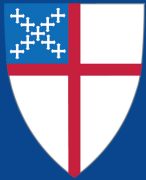


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# St. Paul's Episcopal Church Newsletter

*Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are always welcome at St. Paul's.*



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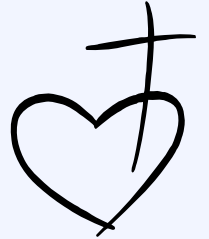
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Choir Practice  
Thurs 6:30 p.m. & Sun 9 a.m.

## MOTHER MONICA'S *Message*



Dear St. Paul's friends:

When our Lenten journey began on Ash Wednesday, as your priest and pastor, I invited you "in the name of the Church...to make a right beginning of repentance". We do this, the Church teaches us, by "self examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting and self-denial and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word." In my message at the beginning of Lent, I urged us to embrace Lent instead of enduring it. And over these past weeks, we have shared in Eucharist, in fellowship, and in prayerful study together.

Lent this year has been somewhat unusual. This solemn time of penitence has been marked by some very important celebrations in our community. We welcomed baby Grant in baptism just before Lent started and we welcomed Bishop Matt for a visit and celebrated new members while at the same time rejoicing in the ministry of Bill and Amy Dunlop. I suggest this gave us a new paradigm: that our Lenten season, while a time of reflection and making right our relationship with God and neighbor, can also be a time of quiet joy. Joy in our ministry together.

As we move toward the end of Lent, we each have a wonderful opportunity to walk alongside Jesus during Holy Week, the services which commemorate the last week of his ministry. Our schedule of services gives us opportunities all week long to share in the journey which leads to the Cross and our salvation.

I urge you to plan to join us--these are some of the most meaningful and beautiful services of the church year. Each one is different. Come, embrace Holy Week, and prepare for the joy of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. And bring a friend or family member with you!

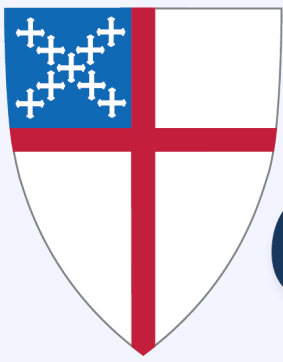
*See you in church!*

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# Episco-Speak

## *Get Your Questions Answered Here!*

If you are new-ish to the Episcopal Church, or even if you are a long time member, you may have questions about some of our vocabulary, or why we do things the way we do...don't despair, you are not alone! Many of our worship traditions are rooted in the early Christian church, as handed down to us through the Roman Catholic and some of the Reformation traditions. A lot of our vocabulary came first from Greek and Latin and then from England- which is where what became the Episcopal Church originated. Each month we will feature a weird word or two, or explain a tradition that you may wonder about. ***Got a question? Email it to Mother Monica to be answered in a future segment.***

***What do we call the parts of the church worship space?*** The inside of the church is built in the shape of the cross and is divided into three main sections: the entry area (between our front doors) is known as the narthex. The part inside the second set of doors where the congregation sits is called the nave. The place where the two parts of the cross connect near the front (called the transept) by the altar (there is a special decorative tile there) is called the crossing.. and the front area by the altar is called the sanctuary or the chancel.

If you want to learn more, here is a link to a great article written by our Methodist brothers and sisters:

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-where-do-church-terms-like-narthex-and-nave-come-from>



**Where do church terms like narthex and nave come from?**  
Many church architecture terms come from Latin and Greek origins. Ask The UMC is a service of United Methodist Communications.  
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Palm Sunday  
April 13th



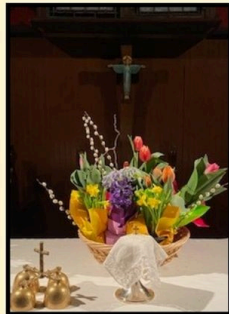
10 a.m. Service  
Meet in Guild Hall  
to process with palms

Maundy  
Thursday  
April 17th



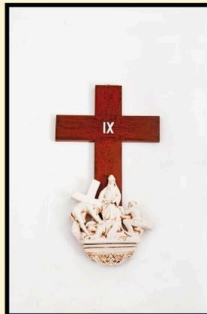
6 p.m. Service

Vigil at the  
Altar of Repose  
April 17 - 18th



At the church or  
from home.  
Starting after the  
Maundy Thursday  
Service until Good  
Friday at 12 noon

Stations of the  
Cross  
April 18th



12 noon  
in the Church

Good Friday  
April 18th



6 p.m. Service  
Prayers &  
Communion  
in the Church

Easter Sunday  
April 20th



Potluck  
Easter Breakfast  
& Egg Hunt  
9 a.m.

