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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



November 2025



St. Paul's UMC

Worship:
10:10 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Adult Class: 9:00 a.m.

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Chancel Choir Director:
NOW HIRING!

Bell Choir Director:
Dusty Basten

A Moment with Mike

In preparation for our yearly Charge Conference meeting with our District Superintendent, the Administrative Council recently met to fill out a form called "Mission and Ministry Plan." This form is where we set missional goals for the new year and share celebrations from this past year. In this newsletter article, as we are in the season of giving and pledging for 2026, I would like to share some of our celebrations from this past year, and then next month, I will share our goals for the new year.

When asked what is going well in our church, it was shared that we are a welcoming congregation with the feel of a family but also the ability to include others in the family. As your pastor for the last four and a half years, I can say this is true. I have witnessed the friendliness and welcoming nature of our congregation. When visitors come, they are welcomed, and if they come to fellowship, I notice that congregants make it a point to sit at their table so they won't be alone, even if that means changing tables. This is commendable. During the Administrative Council meeting, more than one in attendance shared testimonies of how they felt welcomed into the congregation when they were new.

Another aspect of our church life that was mentioned is our children and youth ministries. Our Vacation Bible School this last summer was the best one yet, with a little over seventy children attending. Hundreds of meals were served, many Bible stories were told, songs were sung, and games were played. Some children loved V.B.S. so much that they have started attending Sunday School this fall.

Another encouraging observation made in the meeting was that our high school youth are becoming more engaged in their faith this year, spurred on, in part, by the development of a new community youth group, called Young Life. We have noticed that more high school youth have been attending worship on a regular basis and helping with Sunday School. In addition, Teen Time attendance has remained strong.

All of this and so much more is made possible by the generous giving of your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Thank you for your generosity! Later this month, you will receive our annual stewardship mailing, which will include a pledge card for 2026, a budget, and a letter with information about our goals for 2026 as well as our upcoming stained glass window project. More details will be shared in that letter, but the trustees have noticed that the glass in the inner dome is cracked in places and will need to be fixed. In addition, the stained glass in the narthex (back of the sanctuary) ceiling is in need of repair. All of our stained glass needs attention, but the trustees are placing their focus on these two areas in 2026. Our stained glass has been an inspiration for many generations, and we want to make sure it continues to be an inspiration for generations to come. Details will come in worship and in the mailing. Again, thank you for all the ways you support St. Paul's. I can attest that your gifts are making a positive difference in our community and the world.



God bless,
Pastor Mike

October Happenings



Charge Conference

Thank you to everyone who provided bars and cookies for the Charge Conference, our annual business meeting with our District Superintendent, Dr. Michel Lundula, on October 19th, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. It was great having some area confirmation students attend this meeting. A special thank you to Linda Rutter and Jeff Blum for serving the treats and coffee to everyone in attendance. There were 14 churches represented from the Northwest District. Charge Conference packets are available in the church office and on the table in the narthex. These include reports, 2026 committee members, and our 2026 budget. Pick up yours today.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



50% of your donation funds scholarships for undergraduate or graduate students of color pursuing ordained ministry

35% of your donation funds training grants for worldwide inclusion, diversity, equity, and access

15% of your donation funds leadership development grants in communities around the world

Your support funds several significant educational initiatives

2026 Special Offering Sundays

January 18: Human Relations Sunday

March 15: UMCOR Sunday

April 19: Native American Ministries Sunday

May 17: Student Sunday

May 31: Peace with Justice Sunday

October 4: World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday Update

World Communion Sunday, a denomination-wide celebration emphasizing the value of education and training, was celebrated through a special offering during worship on Sunday, October 5th. Our congregation generously gave \$231 that supports young adults and makes a global impact for Christ. Half of the offering benefits World Communion scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students from the U.S. and other countries. The remainder provides grants to support training for worldwide inclusion, diversity, equity, and access. To learn more, please visit <https://www.umc.org/en/content/world-communion-sunday-ministry-article>.



A Taste of Fall!

