

Opportunities to Know God, Love God & Serve God

- ◆ [Next Sunday, September 14, worship will be held Outdoors @ 9:30 am in the Memorial Garden](#) with Janelle Heying leading musical worship. Coffee Hour will be held in Fellowship Hall after the service.
- ◆ [A Communion Worship Service](#) will be held at Pleasant View on Wednesday, September 17 @ 1:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.
- ◆ [The FREE Community Breakfast](#) will be held on Saturday, September 20 from 9-10:30 am. Casseroles are on the menu! All are welcome!
- ◆ [Family Bingo Night](#) will be held on Saturday, September 27 from 4:30-7 pm in Fellowship Hall. Hot dogs and snacks will be served @ 5:30 pm. Bring a \$5 or 5 lb. wrapped gift to be used for prizes.



From Pastor Bill Long:

If you have questions about anything you've heard today, please feel free to contact us. We'd love to talk with you and get to know you! Pastor Bill Long's office hours are Monday-Thursday 9 am-1 pm. For other times, call the church office at 717.665.2447.

If you need Pastoral Care: If you are hospitalized or in crisis, please notify the church office at 717.665.2447 during weekday hours, or for **emergency** weekends, please call the church and leave a message – messages are monitored daily and your call will be returned shortly.

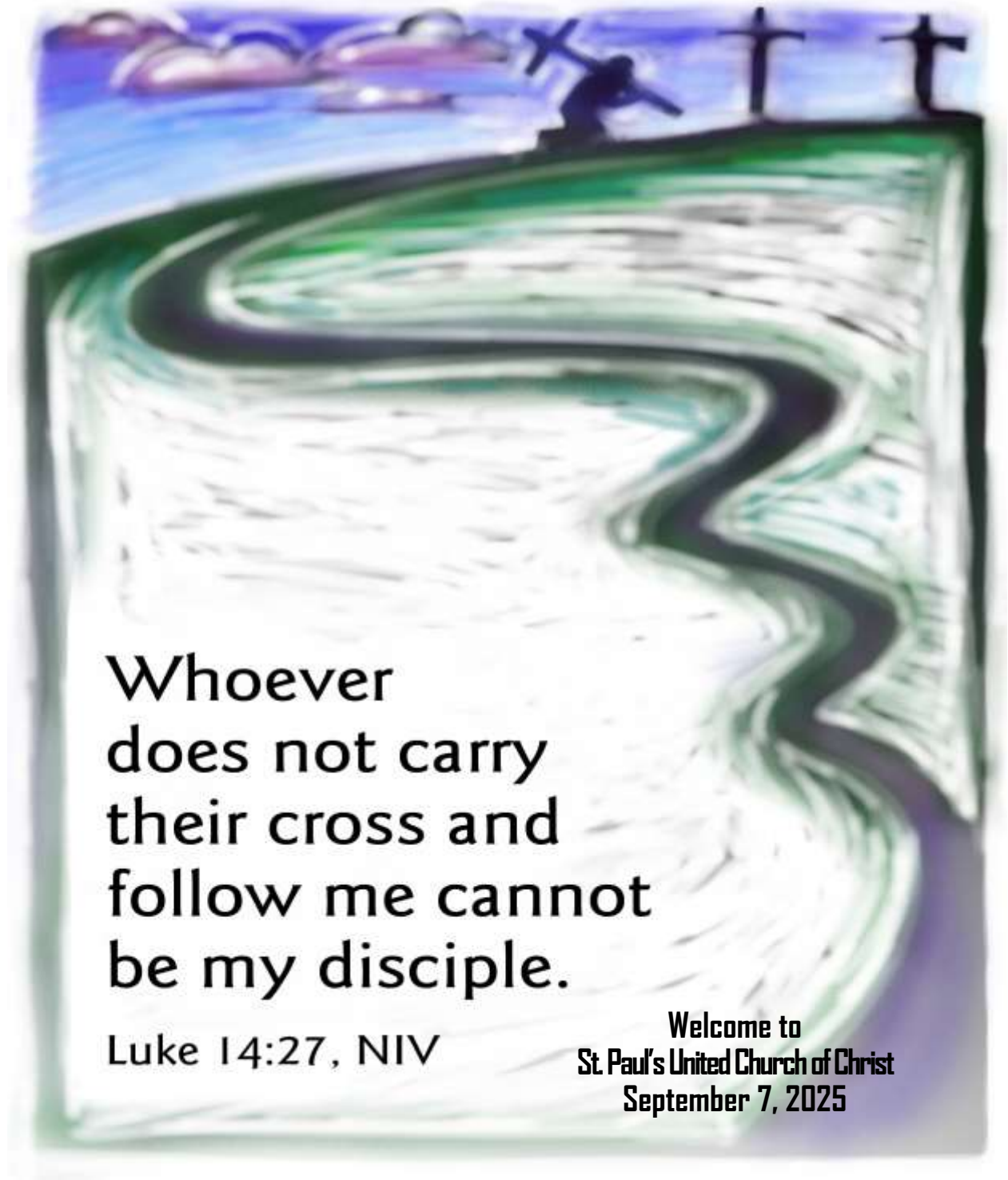
Church Calendar

Sunday: 9 am Prayer
9:30 am [One Worship](#)
10:30 am [Coffee Hour](#)
Monday: 6 pm New Voices Vision Team
7 pm Property Board
Wednesday: 6:30 pm [Bible Study](#)
Thursday: 9 am Simply Yoga
7 pm AA @ Zion Lutheran
7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
Saturday: 9 am Work Day
Next
Sunday: 9 am Prayer
9:30 am [Outdoor Worship in Memorial Garden](#)
10:30 am [Coffee Hour](#)

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Whoever
does not carry
their cross and
follow me cannot
be my disciple.

