



NEWSLETTER

*A place of welcome. A place of grace. Rooted in love.
There is a place for you here.*

JUNE/JULY 2026

Mother Monica's Message

Dear St Paul's Friends: Thank you for your patience in awaiting our newsletter for June. For the summer months we will do one newsletter reporting on May and June events and the upcoming calendar for July. In later July we will send another newsletter reporting on July events and our upcoming August calendar. Watch your weekly Orders of Service for timely messages and updates as well. A BIG thank you to Judy Halverson, our new newsletter editor for her patience and time commitment.

It is a joy to worship at St Paul's during our summer months. We move to a less formal worship format. We have the chance to try new things and gain valuable feedback. I enjoy sharing travel blessings with all of you and hearing about your journeys when you return. Summer is often a time when we welcome visitors who are traveling or those looking for a church home.

Our Gospel lessons in this church season focus first on how Jesus taught his disciples to prepare for their witness in the world. As summer progresses we will move to the stories of Jesus' active years of ministry: his commandments to us, his healing miracles, his parables about God's kingdom. Come join us for summer worship and fellowship. Bring a friend or two. Be casual-- our founder often wore sandals!

See you in church!

Mother Monica

SUNDAY SERVICE

10 a.m.
the Rev Monica Burkert-Brist

CHOIR MINISTRY

Our Choir is currently on summer break and will return in August.

YOUTH MINISTRY

2nd Sundays at 9:50 a.m.
September - May



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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, July 1

- Mary's Room Diaper Delivery 9:45 a.m.

Saturday, July 4

- Fireworks & Potluck at Zion Episcopal Church, Oconomowoc, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, July 6

- Mary's Room Volunteer Meeting 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 pm

Saturday, July 18

- Watertown Pride Event, First Congregational Church, 120 Kuckkan Lane
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Monday, July 27

- Vestry Meeting 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 28

- Men's Group, Location to be determined, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 5

- Mary's Room Diaper Delivery 9:45 a.m.

Sunday, August 9

- Ecumenical Worship Service with our partner congregations at Bentzen Square, downtown Watertown, 9:30 a.m. **NOTE: NO church service at St. Paul's on August 9th.**

Saturday, August 22

- Jewelry Making Class with Sara Dow, Juliet Slavens, and Susan Trier.
11:00 a.m. (more information to come)

Monday, August 24

- Vestry Meeting 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



Summertime offers us lots of opportunities to explore new things and embark on adventures. This is true in our shared ministry as well as our personal lives. Are there programs or ministries you would like to see us add at St Paul's? Would you appreciate a bible study opportunity? An occasional group book discussion? More opportunities for weekday common prayer together? This is a good time of year to try new things on for size... if you have a suggestion, please email, text or speak to Mother Monica.

Invitation for July 4th from our Oconomowoc neighbors.

"Hello St. Mary's Dousman, St. Anskar's, St Paul's Ashippun and Watertown!

Attached, please find the invitation to Zion's annual fourth-of-July-fireworks-potluck-extravaganza. We've got great seats and your congregation is warmly invited."

Location:

Zion Episcopal Church

237 N. Lake Road

Oconomowoc, WI 53066



Stars, Stripes & Lake Country Vibes

4TH OF JULY

FIREWORKS & POTLUCK

COME TO ZION FOR THE BEST VIEW IN TOWN!

Bring a dish to pass, a blanket or chair, and other outdoor accessories (like bug spray!) to make the most of our lakeside seating.



Zion's parking lot is reserved for Lake Country friends and family. Come early to get a good spot!

Saturday, July 4th

Potluck Dinner served at 6:30

Fireworks begin at dusk (usually around 9:20.)



Youth Group

Youth Sunday Outing

We didn't get our outing for youth planned for the end of this year. So, we are going to start it off with a bang on September 13th. We have three options to consider. Please give us input on your preference: bowling, mini golf, or roller skating. Bowling and roller skating are both located in Watertown. Mini golf is in Fort Atkinson. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Jean and Vicki

Reminder, no Sunday school in June, July, and August.