Thank you to all the volunteers who joined together making apple crisps on October 15th and October 16th, in Schuldt Dining Hall. A special thanks to the Lundquists for donating the apples. Thank you to everyone who donated supplies, or purchased an apple crisp this year. All the apple crisps have been sold. We hope you enjoyed a taste of fall this holiday season!

October Happenings



2025 Leadership Institute

Pastor Mike Agnew recently attended the 2025 Leadership Institute, held at Resurrection Church in Leawood, KS, on October 1st through October 3rd. This is the church where Rev. Adam Hamilton is pastor. While there, he met some familiar faces, including Rev. Magrey DeVega, who sends his greetings to our congregation. There was also a large group of attendees from all across Iowa. See above photo.



Assembly of Ingathering Kits

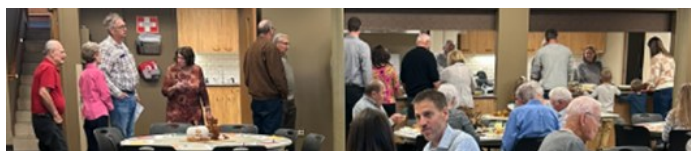
Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped assemble 100 school kits for Ingathering 2025. Thank you to Barb Kratz and Jeanne Blackstone for making the school bags. A special thank you to Roni Timmerman for organizing this event. These items go to those in need in the United States and around the world. St. Paul's is a drop-off site for the Northwest District on November 1st, from 8-11:00 a.m.

Mission Camp Fund Dinner was a Success!

The Missions Committee provided a wonderful pulled pork sandwich meal, with baked beans, salads, and desserts, on Sunday, October 26th. All of the food and supplies for the dinner were donated. \$905.00 was raised for the campers. As a church we typically cover 75% of the camp registration fee for each child attending camp in 2026. Your generous donations of money, time, and talent do not go unnoticed.

Thank you.

The Missions Committee



October Happenings



Baptism Blessings

Seth Ryan Curtis and Elijah David Curtis were baptized at St. Paul's United Methodist Church on Sunday, October 19th. Proud wife and mother is Allison Curtis, and parents and grandparents are David & Stacie Driggs, Glenn & Tammy Curtis, and Renee & Kelly Schulz. Congratulations to Seth, Elijah, and their families!



Marriage Announcement

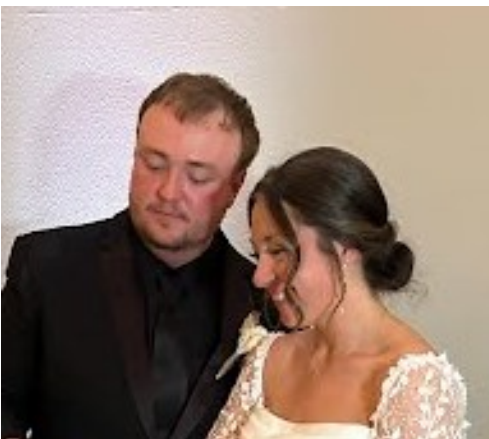
Congratulations to Calvin & Mikayla Brown, who were united in marriage on Saturday, October 4th, in Cherokee, IA. Mikayla is the daughter of Trever Kinnetz and Rachel Steward and Calvin is the son of Chad & Jillian Brown.

Congratulations to Calvin, Mikayla, and their families!



Marriage Announcement

Congratulations to Steven & Natalia Lundquist, who were united in marriage on Saturday, October 18th, in Rapid City, SD. Natalia is the daughter of Mike & Donna Cismesia, and Steven is the son of Kent & Nicci Lundquist. Congratulations to Steven, Natalia, and their families!



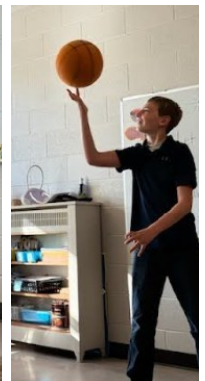
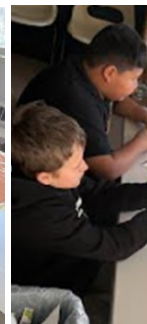
Marriage Announcement

Congratulations to Logan & Clare Pruitt, who were united in marriage on Saturday, October 25th, in Cherokee, IA. Clare is the daughter of Bonni Conley, and Logan is the son of Chris & Kim Pruitt and Jennifer Geil and Wes King. Congratulations to Logan, Clare, and their families!



