









This Week's Schedule

	Today	9 a.m.	Sunday School for PK-8th & adults
		9:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal (choir room)
		10:10 a.m.	Worship/Chancel Choir (sanctuary)
		11:15 a.m.	Fellowship/snacks (Schuldt Dining Hall)
		—	No Lent study (Pastor Mike off.)
	Mon., 3/16	9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 - 3 p.m. Church office open	
		12 p.m.	Pastor Mike at Rotary
		7 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (NE entrance)
	Tues., 3/17	9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 - 3 p.m. Church office open	
		10 a.m.	Lent study - Ch. 3
		1:30 p.m.	Mat weaving (Feller Lounge)
 	Wed., 3/18	9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 - 3 p.m. Church office open	
		9 a.m.	Bulletin submissions due
		9:30 a.m.	Cherokee County Ministerial Assoc. (Memorial Presbyterian Church)
		12:05 p.m.	Sermons Ala Carte (Mem. Presby.) Pastor: Father Dan Rupp Lunch: Sausage and noodles
		1:30 p.m.	Joyful Charity Circle (S. Dining Hall) Hostess: Barb Kratz Program: Linda C. - Pledge Service
		5:45 p.m.	Bell Choir practice (sanctuary)
		6:30 p.m.	Teen Time (409 Centennial Drive)
		7 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (NE entrance)
	Thurs., 3/19	9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 - 3 p.m. Church office open	
		—	Newsletter information due
	Fri., 3/20	Office closed & Pastor Mike's day off	
	Sat., 3/21	8:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast (Schuldt Dining Hall) Food: Don Blackstone
	Sun., 3/22	9 a.m.	Sunday School for PK-8th & adults
		9:15 a.m.	Praise band (sanctuary)
		10:10 a.m.	Worship/baptisms (sanctuary)
		11:15 a.m.	Tavern Lunch & Pie Auction (Schuldt Dining Hall)
		6:30 p.m.	Lent study - Ch. 4 (Feller Lounge)

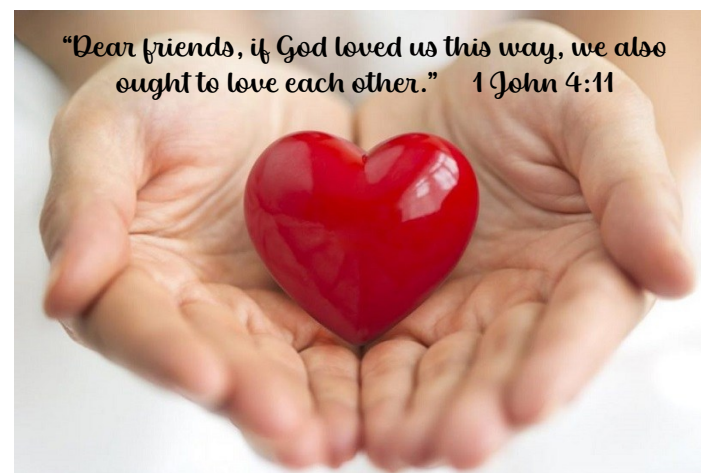
Last Week's Attendance (*includes adult leaders)

Worship: 121 Sunday School: 20* Teen Time: 12*

Welcome!

March 15, 2026

10:10 a.m.



ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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Order of Worship

* Indicates that all who are able are invited to stand in praise of God.

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Come into the light of God.

People: Christ's brightness will guide our way.

Leader: Come into the wisdom of God.

People: The Spirit's insight will reveal new truths.

Leader: Come into the praise of God.

People: Worship opens new doors in our hearts.



Opening Prayer

*Hymn "Here I Am, Lord" No. 593

*The Apostles' Creed No. 881

Special Music "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" Chancel Choir

Children's Time

A Time of Prayer and The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Hymn "Pass It On" No. 572

Scripture Reading 1 John 4:7-21

Message from Denise Green at Ecumenical Institute

Offering and UMCOR Special Offering

*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 94

*Offertory Prayer

*Hymn "Let There Be Peace on Earth" No. 431

*Benediction "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" Chancel Choir

*Postlude

All are welcome for a time of fellowship and snacks in Schuldt Dining Hall following the service. It's a great way to get to know one another!