Women And Protein: What To Know

Sara Dow, MS, RDN, LD led a very informative session on protein to the ladies of our parish and community on June 25th. We were even joined by several people from neighboring Oconomowoc. We all enjoyed the information, fellowship, and camaraderie.

If you could not attend but would like to be a member of Sara's nutrition community, please email her and ask to be added to her newsletter subscription.

email: saradownutrition@gmail.com



May Men's Group
Shared stories, brats, and beans !



To Everyone who helped make the Spring Market a success! - We were amazed at how many people signed up to bake, sew, and bring plants. Also had more than enough helpers to set up and assist at the sale. - Jean, Julie and Sherry

- **Jean, Julie, and Sherry** - for putting on a spectacular Spring Market! Thanks to all those who contributed to its success! Well done! - Juliet
- **Jen Devers** - Jen is ALWAYS so helpful to me, especially when I am far from my directory and need someone's phone number! She is a treasure!
- **Sherry, Jean, and Julie** - Thank you for all of your work to make the first Spring Market a great success! - Vicki
- **Juliet** - Juliet is such a talented creator of sewn items and she is such a great saleswoman!
- **Coffee Hour Hosts** - Shout out to all of our coffee hour hosts. From setup to cleanup, much of what you do happens behind the scenes, but it makes a real difference in creating a welcoming space for everyone. Thank you for the warmth and hospitality you help provide.
- **Elizabeth Fritz** - Shout out to Elizabeth Fritz for bringing organ music back into our worship life. The time and effort you have put into lessons to help fill this gap are deeply appreciated, and your music is a beautiful gift to the community. - Sara
- **Amy Hartwig** - for the loan of your jumbo Cupcake pan for the Spring Market - Judy
- **Amy Dunlop** - for the use of your Almond Cake pan for our sales and all the beautiful arrangements you bring! - Judy
- **A BIG SHOUT OUT** and thank you to all who have worked so hard to support our St Paul's family these last few weeks. From working all around our property, to razing and building a new storage shed in the courtyard, to organizing and hosting our Spring Market, in addition to all the things you all do all the time to keep our congregation humming, May was a huge success. Bravo! - Mother Monica

- **Cathy Kerwin** - Three cheers for Cathy Kerwin for her work with coffee hour over many, many years. She has made it her special ministry to all of us. We appreciate you Cathy! - Vicki
- **Choir** - Thank you to choir members for their devotion to our music program with their work being more than only singing on Sunday mornings. Members are practicing on Thursdays and Saturdays to bring everyone our beautiful music during every service. - Vicki
- **Ellen Klaus** - Shout out to Ellen for organizing cherry picking and pitting for everyone. Shout out to everyone who came and helped with cherries.
- **Sara Dow** - Thank you for sharing your knowledge on protein for women. It was very helpful information!



Choir Appreciation Blessing



This has been a full year of growth for the choir. From Advent through Easter, the choir took on some of the most complex music we have offered in worship, bringing beauty, depth, and care to our services. We are deeply grateful for each person who participates in this ministry and for the time, energy, and dedication they offer.

This year also included Saturday voice lessons, which gave choir members an opportunity to grow in confidence, skill, and vocal health. It has been encouraging to see the choir continue to develop not only musically, but also as a supportive and joyful community.

Choir will resume on Sunday, August 9th, and we would love to welcome new singers. Joining the choir does not have to mean making a permanent commitment. If you would like to sing for a particular season, service, or piece of music, you are very welcome. We are also considering presenting the Hallelujah Chorus this coming December, which could be a wonderful opportunity for people who would like to join us for a specific project.

Thank you for the continued support, encouragement, and prayers of this church community as the choir continues to grow.