Sundays are the best day of the week for kids at St. Paul's!

Here are a few photos from Sunday School in October. All children (PK-8th) are welcome at Sunday School. We believe St. Paul's is a great place to raise a family! Join us on Sundays at 9:00 a.m.



God is Love!

Announcements & Updates

College Care Update



There are 16 college students on our College Care list this semester. We recently sent them Halloween care packages. Thanks for your support of this ministry!

All Saints Sunday



All Saints Sunday is November 2nd. This is when we honor members from our congregation who have passed away since November 2024. Thank you to our membership secretary, Julie

Tolzin, for compiling the following list of members: Buertess L. "Bertie" Beals, R. Wayne Witcombe, Betty J. Bilney, Sally K. Puhmann, Della F. Wolf, Mary A. Chisman, Milton Robert "Bob" Schroder, Neal Robert Rogge, Loren R. Woltman, John H. Cook, Jr., and Rodney Jay Liles. If you know any family or friends of these members, feel free to invite them to our worship service at 10:10 a.m.

Food or Funds Drive



October 26th through November 16th, we will be collecting non-perishable food items, toiletries, and monetary donations for our area food pantries. Shopping carts will be available at the north entrance and in the

narthex to deposit your donations. Monetary gifts can be placed in the offering plate or dropped off in the mail slot or church office. Please mark your checks or envelopes for "Food or Funds." Thanks for helping our community!

Missions Committee Meeting

The Missions Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, November 18th, at 9:00 a.m., to disperse the Food or Funds donations.

Mat Weaving Mission

Volunteers will begin meeting on Tuesdays, at 1:30 p.m., to make sleeping mats from repurposed plastic shopping bags. People of a variety of ages and skills can contribute to this process: flattening and cutting bags as well as weaving the mats. **We do not need plastic bags at this time.** If you would like to help, or learn more about this mission, please join us on Tuesday afternoons. Due to the Election Day luncheon, this group will **NOT** meet on Tuesday, November 4th, but will resume on Tuesday, November 11th.



Fall at St. Paul's



Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 23, 2025

4 p.m. at St. Paul's

United Methodist Church

531 W. Main Street, Cherokee

Sponsored by the Cherokee County Ministerial Association

A Community Choir will be performing!



Holy Spirit, have mercy on us, remind us that we have poor among us who need what we have. Help us to be like the one who prayed, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" Let these gifts be the beginning of something beyond our imaginations. We pray all of this in your name, AMEN.

Announcements & Updates



United Women In Faith
"Faith, Family and Friends"

**Election Day Luncheon
& Bake Sale**

Tuesday, November 4th
St. Paul's Methodist Church
531 W. Main Street, Cherokee

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Our famous chicken hot dish, salad,
roll, and home baked pie **\$12.00**

For tickets, deliveries, or carry-outs
Call 225-3955
Mon. -Thursday, 10-3 pm

Ways You Can Help with the Election Day Luncheon

Mon., 11/3	10:00 a.m.	Casserole assembly and set tables
Tues., 11/4	9:30 a.m.	Pies and salads due to the church kitchen
Tues., 11/4	10:30 a.m.	Bake sale items due in Schuldt Dining Hall

Ideas of items to make for the bake sale include cookies, bread, brownies, snack mix, pies, and home-canned foods. Please bring your food items well wrapped or in plastic food bags.

A big "thank you" to everyone who has worked so hard to plan and organize the Election Day Luncheon and Bake Sale, especially Barb and Dan Kratz, and to everyone who plans to donate pies, salads, baked goods, and/or your time. The majority of funds raised from this event help the church to buy supplies for the kitchen and dining room, the V.B.S. meals, and other church activities.



**Vote on Tuesday,
November 4th.**



Chocolate Advent Calendars

Mark your calendar for Sunday, November 30th, as Jeanne Blackstone will be giving the children's message, which includes the beloved chocolate advent calendars!

