



Our St. Paul

February 2025

YOUR St. Paul Team

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Monday - Thursday
8:30am-4pm
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9am-12pm

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

February Wedding Anniversaries

2/4-Jean & Ray Chamberlin

February Birthdays

2/1-Jamie Wilson	2/14-Patricia Pierce
2/3-Donna Kelly	2/16-William James
2/3-Donna Nettleton	2/17-Jan Spencer
2/3-Robert Trentman	2/18-Brian Mentzer
2/4-Cindy Kettler	2/18-Clarence Wolf
2/4-Deborah Meyer	2/20-Sandy Krummrich
2/6-Cecil Crites	2/20-Kevin Shipp
2/6-Duane Hausmann	2/21-Mimi Llamas
2/6-Chris Guelbert	2/22-Chance Beeler
2/8-Marlene Lindauer	2/23-Jean Sporleder
2/10-Gary Friedrich	2/24-John Hoehn
2/12-Kay Ortmann	2/27-Roger Relfe

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Material for inclusion may be sent to the church noted for **Our St. Paul**.
Next issue: March - Deadline to submit information: February 17.

Pastor's Message - Monday Fun-days

I remember a movie I had seen that was released about 25 years ago called *Office Space*. One of the characters in the movie would say to the lead character: "It looks like someone has a case of the Mondays."

Being that Sunday is really my first day of the week, I personally don't see the angst that goes into Mondays because, by Monday, I've felt the Spirit joyously working on Sunday mornings, and then Mondays feel more like a Tuesday. But for many folks, they feel the dread in the pit of their stomachs once Sunday night rolls around. What will Monday bring?

We don't know what one month, one week, one day will bring in our lives. We often see how life can change so quickly.

And yet, we know that with our communities, from this church to your organizations to your workplaces and friend groups, you have people who make any day of the week much better. They are your people who cheer you on when life becomes tough or when you are close to reaching a goal.

February tends to be a month of love and kindness. How can we bring joy to the folks feeling a "case of the Mondays?" How can we ensure people know they are appreciated for being their authentic selves? How can we encourage the use of our friends' gifts? How can we use words and caring actions to make sure others have the support they need?

I have seen how many of you have given so much support to our friends who are struggling with grief or illness. I truly appreciate the ways you have reached out to our friends who are ill. You have supported the loved ones of our friends who have died by attending visitations and funerals, sending loving messages, and volunteering at the funerals. Every moment you care for our neighbors, we are able to be the hands and feet of Christ and bringing the love of God to our world!

Blessings, Pastor Michelle

ST. PAUL UCC
MONDAY FUN-DAYS
Begins February 24 - once per month
115 West B St., Belleville

Chair Yoga 6-6:30pm
Regular Yoga 6:30-7pm
Pickleball 6-8pm
Board Games 6-8 pm

Elementary youth faith formation activities while parents participate in Yoga, Pickleball, or Board Games!

Cost \$10 for Yoga (includes other activities)
\$5 for any other activities
Faith Formation for Youth is free!

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St. Paul Friends 2025 Schedule

Friday, February 21 @ 6:30 P.M. - Mardi Gras Party at the home of Rusty & Sandy Wagner

Fyi - Hoyleton Honors Dinner Friday, February 28 - Reservations Required

Shrove Tuesday, March 4 @ 6 P.M. - St. Paul Mystery Pancake Dinner Shrove -Rsvp Chuch Office
Or Sign-Up In Welcome Center free-will offering. Contact Sandy Ritter to help in the kitchen.

Saturday, May 3 @ 3:30 P.M. - Derby Day At The Home Of Lyn & Kris Mueller

Saturday, August 9 @ 6 P.M. - Party at Scharf's Farm

Friday, October 24 @ 6:30 P.M. - Halloween Party at the home of Roger & Julie Harris

Friday, December 12 @ 6:30 P.M. - Christmas Party In Heritage Hall

We hope you add these dates to your calendar. We encourage everyone to invite new folks to attend any of these events. The more the merrier! In lieu of a fundraiser, we will continue our \$10 per person donation at all events.

We will use monies collected as a "Fill In The Gaps Fund" where needed!



Tuesdays @ 10am
St. Paul UCC Genesis Room 115 W. B. St.



Seekers Bible Study - Pick a Psalm 2025

Seekers are asked to pick a Psalm, except the 23rd. Bring your Bible.

