



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

# Trumpet

September—October 2022

*Ecclesiastes 3:1*



To every thing there is a season,  
and a time to every purpose under  
the heaven.

Saying Goodbye is hard. Change is difficult. The end of a ministry is a challenge. I have been with you for nearly nine years. We have prayed and worshipped together and fellowshiped with one another. We have celebrated baptisms, confirmations, graduations, weddings and funerals as the church of God. We have laughed and cried together throughout the years in all the transitions that life brings to us in the church.

I leave with a mixture of emotions – sadness and grief and yet relief and joy. I have a great love for each of you and I will miss you. After forty years of ministry I am ready to retire and be close to my grandchildren.

I rejoice and give thanks for our ministry together. During my time as your pastor we have had 49 baptisms, 15 confirmations, 12 weddings, and 40 funerals. At the beginning of my ministry here there was one Sunday School Class and one student in Confirmation. This Fall there will be three Sunday School classes with 5 teachers and a confirmation class of 9 students – grade 6-8. We have had creative worship services – using dramas, interactive sermons, varieties of music and the new video tech presentations. With Centennial Lutheran, Redeemer Lutheran, and Minnesota New Country School we began a Henderson Area Food Distribution in 2017. Today we serve 120 families a month. We do all this work through the grace of God.

Along with endings, also comes new beginnings. Yes, it will be a challenge to search for a new pastor. There is much work ahead for you as a congregation. Please remember that you do not do this alone. God is here for you and He wants the best for this congregation. Look to God and keep your eyes on Jesus. I encourage you to keep in prayer throughout this whole process. Pray for the church council who hires the interim, pray that God will rise up leaders to be on the search committee, pray for the person who will become your new pastor; so in short – pray – pray – and then pray again. Let the Holy Spirit lead and guide you. Support the ministry of the leaders of this church and especially the young families and the vibrant Sunday School.

This is a time of hope and new life for St. Paul's. Embrace the change and see how God works with you and through you. In Christ's name,

Pastor Deb Meyer



Good bye may seem forever.  
Farewell is like the end, but in  
my heart is the memory and  
there you will always be.



## **St Paul's UCC in Henderson Sunday School Begins Sept 18, 2022**

**9:00am Registration** (for Parents & Students)  
**Games**  
**Donut Holes and Milk/Juice**

**9:30am Process in Church**  
**Bibles for 3 year olds & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders**  
**Blessing the Backpacks**  
**Teacher Dedication**

### **Sunday School Teachers**

**2 & 3 yr old class**      **Emily Lawrence**  
**Sydney Graff**

**\*Note—children of 2 & 3 yr olds must have one parent present during class**

**4 yr old PK, K & 1<sup>st</sup> grade class**  
**Kristie Tullis**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade class**  
**Lynnsay McCormick**  
**Ashlynn Dhaene**

**Children: Bring one of your parents and your backpacks and your smiles!**





## 6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class

### Parent & Student Meeting

Wednesday, Sept 14th

6:15pm

We welcome the following students to this years class:

DJ Benson, Reed Creighton, Emma Christ, Ellie Conrad, Jaden Halterman, Trenton Hornaman, Mya Maus, James Schultz and Colin Stueber

Confirmation classes will begin on Wednesday September 14th from 6:15pm – 7pm. Classes will continue to be every Wednesday night at least until October 19. *(The new Pastor may have a different schedule)*

Students will need to be in worship at least 3 Sundays a month. They will sign up to be an usher, a Sunday School Helper, and or a Video Tech person.

#### Interim Pastor and Pastor Search Update

The search for an Interim Pastor has begun. This is the first step in the process of finding a new pastor for St.Paul's. The church council has met and put together the interim minister profile which will be listed on the MN Conference website. Potential candidates will be interviewed by the church council, once an interim is identified we will negotiate a contract. When the contract is accepted the congregation will be introduced to the interim pastor.

A separate search committee will be formed for hiring our new pastor. If you are interested in serving on this committee please let a church council member know.

More information will be shared with the congregation as we move through this process.

#### Baptisms

Otto Joseph Petzel

Birthdate May 20, 2022

Baptism Date September 11, 2022

son of Greg and Brianna Petzel

Mabel Jo Boelter

Birthdate July 24, 2022

Baptism Date September 18, 2022

daughter of Jack & Kellie Boelter



HENDERSON AREA FOOD SHARE  
**Drive-by FOOD DISTRIBUTION**  
**Sponsored by MNCS and Churches**

NEED HELP MAKING ENDS MEET?  
**MINNESOTA NEW COUNTRY SCHOOL**  
210 Main Street, Henderson

**Thursday, September 15th**  
St. Paul's turn to provide workers  
4:00 pm—till food lasts

**Thursday, October 20th**  
4:00 pm—till food lasts

### **Hot Beef Commercial Drive Thru Dinner**

**Sunday, November 13th**

**11 am —1 pm**

**Hot Beef Commercial Cole Slaw Pumpkin Bar**

Come and enjoy a hot beef commercial dinner at St. Paul's sponsored by Young at Heart.

Food donations will be requested and should be at church no later than Wednesday, November 9th. A sign-up sheet for food and workers will be available in October.

### **Christmas Goodie Sale**

Once again we will be having a Christmas goodie bake sale, so get out your favorite recipes and fire up your ovens!