Poinsettia Orders



If you would like to help decorate our sanctuary for the Christmas Eve service, poinsettia order forms will be available in the narthex and church office on November 2nd. The cost is \$17.30 per plant and includes a poinsettia in a 6.5" pot, foil, a sheer ribbon, a tray, and a portion of the delivery fee. Orders and payments are due to the church office by November 16th.

Christmas Decorating

All ages are invited to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas on Monday, November 24th, at 5:30 p.m. Pizza will be provided following the decorating.



Cookie Exchange



Our annual cookie exchange is scheduled for Sunday, December 7th. Mark your calendar, and stay tuned to the December newsletter for more information.

Alternative Christmas Gift Guide Coming Soon

Our Alternative Christmas Gift Guide will be available soon. This guide gives you the opportunity to support mission work while doing your Christmas shopping.

Mitten Tree



Beginning November 25th, there will be a Christmas tree at the north entrance and another one in the narthex to collect hats, mittens, scarves, gloves, and socks for those in need in our community.

Commitment Sunday

Join us for worship on Sunday, November 16th, at 10:10 a.m., as we turn in our 2026 pledge cards. This year, in addition to having a place to pledge to the general, Next Generation, and capital funds we will have a place to pledge for our stained glass window project. Please prayerfully consider how you would like to express your faith through your giving in this next year. You may return your card in person during worship, in the office during the week, or by mail.



Announcements & Updates

United Women in Faith Buzz

United Women in Faith Executive Board

Monday, November 10th

9:30 a.m.

Schuldt Dining Hall



Grace Circle

Wednesday, November 12th

6:30 p.m.

Schuldt Dining Hall

Hostess: Gigi Boothby Program: Mary Jo Poggenklass

A Thank Offering will be taken at this meeting.

Joyful Charity Circle

Wednesday, November 19th

1:30 p.m.

Schuldt Dining Hall

Hostess: Lois Eggerth

Program: Sally Knoben



All women from our congregation and the community are invited to be part of United Women in Faith. Contact the church office or attend a circle meeting if you are interested in joining or learning more about this organization.

All women are welcome to join a circle!

Communion Sunday



Holy Communion is served to all the first Sunday of each month. You need not be a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, or any church, to receive Holy Communion. Please join us for

Holy Communion during worship Sunday, November 2nd, at 10:10 a.m. All are welcome!

Other Upcoming Meetings and Events

Mon. & Wed. 7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (NE door)

Tuesdays 1:30 p.m. Sleeping mat weaving (Feller Lounge)

Note: there **won't** be mat weaving on November 4th

Wed., 11/5 10:00 a.m. Communion at Heartland

Sat., 11/15 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Reserved Schuldt Dining Hall

Thurs., 11/20 Newsletter info due

Sat., 11/22 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Reserved Schuldt Dining Hall

Tues., 11/25 11:00 a.m. Communion at Accura

Wed., 11/26 10:30 a.m. Bible study at The Gardens

Men's Breakfast

Men from our congregation and community met on Saturday, October 18th, in Schuldt Dining Hall, for Men's Breakfast ministry. A light breakfast was provided by Jeff Blum, and a short devotional was given by Rod Raveling. This is always a great way for men to come together to share God's love and discuss ways to put their faith into action. Our next Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, November 8th, at 8:30 a.m. You are welcome to invite a friend or neighbor to join you. All men are welcome!



"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose trust is the Lord." Jeremiah 17:7

Want to Get Involved?



If you are feeling called to help put God's love in action by serving any of our ministries, such as being a greeter, liturgist, usher, or leading a children's time message, please contact the office.

*"...for God loves a cheerful giver."
2 Corinthians 9:7*

November Office Closure

The church office will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 27th.



Stewardship Information



Our 2026 stewardship mailing, including a pledge card, will be mailed out in the first half of November. The mailing list includes those in our database who have a recorded giving or pledge in the past year. If you haven't received a copy of the mailing by Friday, November 14th, please pick up a copy in the narthex, or contact the church office.