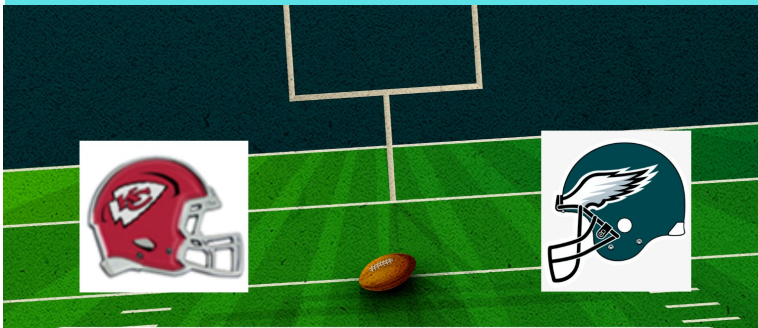
The Seeker can do any of the following:

- Read out loud and discuss what their psalm means to them or group discussion
- Use The African Bible Study Method Formational Reading of Scripture: The African Bible Study Method - Forming Lutherans<https://www.forminglutherans.org/2024/08/30/formational-reading-of-scripture-the-african-bible-study-method/>
- Be an active listener

We will continue each week until we have all 149 psalms covered or we have no more presentations. To aid in discussions, there are numerous sources online, in our church library, in your study Bible, and in your heart. We're going to try to stick to our usual 10:00 to 11:00 time slot and schedule four psalms each week. If we run out of time, we will move the scheduled psalm to the next week. It is important that we have the number of the psalm to be discussed ahead of time. Contact Donna Davis for more information.

MATS FOR COMMUNITY COMFORT

Please join us
on the 3rd Tuesday of
every month from 1-3pm
in the craft room.
Please join us!



SOUPER-BOWL OF CARING

Bring in your non-perishable food items
on **Sundays** in February!
February 2, 9, 16 & 23
for the **Community Interfaith Food Pantry.**

CANNED ITEMS NEEDED (preferably pull tops):












Tuna, chicken, ravioli, SpaghettiOs,
chili with beans, chunky soups!




















Boxes are marked in the Welcome Center to
cheer on your favorite team with your donations.

Thank you for participating!



February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	<p>National Heart Month</p> 	<p>National Teen Dating Violence Month</p> 
<p>2</p> <p>9am-Worship 10am-Coffee & Doughnuts 2pm-Valentines Crafts</p>  <p>National Groundhog Day</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9am-Pickle Ball 10:30am-Yoga Gold</p>  <p>National Carrot Cake Day National Missing Persons Day</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9am-Quilters 10am-Seekers Bible Study 5pm-Community Dinner</p> <p>National Thank a Mail Carrier Day</p>
<p>9</p> <p>9am-Worship 10am-Coffee & Doughnuts 10am-Mission Meeting-Library</p> <p>SUPERBOWL SUNDAY! </p>	<p>10</p> <p>9am-Pickle Ball 10:30am-Yoga Gold 4:30pm-Investment Meeting</p>  <p>National Umbrella Day</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9am-Quilters 10am-Seekers Bible Study 10am-Stewardship Meeting 4:30pm-Finance Meeting 5pm-Community Dinner</p> <p>National Shut-in Visitation Day</p>
<p>16</p> <p>9am-Worship 10am-Coffee & Doughnuts</p> 	<p>17</p>  <p>OFFICE CLOSED Random Acts of Kindness Day</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9am-Quilters 10am-Seekers Bible Study 1pm-Mats for Community 5pm-Community Dinner</p> <p>National Drink Wine Day</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9am-Worship 10am-Annual Meeting 10am-Coffee & Doughnuts</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>9am-Pickle Ball 10:30am-Yoga Gold</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>9am-Quilters 10am-Seekers Bible Study 5pm-Community Dinner</p> <p>National Chocolate Covered Nut Day</p>

