



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

OCTOBER, 2024

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

September was a month of beginnings and endings in my life and in the life of St. Paul's. Summer was working its way to autumn. Garden sharing has been a hallmark of this church and my husband has been the recipient of the smaller tomatoes he so loves. Others have been the beneficiary of tomatoes, zucchini and squash, etc.

The All Church Brat Fry was celebrated in the tradition of those who came before us and in new ways including the addition of Donuts for Donations by the Mission Maniacs and a variety of cookies by the Women's Guild. New folks stepped up to volunteer their time and talents. Financially, it was a huge success.

September was a sharing month. You shared of yourselves in so many ways with supporting my daughter and her family. She called me one day nearly in tears. She had opened the mailbox and it was full of envelopes of gift cards from all of you. She was overwhelmed. She knows there were others who gave through Venmo and their gofundme account. She will be personally thanking you in the future. Until then, she sends her heartfelt thanks.

We witnessed the baptism of Annabelle Becker and Bekx Guetzke on the 15th. New beginnings in the life of our church.

Committees here at church began engaging in the work of the church after a summer hiatus. Choir is back in full swing. The Mission committee has outlined their upcoming events. The Stewardship committee is back in action. The building and grounds team has overseen the shingling of the steeple. It is ready for the winter and many years to come.

And Sunday School! If you missed their first Sunday in church, you missed seeing 16 kids coming forward to receive a backpack blessing as the mark of a new beginning at school and here at church. Yes, I said 16!

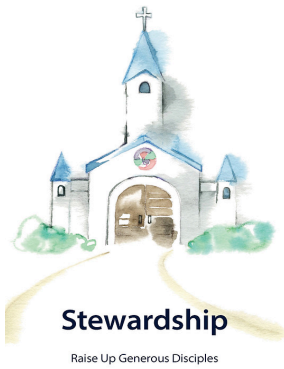
The final Sunday in September will be/was celebrated with a dedication of our new piano in memory of Beulah T. Our service will be filled with music including a hymn sing and the choir's anthem. Many thanks to Beulah's family directing her memorial money for this purchase. The piano has such a warm and welcoming tone, just like Beulah was. Thank you also to Jill L. for researching and finding just the right piano for St. Paul's.

October will hold lots of activities as well. I'm excited and thankful to be a part of our Little Church on the Hill.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

October 6th is the date we will be collecting our Neighbors in Need Special offering. This is one of five special offerings we take part in each year. Thank you for your contributions!





Fall Stewardship Campaign

Soon the leaves will be changing color which means it is time for the St. Paul's Stewardship Campaign. Church members will be asked to make a formal pledge of support to the church in 2025. The pledges we receive will help the Church Council prepare the budget for next year.

In keeping with being good stewards of our resources, we will be sending the Stewardship Campaign letter via email to our members who use email. For those members who do not use email, we will continue to send the Stewardship Campaign letter by mail.

We will offer our pledges of generosity for blessing on Sunday, November 17th.

Thank you for your generosity,

Your Stewardship Committee
Vicki and Eugene Dost
Connie Johnson

St. Paul's Veterans Tribute **November 3rd**



Serving our Veterans and our Church family Breakfast after Church

Please join us in honoring our very own St. Paul's Veterans and the family and friends of ours that have served this beautiful country! The Mission Maniacs are collecting **aluminum cans** to turn into **CASH** which they will be donating to Guitars 4 Vets Helping Veterans Cope With PTSD Through Music. Guitars for Vets in a local organization, in Brookfield, WI, who help Veterans

cope with PTSD through music! They learn how to play guitar and find solace in music they love! Veterans are provided with lessons and guitars free of charge because of donations like these! So, drink up! **Empty those cans! Bag them up and drop them off in the green collection bag located at the church!** Thank you in advance for your support of our mission work! For more information, check out the Guitars 4 Vets website at <https://guitars4vets.org/>

NEIGHBORHOOD BLOOD DRIVE

Our North Lake neighbors at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish on Highway 83 have Versiti blood drives scheduled every eight weeks—next drive Thursday, October 17, from 1:30 to 6:30 PM. Schedule an appointment through Versiti or contact Rita at 262-719-2815.