Announcements & Updates

2025 Advent Studies

Option 1

Sundays

6:30 p.m.

Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, & 21

Feller Lounge

Option 2

Tuesdays

10 a.m.

December 2, 9, 16, & 23

Feller Lounge

The Advent studies will be reading the book, *Voices of Advent: The Bible's Insights For a Season of Hope*, by Matthew Skinner. In *Voices of Advent*, Matthew L. Skinner leads readers through biblical texts and explores how they shape our lives and Christmas celebrations. We listen as Jesus promises to return to us in the future, to John the Baptist as he prepares the way for the Messiah, to the faithful people and poets who anticipate the magnificence of Jesus's birth, and to the angels and visionaries who praise God when Christmas dawns. Listen carefully to the Bible's various perspectives that shape our preparations for Christmas; you will hear hope in all of them.

The cost of the study is \$15.50, but financial assistance is available, if needed. Sign up in the narthex on Sunday, or call the church office during the week.

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cherokeemethodist.com
(712) 225-3955



Chancel Choir Director Needed

Chancel Choir, St. Paul's United Methodist Church's vocal choir for those in high school through adults, is looking for a director! If you would like to be the director of this wonderful music ministry, please call the church office.

The Chancel Choir typically meets September through May. Weekly practices are held on Wednesdays, at 6:30 p.m. in the choir room, with performances taking place on select Sundays during our worship service at 10:10 a.m.

New members are always welcome to join this musical ministry!

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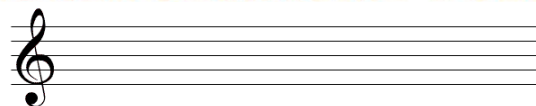


THE LESTERS

in concert

NOVEMBER 16 @ 6 PM

CHEROKEE COMMUNITY CENTER



Announcements & Updates

IOWA CONFERENCE of the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



The 46th Annual Mission Ingathering will be held on Saturday, November 1st, 2025, 8-11:00 a.m. The mission of Ingathering is to show the love of Christ to the world's people by ministering to their needs. Ingathering is a time when United Methodist Churches across the state gather items for kits and bring them to drop-off points around the state. These items then go to those in need in the United States and around the world. St. Paul's United Methodist Church is a drop-off site for the Northwest District, and churches from around our area. We have 100 school kits and \$585 given by our congregation to submit at Ingathering. Thank you to Barb Kratz and Jeanne Blackstone for making the bags, and Roni Timmerman for all her efforts as site coordinator. To learn more about Ingathering, contact the office, or visit <https://www.iaumc.org/ingathering/#iac>.

Online Giving Available

Online giving by debit/credit card or bank transfer is available at <https://stpaulsunitedmethodistchurch4833.breezechms.com/give/online>, or text the amount you wish to give to 712-882-7149. You may also scan this QR code.



Have News?



If you have news you would like to share with your church family (engagement, birth of a baby, wedding, anniversary, retirement, words of gratitude/thank you, graduation, death, etc.), please contact the office. It will be announced in the weekly bulletin, and/or the monthly newsletter. The deadline for our December issue of *The Dome* will be Thursday, November 20th.

The Power of Prayer



How can we pray for you? If you have a prayer request that you would like included on the prayer chain, please call Ervina Scott or the church office. God hears our prayers.



Thank You and Farewell Celebration

For the past six years, we have been truly blessed with the impactful and inspiring leadership of Ann Trimble-Ray as our District Lay Leader. Ann and her family will be moving to Altoona, IA, before the end of the year. Please join us on Sunday, November 23, at 2:00 p.m., at Early United Methodist Church, to express our gratitude and farewell to Ann and Roger.

United Methodist Student Day

November 30th is United Methodist Student Day. On this Sunday, United Methodists focus on the value of education by collecting a special offering "to support and advance the education of our children. This helps to fund over 70 scholarships for undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs for United Methodist students. Every dollar received supports and educates a new generation of leaders for the United Methodist Church. One-hundred percent of the funds collected on United Methodist Student Day are used to fund over 70 scholarships. The scholarship program awards members of the church who are pursuing higher education, from incoming college freshmen through doctoral level students. With the general online application, a student may be considered for any of the scholarship programs." Learn more at <https://www.umc.org/en/content/united-methodist-student-day-sunday-ministry-article>.