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>National Library Lover's Month</i></p> 			<p>1</p>  <p><i>National Dark Chocolate Day</i></p>
<p>5 9am-Pickle Ball 1pm-With You Meeting 6pm-Bells 7:15pm-Choir</p> <p><i>National Weatherperson Day</i></p>	<p>6 10am-Worship Meeting 10:30am-Yoga Gold</p>  <p><i>National Frozen Yogurt Day</i></p>	<p>7</p>  <p><i>National Wear Red Day</i></p>	<p>8</p>  <p><i>National Boy Scouts Day</i></p>
<p>12 9am-Pickle Ball 6pm-Bells 7:15pm-Choir</p> 	<p>13 10:30am-Yoga Gold 7pm-Personnel Meeting</p>  <p><i>Galentine's Day</i></p>	<p>14</p> 	<p>15</p>  <p><i>National Red Sock Day</i> <i>Singles Awareness Day</i></p>
<p>19 9am-Pickle Ball 1pm-Women's Guild 6pm-Bells 7:15pm-Choir</p> 	<p>20 10:30am-Yoga Gold 6pm-Council Meeting</p>  <p><i>National Cherry Pie Day</i> <i>National Comfy Day</i></p>	<p>21</p>  <p><i>National Caregivers Day</i></p>	<p>22</p>  <p><i>National Margarita Day</i></p>
<p>26 9am-Pickle Ball 6pm-Bells 7:15pm-Choir</p>  <p><i>National Pistachio Day</i> <i>National Letter to an Elder Day</i></p>	<p>27 10:30am-Yoga Gold</p>  <p><i>National Retro Day</i></p>	<p>28</p>  <p><i>National Polar Bear Day</i></p>	

Be the Light

HOYLETON HONORS
FEBRUARY 28, 2025

REGENCY CENTER BALLROOM
400 REGENCY PARK
O'FALLON, IL 62269

Hoyleton Youth and Family Services

Hoyleton Youth and Family Services cordially invites you to join us for an evening honoring our mission and illuminating hope for the future.

42nd Annual
Hoyleton Honors
February 28, 2025

6:00pm Cocktail Reception
7:00pm Dinner, Program, and Auction
9:00pm Celebration with Music and Dancing

Hoyleton Honorees for 2024

Mission Champion St. Paul UCC Floraville
Community Connection Illuminative Strategies
Hoyleton Enthusiast Roger and Julie Harris
Empowerment Champion Jill M Weier

Purchase a ticket at hoyleton.org/events

Our Mission
Hoyleton Youth and Family Services seeks to enable all people, young and old alike, to realize the wholeness of life God intends.

Contact us at philanthropy@hoyleton.org or call 618-688-4727 for more details.

Be the Light

Hoyleton's annual winter fundraising event is scheduled for Friday, February 28th at the Regency Center Ballroom in O'Fallon, IL. The cost is \$100 per person. If you would like to attend and sit at the St Paul UCC table, please send your check to our church's office by February 9th. The check should be made out to Hoyleton Youth and Family Services. If you have any questions, please contact Roger Harris (618-631-4502).

Flowers, music and bulletin sponsorships are a lovely way to honor the memory, birthday or achievement of your loved one. To sign up, you can call the church office. Cost is \$35.00.

There is a sign up sheet located in the Welcome Center
or you may call the office to RSVP!

Murder and Maple Syrup

A Shrove Pancake Dinner with a Twist

Tuesday, March 4

**Dinner of pancakes & sausages
begins at 6pm**

in St Paul UCC's Heritage Hall.

**Mystery begins immediately following
dinner.**

A free-will offering will be taken.

Contact the church office at
618.233.3303 to RSVP.

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Pastor Michelle's February office hours

Monday-Thursday 10:30am-2pm

Fridays are my sabbath days.

While I am not in the office or attending
to administrative work, I am available for
pastoral emergencies.



MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

Thank you from St. Paul Church. We appreciate your generosity!
TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

IMO Marilee Black

Kent Black

IMO Jodie Lippert

Jeff & Diane Lutz

IMO Betty Rieso

Lynn Koehler

Dolly Kirsch

Jan Friedrich

Judy Koch

Larry Walton

Rusty Wagner

IMO Samuel Sivewright

Dolly Kirsch

Jan Friedrich

Ruth Klingel

Larry Walton

Rusty Wagner

Nancy Sawalich

Jeffrey Felder

Fred Gale

Lana, Scott & Erick Gentry

Gordon & Dorothy Maiworm

Wayne Caughman

Ken & Patricia Hise

GE & NM Marifian

Helen Thompson

Diane Drake

Barry & Karen Dix & Family

Katie Johnson

Janet & Ron Loeffler

Bruce & Lynne Shelton

Jane Bonaldi

Janet Spencer

IMO Shirley Boeschen

Dolly Kirsch

Donna Davis

Jane Bonaldi

IHO Gloria Strohm (B-Day)

