

Announcements for the week of September 27, 2026
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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR: Sunday, October 4, 2026
Ex 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Ps 19; Isa 5:1-7, Ps 80:7-15; Phil 3:4b-14; Matt 21:33-46

Local and St. Paul’s Happenings:

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.

October 4 Women’s Guild Meeting

October 4 Neighbors in Need Offering

- **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
The Harbor, Norwood-Young America Doris Schrupp; Apt 303

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

Sept 27 (Open)
Oct 4 Scott Graupmann
Oct 11 Lyle & Dana Engelmann
Oct 18 Denise Scharpe
Oct 25 Bob & Patsy Becker

Scripture Readers

Sept 27 James Leith

Fellowship Time

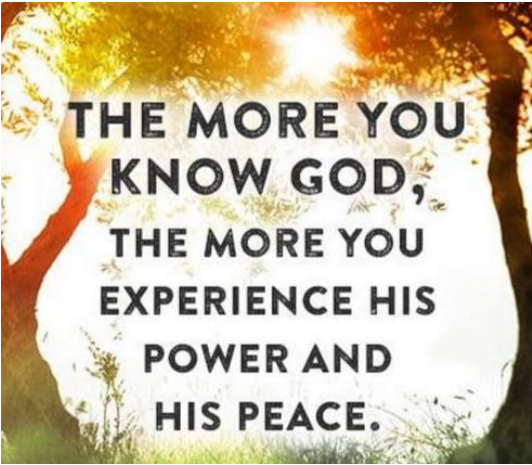
Sept 27 Dave & Dawn Prehn, Marjorie Stockman
Oct 11 Denise Scharpe; Orville and Betty Wilkens
Oct 25 Dale & Diane Anderson, Bob and Patsy Becker

Altar / Communion

September Dana Englemann
October Peg Flusemann

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

Sunday, September 27, 2026
9:00 a.m.



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Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.⁴ We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

Psalms 78:1-4

September 27, 2026 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude Diane Anderson

Ringling of the Bell

Opening Hymn: #391 “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”
There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord. There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love. And for these blessings, we lift our hearts in praise. Without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

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

Proclamation of Praise (Responsively)

Pastor: Come, let us remember God’s presence with us. Let us give ear to all that God would teach us.
Congregation: Our ancestors have told us about God’s might. They have celebrated God’s wondrous deeds.

Pastor: In the wilderness of Sinai, God provided water. Through the sea, God provided safe passage.
Congregation: Yet the Israelites questioned God’s presence. They needed assurance amid their doubts.

Pastor: Our doubts can lead to honest searching. God welcomes questions that seek new truth.
Congregation: We want to see God’s larger picture. We are here to broaden the scope of our concern.

Prayer of Invocation (In Unison): We marvel, O God, at the thought you care about us. We are amazed that the Creator of the universe would take on human flesh to draw near to us in ways we could begin to understand. As Jesus emptied himself to serve, modeling your love even in the face of death, we seek in these moments to lay aside self-interest that we might take direction from you. Help us to humble ourselves in order to obey you, to listen in order to hear, to care in order to serve. Lead us day and night through the dangers of the wilderness of our times. Lead us in these moments to honest and fervent worship. Amen.

Hymn: #571 “Trust and Obey”

Prayer of Confession (In Unison): We fear to approach you with our confession, holy God, for you may require changes in us that are costly. You ask us to have the mind of Christ, a mind free of pretense and self-interest. You challenge us to lay aside our advantages to go where you send us. We fear loss of security if we are obedient. It is hard to see ourselves as exploiters when we pursue advantages for our families. It is difficult to consider others when we feel like victims. We confess our need for you and our desire to find your purpose for us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Lessons: Philippians 2:1-13 “Imitating Christ’s Humility” James Leith
Matthew 21:28-32 “The Parable of the Two Sons”

Message: “The Hymn Found in Philippians” Pastor Brosz

Hymn: #641 “The Greatest Thing”

Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Offering (as you have given upon entering or as you leave) Doxology #815

Offertory Prayer (In Unison): We empty our pockets, trusting you, O God. We empty our selfish ambitions, believing that the common good is of greater concern. We give because you have richly blessed us. We present ourselves in your service because you have gifted us in so many ways. We reach out helping hands because we care about all those you have called us to love. May every tongue that is confessing Christ as Savior share in that mind, which so powerfully demonstrates your love. Amen.

Response #816 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Hymn: #572 “Blessed Assurance”

Benediction

Ringling of the Bell