Sara and David

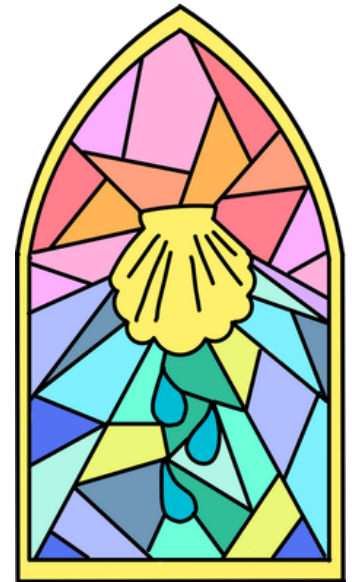
Musings from your Junior Warden

May 24, 2026

Greetings St. Paul's Family,

Life is busy at St. Paul's. My sincere gratitude goes out to the many who have accomplished the following in the past month:

- Received bids from Custom Restoration for tuck pointing the church and rectory.
- Amy organized the Sweeney Room and the new Bazaar/Market Room!
- Two parishioners agreed to wash the Guild Hall windows.
- A small sign has been placed on the "shade puller" in the Guild Hall. Please use this tool if you cannot reach the middle of the shade when opening and closing them. The "shade puller" is located behind the large plant which is next to the couch.
- A reminder to those who clean up after an activity in the Guild Hall, specifically, if you wash the dishes. Please do not put any damp dishes away in the cupboards. In the past we have found mold on some plates. Feel free to leave the clean dishes in the drainer. They will get put away when dry.
- We are working on selling the lovely Madrigal costumes that were created by Juliet.
- The garage has been cleaned out thanks to Dan and Jerry. It needs to stay organized so there is room for Mother Monica's outdoor items to be stored there in the fall.
- The mulch around the church and rectory was distributed and paid for by an anonymous donor.
- We have received bids to update our fire alarm system.
- Cinta completed their spring up of our Ansul System on the range hood.
- The pollinator sign has been put up in the pollinator garden.
- The orange furniture and green chair that was in the Guild Hall has found a new home.
- The batteries in the carbon monoxide detectors have been replaced.
- The monthly fire alarm test has been completed.
- The water in the basement and the front entry was cleaned up when necessary.
- Jean painted the door to Mary's Room.
- Rectory bathroom mold remediation process was successfully completed.
- Both the rectory and church roofs are being checked for hail damage.
- Amy donated a 4-drawer file cabinet to the Choir for the music that was stored in cardboard boxes in the office. David is organizing the music.
- Concrete work on Spring Street entrance was completed, thanks to Shannon and Mark.



In all likely hood I have missed some completed projects. My apologies to those involved.

Be a Blessing,

Fran

Musings from Your Junior Warden

July 2026

Greetings St. Paul's Family,

This is a busy time of year at St. Paul's. I sincerely appreciate all the volunteer hours our St. Paul's friends have donated to the completion of the long list of tasks.

Tasks completed:

- Erected the new rectory shed and filled it with Mother Monica's gardening tools.
Thank you Dan, Richard, Don, Shannon and Joe.
- Finished planting the front flower bed, the area near the bell tower and a new bush in the area near the Spring Street entrance. Thank you Julie and Jean.
- Trimmed bushes and trees at the rectory and church. Thank you Richard and Peter.
- Sold some of the Madrigal costumes and donated some of the Madrigal costumes to the Young Shakespeare Company of Madison. Thank you Nancy and Ellen.
- Finished the grinding down of the dangerous area near the side entrance. Thank you Mark and Shannon.
- Moved 2 pews around in church to make room for wheelchairs and walkers. –
Thank you John and Vicki for the suggestion and Dan for making it happen.
- Completed an agreement to update/replace our fire alarm system.
- Checked the salt levels in the water softener and replaced what is necessary –
Thank you Dan.
- Completed the monthly fire alarm test – Thank You Dan
- Monitored the level of the dishwasher fluid – Thank you Jean.
- Checked the temperature of the refrigerator and freezer – Thank you Jean.
- Vacuumed the coils of the refrigerator and freezer – Thank you Jean.
- Had the insurance company check for roof on the church and rectory for hail damage – Thank you Peter.
- Richard continues to mow the lawn – Thank you
- Replaced the threshold to the side door. – Thank you Dan
- The trees in the pollinator garden were cut down. – Thank you Mike
- The zinnias were planted in the raised beds. – Thank you Ellen, Mike and Sam
- Thank you Jean, Richard, and Don for cleaning our church and facilities every week.
- The range hood passed inspection. As long as we don't fry anything on our stoves, we should not need another inspection for a few years.
- Fixed the broken light that shines on the Little Library – Thank you Dan
- Tightened the screws on a few pews and fixed a hymnal holder – Thank you Dan
- Some brave soul cleaned the grass out of the iris bed. Thank you

If you see something that needs attention, please let me know.

