

CHAPEL BELLS

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



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

I hope you have a sense of excitement about what it means to be a member of St. Paul's UCC in Erin, Wisconsin. I am thrilled with all the folks who volunteer their time and talents year round. The Richfield Parade is a prime example of the many volunteers who made our presence known to the community. The church float looked spiffy! I was amazed how closely it resembled the actual church building. I can't even tell you who helped with bringing the float to fruition or how many hours went into it. I do know Jack, Curt, John and Dave were involved.

In addition, the signs told our story clearly and concisely. Thanks to Truett and his Mom, Misty for walking the parade route and handing out brochures and candy. I walked too and fell way behind the float, because people were so hospitable. (Ok, it could have been because I was dancing to the music!) Around 200 pamphlets were distributed before we ran out. It was heartwarming to have folks accept them and comment, "Oh, I know where that church is."

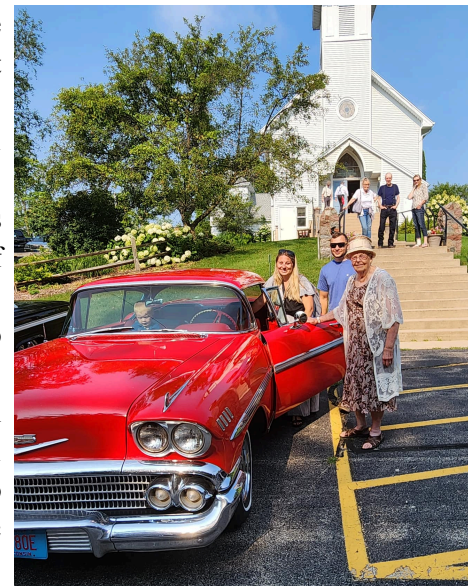


September brings us lots of opportunities to participate, to volunteer, and enjoy this life.

Spread the excitement of Vintage Car Sunday. If you have "vintage" clothes, be sure and wear them. It is exciting to see the cars arrive and how folks mingle sharing memories of when they had a vehicle like that. The real essence of who we are at St. Paul's is in our hospitality, and that hospitality extends to each other, not just those who may be visiting.

It pleases me to see all the volunteer energy and support that goes into our Brat Fry at Monches Ball Park. Worship at the park opens us to the sights and sounds of creation, a great way to start the day. There is excitement around the multitude of Wisconsin-themed prizes for the raffle we contributed or the committee solicited. So many of you sold and are selling raffle tickets and putting up posters on your own time. I'm looking forward to the kickball games AND dancing to Tom and Brian, who volunteer their talents. No church picnic would be complete without brats, and we have volunteers who fry them to perfection.

Thanks to Debbie S., Lucy K. and Eugene D. for lots and lots of volunteer hours.



Hospitality and volunteers are a mark of a healthy church. St. Paul's has an abundance of both.

MISSION COMMITTEE



It is hard to believe, but it's almost time for the kiddos to go back to school. The Mission Committee sponsored a back to school supply collection during the first few weeks of August. Our generous congregation came through with approximately \$1000 worth of donations for Family Promise of Washington County. The crayons, pens, pencils, folders and so much more will be distributed to children all over Washington County. Thanks to everyone who donated supplies and money to purchase them. We wish everyone a fantastic school year. 2024 Brat Fry



WOMEN'S GUILD

We were treated to a mini-tour of Italy at our August meeting, including a tasty cup of Italian lemon ice. Lynn D. with Tech Guru/daughter Kate and Asst. Tech Guru/grandson Sam showed pictures from their recent family trip. All 15 family members, aged 10 months to 72 years, visited the picturesque but deserted home where Lynn's grandfather grew up and the scenic countryside surrounding Anghiari. Their tour also included Pisa, Cortina, Florence, Venice, and the dolomites. Thanks Lynn, Kate and Sam. We all enjoyed seeing the pictures and hearing about your Italian adventure.

Guild members will be distributing posters to local businesses advertising St. Paul's Brat Fry in Monches Park on September 14. The Guild will provide homemade cookies for a free-will offering as a tasty sweet to top off the delicious brats!

A St. Paul's potluck is being planned as part of the 185th anniversary celebration of the church and the 110th anniversary of the Women's Guild. More details TBA.

Next Guild meeting is Thursday, September 18, at noon. All St. Paul's women are invited. Bring a bag lunch and dessert will be provided.

SEPTEMBER	GREETERS	LITURGIST
7	Steve & Alice M. Communion - Karrie & Curt H.	Jill P.
14	Jean S. & Bonnie H.	Charmaine D.
21	Norb & Barb B.	Katie G.
28	Jill P. & Cheryl F.	Bernice D.

LIVE MUSIC BY TOM & BRIAN

Enjoy brats, burgers, hot dogs and cold
beer & soda!

50/50
Raffle



Prizes

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

This is Taylor G. and Brielle P. who had the
honor of riding in the lead police car to begin
the Richfield parade.



THANK YOU

These are the folks I caught in the act of weeding/deadheading our gardens: Jacquie, Carol and Curt.

