

CHAPEL BELLS

St. Paul's U.C.C. - Erin



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE



I took a drive down to Lake Michigan one recent HOT day. There were children and dogs and adults frolicking in the coldness of the water. There were a few bright umbrellas and seagulls and pelicans surfing the waves. It seems strange to see pelicans in Wisconsin, but they visit us more often than I realized. It felt good to breathe in the goodness of life...children's laughter...birds singing...waves gently reaching the shore and sand...lots of sand.

It would be so easy to forget that God is Good at a time such as this in my life and Jeff's as well. Even as a pastor I struggle with the decisions I am asked to make and how they affect Jeff and indirectly my life and that of our joint family. Still, I trust that God is with all of us, all the time.

I am acutely aware of others who have journeyed this path and have a deeper empathy for each of you.

I will continue to take time away and visit the beaches Jeff photographed every chance he could. He found God at the shoreline and so do I.

Blessings,
Bonnie

WOMEN'S GUILD

Well, our plans for a Port Washington adventure and lunch were a big washout! However, Wednesday, July 15, is our next Guild date. We will try again to visit Port Washington for lunch and a little wandering. There is a sign-up sheet on the fellowship table.

July	GREETERS	LITURGIST
5 th	Eugene & Vicki D.	Cheri J.
12 th	Bill & LouAnn E.	Kim K.
19 th	Judy N. & Jacquie B.	Jill L.
26 th	Bill & Peggy A.	Steve M.



Thank you to Lynn D. for another beautiful bulletin board.



THANK YOUS, CONGRATULATIONS, SYMPATHY

Congratulations to Rebecca O. and her husband, Jonathan on starting their own business, *Simply Timeless Renovations*. Check out their business page of the same name.

Congratulations to Rev. Don Niederfrank on the publications of his third book titled, *Penny Earned*. It is available on Amazon for \$12 to prime members. I received my copy but haven't turned the first page yet.

Thank you to Cindy C., Betty Z., and Vicki D. for volunteering to take over the church secretary duties . **AND** Bernice D.. for her years and years of volunteering to do this.

Thank you to Dave Z. for agreeing to take over the YouTube editing and website updates, **AND THANK YOU** to Connie J. for her years and years of doing this.

Thank you for the crocheted prayer shawl for Jeff G. It is lovely.

Thank you to Jack D. for supervising the power washing of the church siding and our roof inspection.

Did you know Janene K. collects laptops from her job and has them inspected before donating them to the youth at the Brown Street School? **THANK YOU JANENE!**

Isabela Horn passed away on June 21st. She was a beloved member of St. Paul's. Her Celebration of Life service will be held on August 8th at 11 here at St. Paul's.

A Personal Note: I thank you for all the thoughts, prayers and cards you have shared with Jeff and myself these past few weeks. Jeff is presently in hospice care and has returned to his room at Harbor Club. We gently ask that you hold off on in-person visits, as he experiences quite a bit of confusion and may not recognize visitors. While he is doing poorly, we are both aware of being held in your hearts and pray for God's goodness.

A BIG THANK YOU!

Alice and I would like to thank the wonderful people of St. Paul's for all of your kindness, prayers, friendship, support, flowers, food, visits, cards, offers of help, calls, driving us where we needed to go, reconfiguring our home and understanding love as I have and will continue to have for some time to adjust to my new way of living my life.

Thanks to God for all of You!

God's Blessings!

Sincerely, Steve Manuell

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS



In Our Prayers

Please pray for John and Polly E., Diane S., Joyce O’K., Mark G., Steve M., Cheryl F., Jeff G.

SOMETHING TO SHARE

I’m always fascinated when ancient texts are reinterpreted/rewritten in more modern language. While on an “almost” silent retreat at Holy Wisdom Monastery near Madison in late May, I attended prayer services offered three times a day. They used a *Prayer of Jesus* they wrote themselves copyrighted 2007 Benedictine Women of Madison, Holy Wisdom Monastery, Madison, Wisconsin.

Holy One, our only Home,
Blessed be you name,
May your day dawn,
Your will be done,
Here, as in heaven.

Feed us today, and forgive us
As we forgive each other.
Do not forsake us at the test,
But deliver us from evil.
For the glory, the power,
And the mercy are yours,
Now and forever. Amen.

I recently read an entry on Facebook by the Episcopal Church of the Celtic Version of the Lord’s Prayer written by John Philip Newell, who is an” internationally known Celtic teacher who calls the modern world to reawaken to the sacredness of Earth and every human being. “ adapted from earthandsoul.org

Holy One beyond all names
Eternal Wellspring
May love rise again in us today
With food for every table
Shelter for every family
And reverence for every life.
Forgive us our failings in love
And free us from all falseness
That the light of our souls may shine
And the strength of our spirits endure
For Earth and all its people
This day, tonight, and forever. Amen.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Kevin S. Fred & Wanda D. Anniversary	2	3 LouAnn E. Kevin & Jodi S. Anniversary	4 
5 9:30 Worship Vicki L.	6	7 Seniors Jill S.	8	9 Vicki G.	10	11
12 9:30 Worship	13	14	15 Women's Guild trip to Port Washington Mary G.	16	17	18
19 9:30 Worship	20	21	22	23	24 Jodi D.	25 Curt & Karrie H. Anniversary
26 9:30 Worship Charlie & Janene K. Anniversary	27	28 Alice M. Donna R.	29	30	31 Corey J.	