



Our St. Paul Newsletter

November 2025

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Monday - Thursday

8:30am-4pm

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ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

November Wedding Anniversaries

Paul & Sue Sutherland

November Birthdays

11/2-Janice Martin	11/7-Tristan Frampton	11/22-Betty Leppard
11/3-Ruth Klingel	11/12-Amy Drake	11/25-Jeanine Guthrie
11/3-Billie McLemore	11/12-Ricky Morton	11/26-Nathan Smith
11/3-Al Stahl	11/12-Sonja Myland	11/27-Jerry Messick
11/3-Ian Hipkins	11/13-Kent Black	11/28-Sandra Kramer
11/6-Stephen Skelton	11/16-Maryann Gain	11/29-Joyce Maurer
11/7-William Mentzer	11/18-Jim Thomas	11/29-Al Bettis
11/7-Synthia Kalinowski	11/19-Dorothy Maiworm	11/30-Al Scharf

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Material for inclusion may be sent to the church noted for **Our St. Paul**.

Next issue: December - Deadline to submit information: November 20.

News and Happenings at Our St. Paul

Fall is upon us! The trick or treaters will have made their rounds, and our minds will turn to thoughts of family gatherings and turkey as we plan for Thanksgiving at the end of the month—even if the Hallmark Channel is already airing Christmas movies nonstop.

The church calendar becomes more populated at this time of the year. During the month of November we will focus on stewardship—the prayerful giving of ourselves (we like to say, “time, talent, and treasure”) in service to others. Faithfully giving is not a tip for services rendered, but rather a discipline that enables us to dream big and faithfully carry on what those who came before us equipped us to do in our time. We will begin the month (on November 2) by marking Totenfest, a time that hearkens back to our German heritage and All Saints and All Souls Day. Those in and connected to the congregation will be named during a solemn time or remembrance. The remaining Sundays will invite us to consider how we can give of ourselves to carry out the mission Jesus calls us to.

At the same time as all of this, we are in a transitional period as a congregation. Members of Council will be meeting with our Conference Minister, Shana Johnson, in November to discuss ways of navigating the interim while we prepare our profile and begin a search process for new, settled pastoral leadership.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

DECEMBER 7TH

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SUNDAY SERVICE.

AGENDA:

- ELECTION OF 2026 COUNCIL MEMBERS AND ISC DELEGATES
- REVIEW OF 2026 BUDGET

ZOOM INFO TO COME

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Please be part of the stewardship Sundays, come to the congregational meeting on December 7th (following worship) to approve the new budget, be in PRAYER over all of our conversations and decisions as we move forward into the future—while keeping in mind the foundation put in place for us by those who have gone before us—for all the saints.

Peace and blessings!

P.S. Mark your calendars now for **ONE Christmas Eve Service** full of music and singing for all ages at **4:30PM on December 24.**



With the arrival of November, our church marks its annual Totenfest (this year on Nov. 2, All Souls Day). We name those who have passed during the year. This time in the service is one of remembrance and thanksgiving for the lives of these saints and their continued presence in our individual and collective memory. What a blessing to know

that they are part of that great cloud of witnesses who cheer us on as we continue to run the race set before us. This month that focuses us on giving thanks provides an opportunity to share acts of loving kindness to those who are still with us and very much need the support of our church. With that in mind, we want to offer some thanks and remind you of the ways you can give as well.

We held another successful rummage sale at church and appreciate everyone who donated, set up, worked the sale, and helped with the clean up. Those proceeds help fund further ministries of St. Paul. Keep us in mind when you spring clean next year!

We will be caroling again this year. *It meant so much to those we shared our voices with last year. Please consider lending your voice to spread holiday cheer to those who could use a dose of it. Look for the date and details on our Facebook and Instagram pages as in the December OSP.*

You can help our ministry by giving of your time and talents (even if you cannot visit homes or make the meetings). There are ways to show support to those in transition and facing illness. Please contact Susan Relfe (susanrelfe@outlook.com) if you would like to give to this ministry. **If you could use the support of our team or know a member of the church who could, please call the church office (233-3303). That communication is vital to our ministry. Our next meeting is November 5 at 1 PM.**

Your partners in caring,
The With You Ministry Team

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. (Galatians 6:2)



Hanging of the Greens!
Sunday, Nov. 30 after worship service.
Jobs for all ages . . . we will decorate
the Sanctuary & Heritage Hall!





MUSIC TRIVIA

@ ST. PAUL UCC

FRIDAY, NOV. 21 @ 6 PM

SILENT AUCTION BASKETS!!!



