

## Thank You Notes

Thank you to Chuck and Julie Tolzin, Lois Eggerth, Becky Scherbring, and Micki Conley for helping us assemble the September newsletters.

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Thank you to Al Henn, Rodney Bainbridge, and Jeff Blum for their work mowing and maintaining the yard this summer.



Thank to the anonymous donors who paid for St. Paul's to be advertised on the Cherokee Braves stadium cups.



Happy Sunday,

Thank you for sending me a goodie box and the letter! My semester is going well, and I hope all is well with the church!

Thanks,  
JD Fiedler

Just wanted to let you know that I received my package! Thank you so, so much and the rest of the church!! I appreciate it and am thoroughly enjoying. :)

Madi Stief

Thank you to Pastor Mike for the phone call on my birthday. Thanks to those many people for the birthday cards and enclosed notes.

Verona Kay Turnquist

Thank you for the many expressions of sympathy following the death of Gene's brother, Tracy. We are grateful for church friends.

Gene & Jean Anderson

Thank you for the cards, texts, phone calls, flowers, and gifts for my 80th birthday. I am blessed to have all of you in my life.

Carol Wetherell

To Kids' Mission Project at St. Paul's United Methodist Church,

We wish to sincerely thank you all for your mission project of supporting our food pantry with your donations of food and of the monies. Your support helps many needy families in Cherokee and the surrounding communities with some basic food needs.

Blessings,  
Trinity Lutheran Food Pantry Committee

Thank you to Chuck Tolzin and to Jeff Blum for providing food for the Men's Breakfast.

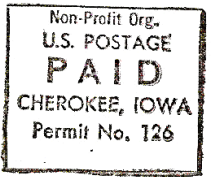
Thank you to Mark Scherbring for moving and hauling a love seat for the 6th-8th grade classroom.



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



October 2022



**Cook-out**

Everyone is welcome!

**Sunday, October 23, 2022**  
**5:00 p.m.**  
**Spring Lake Park**

**Supper:**  
hotdogs, chips, s'mores,  
lemonade, and water

**Activities:**  
pumpkin decorating,  
photo op boards, games,  
and hayrack ride

RSVP in the narthex on Sundays or by calling the office.

St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
cherokeemethodist.com  
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(712) 225-3955

### Third Grade Bible Presentation

**Sunday, October 30th, 2022**  
10:10 a.m. Worship Service



St. Paul's third grade students will be presented with a Bible during our worship service. Please contact the office if you have a third grader, so we can order enough Bibles.

### Teacher Recognition

**Sunday, October 30th,**  
10:10 a.m. Service

We will be recognizing our  
Sunday School, Teen Time,  
and Confirmation teachers.







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

October 2022

## St. Paul's UMC


**Sept.-May Worship Time:**  
10:10 a.m.

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1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

## St. Paul's Staff

**Pastor:**  
Mike Agnew

**Financial Secretary:**  
Sarah Cook

**Administrative Assistant:**  
Jennifer Agnew

**Custodian:**  
Betty Harman

**Organists/Pianists:**  
Betty Point  
Meribeth Adams  
Chris Andersen

**Chancel Choir Director:**  
Becky Lickiss

**Bell Choir Director:**  
Dusty Wright

**Nursery Attendants:**  
Nicole Hoskinson  
Whitney Robinson  
Mandy Christensen  
Heidi Gerstandt  
Miranda Cook  
Bailey Gaydo  
Jen Gaydo

## A Moment With Mike

This past month, many of our committees have been meeting to get ready for our Charge Conference. A Charge Conference is the yearly meeting with our district superintendent, where we report on the ministry of the past year and look ahead to the next year. As a part of this process, the Administrative Board met to create four missional priorities for the upcoming year. Each goal needed to have defined how to measure success, when it will be completed, and who is responsible for it. I would like to share with you the goals we have adopted.



### 1. To provide greater support and expansion of the Outreach and Connections Team.

**Strategy:** The Outreach and Connections Team organizes events throughout the year that connect our members with those outside of our church and with one another. This is a ministry we want to support by adding people to the team. Our goal will be to add three more people to the team by June 2023. Pastor Mike will be in charge of getting this started, with the support of the Administrative Board.

### 2. To use the church van to take trips and to be more visible in the community.

**Strategy:** Our goal will be to have a presence in two parades within the next twelve months and to use the van for confirmation field trips and for other opportunities as they become available. The deadline will be the end of June 2023. Pastor Mike will get the process started as parades come up, with others helping to drive the van in the parades.