Janet Spencer

IHO Osceola Mueller (B-Day)

Rusty & Sandy Wagner

IMO Jerry Bennett

Donna Davis

For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman

Carol Hotz

Marilyn Dinkelmann

Debbie McIntyre, daughter of Arline Worms

Tim Ritter

Wayne Caughman

Tim Ritter Jr., son of Sandy & Tim Ritter

Hector Rivera

Lou Ann Niemann

Cheryl Cooper

Debbie Price

Christopher Mitchell

Audrey Krummrich

Sue Sutherland

Ralph Eckart, brother in-law of Marlene Mueller

James Whitmarsh, nephew of Jan Friedrich

Mike Llamas, brother in law of Mimi Llamas

Norma Franke

Jack Snyder

Venita Jane Rogers

Dorothy Maiworm

REVENUE	2024 Final Budget	2024 Dec Actuals	YTD Actuals	% of Budget
130100 - Congregational Offerings	\$377,700.29	\$66,724.65	\$385,495.29	102.06%
130104 - Fund Raising Events*	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,960.00	265.33%
130105 - Rental Income-205 W B St.	\$11,790.00	\$1,200.00	\$12,975.00	110.05%
130500 - Building Fund	\$19,000.00	\$625.00	\$13,033.00	68.59%
130741-BASSC Utilities	\$6,600.00	\$308.11	\$5,707.25	86.47%
1302xx - Outreach (Various Missions #)	\$0.00	\$3,490.00	\$13,444.00	N/A
131100 - Memorials	\$12,500.00	\$1,410.00	\$8,525.00	68.20%
131200 - Bequests	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00	N/A
131300 - Building Income	\$4,200.00	\$612.00	\$9,851.00	234.55%
131400 - Pastoral Honorarium	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,385.00	115.42%
131499 - Pastoral Expense Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
131500 - Investment Income /Michelson Income	\$28,400.00	\$0.00	\$28,400.00	100.00%
131600 - Stifel Investment-Donation fro Pastoral Minister	\$24,700.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	60.73%
131600 - Distribution from Endowment (Per Guidelines)	\$135,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$128,500.00	95.19%
131650 - Distribution from Endowment (Cap. Exp.)	\$22,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$22,000.00	100.00%
131900 - Other Income	\$50.00	\$5.00	\$38,358.62	76717.24%
Total Operating Revenues	\$646,140.29	\$137,374.76	\$694,634.16	107.51%
Team Revenues	\$3,900.00	\$677.00	\$5,585.68	
Capital Expenses				
Grand Total	\$650,040.29	\$138,051.76	\$700,219.84	107.72%
EXPENSES				
Personnel Expenses	(\$381,018.10)	(\$25,959.41)	(\$330,012.23)	86.61%
Administrative Support (formerly Operating Expenses)	(\$41,607.33)	(\$2,626.87)	(\$38,517.50)	92.57%
Outreach (formerly Mission board)	(\$13,000.00)	(\$16,189.90)	(\$24,445.90)	188.05%
Education	(\$2,500.00)	(\$10.00)	(\$1,366.25)	54.65%
Stewardship	(\$1,480.00)	\$0.00	(\$1,696.08)	114.60%
Property	(\$196,184.86)	(\$16,263.37)	(\$199,261.94)	101.57%
Congregational Care (formerly Worship Board)	(\$14,250.00)	(\$2,531.80)	(\$12,046.23)	84.53%
General Fund	-	(3,000.00)	(\$39,722.83)	N/A
Total Operating Expense	(\$650,040.29)	(\$66,581.35)	(\$647,068.96)	99.54%
Difference between Revenue & Expenses	\$0.00	\$71,470.41	\$53,150.88	

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

Dec-24 9am	416 + Online	Dec-23 9am	607 + Online
Dec-24 All Gifts:	\$63,379.75	Dec-23 All Gifts:	\$81,798.21

Please join us!



In person on Sundays!

Worship Service - 9am
Coffee & Doughnuts - 10am

Join us live on Facebook

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archives, events and much more!!

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Event Rental Space Available!

