**St. Paul**

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**July 27, 2025 10:30am**

Welcome! Whether you are a guest, friend or member, we are delighted that you are here. Large print bulletins are available at either door. Ask a greeter for any directions you may need.

*“Please note that this service will be live-streamed on Facebook. If you do not wish to be visible on camera, please let an usher know so we can take appropriate measures to ensure*

*your privacy."*



Rev. Jim Oleson, Pastor

Carolyn Meier, Musician

***Seventh Sunday after Pentecost***

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Welcome & Announcements**

*In the last days, says God, I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters shall prophesy. Your young people shall see visions, and your old people shall dream dreams. People of God, we have been baptized into one Spirit and one body through Jesus Christ. Let us worship today.*

**Prelude and Lighting of the Candles**

**\*Call to Worship**

**Leader:** We are here,

**People: in the name of Christ Jesus.**

**Leader:** So ask right now,

**People: and it shall be given to you.**

**Leader:** Seek right now,

**People: and you will find.**

**Leader:** Knock right now,

**People: and the door will be opened.**

**\*Invocation**

**Holy God, we come asking for more of your Spirit in our lives, we come seeking a clearer understanding of your will, we come knocking for doors of opportunity to open, we come, knowing that you are always more ready to give than we are to receive. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!**

**\*Hymn of Praise** #275New Century Come Now Almighty God

**\*Prayer for Transformation** **and New Life**   
**Holy, awesome God, some of us have come here feeling depressed and corrupted by the pressures and temptations of life. We need help. Please forgive and restore us.**

**Holy God, some of us have come here feeling not so much sinful as frustrated by our clumsiness and stupidity. We need help. Please reassure us and reclaim us.**

**Holy God, some of us have come here feeling neither sinful nor stupid, but rather careless or even cynical about ourselves and others. We need help. Please confront and redeem us. Holy God, we thank you that our judge is our Savior and our Savior is our judge. You best know what needs rooting out or disinfecting, pruning, or nourishing, weeding and nurturing. By the grace of Christ Jesus, may we be saved from all that is ruinous and re-established in all that is healthy and strong. For your love’s sake. Amen!** <pause for silent reflection >

**Words of Grace**   
Holy Scripture declares: “God did not sent his Son into the world to condemn it, but that the world through him might be saved.” So ask right now, and it shall be given to you. Seek right now, and you will find. Knock right now, and the door will be opened. In the name of the Son I declare to each repentant soul: Your sins are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

**\*Response of Praise**

**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.**

**Mission Moment** Janet Drown

**Written Word**

Genesis 18:20-32

Colossians 2:6-15

Luke 11:1-13

**Hymn** #506New Century What A Friend We Have in Jesus

**Message** Prayer Lessons from the MastersRev. Jim Oleson

Genesis 18:20-32 & Luke 11:1-13

**Church in Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord’s Prayer** (Debts, Debtors)

**Offertory**

**Invitation to Generosity**

**\*Doxology** (Tune: Old Hundredth)

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Thank you God, for the opportunity to be there when our neighbor is seeking, to give when our neighbor is asking, to open the door when our neighbor is knocking. Thank you that we may share out of the abundance of our own blessings. We dedicate these gifts to you, and pledge them for the furthering of your kingdom on earth. Amen.**

**\* Closing Hymn #80** New Century Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

\***Commission and Benediction**

**\*Christ’s Light Leads Us into the World**

**\*Congregational Response** #76 New Century Sent Forth by God’s Blessing

(Verse 1)

**\*Ringing of the Bell and Postlude**

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**OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00am – 3:00pm

It Happens

Here St. Paul UCC

Weekly Calendar

July 27th – August 3rd

**July 27th *Seventh Sunday after***

***Pentecost***

10:30am Worship

11:30am Fellowship Hour

July 28th - 31st

Joann’s Vacation

**August 3rd Eighth *Sunday after***

***Pentecost***

10:30am Worship

11:30am Fellowship Hour

***Looking Ahead***

August 3rd

5:15 pm Council Meeting

August 23rd

6:00pm Trivia Night

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**OUR GIVING IN 2025**

**Needed weekly to meet our commitments** $**2317.02 $ 2317.02**

General Fund Offering July 20th  $ 169.00 June Average $ 870.60 Stewardship Offering July 20th $ 50.00 May Average $ 1078.75 \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY**

**Sunday, August 10:** Immaculate Conception Old Monroe Parish Picnic. Serving from 11:00am to 6:00 pm all-you-can-eat dining, carry out from 11:45am to 7:30pm.

**Sunday, August 17:** Annual Picnic at Femme Osage UCC. Serving 11:30am – 6:00pm All-You-Can-Eat, cafeteria -style dining.

**Thank you to all our volunteers!**

**Greeters/Ushers**

Darryl & Phyllis Freese

**Acolyte**

**Liturgist**

**Fellowship Hour**

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In our prayers …

This week we added prayers for Jane W.

We continue to keep in our prayers: Lauretta, Rich M., Steve, Larry (Sharon’s grandson), Cheryl V., Tosha D., Pat, Kaelyn K., Kenneth G., Christian, and Laurie S. We also pray for the victims of the flooding.

We lift up in our prayers those who need prayers for their *long-term circumstances*: Carol Jean P.

The Food Pantry needs the following items:

Toilet Paper, Shampoo/Conditioner, Soap, Soup,

PB/Jelly, Cereal, Canned Fruit.

**PLEASE, NO:** Mac & Cheese, Diced Tomatoes,

Corn or Green Beans!