### 3. To explore the possibility of having an after-school elementary kids' ministry.

**Strategy:** In the first part of 2023, we will have a signup in the narthex for any who may be interested in starting an after-school kids' ministry. Pastor Mike will then set up a time for those who have shown interest to meet to brainstorm ideas for the format and feasibility of the ministry. Whether or not we have the support we need for this ministry will be determined by May 2023. If it is feasible, our goal will be to begin this new ministry in September 2023.

### 4. To encourage community groups to use our educational classrooms for meeting spaces when the need arises now that we have heating and air conditioning in the rooms.

**Strategy:** In early 2023, the Trustees will review the current policy on outside groups using the church and will consider the feasibility of having outside groups in the education building. If this is feasible, the trustees may need to create a new policy to oversee how this would work. Our new Trustee chair will oversee the implementation of this by May of 2023.

Of course, these goals do not encompass everything we do as a church, but these are areas we will specifically focus on in 2023, in addition to the other things we already do. May God bless us as we seek to be a blessing to others in this fourth quarter of 2022 and in the year ahead.

## Worship Notes

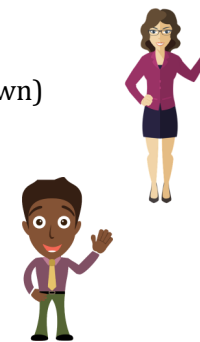
### Acolytes

10/2 Needed  
10/9 Kai Lucas & Hayden Brown  
10/16 Matthew Mosbach & Trae Hoskinson  
10/23 Matthew Mosbach & Trae Hoskinson  
10/30 Kai Lucas & Hayden Brown



### Greeters

10/2 Curt & Kristal Phillips (down)  
Ervina Scott (up)  
10/9 Loren & Darlene Woltman (down)  
Jeff & Patti Blum (up)  
10/16 John & Kay O'Connor (down)  
Judy Grienke-Miller (up)  
10/23 Wes & Sue Parker (down)  
Chuck & Julie Tolzin (up)  
10/30 Jason & Miranda Cook (down)  
Lee Ann Christensen (up)



### Liturgists

10/2 Kent Lundquist  
10/9 Linda Rutter  
10/16 Ervina Scott  
10/23 Steve Lickiss  
10/30 Ava Agnew



### Children's Time

10/2 Peggy Corrington  
10/9 Linda Christensen  
10/16 Miranda Cook  
10/23 TBD  
10/30 Paige Schlenger & Megan Courtright



### Ushers

10/2 Knobens Team  
10/9 Sue & Darrel Paulsen, Barb & Al Henn, Jeannette Grant  
10/16 Sue & Darrel Paulsen, Barb & Al Henn, Linda Burkhart  
10/23 Bob & Peg Parker, Moonie & Andrea Munson, Roni Timmerman  
10/30 Rod & Marci Brown, Becky & Mark Scherbring, Roni Timmerman

### October Altar Flowers

10/2 Jen & Tim Gaydo  
10/9 Linda Christensen  
10/16 Needed  
10/23 Rodney & Priscilla Bainbridge  
10/30 Needed



### Nursery Attendants

10/2 Miranda Cook  
10/9 Jen Gaydo  
10/16 Nicole Hoskinson  
10/23 Nicole Hoskinson  
10/30 Needed



### Nursery Information

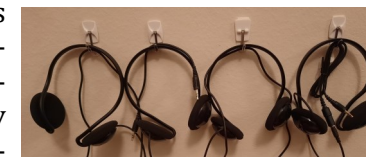
Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service! If you prefer, we also have a staffed nursery for infants through 2nd graders that is located on the second floor of the education wing in the first classroom closest to the sanctuary. **If you would like to join the nursery attendant rotation, Pastor Mike can send you the link to the online sign-up. A background check is required, for the safety of the children. A \$25 stipend is available for each Sunday worked.**

### Attendance

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Wed.	Confirmation	Teen
8/28	88	N/A	—	N/A	N/A
9/4	89	N/A	—	N/A	N/A
9/11	119	44	9/14	8	14
9/18	133	45	9/21	N/A	18

### Additional Assistive Devices

Thanks to an anonymous donor, we now have seven hearing assistive devices. We have recently added the option of headphones that go behind the head in addition to the over-the-ear type. The headphones are helpful if the over-the-ear type was uncomfortable for you. If you are interested in trying out these devices, please contact Jeff Fiedler or another member of our sound booth team.



