—Gaylord  
Ed Nye – Ridegeview Care Center—Le Sueur  
Arline Karels—Oak Terrace—Le Sueur

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

# November 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:10 p.m. Confirmation	2 11:00 a.m. Women's Guild Pizza Set up Mitten Tree	3	4
5 9:00 a.m. Sunday School  9:30 a.m. Worship Communion All Saints Day	6	7	8 6:10 p.m. Confirmation	9 6:30 p.m. Christian Ed Meeting	10	11
12 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 11—1 HBC Dinner	13	14	15 6:10 p.m. Confirmation	16 4:00 p.m. Food Distribution	17	18
19 9:00 a.m. Sunday School  9:30 a.m. Worship	20	21 6:30 p.m. Church Council	22	23 	24	25
26 No Sunday School  9:30 a.m. Worship	27	28	29 6:10 p.m. Confirmation Hanging of The Greens	30		

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24 9:30 a.m. Worship  4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service	25 	26	27	28	29	30
31 No Sunday School  9:30 a.m. Worship						

**2023 Church Council**

President:..... Larry Wigand  
 Vice President: ..... Steve Fries  
 Secretary: .....Sandi Braun Ziemer  
 Building & Grounds.....Marvin Petzel, Daniel Dyb, Jake Creighton, Connor Wigand  
 Worship ..... Ruth Ann Buck, Kristine Tullis, Katie Meierbachtol, Lynn Schroeder  
 Membership .....Carol 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  
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**UNITED CHURCH**  
**OF CHRIST**