Be a Blessing,

Fran

Jr. Warden

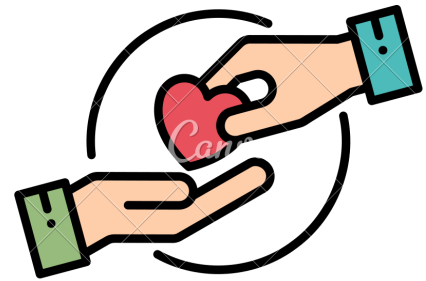
Supporting St. Paul's Through Automatic Giving

Summer is a busy season filled with vacations, family gatherings, and outdoor activities. With so much going on, it can be easy to forget to bring your pledge or donation to church. One simple way to ensure your commitment to St. Paul's continues uninterrupted is by setting up an automatic payment through your bank's online bill pay service.

Most banks offer a free online bill pay option that allows you to schedule recurring payments. You can set up your pledge to be sent weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, or on whatever schedule works best for you. Your bank will mail a check directly to St. Paul's.

To set up automatic giving through your bank:

1. Log in to your online banking account.
2. Navigate to the Bill Pay section.
3. Add St. Paul's Episcopal Church as a payee:
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
413 South 2nd Street
Watertown, WI 53094
4. Enter the amount you would like to contribute.
5. Select how often you would like the payment sent.
6. Include "Pledge" in the memo line if the payment is intended for your annual pledge.



Automatic giving is a convenient way to support the ministries and outreach programs of St. Paul's throughout the year. Your faithful generosity helps us continue worship, community outreach, pastoral care, Christian formation, and the many ministries that make a difference in our community.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the mission and ministry of St. Paul's.

A Heartfelt Thank You & A Call To Serve

Every Sunday and at each special service throughout the year, so many dedicated volunteers help make our worship meaningful and welcoming. From our ushers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, altar guild, musicians, counters, livestream team, hospitality volunteers, and everyone who serves behind the scenes, your time, gifts, and faithful commitment are truly a blessing.



Your willingness to serve allows our worship to flow smoothly and helps create a welcoming environment where all can encounter God's love. Thank you for sharing your talents so generously and for being an important part of the ministry of St. Paul's.

We are deeply grateful for each of you and the many ways you serve our parish family. May God continue to bless you for your faithful service.

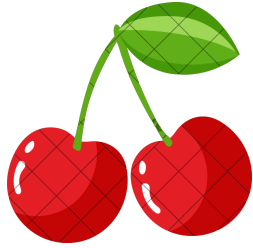
As our congregation continues to grow and our volunteers take well-deserved vacations or step back from time to time, we are always looking for new people to share in these ministries. We currently have a particular need for ushers, lectors, members of our livestream team, and offering counters. Training is provided, and you don't need previous experience – plus schedules are very flexible – just a willingness to serve is needed.

If you've been looking for a way to become more involved in the life of St. Paul's, we invite you to prayerfully consider joining one of these ministries. Every role, whether seen or behind the scenes, is an important part of helping us worship together and extend hospitality to all.

If you are interested or would like to learn more, please contact Jen Devers. We'd love to help you find a ministry that is a good fit for your gifts and interests.

Baptism of Robin Billingham-Woods

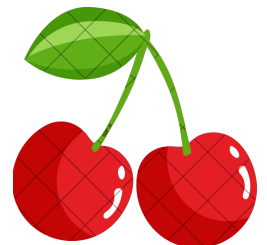




Cherry Picking

Thank you to the “Pickers & Pitters” that have come out to harvest the beautiful cherries from our cherry trees.