### October Sermon Series: Making Sense of Death

Death is a concern for everyone; we all fear it to some extent. In this series, we will look at why we are afraid of death, what Christians believe about life after death, how we can continue living after a loved one dies, and how the reality of death should inform how we live. Sermons are also available via podcast, KCHE radio, and YouTube, if this is a sensitive topic for you to attend in person. Please contact the office for assistance.

10/2 "The Sting of Death" (1 Corinthians 15:50-58)  
10/9 "Life After Death" (1 Corinthians 15:35-53)  
10/16 "Living with Loss" (Psalm 46; 2 Cor. 1:3-7)  
10/23 "How, then, should we live?" (Matthew 25:31-40; Psalm 90:1-6, 12)



## Church Family News

### With Sympathy and Prayers

**Carolyn Steig**, 81, of Plano, TX, died of lung cancer on August 26th. She is survived by her son, Tal (Anita), of Sutherland. A celebration of life was held at the Yacht Club in Spring Lake Park on September 14th.

**Rebecca “Becky” A. James**, 92, of Cherokee passed away on Friday, September 16th, at Accura Healthcare in Cherokee. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 15th, at 10:30 a.m. at Boothby Funeral Home.

**Steven LeRoy Fassler**, 68, of Ivins, UT, passed away on July 13th at his home. Steven is Kim Robinson’s father and Marge Goodburn’s son-in-law. **You are invited to a come-and-go celebration of life service in Schuldts Dining Hall on Saturday, October 15th, from 2-4 p.m. Desserts will be served.**

**Joseph Djovu Lundula**, 62, the brother of our district superintendent, Rev. Dr. Michel Lundula, passed away on September 19th. Rev. Dr. Lundula writes, “My family and I are heartbroken to announce the sad news of the passing of our oldest brother, Joseph Djovu Lundula (62), early today in Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of Congo. My brother passed away after they discovered that he was poisoned by the people of evil mind. May the Lord forgive them for they do not know what they are doing. As children of God, my family in the U.S. and Congo believe in the power and hope of resurrection to new life through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. We do believe that some day, we shall meet again in the joy of eternity in the presence of Christ who went to prepare a place for us. At this time, your prayers for peace and comfort for my family here in the U.S. and Congo will be appreciated.” If you would like to send a sympathy card to Rev. Dr. Lundula, please mail it to PO Box 176, Peterson, Iowa 51047.

### Update on Our Military Members



**Ty Westphal** has completed his 10 weeks of basic training and is now in a new phase of training. This comes with a new address, which is PFC Westphal Ty, 3rd PLT, B Btry, 1st BN 78th FA, 4404 Blair Road, Fort Sill, OK 73503-5013. Ty would like to thank the congregation for your support during his basic training.

**Mikey Burkhardt** has joined the army. If you would like to send him cards of encouragement, his address is PVT Burkhardt, Michael, Roster #123, Delta Company, 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry, BLDG #3585, 9597 2nd Armored Division Road, Ft. Benning, GA 31905. Please note that he isn’t allowed to receive packages yet, but would enjoy receiving cards.

### It’s a Boy!



Congratulations to Hannah and Logan Kalm of Waconia, Minnesota. Their first child was born on September 16, 2022, a boy named Briar Christopher. He weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. and was 20.5 inches long. Briar’s grandparents are Mindy Hamlett of Lisbon, Iowa, Kyle and Candy Woltman of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Lorri and Kevin Gunderson of Mount Vernon, Iowa, and Chris and Susan Kalm of Nevis, Minnesota. Great-grandparents are Loren and Darlene Woltman, Dennis and Peg Hamlett of Cedar Falls, Iowa, and Shirley and John Cole of Marion, Iowa.

### Custodian Update

Due to an increase in hours at her full-time job in Storm Lake, our custodian, Kim Wych, resigned as of August 31st. Thank you for your hard work, Kim! After advertising and interviewing, we are happy to announce that Betty Harman is our new custodian, as of September 20th. Welcome, Betty!



### New Nursery Attendant

We are happy to announce that Heidi Gerstandt is joining our nursery attendant rotation, starting November 13th. Welcome, Heidi!