Staff and Today's Worship Assistants

Pastor: Mike Agnew

Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Agnew

Financial Secretary: Sarah Cook

Custodian: Betty Harman

Nursery: unstaffed

N. Greeters: Gene & Jean Anderson

Liturgist: Deb Samuelson

Children's Time: Bonni Conley

Ushers: Bonni Conley, Darlene Woltman,
Chuck & Julie Tolzin, and Marla Conley

Worship Leader: Chuck Tolzin

Organist/Pianist:

Betty Point

Bell Choir Director:

Dusty Basten

Chancel Choir Director:

Kathy Brandt

Drummer: Kent Lundquist

Guitarist: Charlie Leissler

The altar arrangement is given by Linda Christensen in honor of her church family.



March 22nd Worship Assistants

Organist/Pianist: Chris Andersen

Nursery: open

North Greeters: Al & Barb Henn

Flowers: Rochleau Family

Liturgist: Barb Kratz

Children's Time: Steph Rochleau

Ushers: Gigi Boothby, Denise Green, Riley Lubeck & Austin Wilkie,
and Ervina Scott & Rod Raveling

Sermon: "Nicodemus" (John 3:1-21)



Resources Available for Worship



Welcome! We are glad you're here. Assistive listening devices and children's activity bags are available in the narthex. Please inquire at the sound booth if you would like to try an assistive listening device. If your child needs a changing table, one is available in the bathroom under the west entrance staircase and in the nursery. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

Nursery Unstaffed Today

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service! The nursery is unstaffed today. However, if you and your child need a break, the room is located on the second floor of the education wing in the first classroom closest to the sanctuary. There is a smart TV to watch the service.

UMCOR Sunday

Today is UMCOR Sunday, when we join other UM congregations to help fund the operational expenses of UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief), so that 100% of our giving to disasters throughout the year can go directly to people in need. To donate, use the envelope in your bulletin, or make your check out to St. Paul's UMC, and put "UMCOR" on the memo line. If you don't plan to use your envelope, please put it in the green basket on the table in the narthex, so it can be reused next year. To learn more about UMCOR's impact, see the informational card in your pew pocket, or visit <https://umcmmission.org/work/humanitarian-relief>.

UMCOR's Responses in 2025

30 floods	11 tropical storms	5 fires
6 tornadoes	29 migration events	3 landslides
5 earthquakes	7 conflicts/civil unrest	16 other
	3 public health emergencies	disasters



Tavern Lunch & Pie Auction



Next Sunday, March 22nd, following worship, Teen Time will be hosting a tavern lunch and pie auction. Ricky Swain will be returning as the auctioneer, and the "Pie Angels" will provide wonderful, homemade pies to auction. Proceeds will

be used to help the less fortunate in our community. Join us!

Baby Shower



You're invited to a baby shower honoring the mom-to-be, Madison (Stief) LeLoux, on Saturday, March 28th, from 12-2 p.m. in Schuldt Dining Hall. Madi is registered at Target and Cherokee General Store.

May Mobile Meals

Volunteers are needed to deliver Mobile Meals on Mondays in May. If you are interested, there is a sign-up with information in the narthex.

Ecumenical Institute for Clinical Pastoral Education



Educating people to meet spiritual needs in their community.

Thank you to Denise Green for sharing with us about Ecumenical Institute today. Ecumenical Institute (EI) was started in 1968 and has operated as a charitable organization since 1993. Its goal is to mobilize pastoral care for the residents of northwest Iowa. Ecumenical Institute's vision is to provide care for humans in all conditions of life and offer spiritual training

to those who assist in that care. Due to Covid 19, the need for online training increased. Ecumenical Institute (EI) now serves Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) students throughout the United States. Ecumenical Institute mobilizes pastoral care throughout northwest Iowa by:

- Providing Certified Pastoral Education (CPE) to individuals committed to northwest Iowa through classes, workshops, and seminars.
- Mobilizing pastoral care by networking together with leaders from congregations, civic organizations, businesses, and community service providers.
- Empowering pastoral caregivers to "pass it on" within their own spheres of influence, from congregations, to the workplace, to the community at large.

Learn more at their website, <https://ecumenicalinstitute.org/>. If you'd like to give a donation to Ecumenical Institute, please make your check out to St. Paul's, and write "EI" on the memo.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Sun., 3/29	10:10 a.m.	Palm/Passion Sunday service
Thurs., 4/2	7 p.m.	Maundy Thursday service
Fri., 4/3	7 p.m.	Good Friday service
Sun., 4/5	8 a.m.	Early worship service
	8:45-9:45 a.m.	Brunch provided by Teen Time
	9:45 a.m.	Egg Hunt*
	10:10 a.m.	2nd worship service/Chancel Choir



*Small, wrapped candy is needed for the Easter egg hunt. Please put donations in the box in the narthex, or drop them off in the office by Thursday, March 26th.