\$30 PER PERSON OR
a PREPAID TABLE OF 8 FOR \$200

GUARANTEED TO BE A FUN NIGHT!

RAFFLE BASKETS!!



[HTTPS://WWW.PAYPAL.COM/NCP/PAYMENT/NX2HLPXH2KLTJ](https://www.paypal.com/NCP/PAYMENT/NX2HLPXH2KLTJ)

BRING YOUR OWN
SNACKS & DRINKS!

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@ 618-233-3303. MAIL OR DROP-OFF PAYMENT! WE ACCEPT CHECK, CASH OR PAYPAL!

USE THE LINK OR QR CODE TO PAY!

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Sun	Mon	Tue
		
2 Totenfest Daylight Savings Time Ends 9am-Worship 10am-Coffee & Doughnuts 10am-Fine Arts Meeting	3	4 9am-Quilters 10am-Bible Study 5pm-Community Dinner
9 9am-Worship 10am-Coffee & Doughnuts 10am-Mission Meeting	10 3pm-Finance Meeting	11 Veterans Day! We are closed!
16 9am-Worship 10am-Coffee & Doughnuts	17	18 9am-Quilters 10am-Bible Study 5pm-Community Dinner 6pm-Council Meeting
23 9am-Worship 10am-Coffee & Doughnuts 3pm Fine Arts Concert Dr. Stephen Mager	24 Monday-Funday! 6-8pm Griefworks Meeting 6:30pm	25 9am-Quilters 10am-Bible Study 5pm-Community Dinner
30 9am-Worship 10am-Coffee & Doughnuts 10:00am Hanging of the Greens After Worship Service		

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 1pm-With You Meeting 6pm-Bells 7:15pm-Choir	6	7	8
12 10am-Stewardship Mtg 6pm-Bells 7:15pm-Choir	13 7pm-Personnel Meeting	14	15
19 1pm-Women's Guild 6pm-Bells 7:15pm-Choir	20	21 6pm Big Papa G's Music Trivia @ St. Paul	22
26 6pm-Bells 7:15pm-Choir	27 HAPPY THANKS GIVING	28 St. Paul Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday! 	29 
			



It's time to order
POINSETTIA'S
In honor/memory of your loved ones

\$10.00 each

**Each 6.5" pot covered with foil will have
5-6 blooms. Assorted colors.**

Order by 12/3/25

**You may mail, drop off your order
to the office or place place
in the offering.**

Circle one: Poinsettia or Memorial

In Memory or Honor (circle one) of:

Given by:

MONDAY FUN-DAY!

4th Monday of every month!

Chair Yoga 6-6:30pm

Yoga 6:30-7pm

Pickleball 6-8pm



IF PICKLEBALL AND
YOGA ISN'T FOR YOU
- WE HAVE PUZZLES
OR YOU CAN BRING
YOUR OWN BOARD
GAME!

St. Paul UCC

115 W. B. Street, Belleville

Enter on 2nd St. at the Activity Center door!

No cost - just a free will offering!
618-233-3303

Bring your
friends!

All are welcome!

MATS FOR COMMUNITY COMFORT

**WE WILL NOT MEET TO MAKE MATS IN
NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER!**

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every month from 1-3pm!

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SUNDAY WORSHIP LEADERS!

November 2 - Rev. Dr. Chance Beeler

November 9 - Rev. Joan Mier

November 16 - Rev. Joan Mier

November 23 - Rev. Joan Mier

November 30 - Rev. Carole Barner



GRIEFWORKS

An LGBTQIA+

Grief Support Group

A peer support group for anyone in the LGBTQIA+ community
who has experienced loss and is struggling with grief.

MEETINGS HELD

4TH MONDAY

EVERY MONTH

6:30-8:00 pm

St. Paul UCC

115 W. B Street

Belleville, IL 62220

griefworks2025@gmail.com



You are Invited...