## Finance Update

The Finance Committee met on September 13th to review year-to-date giving and expenses and to prepare the 2023 budget. Although expenses continue to outpace giving, there is positive movement. After paying all expenses to the end of August, the checking account had a \$6,125 increase over July’s closing. Also, the July ending deficit of \$32,680 has been reduced to \$28,385. Considering this all happened in the historically slow month of August, we view this as being very positive for St. Paul’s. We pray this positive pattern continues for the remainder of 2022. The Finance Committee was very pleased with the work and outcome of the 2023 budget. After a complete review of expenses, the 2023 budget will show just under a 5% increase for expenses, with half of the increase (\$6,000) coming from utilities. Other areas increased include education, evangelism, worship material, and a small increase in pastoral expense. The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, December 15th, at 7:00 p.m. in Schuldts Dining Hall, at which time we will work on 2022 closing numbers. As Finance Committee chair, I (Stan DeRoo) would like to thank committee members Peggy Rasch, Deb Taylor, Sheree Hausmann, John Cook, and Pastor Mike, as well as new committee members Jerri Hunt, Kent Lundquist, Donna Lucas, Matt Hoskinson, and Tyler Gerstandt for their participation. Thank you to all our members and friends who generously support St. Paul’s United Methodist Church.

## Christian Education News

### Iowa vs. Iowa State Fundraiser Update



The grand total raised from the Iowa vs. Iowa State Vacation Bible School fundraiser was \$1,301.38!!!! Iowa fans raised \$658.38, and Iowa State fans raised \$634. We also had \$9 given that was undesignated.

You all are amazing! Thank you so much for funding our Vacation Bible School program for 2023, and a big “thank you” to the group that did the shopping, assembled the snack mix, and decorated the tables.



### Children’s Sunday School Breakfast Update

Last year, our Sunday School teachers provided a light breakfast for the children’s classes. This year, we asked the congregation for donations, and you all really delivered! You have amazed us with your generous support! Thank you so much for your donations of food and beverages!



### Sunday School and Adult Class Update

Our PK-2nd grade Sunday School class has had 14-17 kids, the 3rd-5th grade class has had 6-9 kids, and the 6th-8th grade class has had 8-11 students. We also have a high school student who assists the PK-2nd class. The adult class is doing a video study by Pastor Andy Stanley. It isn’t too late to join children’s Sunday School or the adult class on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. New members are always welcome! Children’s Choir will perform during worship on October 30th, which is also when we will collect our “noisy offering” (spare change) to benefit children’s ministries.



More pictures of Sunday School and the Adult Class were posted on our Facebook page, or you can ask Jennifer to show you, if you don’t have Facebook.



### Confirmation Update



We have six students currently attending confirmation class. On Saturday, September 24th, the class attended mass at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church here in Cherokee.

### Teen Time Schedule for October

On October 5th from 6:30-8 p.m. teens are welcome to attend the Community Youth Night at the Meriden Evangelical Free Church (412 3rd Street, Meriden) for a free meal and Bible lesson. This event is sponsored by WHS FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes). On October 12 and 19, Teen Time will meet for supper and study from 6:30-8 p.m. at Craig and Monica Schmidt’s home (409 Centennial Dr., Cherokee). On October 26th, the gathering will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. at Stan and Brenda DeRoo’s home (316 Centennial Dr., Cherokee). If you would like to be on the Teen Time texting list, please contact Craig, Monica, or the church office with your cell number.



## Announcements & Updates

### College/Military Care Team Update

We have 26 students on our college and military list this semester. Be in prayer for these young adults as they take big steps in their lives. On September 16th, the College/Military Care Team packed our fall care packages. A big “thank you” goes to everyone who donated food items, stamps, or money for postage.



We are so appreciative of your generosity! We’re looking forward to this semester and will be sending Halloween gifts and cards, Thanksgiving cards, and Christmas cards. The current College Care Team includes Jan Cook, Darlene Woltman, Meribeth Adams, and Jennifer Agnew. New members are always welcome.



### Tailgating Update

Our Outreach and Connections Team served hot beef sundaes and bars for tailgating at Washington High School on September 23rd. The proceeds from the meal went to the sports boosters, and this event gave our church great visibility in the community. Thank you to everyone who helped with this and to Bruce Dagle for ordering this banner to advertise St. Paul’s.



Bruce Dagle, Jeff Blum, Ava and Mike Agnew, Jen Gaydo, Miranda Cook, and Brenda DeRoo

### Charge Conference



Charge Conference, our yearly business meeting, will be held at Storm Lake U.M.C. (211 E. 3rd St.) on Sunday, October 2nd, at 2:00 p.m. Anyone is welcome to attend. Charge Conference packets will be available in the narthex on October 9th, if you can’t attend but would like to review the information.

### WIC, Maternal Health, and Child Health Programs

Are you having problems making your food dollars stretch far enough? If you are pregnant, have recently had a baby, or have a child under five years old, you may qualify for WIC. Many families work and still qualify for WIC. For eligibility details, additional information, or to schedule an appointment, call Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc. at 712-225-3322 or 1-800-859-2025.

