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August 2025



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**September 12th**  
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**September 5th**

# Church News



August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Dear St. Paul's Church Family,

After a thorough and prayerful discernment process, the Pastoral Search Committee is delighted to announce that Rev. Eric Mason was presented to the congregation on July 20, 2025, and overwhelmingly approved as our new Pastor during the subsequent congregational meeting.

Pastor Eric will officially begin his ministry with us on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, holding office hours and preparing to lead his first Worship Service on Sunday, September 7, 2025.

A long-time member of St. Paul's, Pastor Eric has served on numerous church committees, taught Adult Bible Studies, provided pulpit supply, and contributed special music during worship services. His wife, Jackie, and their daughter, Anna, support him in this new chapter of their lives.

Pastor Eric brings extensive experience and academic credentials, including a B.A. from Union University (Jackson, TN), an M.Div. from Beeson Divinity School (Samford University, Birmingham, AL), and a Ph.D. from the University of Notre Dame (IN). His deep biblical knowledge, dynamic pastoral leadership, and commitment to community outreach and discipleship will be a true blessing to our church family.

The Church Life Ministry and Members of the Search Committee are pleased to invite you to a Potluck Reception to welcome for our new pastor and his family on Sunday, September 14, 2025, in Fellowship Hall following the worship service. We rejoice that the Lord has led our new pastor to lead our congregation, and we are looking forward to celebrating this occasion as the family of God. Your presence will make this event a memorable experience for Eric and Jackie as we celebrate a new chapter in our congregation's life.

Please keep Pastor Eric, Jackie, and Anna in your prayers as they begin this sacred journey with us. May God grant Pastor Eric wisdom, strength, and courage as he leads our congregation in faith, love, and service.

With gratitude and anticipation,

The Pastoral Search Committee



# Let's Celebrate Birthdays



Marianne Deacon	8/2
Linda Ticknor	8/3
Jackie Loehner	8/7
Tristin Monahan	8/7
Paul Benz	8/10
Karen Hansen	8/15
Susan Radet	8/17
Lydia Lang	8/19
Marilyn Peaco	8/21
Jeffery Moore	8/21
Carla Voss	8/22
Joyce Lucas	8/24
Annette Roewer	8/25
Solon Sideris	8/25
Linda Bichler	8/31



Donna Butler	9/1
Gordie Triefenbach	9/3
Linda Christensen	9/6
Kathi Seibt	9/9
Barbara Jelinek	9/10
David Loehner	9/12
Bill Eich	9/17
Jessica Butler	9/17
Gerri Whetham	9/18
Margaret Tobin	9/19
Connie Chappell	9/20
Tom Braun	9/21
Jackie Mason	9/26
Jordan Lotesto	9/26
Meghan Schneeweiss	9/26
Warren Spencer	9/26
Linda Kranz	9/29
Randy Kriegel	9/29
Krista Huffman	9/29



# Church News



## Important Dates

**August 24th & September 14th**

*PASTOR JIM'S THANK YOU CELEBRATION  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 24th*

FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please plan on attending Fellowship Time on Sunday, August 24th  
to say thank you to Pastor Jim and wish him Godspeed on his  
future adventures!



# Thank You



WELCOME POT LUCK FOR PASTOR ERIC MASON

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH  
FELLOWSHIP HALL  
AFTER 10:30 WORSHIP

Please plan to attend as we welcome Pastor Eric and Jackie.  
Please bring a dish to share.  
Hot dogs and drinks will be provided.

**RSVP on poster in Narthex.**  
Sponsored by your Church Life Ministry





# Church News



With the start of the new semester, will you please consider donating again to the North Elementary Snack Locker for the 2025/2026 academic year. The school administration and staff are sincerely appreciative of this support.

Assistance is needed for a supplemental supply of pre-packaged individual snacks for some kids whose parents are unable to provide them for various reasons. The front office maintains a small supply for them, so they have snacks along with all the other kids.