HomeTouch Ministry

Twenty-one members and friends of St. Paul's currently receive our weekly *HomeTouch* mailing which includes a devotional, a few activities (word puzzles, etc.), a bulletin, and occasionally photos of recent church events. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, or you know of someone that would like to receive this ministry each week, please contact the church office.

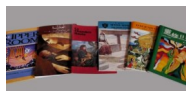


Prayer Requests



Our congregation consists of a variety of people, some who are very private and some who share their health information freely. For this reason, Pastor Mike only shares prayer concerns with the prayer chain or with the entire congregation during worship at your specific request. If you have a prayer concern, please let him know and specify if you'd like it to be kept private or public. A prayer request slip can also be found in the pew pocket during worship, and can be placed in the offering plate for his attention throughout the week.

The Upper Room Devotionals



November/December *The Upper Room* devotionals are available in the narthex and on the table outside the office. Help yourself to this FREE devotional.

Announcements & Updates

Children's Choir

The Children's Choir made their fall debut on Sunday, September 28th! Videos and additional photos of both the September 28th and October 26th performances can be found on our Facebook page.



Special Music Always Welcome



A special thank you to Ava Agnew, instrumentalist, for providing special music during worship on Sunday, October 19th. If you missed it, a recording of the service is available on our website and Facebook page.

We want to encourage you to consider providing special music during worship. Adults, youth, and children are all welcome to participate. If you would like to share your musical talents, vocal or instrumental, you may call the church office.



Bell Choir News

Bell Choir made their fall debut on Sunday, October 12th. If you would like to join them for upcoming performances, they practice on Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. in the sanctuary and usually perform during worship on the second Sunday of the month throughout the school year. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for any schedule changes. If you have any questions about Bell Choir, please contact Dusty Basten, or the church office.



Chancel Choir News

Chancel Choir, our choir for high school through adult singers, practices on Wednesdays, November 5th, 12th, and 19th, at 6:30 p.m., in the choir room. Enter in the north education entrance doors, and go left down the hall to the third door. New members are always welcome! Chancel Choir sings in worship on Sunday, November 16th, at 10:10 a.m. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for any schedule changes. If you have any questions about Chancel Choir, please contact Linda Christensen, or the church office.



Christian Education News

3rd Graders Receive Bibles



Third grade is a special year for kids in our congregation, as they receive their own Bible! On Sunday, October 26th, during worship, our 3rd grade students here at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, were

presented with a Bible, and a book, "Finding Your Way Through the Bible," to help them learn how to use their Bible. Congratulations to Madeline Gehlsen, Avery Christensen, Paysen Robinson, Lily Wendt, and Christopher Van Roekel! (Please contact the church office if your 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade student does not have a Bible, and we would be happy to order one for them.)

Children's Christmas Program

The Children's Christmas program is scheduled for Sunday, December 21st, during worship at 10:10 a.m. A dress rehearsal (with pizza) will be held on Wednesday, December 17th. More information will be available as the date approaches.



November Teen Time Schedule

Teen Time is a time for all high school students to gather together supporting one another as they grow in their faith. A free supper is provided beginning at 6:30 p.m., at 409 Centennial Drive, Cherokee, IA. Bible fellowship follows from 7-8:00 p.m. All high school students are welcome at Teen Time! You do not need to be a member of St. Paul's to attend. If you have any questions, please call Monica Cowan-Schmidt at (712) 229-9936.

Invite a friend, and join us!

Wed., 10/29	No Teen Time so all high school students can attend Young Life event.
Wed., 11/5	Teen Time (409 Centennial Drive)
Wed., 11/12	Teen Time (409 Centennial Drive)
Wed., 11/19	Teen Time (409 Centennial Drive)
Wed., 11/26	No Teen Time; Happy Thanksgiving!