Family Friendly  
Worship Service  
10 a.m.



# Holy Week



If you would like to donate toward Easter Flowers in honor or memory of someone special, please fill out an envelope for flowers inserted in your OOS or mail a check to the church.

## ST. PAUL'S CHOIR



### Join Us for Drop-In Group Voice Lessons!

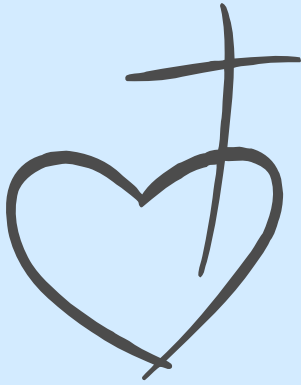
Want to improve your singing? Curious about vocal technique? **Join us for drop-in group voice lessons every Saturday from 10:00 to 11:00 AM at St. Paul's Episcopal Church!**

**All voices are welcome**—whether you're a seasoned singer or just starting out. No previous training is required! Come as you are and enjoy a fun, supportive environment to explore and strengthen your voice.

For more information, contact David Dow at [saint413paulmusicleader@gmail.com](mailto:saint413paulmusicleader@gmail.com).

Hope to see you there!

## Supporting Our Outreach Ministries



Thank you to all of you for regularly donating funds to our outreach efforts. Since the Epiphany Season, we have collected a total of \$567 in funds to be shared by Mary's Room and Food to Go and Grow, \$240 in funds for Mother Monica's Discretionary Fund, and \$200 in funds to Bishop Matt for his discretionary fund. During Lent, we are raising money for the Hometown Mission and the Gosling Nest at our high school. Please place your donations in a white Outreach Envelope so your money is appropriately allocated. On Sunday, April 6, we will welcome a visitor from Hometown Missions to tell us about their work.

# Calling all Young People! Come to Episco-Wisco Camp



## EPISCOWISCO CAMP 2025

at  **Village in Clintonville, Wisconsin**

*Experience the joy of God in community*



### Senior Camp

Sunday, June 15 – Saturday, June 21  
completed grades 9-12



### Middler Camp

Sunday, June 22 – Friday, June 27  
completed grades 6-8



### Junior Camp & CITs

Sunday, June 29 – Wednesday, July 2  
completed grades 2-5  
(CITs - grades 9-12)



### Kinder Camp & CITs

Sunday, June 29 – Tuesday, July 1  
children ages 4-7 with parent/adult  
(CITs - grades 9-12)



Spend a week this summer with other young Episcopalians in a wonderful northern WI setting -- lots of activities, crafts, fellowship, worship, and just a great time in nature. The camps run in age-appropriate one-week segments starting for ages 4-7 (with an adult) and running through high school. Dates are in June and early July. St. Paul's has scholarship money available to sponsor any young person who wants to go. Registration is open now through June 1.

[www.EpiscoWisco.Camp](http://www.EpiscoWisco.Camp)

or contact  
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Apply to serve on Staff or as a Counselor-in-Training!