Luke 14:27, NIV

Welcome to
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
September 7, 2025

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WELCOME to ST. PAUL'S

Making a Difference through the Love of Christ to
Know God ♦ Love God ♦ Serve God

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude/Call to Prayer/Prayer of the Day "Take The Name Of Jesus With You"

- Landon

Call to Worship ([Psalm of the Day](#))

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♦ **Hymn #535**

["Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"](#)

Call to Confession/Prayer of Confession

P: Lord, you have put many valuable things into my hands, but I have so many times shown myself to be ungrateful and selfish with your gifts, either hoarding them or wasting them. The good land you have given to me, the gift of freedom, food in abundance, my time of life and the liberal ministry of Your Word have all been too carelessly received and treated by me. Teach me Christ's humility. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

♦ **Offertory #815**

Special Music

"It Is Well With My Soul" by Bliss/Olstad

- John Degler on Alto Saxophone

Prayers of Intercession

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Confession of Faith

- The Heidelberg Catechism

L: What do you believe concerning "the holy catholic church"?

P: I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.

Reading of Scripture

[Deuteronomy 30:15-20](#)/[Philemon 1-21](#)/ ♦ [St. Luke 14:25-33](#)

Sermon

["The Cost of Discipleship"](#)

- Pastor Bill Long

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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♦ **Hymn #589**

["Here I Am, Lord"](#)

♦ **Benediction**

♦ **Postlude**

"The Heavens Are Telling"

- Beethoven/arr. Wills

♦ All who are able may stand

Announcements

Welcome! It's so great to worship with you once again!

Worship Assistants:

Greeters/Ushers: Kermit & Dottie Drumheller

Music Provided by June Smith

The Altar Flowers are placed To the Glory of God.

Offering Options: Your offering is a part of worshipping God. St. Paul's offers several ways to give your offering:

- ♦ Drop your envelope in the donation box as you leave church today.
- ♦ Mail your offering to the church.
- ♦ If you use online banking, use the Bill Pay option.
- ♦ Or set up direct withdrawals – contact the church office at 717.665.2447 for more information.

Thank you for your continued support of the ministry here @ St. Paul's UCC!

You're Invited to [Coffee Hour!](#)

Following the worship service, please follow the crowd downstairs to Fellowship Hall to enjoy a delicious cup of Whiff Roasters coffee and some scrumptious treats. There's something for everyone! You'll even have a chance to get to know the people of St. Paul's including Pastor Bill Long!

[Nursery Care](#)

The Nursery is available unstaffed for parents and children to use during worship as the service is livestreamed into the nursery. Coloring pages with the lessons for the day are also available in the nursery as well.

Mission of the Month

The September Mission of the Month is St. Paul's Shepherd's Fund. This fund helps members and friends of St. Paul's with transportation, medical, or housing assistance during a difficult financial time. Please use your September envelope to give to those in need of God's love, care and support.

Prayers of the People

To update the prayer list, please contact Joan Hess at 717.665.4705.



Pray for the lowly and those who are ignored. Provide for the needs of vulnerable communities, those who are unemployed, burdened by debt, or struggle to make ends meet. Accompany all who need reassurance of your loving presence God.

Today's Prayer: We pray for creation, that it may be cherished and nurtured. Sustain farmlands, animals, and waters; restore places affected by calamities; and shield coastlands from rising seas. Amen.

Fellowship & True Vine Cups:

St. Paul's UCC is using True Vine Cups (grape juice) and True Vine Chalice cups (wine in chalice shaped container) for communion as a way to stay safe. True Vine Chalice cups are available with both regular and gluten free wafer; gluten free cups are clearly marked Gluten Free at the chalice opening.

To use the True Vine Cups, please hold the cup firmly and peel the wafer or bread end of the cup first. At the appropriate time, please flip the cup over and carefully peel open the juice side of the cup.

To use the True Vine Chalice cups, hold the cup firmly and peel the wafer end of the cup first. At the appropriate time, please flip the chalice container and carefully peel open the wine side to drink.

If you need assistance, please feel free to check with an usher.



The Sacrament of Holy Communion

L: The Lord be with you. **P: And with your spirit.**

L: Lift up your hearts. **P: We lift our hearts up unto the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. **P: It is right for us to do so.**

♦ Gloria Patri

P: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Prayer of Consecration

P: Living God, send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this heavenly meal which we share; nourish us with your grace so that we are strengthened to do your work in this world. Unite us with you so that we are renewed; and join us with your covenant people throughout time and space so that all divisions will be healed. May we gratefully and joyfully remember that Jesus, our Savior, lived, died, and rose to give us new life and make us new creations in him. May we live in the hope we discover through Jesus Christ, our Lord. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Seraphic Hymn (Hosanna)

P: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabbaoth: Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of Thy Glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

L: Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, and bless us that as we receive them at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things. In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. **P: Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again. Amen.**

Hymn #413

["Break Thou the Bread of Life"](#)

Verse 1

Sharing of the Elements

♦ Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: Almighty and Everlasting God,

P: We thank you for the great goodness you have shown toward us by nourishing us through these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior; assuring us that we are members of the mystical body of Christ our Lord. Help us to continue in that Holy Fellowship and do all things that shall please you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory. Amen.