Ideal items St. Paul's can donate are *Goldfish, pretzels, fruit roll-up snacks, Cheez-Its and other multi-pack items on the healthier side as opposed to candy and potato chips.* And, as we all know, nothing with peanuts or other nuts. There is a designated basket in the narthex area for these food goods by the marketplace table. The plan will be for me to drop off our donated items one or twice a month throughout the school year. Please let me know if you have any questions at or email me [ctrief@gmail.com](mailto:ctrief@gmail.com)

Cheryll Triefenbach

# Church News

## Mary Circle Salad Luncheon

Come for the delicious salads  
and St. Paul's fellowship.

*All Are Welcome*

September 18<sup>th</sup> | 1:00 p.m.  
St. Paul's Fellowship Hall

Please RSVP to:  
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or  
Cheryll Trifenbach  
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## ST. PAUL'S NEIGHBORS IN NEED



THANK YOU



St. Paul's collected and delivered 436 food items  
for the Crystal Lake Food Pantry.

# McHenry County Crop Hunger Walk September 28, 2025

*Hosted by St. Paul's United Church of Christ*

## **WHEN YOU WALK, LIVES ARE transformed!**

For over 50 years, CROP Hunger Walks have been empowering communities across the United States to respond to the global challenges of hunger, poverty, access to education, and clean water.

**SUNDAY 9/28**

**1:30 Sign  
in/Registration  
Photographs  
Music**

**2:00 Walk Kickoff**

**1-mile route**

**4-mile route**

**CWS Kits Assembly  
Community Fellowship**

**With every step you take,** families and communities have the chance to lift themselves out of extreme poverty. We know that your friends and family will be inspired by your care and generosity. You show us that everyday people like yourself are champions in the fight against hunger!

**WALK WITH YOUR CHURCH**

Set aside the date and watch for sign up with St. Paul's UCC CL TEAM!

**With every step you take,** you are transforming communities by ensuring access to nutritious food, giving kids a chance at a good education, increasing availability of clean water for drinking and hygiene.

## **SIGN IN/ REGISTRATION**

Participating teams need to sign in/register with their team, turn in the money donation envelopes and sign a waiver. During this time, we will take Team Photos, individual photos, some fun candid shots.

Willing to help like last year?  
We will need many hands to make our church ready.

**Set-up Saturday 9/27  
TTBD**

**Break-down 9/28 4 pm  
2025 TEAMS**

Cary United Methodist  
Living Waters Lutheran  
Bethany Lutheran  
Ridgefield CL Presbyterian  
First Church  
St. Paul's UCC

## **CWS Kits Assembly**

Kit materials will be purchased directly from CWS with money raised during our fundraising events. During the walk, we invite those who choose not to walk to help assemble kits as well as the walkers.

More details and information are in the Narthex. Stop by before or after church. Questions? Contact Linda Ticknor 815 382 8295.

## **KICKOFF \*\*Come together\*\***

Time for prayer and a mission moment before we "walk." Teams usually walk together splitting up for the 1 or 4 mile routes. Joggers, runners, walkers, dogs, all are welcome.

Follow the signs leading you through downtown CL if you are walking the 4 miles!

# Usher | Lay Reader | Greeter

## Worship Schedule

**AUGUST**

St. Paul's UCC 2025		
Sunday Worship Schedule		
MONTH	ROLE	NAME
<b>AUGUST</b>	Usher Captain:	Jim Henneman
<b>3</b>	Usher 1	Lauren Henneman
	Usher 2	Wendy Domanico
	Usher 3	Bill Eich
	Greeter 1	Cheryll Triefenbach
	Greeter 2	Gordie Triefenbach
	Liturgist	Jane Dawson
<b>AUGUST</b>	Usher Captain:	Ken Hansen
<b>10</b>	Usher 1	Karen Hansen
	Usher 2	Claudia Terrones
	Greeter 1	Gary Gee
	Greeter 2	Sheryl Gee
	Liturgist	Wendy Manser
<b>AUGUST</b>	Usher Captain:	Sheryl Gee
<b>17</b>	Usher 1	Gary Gee
	Usher 2	Lynn Virzi
	Greeter 1	Jan Rickard
	Greeter 2	Joe Rickard
	Liturgist	Jim Henneman
<b>AUGUST</b>	Usher Captain:	John Whetham
<b>24</b>	Usher 1	Donna Layne-Albano
	Usher 2	Wendy Manser
	Greeter 1	Sondra Matterness
	Liturgist	Linda Ticknor
<b>AUGUST</b>	Usher Captain:	Gary Voss
<b>31</b>	Usher 1	Carla Voss
Labor Day	Usher 2	Jan Czosnyka
Weekend	Greeter	Terri Deuerling
	Liturgist	Sue Phillips