Details: Christmas cookies, and nut breads (baked in mini loaves) will be sold at Small Business Saturday, November 26th from 10 am—3 pm at the Henderson Event Center . A sign-up sheet will be at church or you can call and leave a message at church if you will be able to bake (items can be baked at home). Your baked goods will need to be at church by Friday, November 25th no later than 9:00 am or the sale on November 26th. We will need the ingredients in your recipe so we can provide this information on the day of the sale.



Thank you to Anyssa Christ and Lauren Stueber for preparing the bulletins and announcements this summer. Lauren will be continuing on this fall preparing the tech presentation for us!

### **Church Council Minutes and Financial Reports**

If you would like the monthly council minutes and financial reports emailed to you please contact the church office or send a note to the church email at [stpauls1867@outlookcom](mailto:stpauls1867@outlookcom). The minutes and reports are also available at church on the table at the top of the stairs.

**Vice President** —We are looking for someone to fill the vice president spot on the church council. Council meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Please let the church office know if you are interested in filling this vacancy

**Please check your mail box in the friendship room.** Your giving envelopes, statements, and other Correspondence is put in these mail boxes to save on postage.



**Prayer Corner**

In Our Prayers: Karla Maurer, Lucy Reiman, Terri Kroehler, Larry Teschendorf, JoAnne Martens, Lois Schroeder, Bill Lehnertz, Katherine Tice, John Tuerk

Homebound: Gaylord

Pauline Woehler – Bayside Manor  
 Le Sueur  
 Ed Nye – Ridgeview Nursing Home  
 Sharon Nagel—Ridgeview Nursing Home  
 Carmen Wigand—Oak Terrace  
 Arline Karels—Oak Terrace

**Those who Serve:  
 Flower Committee:**

September, October

Lois Dvorak  
 Sharon Ban

**Sympathy Committee:**

September, October, November

Mary Ann Marquardt  
 Irene Doerr  
 Cherie Mattson




Lynnsay McCormick	9/1
Lucy Fries	9/2
Erin Stueber	9/3
Claire Hornaman	9/8
Cherie Mattson	9/9
Mindy Meierbachtol	9/9
Dana Nye	9/9
Marge Kroehler	9/11
Lynnea Wetzel	9/11
MaryAnn Marquardt	9/13
Ron Steinborn	9/13
Mike Reinhardt	9/15
William Hanna-Dyb	9/17
Ed Nye	9/18
Dawn McConnell	9/19
Bruce Ehlers	9/20
Tom Meyer	9/20
Lisa Von Lehe	9/20
Trudy Pivec	9/22
Bryan Fries	9/23
Tammy Swart	9/24
Jared Graff	9/25
Eleanor Hanna-Dyb	9/28
Jaxson Wetzel	9/29
Connor Wigand	9/30



Sharon Nagel	10/2
Samantha Winter	10/2
Sydney Graff	10/4
Anyssa Christ	10/5
Taryn Rice	10/8
Emma Christ	10/9
JoAnne Martens	10/9
Larry Stueber	10/10
David Tesch	10/15
Kenneth Hanna-Dyb	10/17
Doug Petzel	10/18
Sharon Ban	10/22
Ayden Christ	10/22
Jeff Steinborn	10/26
Heidi Haefs	10/28
Kathy Swenson	10/28
Margaret Ceminsky	10/29
Shayne Bender	10/30
Randy Tiegs	10/30

# September 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 11:30 a.m. Women's Guild Schutte's  4:00 p.m. Membership Mtg	2	3
4  9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion	5  	6	7	8	9	10
11  9:30 a.m. Worship  Baptism of Otto Joseph Petzel	12	13	14  6:15 p.m. Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting	15  9:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.. Food Distribution MNCS St.Paul's supplies workers	16	17
18  9:00 a.m. SS Registration  9:30 a.m. Worship  Baptism of Mabel Jo Boelter	19	20  6:30 p.m. Church Council	21  6:15 p.m. Confirmation	22	23	24
25  9:00 a.m. Sunday School  9:30 a.m. Worship	26	27	28  6:15 p.m. Confirmation	29	30	

# October 2022



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2 9:00 a.m. Sunday School  9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion	3	4	5  6:15 p.m. Confirmation	6  11:00 a.m. Women's Guild Business Meeting Potluck lunch at church	7	8
9  9:00 a.m. Sunday School  9:30 a.m. Worship	10	11	12  6:15 p.m. Confirmation	13	14	15
16  9:00 a.m. Sunday School  9:30 a.m. Worship	17	18  6:30 p.m. Church Council	19  6:15 p.m. Confirmation Farewell Pizza Party	20  4:00 p.m. Food Distribution MNCS	21	22
23  9:00 a.m. Sunday School  9:30 a.m. Worship Pastor Deb Final Worship	24	25	26  6:15 p.m. Confirmation	27	28	29
30  9:00 a.m. Sunday School  9:30 a.m. Worship	31  					

## 2022 Church Council

President: ..... Larry Wigand  
 Vice President: .....  
 Secretary: ..... Sandi Braun Ziemer  
 Building & Grounds..... Marvin Petzel, Daniel Dyb, Jake Creighton, Connor Wigand  
 Worship ..... Ruth Ann Buck, JoAnne Martens, Kristine Tullis  
 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  
 Pastor Relations ..... Arden Kroehler, Arlene Busse, Cherie Mattson

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*God is still speaking,*  
**UNITED CHURCH  
 OF CHRIST**