### Men’s Breakfast

The next men’s breakfast will be held on Saturday, October 29th, at 8:30 a.m. in Schuldt Dining Hall. All men are welcome to join us for a light breakfast and short devotion. Rodney Bainbridge will be providing breakfast this month.



### One Big Worship Service

The Ministerial Association is sponsoring a community worship service (“One Big Worship”) on Sunday, November 6th, at the Cherokee Community Center. Doors open at 6 p.m., with the service starting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!



### Volunteer(s) Needed to Schedule Ushers



We are looking for a volunteer to schedule ushers for February, June, and October, beginning in 2023. This job could be completed by one person, or we could have a different volunteer for each of those three months. You will be given a list of people who are willing to serve as ushers, and your job would be to call, text, or email them the month prior to see if they are free to usher on a given Sunday. Once scheduled, you would give the information to Jennifer in the office to include in the newsletter and upcoming bulletins. If you have questions or are interested in this volunteer position, please contact the office.

## Announcements & Updates

### Other Upcoming Meetings and Events

Mondays	8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (NE door and downstairs)
Wednesdays	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir (sanctuary) Chancel Choir (choir room)
Tues., 10/4	8 a.m.-2 p.m. 9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Foster Care Review (Feller) Visitation Team (library) Outreach and Connections (Feller)
Thurs., 10/20	11 a.m.-3 p.m.	Circuit mtg. (Feller)
Wed., 10/26	10:00 a.m.	The Gardens Bible Study
Thurs., 10/27	1:30 p.m.	Newsletter assembly (Feller)



### Oct. UMW Buzz

**UMW Exec. Board**  
Monday, October 10, at 9:30 a.m.  
Schuldt Dining Hall

### Grace Circle

Wednesday, October 12, at 6:30 p.m.  
Schuldt Dining Hall

Hostess: Jean Anderson; Program: Judy Grienke-Miller

### Joy Circle

Wednesday, October 19, at 9:30 a.m.  
Schuldt Dining Hall

### Charity Circle & Ingathering Kit Assembly

Wednesday, October 19, at 1:30 p.m.  
Schuldt Dining Hall

### Election Day Luncheon and Bake Sale

Tuesday, November 8th  
Schuldt Dining Hall

Volunteers will be needed to make salads and pies. Buckets for the salads will be available in mid-October. We will also need donations for the bake sale. Stay tuned for more information.



### Guest Speakers at Charity Circle



Charity Circle had guest speakers, Shirley and Chuck Virgil, at their September meeting and invited the Joy and Grace Circles as well as other ladies in the church to attend. Shirley and Chuck are active in the local chapter of GoServ Global, located in Eagle Grove.



## Missions News & Updates

### Chicken Lunch for Missions Update

Thank you to the Missions Committee for hosting the chicken lunch on September 18th and to everyone who attended and donated. Prior to expenses being taken out, \$837 was given. The proceeds will go towards paying 75%

for children and youth in our congregation to attend church camp. A special “thank you” goes to Peg Rasch for donating the ice cream sundaes.



### World Communion Sunday



October 2nd is World Communion Sunday. This is when “...United

Methodists, in conjunction with other denominations and believers worldwide, participate in communion to recognize our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.” We also take a special offering that “support[s] racial and ethnic students in achieving their educational goals while also transforming communities. Fifty percent of the offering provides scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries. Thirty-five percent supports ethnic scholarships for undergraduate students. Fifteen percent funds in-service training programs for racial and ethnic persons.”

(Information from <https://www.umc.org/en/content/world-communion-sunday-ministry-article>.)

### A Note from the Ingathering Committee

The Ingathering is a time when United Methodist Churches gather items for kits and bring them to drop-off points around the state. These items go to those in need in the U.S. and around the world. Churches from our area will be dropping off donations in our parking lot on Saturday, November 5th. Here at St. Paul’s, we are working on making 100 school bags. If we have extra funds, we will also make some health kits. Donations are needed to help purchase items for the kits. To donate, please mark your check or envelope for “Ingathering.” As of September 11th, \$985 has been donated. Kits will be assembled on October 19th at 1:30 p.m., and volunteers are welcome.

### Food and Funds Drive Coming Soon

This year’s “Food and Funds Drive” will take place October 30th-November 13th. As in years past, we will collect canned goods and gifts of cash to be distributed to local food pantries.