Please join us for an evening of celebration
as we induct our new members to the



Belleville West

Wall of Fame



Thursday, November 20, 2025

6 PM

Cash Bar, Dinner & Celebration

St. Clair Country Club

100 S. 78th St., Belleville, IL

Tickets/Reservations by Nov. 10:



\$45

Vegetarian & GF available
Please preorder

Or Call: 618-920-2050

HONOREES:

Mr. Norm Armstrong
Dr. Kyle Blaha
Ms. Rachel Bray
Dr. Dustin Carpenter
Mr. Jamal Hancock
Mr. Michael Koenemann
Mr. Rusty Luch
Mr. Allen Scharf
Uncle Tupelo
Mr. John Wehmeier

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 Wayne Caughman

Paul & Sue Sutherland

IMO John Hoehn

Lynn Koehler

IMO Chris Mitchell

Nancy Beasley

Dolly Kirsch

Paul & Sue Sutherland

Bruce & Pam Elser

Jane Bonaldi

Larry Walton

IMO Helen Whicher

Paul & Sue Sutherland

Donna Davis

Luci Bradley

Bruce & Pam Elser

Larry Walton

IMO Donna Kelly

Rusty & Sandy Wagner

Donna Davis

Marlene Lindauer

Tim & Sandy Ritter

Larry Walton

IMO Judith Beisiegel

Donna Davis

Jane Bonaldi

Tim & Sandy Ritter

For Your Prayers

Carol Hotz & Fred Hotz

Tim Ritter

Tim Ritter Jr., son of Sandy & Tim Ritter

Lou Ann Niemann

Ralph Eckart, brother in-law of Marlene
Mueller

Mike Llamas, brother in law of Mimi
Llamas

Jennifer Wick, daughter of Stephenie
Bauza

Gene Buxton

Al Stahl

Audrey Krummrich

Luci Bradley

The loved ones of Terry Collins

The loved ones of Venita "Jane" Rogers

The loved ones of Robert Mueller,
Marlene Mueller's father



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.

REVENUE	2025 Final Budget	2025 Sept Actuals	YTD Actuals	% of Budget
130100 - Congregational Offerings	\$351,017.89	\$43,109.00	\$284,357.09	81.01%
130104 - Fund Raising Events*	\$3,000.00	\$650.00	\$2,237.54	74.58%
130105 - Rental Income-205 W B St.	\$14,400.00	\$1,260.00	\$11,040.00	76.67%
130500 - Building Fund	\$10,000.00	\$962.00	\$10,472.00	104.72%
130741-BASSC Utilities	\$6,600.00	\$699.45	\$5,106.24	77.37%
1302xx - Outreach (Various Missions #)	\$0.00	\$2,100.00	\$8,469.00	N/A
130323 - Bank/Paypal Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$593.61	#DIV/0!
131100 - Memorials	\$6,000.00	\$1,290.00	\$11,034.00	183.90%
131200 - Bequests	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$108,500.00	N/A
131300 - Building Income	\$11,000.00	\$655.00	\$3,802.00	34.56%
131400 - Pastoral Honorarium	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	66.67%
131499 - Pastoral Expense Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
131500 - Investment Income /Michelson Income	\$28,400.00	\$14,910.00	\$29,110.00	102.50%
131600 - Distribution from Endowment (Per Guidelines)	\$131,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
131650 - Distribution from Endowment (Cap. Exp.)	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	100.00%
131800 - Distribution from Endowment (Roof Project)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$182,000.00	#DIV/0!
131900 - Other Income	\$25.00	\$95.00	\$62,098.72	248394.88%
Total Operating Revenues	\$572,642.89	\$65,730.45	\$729,620.20	127.41%
Team Revenues	\$4,360.00	\$214.75	\$3,181.51	
Capital Expenses				
Grand Total	\$577,002.89	\$65,945.20	\$732,801.71	127.00%
EXPENSES				
Personnel Expenses	(\$315,884.75)	(\$26,007.70)	(\$226,471.55)	71.69%
Administrative Support (formerly Operating Expenses)	(\$42,220.28)	(\$3,317.75)	(\$34,821.59)	82.48%
Outreach (formerly Mission board)	(\$10,325.00)	(\$145.35)	(\$5,396.56)	52.27%
Education	(\$1,500.00)	\$0.00	(\$345.16)	23.01%
Stewardship	(\$1,350.00)	(\$141.87)	(\$1,234.29)	91.43%
Property	(\$189,897.86)	(\$16,978.52)	(\$503,444.46)	265.11%
Congregational Care (formerly Worship Board)	(\$15,825.00)	(\$230.00)	(\$7,738.17)	48.90%
General Fund	-		(\$3,000.00)	N/A
Total Operating Expense	(\$577,002.89)	(\$46,821.19)	(\$782,451.78)	135.61%
Difference between Revenue & Expenses	\$0.00	\$19,124.01	(\$49,650.07)	

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

Sep-25 9am 369 + Online

Sep-24 9am 332 + Online

Sep-25 All Gifts: \$43,375.70

Sep-24 All Gifts: \$26,407.09

please join us!



In person on Sundays!

Worship Service - 9am
Coffee & Doughnuts - 10am

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