WOMEN'S GUILD



We had an “after action review” of our cookie sales at St. Paul’s Monches Ball Park Brat Fry. Turns out that chocolate chip cookies are a must with our customers, so they will be included next year along with better signage, different sales location, and a better display technique. The cookie dessert to top off a brat or burger was well received. Way to go. Bakers!

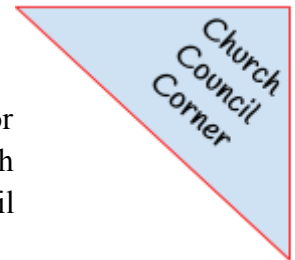
There is a need for new water glasses used as “spooners” on dining tables as well as paper juice glasses for C&C. We also discussed the need for actual “soup spoons” for the chili dinner. The Guild is ordering those items.

Early plans for the Cookie Walk were discussed. It will be held this year on Saturday, December 7. Debbie S. will lead this year’s silent auction; Peggy A. will lead a cookie decorating day at church; and all St. Paul’s members are asked to invite friends and neighbors to this annual event.

The next Guild meeting will be held on Thursday, October 17, at noon. Judy N. will bring a dessert and all St. Paul’s women are encouraged to bring a bag lunch and join us.

2025 Committee Budgets

2025 Committee budgets are to be turned in to any council member in either paper or emailed form by Sunday, October 13. Email addresses are listed in the church directory. Committee heads will be receiving an email reminder. The Church Council will begin working on the 2025 Church Budget at their October 14th meeting.



Family and Friends CPR/AED Training Friday, November 1 6:30 -7:30 p.m.

FAMILY & FRIENDS®



The Family and Friends CPR/AED course teaches the lifesaving skills of hands-only CPR and will make you familiar with the use of our church's AED equipment. The 1-hour course will be taught by Keith Gothard, a member of the Richfield Volunteer Fire Dept. and son-in-law of our member Jean Sutter.

He will be showing us a DVD explaining the process for both adults and children and demonstrate using a mannequin and trainer AED. There will not be a test and certification will not be available, but you will be able to ask questions and hopefully feel comfortable enough to use CPR or the AED equipment in an emergency.

A signup sheet will be circulated at church services. Any cost will be paid for with church funds. The Church Council hopes many members will take advantage of this important training.



Christmas Dates for Your Calendar

Children's Christmas Program Sunday, December 15 during service
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
4:00 and 6:00
No Christmas Day Service

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

The Church Council has spent a great deal of time this summer reading, discussing, and updating the By-Laws of our church. This is a process that is done every 5 years or so and was last done in 2018.

The changes we are proposing will require a Special Congregational Meeting to pass the changes. This has been scheduled for Sunday, October 13 after the regular church service. There will be a 20-minute break to allow for getting a coffee or snack and then the meeting will begin.

You will be receiving an email with the actual changes highlighted in early October and there will also be paper copies available. Please look over this document before the meeting.

Here are the 3 main changes we are proposing:

Reducing the number of council members from 7 to 5 due to the smaller number of members in the church and the difficulty of finding members to serve on the council. The number was raised from 5 to 7 in 2006 when the membership was 190. Our membership is now 122.

Simplifying the requirements for active membership to reflect only the things we can actually keep track of such as attendance, financial support, and involvement in activities.

Removing the requirement of 2 years of membership to be on the church council. Two years of membership would still be required to be a council officer, treasurer, or financial secretary. This would allow new members to be involved early in their church membership.

Eliminate the need for using first-class mail for notification of meetings and use email instead. This is currently being done, but always with council approval first.

The remainder of the changes are often grammatical or wording changes to reflect our church today.