Teacher Recognition

On Sunday, October 26th, the congregation honored our Sunday School and Teen Time leaders. Each leader received a small gift of appreciation. Thank you to everyone who helps with Christian education here at St. Paul's!



Pictured above L to R: Pastor Mike Agnew, Madi Stief, Rod Raveling, Heidi Gerstandt, Jessica Knippel, Ava Agnew, Miranda Cook, Whitney Robinson, Craig Schmidt, Monica Cowan-Schmidt, Stephaine Rochleau, Jan Cook, and Brittany Kannegieter. Missing from the photo are: Mikayla Brown, Megan Lucas, Becky Scherbring, Lola Christensen, Sophie Scherbring, and Ally Timmerman.

Adult Class

Adult class meets on Sundays, at 9:00 a.m., in Feller Lounge. Coffee and cookies are always available. If you have any questions, please contact Rod Raveling or Jan Cook for further details. You need not attend all classes. Just show up at any class session and visit.



Faith is a journey where all are welcome!

Children's Choir and Noisy Offering



The children's choir (all Sunday School kids PK-5th) will sing Sunday, November 30th, during worship at 10:10 a.m.

Sunday, November 30th, we will also have a special noisy offering (spare change) to benefit our children's ministries.

Parents, guardians, grandparents, teachers, neighbors, and friends-join us in worship to witness the kids singing for the glory of God!

Bell Ringers Needed in Cherokee



The Salvation Army is needing bell ringers of all ages in Cherokee this year. Volunteer as a family, or ask a friend to join you. You may sign up by contacting Cherokee County's Salvation Army representative, Glenda Parrish, at 712-221-9801. Additional information can be found on the table in the narthex on Sundays.

Thank You Notes

To the Staff Parish Relations Committee and St. Paul's congregation,

Thank you all so much for your appreciation, including gifts, gift cards, cards, and the reception with cake, for Pastor Appreciation Day. I am honored to be your pastor and do definitely feel the appreciation!

Sincerely,
Pastor Mike

Thank you to the Adult Sunday School, and Chuck & Julie Tolzin, for the cards sent to my father, Merlin Munson. It meant a lot to him receiving these in the mail.

Tiffany and family

A special thank you to Bonni Conley for the fun flavored bags of popcorn. We actually made a fun game with them and the youth enjoyed "winning" them. Thank you for your kindness, Bonni.

Craig & Monica, and all the Teen Time youth.

Thank you, Jan Cook, for donating snack and beverage items for the Sunday School rooms. The kids and teachers are very grateful and look forward to these treats each week!

Heidi Gerstandt and Miranda Cook

Thank you to Glenda Parrish for the stickers used with the *HomeTouch* mailings each week, and for the stamps to be used by the church office.

Thank you to Lois Eggerth for providing the stamps for our weekly *HomeTouch* mailings.

Thank you to everyone who helped move the old couches out of the Sunday School classroom, and down to the dumpster for pick up. A special thank you to Dennis & Laurie Gerstandt for donating the new, "slightly used," couches as replacements in the Sunday School room. The kids will love them for many years to come. We appreciate your generosity!



Thank you to Linda Burkhart, Heidi Gerstandt, and the Teen Time youth, Brittney Kannegieter and Ally Timmerman, for providing the Children's Time messages in October during worship.

Thank you, Meribeth Adams, for donating snack and beverage items for the Sunday School rooms. The kids and teachers are very grateful and look forward to these treats each week!

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Thank you, Rebecca Mosbach, for donating several snack and beverage items for the Sunday School rooms. The kids and teachers are very grateful and look forward to these treats each week!

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I would like to reach out and thank the St. Paul's congregation for the gift pack I received in the mail while at Iowa State! It's heartwarming knowing that I have such a supportive church family. I really enjoyed the treats and gift bag! Thank you so much!

McKenna L. Benson

The Pie Ladies would like to thank all those who helped make apple crisps. A special thanks to the Lundquists for donating the apples. We could not have accomplished this project without all of you.

With appreciation,
Jean and Shelley

A huge "thank you" to Jack and Mary Jo Poggenklass for your generous ground beef donation to be used by our Teen Time fellowship. Your support is not taken lightly. We are so grateful.