EPISCOWISCO CAMP

For detailed info, check out the link here and tell Mother Monica if you are interested:

<https://www.episcowisco.camp/>

JESUS CHRIST: AT THE CENTER OF ALL WE DO



# Events Calendar - April

Date & Time	Details	Contact
April 6th at 9:50 a.m.	<b>DATE CHANGE: Youth Formation Sunday</b>	Vicki Wright / Jean Kalivoda
April 6th	<b>Hometown Mission Special Guest</b>	Mother Monica
April 9th	<b>Ladies Social Event: Potluck Dinner &amp; Games</b>	Jen Devers
April 9 - 11th	<b>French Bread Fundraiser - prep &amp; pick-up</b>	Vicki Wright
April 10th at 5 p.m.	<b>Supper &amp; Bible Study in the Guild Hall</b>	Mother Monica
April 13th at 10 a.m.	<b>Palm Sunday Service - The Service will start in the Guild Hall with a procession to the Church with palms.</b>	Mother Monica
April 17th at 6 p.m.	<b>Maundy Thursday Service</b>	Mother Monica
April 17th - 18th	<b>Watch at the Altar of Repose from 7 p.m. on April 17th through April 18th at 12 noon.</b>	Mother Monica
April 18th at 12 noon	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	Mother Monica
April 18th at 6 p.m.	<b>Good Friday Service</b>	Mother Monica
April 20th at 9 a.m.	<b>Easter Breakfast Potluck &amp; Easter Egg Hunt</b>	Mother Monica
April 20th at 10 a.m.	<b>Easter Sunday Service</b>	Mother Monica
April 23rd at 3:30 p.m.	<b>Mary's Room Volunteer Meeting</b>	Ellen Klaus
April 27th at 6 p.m.	<b>Vestry Meeting via Zoom</b>	Mother Monica / Jen Devers

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

# APRIL

# Happy Anniversary

Brock Phelps William Main  
Elizabeth Fritz Jean Schueler  
Patrick Lampe Lynne Austin  
Tom Capps

Reichardt's  
Milewsky's

# DATE CHANGE



## Youth Formation Sunday

The date for Youth Formation has changed to the **FIRST SUNDAY** in April due to Holy Week. Please join us on **Sunday, April 6th, at 9:50 a.m. in the Youth Room!**

Youth Formation Sunday is a special time set aside for young people to gather, grow, and engage in their faith in a fun and meaningful way.

## MEN'S

## Gathering

## You've Got e-Mail

**Watch for an email from  
Richard for an upcoming  
gathering!**

# LADIES Social GATHERING

**Mark your calendar for April 9th at 6 p.m. in the Guild Hall.** Bring a small dish to share for a potluck dinner. And we'll have a relaxing game night!

We have the need for a host for the May Ladies Social Gatherings. If you are interested, please let Jen know. Hosting can be at a location, in your home, or in the guild hall. Need ideas - talk to Jen.





**DONATE** ♥

The mission of the Gosling Nest is to model compassion through providing food, clothing, and other basic necessities to Watertown High School students to promote educational success.

St. Paul's Youth are collecting personal donations - Shampoo, Conditioners, Body Wash, Toothbrushes, Tooth paste, and deodorants. We will collect in-kind donations of items during Lent at the basket in the back of the church. Our young people will coordinate this effort and deliver the items once collected. For more information or questions, please speak to Vicki Wright.

## Thank ♥ You

I want to let you know how special our gathering on March 16th was for Amy and me. We appreciate the blessing of my new ministry with the diocese and our continuing ministry at Good Shepherd in Sun Prairie. Most important is our thanks for your friendship and support over the past 10 years of time together in Watertown and the surrounding area. You all taught me in a variety of ways how to be a deacon in God's church, a lesson I will take to others. You welcomed and accepted both Amy and me as a part of your community. Thank you also for the thoughtful gifts and especially the things that Amy and I can use together. As I mentioned at coffee, even though I am not assigned at St. Paul's any longer, I am still your deacon and will always be. Thank you all again for a Spirit-filled 10 years and for all that you have done over the years to develop me into being a deacon in God's church and the world. ~ Deacon Bill Dunlop

I also want to thank St. Paul's for all you have done for me and Bill over the past ten years. We felt truly welcomed and a part of the St. Paul's community throughout our time at St. Paul's. And don't take me off the mailing lists for the plant sale, bazaar, and choir yet! ~ Amy Dunlop





Supper and Bible Study has been a wonderful weekday event!  
The last one in this series will be Thursday, April 10.  
Join us!



Peter and paper airplanes for the kiddos during coffee hour!



Baby Grant's baptism!