New Church Fee Schedule Approved

The Church Council has added a fee for a technology person if they are needed for a funeral or a wedding. The following is the new schedule of fees.

Members

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| • Use of Church | \$50 |
| • Suggested honorarium for minister (wedding/funeral) | \$200 |
| • Organist Fee | \$150 |
| • Technology Person Fee | \$150 |

Non-Members

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| • Use of Church | \$600 |
| • Minister Fee -Wedding | \$350 |
| • Minister Fee – Funeral | \$250 |
| • Organist | \$175 |
| • Technology Person | \$175 |

SOMETHING TO SHARE

Shai Wise was a fellow seminary student of mine. He is Jewish and has a diverse background. His family includes several adopted children from around the world. This last March he posted on FaceBook the events of one particular day.

“Tonight at bedtime my 7 year old made it so I can’t ever again keep him from dancing and cartwheeling his way through synagogue.

He told me some people pray with words, some in their heads, but he prays with his body.

That his prayers are in every cartwheel, every dance move, every moment where he moves when so many others are still.

My 7 year old taught me that even if some of us pray in words and some in silence, others pray in cartwheels and dance moves and shouldn't they be heard too?”

CREATION CARE

When was the last time you walked up to what was previously the “prayer garden”? The Creation Care Committee recently took a walk back there and found it to be much neglected. The benches are no longer of much use and the bushes, etc., are overgrown. As a result, we are reaching out to you to join us on **October 26th as our FALL CLEAN UP DAY**. We are calling it our **Work and Treat** event. We will begin at 9 and end at noon, but please feel free to come any time and stay as long or little as you can. Treat you ask? Yes, we will get the fire pit fired up with hot dogs and S’mores provided by Creation Care. All ages can be of help. There will be branches to haul a plenty. Bring work gloves or winter gloves as the weather dictates, along with loopers, rakes, weed diggers and saws. **October 26th!!! Work and Treat Day!!!!**

The church bulletin board has been updated by Lynn D. and Carol K. and looks fantastic. Creation Care is asking any church member with a **FALL photo** to add to the bulletin board to share it with Lynn. Please sign the back so we can return it. These can be taken in the past or this year, all are welcome.



St. Paul’s Brat Fry at the Monches Recreation Park

We are so thankful for another great year at the Brat Fry. The weather started out cool, but beautiful, and it was a great day to worship together, work together and have fun together. Each and every one of you helped to make it was a resounding success.

Working together, we raised \$8,704!! The food and beverages brought in \$2,253 (and a special thank you to the Women’s Guild for the cookies!); the 50/50 raffle collected \$682 with one half, \$341, going to the church; the Kickball teams donated back their prize monies of \$100; and the raffle raised \$6,010. The Sunday School also collected \$293 with their Donations for Donuts!

We would like to thank everyone; whether you signed up to help at the park, made a donation, sold or purchased raffle tickets, joined us for worship or stopped in to enjoy the kickball games and music, it all contributed to the success of the event. Your enthusiastic support is greatly appreciated. We are already looking forward to next year! The Brat Fry Organizing Committee, Eugene Dost, Lucy Krapfl and Debbie Schlafer



The Brat Fry Grand Prize Winners were:

Bryan D - Family Adventure

Bruckbauer Family - \$500 cash

Sarah Meylor - \$250 Amazon gift card

Betty W. - \$150 Kwik Trip gift card

Thankful
Grateful
Blessed

THANK YOU

This month's thank you's would be a LONG list if I knew all the names of each person who helped in one way or another with the Brat Fry. Thank you one and all!!! Special thanks to the committee, the band, the kickball players, those who sold raffle tickets, those who fried brats and hamburgers to perfection!, and worked in the stand. The rest of you are special too, of course.

Thank you to Charmaine D. for watering the new grass planted where the steeple equipment sat.

Thank you to Jack D. and his helpers for overseeing all things steeple including repairing the lawn.

Thanks to Roy K. and Bill E. for caring for the cemetery headstones.

