

Announcements for the week of August 30, 2026
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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR: Sunday, September 6, 2026
Ex 12:1-14; Ps 149; Ezek 33:7-11; Ps 119:33-40; Rom 13:8-14; Matt 18:15-20

Local and St. Paul’s Happenings:

August 31 Worship Committee Meeting
Sept 2 Wednesday Evening Church Service w/ Communion, Grilled Meal at 5:30p
 and Service with Communion at 6:30p

***Sept 13 & 20 Speaker Ilona Perunakova at St. Paul’s UCC, Plato during service.
 More info coming soon!***

Sept 28 6 pm, Event Center, Hutchinson
The Minnesota Conference UCC is joining with the Minneapolis Immigrant Allies Coalition, Creekside UCC, Peace UCC, First Congregational Alexandria, New Journey UCC, and many other congregations and organizations to sponsor showings of ***Samaritans***. This newly released documentary follows a group of volunteers who risk everything to save lives in the deadly desert of Southern Arizona. ***Samaritans*** captures desperate journeys, unexpected resilience, and the transformative power of refusing to look away.

Our Members Living in Long Term Care:

(Please keep them in your prayers. Addresses are posted on the bulletin board.)

Harmony River Living Center in Hutchinson:	Olive Pinske
The Haven in Norwood Young America:	Mavis Schuette.
Broadwell Senior Living, Plymouth:	Jim Jensen, Apt 228
Orchard Estates:	Donna Schmidt, Room 115
Cokato Manor:	Orville Schrupp, Rm 151
Peace Villa, Norwood-Young America	Doris Schrupp; Apt 303

Greeter: (Please be here 30 minutes before worship):

August 30	Tim & Lisa Lepel
Sept 6	Mike & Elaine Graupmann
Sept 13	Brian & Julie Graupmann
Sept 20	John & Ann Graupmann
Sept 27	Dean & Lori Schwirtz

Scripture Readers

August 30 Peg Flusemann

Fellowship Time

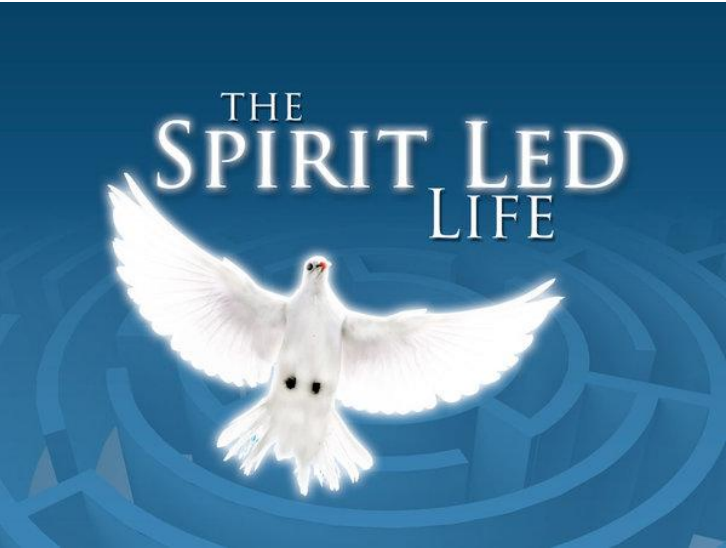
Sept 13	Sunday School Kick-Off
Sept 27	Dave & Dawn Prehn, Marjorie Stockman

Altar / Communion

September Dana Englemann

St. Paul’s United Church of Christ
Plato, MN

Sunday, August 30, 2026
9:00 a.m.



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O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually. Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered, O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

Psalms 105:1-6

August 30, 2026 – Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude Diane Anderson

Ringling of the Bell

Opening Hymn: #8 “*Come, Thou Almighty King (vs1)*
Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing; Help us to praise. Father all glorious, o’er all victorious, Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

***Passing God’s Peace** **+Announcements – Joys – Concerns**

Proclamation of Praise (Responsively)

Leader: Why have we gathered on this holy day? What has drawn us to this time and place?

Congregation: *We have been drawn to a flame burning here. We sense the glory of God in this place.*

Leader: God calls us to this time of worship. The place where we are standing is holy ground.

Congregation: *Give thanks to God: sing praises. Give attention to the voice of God.*

Leader: Out of a burning bush, God spoke to Moses. In the rhythms of worship, God speaks to us.

Congregation: *We will listen for God’s message to us. Surely God’s strength will supply our needs.*

Prayer of Invocation (In Unison): We tremble to think that the Source of all life, the Creator of all worlds, is in this place, observing our worship, knowing our innermost secrets, calling us by name. O God, we dare to call on you, to bow before you, to welcome your Word. We tremble to think what you might expect of us, for we remember what you expected of Moses. You sent him against the rulers of his people to win release from oppression. You sent him from the comfortable places he knew to plead for freedom amid threatening conditions. We dare to worship you, O God, knowing that you expect much of us. Amen.

Hymn: #640 “*Sweet Hour of Prayer*”

Prayer of Confession (In Unison): O God, we have wavered in our faith in the midst of suffering, and we have not persevered in prayer. We have claimed to be wiser than we are, and have even tried to correct you. We make excuses for ourselves rather than listening for your direction and heeding your call. Our days are so filled with the busyness of this world that we cannot see your reign among us. We are so weighed down by our own concerns that we have no energy to serve in your realm. Send your cleansing fire among us, forgiving God. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Lessons: *Exodus 3:1-15 and Romans 12:9-21* Peg Flusemann
See Insert

Message: “*It Only Takes A Spark*” Pastor Brosz

Song: “*Pass It On*” (See Insert)

Prayer Hymn: #389 “*Spirit of the Living God*”

Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Offering (as you have given upon entering or as you leave)

Doxology #815

Offertory Prayer (In Unison): May our offerings be an expression of genuine love that reflects your love for us, O God. We seek to honor you as we serve one another in Christ’s name. We reach out to overcome evil with good. Direct our use of the resources you entrust to us that we may not only contribute to the needs of the saints but also devote our lives to the building of a peaceable worldwide community in which all are valued. Amen

Response #816 “*We Give Thee But Thine Own*” (Vs.1)

Hymn: #147 *How Great Thou Art*

Benediction

Ringling of the Bell