7/28/2025



# Usher | Lay Reader | Greeter

## Worship Schedule

### SEPTEMBER

MONTH	ROLE	NAME
<b>SEPTEMBER</b> <b>7</b>	<b>Usher Captain:</b>	Jim Henneman
	<b>Usher 1</b>	Lauren Henneman
	<b>Usher 2</b>	Lynn Virzi
	<b>Usher 3</b>	Wendy Manser
	<b>Greeter 1</b>	Gary Voss
	<b>Greeter 2</b>	Carla Voss
	<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>Linda Ticknor</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b> <b>14</b>	<b>Usher Captain:</b>	Ken Hansen
	<b>Usher 1</b>	Karen Hansen
	<b>Usher 2</b>	Steve Tobin
	<b>Greeter 1</b>	Don Roxworthy
	<b>Greeter 2</b>	JoEllen Roxworthy
	<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>Gary Gee</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b> <b>21</b>	<b>Usher Captain:</b>	Ken Thrun
	<b>Usher 1</b>	Wendy Domanico
	<b>Usher 2</b>	Bill Eich
	<b>Greeter 1</b>	Arlene Tuscano
	<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>Fred Mullard</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b> <b>28</b>	<b>Usher Captain:</b>	John Whetham
	<b>Usher 1</b>	Donna Layne-Albano
	<b>Usher 2</b>	Claudia Terrones
	<b>Greeter 1</b>	Jean Hautzinger
	<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>Ruth Costello</b>

# St. Paul's Prayer List



## ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST

### St. Paul's Members

Bill Berghorn, Eric Mason

### St. Paul's Homebound Members

Warren Spencer, John Kennedy, Pete Singer

### Deceased Members and Friends

n/a

### Friends

n/a

### Military - Stateside

Beth Roxworthy

### Sponsored Children

Andrian (Indonesia), Daniel W. (Indonesia), Nicole V. (Bolivia), Nicole S. (USA), Tran Thi Chin (Vietnam), Breny (Columbia), Alfred (Tanzania), Maria, Jobenta M. (Haiti), Emyli (Guatemala) Jiq (Andrian) (Indonesia)

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**Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m.**

**Via Facebook Live or streaming on website.**

**Summer Office Hours | 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday**

**Closed on Friday May 30 - August 29th**

## ***St. Paul's Vision***

Call to serve

Our

Neighbors' and Members'

Needs by

Engaging as

Christ's people

Through service and Love

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## ***Church Staff***

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# *Give a Gift Card*



## **IN STOCK RAISERIGHT CARDS as of 6/10/25**

BP	4 @ \$50
Buffalo Wild Wings	2 @ \$25
Carter's	4 @ \$25
Chili's	3 @ \$25
Jewel	5 @ \$25/ 5 @ \$100
Kohl's	1 @ \$25
LL Bean	1 @ \$100
Mariano's	4 @ \$50
Menards	1 @ \$100
McDonald's	15 @ \$10
Panera	6 @ \$10
Red Lobster	2 @ \$25
Shell	5 @ \$50
Speedway	1 @ \$100
Starbucks	8 @ \$25 / 10 @ \$10
Steinmart	1 @ \$25
Synergy (Mobile)	3 @ \$50
TJ Maxx	1 @ \$100
Walmart	10 @ \$250

As always, cards are available to purchase at the Marketplace most Sundays or can be ordered and dropped off at the church for pickup. Checks should be made out to St. Paul's UCC.

Karen Radovich. [nuknees@mc.net](mailto:nuknees@mc.net)

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These products make it easy to earn on the go.

### **PrestoPay™**

The secure online payment system for families that lets them pay for orders and receive e-gift cards and reload their cards immediately.

### **MyScripWallet™**

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