Thank you to Jacquie B. for attempting to plant daffodil bulbs in the roadside garden only to find the ground too hard to plant! Since then it has rained and the spring will bring us yellow daffodils.

Thank you to the family of Beulah T. for the purchase of our new piano with her memorial money.

Thank you to the Nutty Knitters for the baptism gifts.

Thank you to Roy K. and Jack D. for troubleshooting the issue with the Rooster Door.

October Liturgists	October Greeters
October 6 - Charmaine D. October 13 - Katie G. October 20 - Bernice D. October 27 - Carl R.	October 6 - Bill and LouAnn E. G, C, O, Com. Judy N. & Kay O'K. Com. October 13 - Kyle and Katie G. G, C, O October 20 - Mark and Debbie G. G, C, O October 27 - Bonnie H. and Rachel H. G, C, O



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Check out the Church Website: stpaulserin.org. Visit the News & Resources tab and click on

Worship Resources for a recording of Sunday's Worship.

Church Email Address: saintpaulserin.pastor@gmail.com

Church/Pastor's Phone Number: 262-416-5094

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Pastor Bonnie's Office Hours: Thursdays from 10 AM to 2 PM. Stop by for a visit. Friday and Saturday are Pastor's weekend

Church Council Meeting Minutes
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
August 12, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Charmaine Duehring at 6:00pm. Those in attendance were Kay O'Keane, Cindy Cain, Kim Kersten, Connie Johnson, Vicki Dost, Janene Kluever and Fred Dieball and Pastor Bonnie Jacque.

The July meeting minutes were approved. The Septic Pumping had been paid for and there was a negative for the inside electric bill. The Financial report was approved. Pastor Bonnie reported that the feedback for when or where the Passing of the Peace occurs during service, has been a good result to have at the beginning of the service.

The plans for the September Brat Fry are pretty much ready. They have three teams set up and possibly a fourth for the kick ball games. The Sunday School children will be selling doughnuts before the service and the Women's Guild is making baked goods to sell during the picnic. The garbage pickup discussion will be held over until next month. The shingling for the lower roof above the door has been completed, but the upper steeple is not complete, yet. They need to level the equipment that lifts the basket to the top.

The Timm Family is buying a new piano for the church. This is in honor of Beulah Timm. The Altar Committee has included two new members to their group, Karrie Hulsterstrum and Jean Sutter. The Stewardship Committee will be Eugene and Vicki Dost and Connie Johnson. This will start in September. A discussion was had about a banner for the picnic to let people know who we are at the ticket location. Vicki Dost is checking on this. There will be two signs at the park with our name included.

We have to have two meetings to have the changes we wish to make on the By-Laws. We will have two dates, approximately 10/20 and 11/10. They have to be two weeks apart. We will get this into the Chapel Bell for September. We review our list of members to see to whom we would need to remind them that they are missed. The final "Where are the Records Kept" list will be given to the Minister and the Secretary of the Church and the Council President.

Amendment: After the meeting it was found that by-law changes only require one meeting and only Constitution changes require two meetings.

Our next meeting will be September 16, 2024. Meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.



October 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Seniors Bernice D.	2	3 Mason W.	4	5
6 9:30 Worship Neighbors in Need Offering	7	8	9 Jacob S.	10	11	12 Neil & Debra W. Anniversary
13 9:30 Worship Special Congregation Mtg. Committee budgets due	14 Council Budget Meeting	15	16 Carl R.	17 Women's Guild 12 Noon Blood Drive St. Teresa of Cal- cutta North Lake 1:30-6:30	18	19 Neil W. Mike & Shirley J. Anniversary
20 9:30 Worship	21 Haleigh Y.	22 Chapel Bells items due to Donna	23 Cherri J.	24	25 Jean S. Obie & Anna O. Anniversary	26 Fall Clean Up Day
27 9:30 Worship	28	29	30	31 Lewe J.		