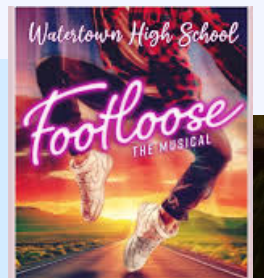
Lee's cute birthday blessing! Went up all by herself.



Oscar Night was a lot of fun playing bingo, watching our ballots (Toron was the big winner), and Jen showing off comfy & Juliet showing off fancy!  
All welcome at St. Paul's!!



Julian, you did a wonderful job in the WHS musical! Several members went to see you and cheered!!





# BISHOP'S VISIT

**“But wait! There’s more.”** That’s what Bishop Matt Gunter had to say when he visited us at St. Paul’s. We had a wonderful celebration on March 16, showed the Bishop around, and formally welcomed five of our members into the Episcopal Church. Congratulations to Amy, Elizabeth, Julie, Abby, and Fran. We also officially welcomed the Main Family and celebrated Deacon Bill and Amy’s ministry with us. **What a fantastic day!**







# OUTREACH NEWS

*A donation basket is at the back of the church for any donation drop offs. Monetary donations can be put in the offering plate.*



## What's New at Mary's Room

Wednesday sessions (5:00 to 7:00) continue to be extremely busy, so we are experimenting with extending hours by beginning at 3:30. We will add a few more volunteers at the start. If you are interested in helping from 3:30 to 4:30, please let Ellen know.

Fran and Ellen talked with the board of the Jefferson Food Pantry about providing them with surplus clothes for babies and toddlers. They are interested in possible "pop-up" clothing tables and will also contact The Village Diaper Bank with an application for regular diaper deliveries.

A group of 8 volunteers from the Quartz Insurance Company in Fitchburg will be sorting clothes currently in storage on April 17.

Ellen and a bi-lingual volunteer will have a table at the Chamber of Commerce's Multilingual Family Fair on April 8.



BUILDING A  
WELCOMING WATERTOWN  
*Where We All Belong!*



## Building a Welcoming Watertown Update

The Building a Welcoming Watertown group continues to grow and develop its desired imprint to be a force for change so all feel welcome and safe in our community. Our next meeting will be in the public library's large meeting space on April 6 at 1 pm. The group's immediate focus is on the development of a warming shelter for those who need a safe place during severe weather events and on support for our immigrant communities. We recently completed a successful collaboration with the AAUW in sponsoring candidate forums for our local elections. Want more info? Ask Elizabeth Fritz, Fran Vandre, Georgia Irre or Tom Cramer.





Have a shout-out for a person  
or group at St. Paul's?  
Email Jen at  
[saint413paul@gmail.com](mailto:saint413paul@gmail.com)

**To Jen:** I miss you, Jen. From Meredith Harmon

**To Kathy Klinger:**  
For doing the monthly accounting statements. From Vicki Wright

**To Peter Wright:** For saying he would officially be the church treasurer!!

**To Daughters of the King:** For their prayers before my hip surgery. It helped me to move forward in a positive and relaxed manner. From Vicki Wright

**To Georgia Irre:** As a new member of St. Paul's she has continued to reach out to me. And she and Mother Monica keep me in the "Loop". From Terry Beltimacchi

**THANK YOU to everyone who worked so hard to get ready for the Bishop's visit:** those who cleaned and organized our building, the altar guild and worship teams, our music ministers and choir, and those who organized and donated fantastic food for our reception. Great work-- thank you all so much. From: Mother Monica

**Shout out to Jen Devers:** who put in a lot of extra time in February and March with a lot of annual reporting requirements to the Diocese and National Church, as well as all the extra effort in preparations for the Bishop's visit. From Mother Monica

**To the Vestry:** Thank you for all your dedication in making St. Paul's function properly.

**To John Fritz:** You are doing a wonderful job learning all the aspects of the Episcopal church from Altar Guild to Subdeacon! Great job!

**To Mother Monica:** Do you ever sleep? You do it all!! St. Paul's, the community, and Missioner of Diocese of WI! And you are doing it all so well. We are very blessed to have you as our Rector!

Simple compliments mean the most!  
Make someone's day!

Submit your May Shout-Outs to Jen  
by April 20th