Our bakers will turn them into delicious pies, cakes, breads, and other incredible treats for the November bazaar !



Anniversary

On June 11th we celebrated the 10th anniversary of Mother Monica's ordination as a priest. We came together along with some of the wonderful people who walked with Mother Monica on her journey to become a priest and those who worshipped with her at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church of Waupun. It was a joyful celebration lead by our Bishop, the Right Reverend Matthew Gunter.

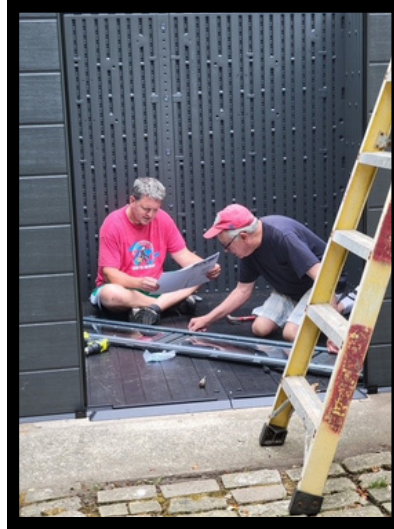
Anniversaries are a time to celebrate, to reflect upon growth over a lifetime, to look forward to the future, and to renew our commitments. We are grateful to Mother Monica for sharing her personal journey and celebration with us. Bishop Gunter's words of wisdom were meaningful for all of us. We rejoice in the time all of us have spent together in the St. Paul's faith community.



Deconstructing the old shed at the rectory: Richard, Shannon and sons, Dan, Jerry Didenko, Fran, Neighbor Sam and his sons. And Shannon bent Dan's hammer he worked so hard!!



Installation of new shed
at the rectory. Thanks to
an anonymous donor!



Jean Kalivoda and Julie
McIntosh planting flowers at
the church.

BLESSING BOX

While you're at the grocery store, please consider picking up one or two items from this list to help stock our Blessing Box.

Personal care items:

- deodorant
- toothpaste
- small boxes of kleenex
- individually wrapped single toilet paper rolls
- small feminine hygiene products
- bar soap
- packages of plastic silverware

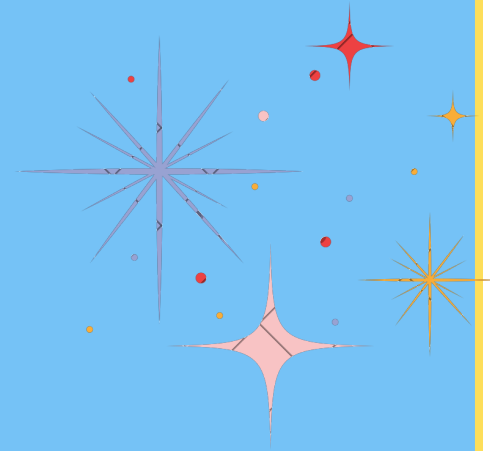
GROCERY LIST

- instant soups
- dry packaged soup mixes
- single serve packets of tuna, chicken, or proteins like SPAM
- granola bars
- jerky
- nuts
- small or single serving boxes of cereal or microwaveable meals
- pop-top canned soups



Belated June Birthdays

11th Eric Halverson
11th Judy Halverson
12th Bennett Quinn
14th Mason Ferry
17th Alex Byrne
18th Susan Morrone
21st Joe Bohlman
28th Jared Fritz



July Birthdays

7th Melissa Lampe
8th Fran Vandre
13th Russ DeBlare
19th Heather Rasmussen
23rd Amy Byrne
29th Melanie Flint



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Church Leadership

Bishop: The Rt. Rev Matt Gunter
Rector: The Rev. Monica Burkert-Brist
Senior Warden: Vicki Wright
Junior Warden: Fran Vandre
Assist. Jr. Warden: Dan Devers
Church Musicians: David & Sara Dow
Administrator: Jen Devers

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