Thank you.

Craig & Monica Schmidt and ALL the teens that meet on Wednesday nights.



A special thank you to all of the volunteers who provide the Children's Time messages during worship. The volunteers that provide these messages take a break during the summer months, and we are happy to have it resume during the school year.



Worship Notes

North Door Greeters

11/2 Shelley Lenz
11/9 Neil & Jodi Phipps
11/16 Meribeth Adams
11/23 Gene & Jean Anderson
11/30 Craig & Monica Schmidt



Liturgists

11/2 Peggy Corrington
11/9 John O'Connor
11/16 Linda Appleby
11/23 Jerri Hunt
11/30 Rod Raveling



Children's Time

11/2 Connie Hankens
11/9 Pastor Mike Agnew
11/16 Heidi Gerstandt
11/23 Sophie Scherbring and Lola Christensen
11/30 Jeanne Blackstone



Ushers

11/2 Kenny & Melissa Schlenger, Betty Harman, and Brian & Laura Benson
11/9 Gene & Jean Anderson, Stan & Brenda DeRoo, and Roni Timmerman
11/16 Kevin & Karla Wilkie, Mike & Dee Taylor, and Betty Harman
11/23 Lowell & Sharon Bennink, Curt & Kristal Phillips, and Gene & Jean Anderson
11/30 Kevin & Karla Wilkie, Mike & Dee Taylor, and Roni Timmerman

Altar Flowers

11/2 Connie Hankens
11/9 Sign-up is available in the narthex.
11/16 Craig & Monica Schmidt
11/23 Families of Tim & Kim Wych, Trent & Korrie Coombs, and Kelly & Kristi Kannegieter
11/30 Jake & Stephaine Rochleau



The 2025 altar flower sign-up sheet is available in the narthex on Sundays, or you can call the office during the week. To provide altar flowers, you sign up and then call the florist of your choice. The florists in Cherokee have a key to our building and can deliver the arrangements.

Nursery Attendants

11/2 Stephaine Rochleau
11/9 Sophie Scherbring
11/16 Sign-up is available online.
11/23 Sophie Scherbring
11/30 Miranda Cook



Upcoming Sermons on Stewardship

11/9 "The Danger of Full Barns and Empty Souls" (Luke 12:13-21)
11/16 "Investing in the Kingdom" (Matthew 25:14-30)

In this two-part sermon series, we will look at two parables Jesus gave about money.

Sermon Podcast and Online Services Available

Sermons are available on 92.1 FM KCHE on Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m. and are also available via podcast. You can find a link to a podcast app on our website (green icon in the upper right on the homepage). Our full service is available live on our YouTube channel and as a recording after the fact both on our YouTube page and on our Facebook page. A link for our YouTube page can be found on our website (red and white icon in upper right on the homepage), and a link for our Facebook page can also be found on our website (blue and white icon in upper right on the homepage). If you need assistance, please stop by the office. There are also printed directions on the table outside the office and on the table in the narthex.



Worship and Sunday School Attendance

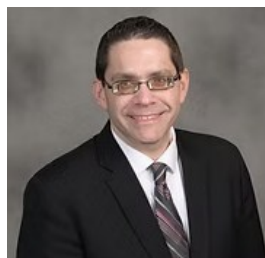
	Worship	Sunday School
9/28	124	39*
10/5	103	37*
10/12	99	30*
10/19	113	34*
10/26	148	43*

*includes adult leaders

Teen Time Attendance

9/17	19*
9/24	14*
10/1	Young Life event
10/8	Buena Vista University event
10/15	18*
10/22	7*

*includes adult leaders



Wednesday, November 5th, is Pastor Mike Agnew's birthday. We thank you for your tireless dedication and service to our church community. Your wisdom and guidance is appreciated. Happy Birthday!





ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Thanksgiving Dinner

**Sunday,
November 23, 2025**

9 a.m. Sunday School

10:10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Thanksgiving Dinner
(Freewill offering)

Join us as we enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner together, in Schuldt Dining Hall, following the service.

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