On behalf of Creation Care, Curt placed a bird feeder outside the rooster doors. It has attracted Goldfinches!

As always there is Jack to thank. He managed the spots of flooding on the lower level and had the air conditioning repaired.

Thank you to Curt for accepting the position of a council member, to Kay for consenting to remain as Council President and Fred was "volunteered" to be Vice President.



BAPTISM

Bennett Nelson was baptized into the church of Jesus Christ at St. Paul's United Church of Christ on August 10th. His parents are Katelyn and Kiegan and his big brother is Rhett.



In Our Prayers

SYMPATHY

Unfortunately, Cindy C's dog, Darby, crossed over the bridge recently.

PRAYERS

Please keep Charmaine and her family in your thoughts and prayers. As of this writing, she remains in poor condition. You are invited to visit Charmaine's page on caringbridge.org for more information.

Prayers, cards, calls and visits are always welcomed to Ron and Diane S., Joyce O'K., Mark G., John and Polly E., and Jill P.

VACATION



Pastor Bonnie will be on vacation from August 30 until September 6. In case of an emergency, please call Kay O'K. Ms. Sheila Feay-Shaw will lead worship on August 31st. Please extend a warm St. Paul's welcome to her.

LOOKING AHEAD

October 12th will be a service of Blessing of the Animals. We will hold it in the upper parking lot, so bring a chair to sit in. If the weather does not cooperate, we may have to hold it indoors. All pets are welcome...invite your friends or neighbors as well. IF you have a pet mouse or rat, Pastor Bonnie will give you a written blessing to read in the safety and comfort of your own home. Snakes are probably okay.

November 2nd will be the celebration of St. Paul's 185th Anniversary and the Women's Guild's 110th! God is Still Speaking and We Are Still Here! Rev. Rachel Baumann, our Associate Conference Minister, will be joining us and providing the meditation. Service will be followed by a good old-fashion potluck!

SOMETHING TO SHARE

When I arrive at church, I always stop and listen. I've heard owls and sandhill cranes and wrens and chipmunks and all types of songs. It was just recently I noticed some of the sounds were missing. Could it be that migration has begun? Then, a triangle of honking geese flew overhead. I have loved this poem from the first time I read it.

SOMETHING TOLD THE WILD GEESE

by Rachel Field

Something told the wild geese It was time to go.
Though the fields lay golden Something whispered, "snow."
Leaves were green and stirring, Berries, luster-glossed.
But beneath warm feathers Something cautioned, "frost."
All the sagging orchards Steamed with amber spice.
But each wild breast stiffened At remembered ice.
Something told the wild geese It was time to fly,
Summer sun was on their wings, Winter in their cry.



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If you would like to ask for prayers, share a joy or have an announcement, when attending worship virtually via our [YouTube Channel](#), please enter it in the chat or email Pastor Bonnie prior to service.
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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

St. Paul's United Church of Christ
Church Council Meeting Minutes June 9, 2025

The Church Council Meeting came to order at 6 p.m. Those in attendance were Pastor Bonnie, Cindy Cain, Connie Johnson, Fred Dieball, Kay O'Keane, Debbie Schlafer, Vicki Dost, and Jack Duehring (guest).

Door update- Jack- Discussed options with Council from Lurie Glass. Will get quote for 4-panel aluminum door painted in military blue and present to congregation.

Building and Grounds- Jack- Presented some future projects: grade and round the hill by the parking lot, adding a second handrail at the stairwell in front of the church for safety, and raising the ceiling lights in church to accommodate screen visibility for the balcony. Thank you, Jack, for your time and valuable input.

The May Council Meeting Minutes were approved. The May Financial Report was reviewed and approved.

Pastor's report: Pastor Bonnie attended the Thursday Wisconsin Conference. She participated in a Creation Care discussion. Asked other churches how they run Creation Care, Buildings and Grounds, and Gardens. They have all these committees altogether. Perhaps we can work towards that model. There is a restructuring of the Southeast Association, and it will be replaced with the Wisconsin Conference. Regional resources are available to churches. We will eventually need to change the language in the bylaws and constitution to reflect the name change. Creation Care will meet and discuss benches. Some congregations have service at their firepit. For Father's Day, members are encouraged to wear a tie. We will hand out Hershey Hugs and Kisses.

New Directory Team- Cindy- Lynn Duwell and Vicki are meeting weekly. We are having a few issues with the company but are making progress.

Liaison Reports- Building and Grounds- see Jack's report above. Christian Education- Debbie- on summer vacation. Guild- Vicki- Play and dinner July 18 at the Fireside.

Reviewing feasibility of Guild projects. Creation Care-Bonnie- will meet this Wednesday.

Technology- Cindy- Have a rotating schedule of tech people. Will follow-up with Dave regarding microphone. Fellowship- Cindy- Good turnout at Monches for game. Music-

Vicki- No report. Mission- Kay- The Undy 500 collected over 500 items!!!

185th Anniversary- Kay- Plan to celebrate on November 2. Carrie Hultstrum offered to help. Will have a potluck after church. We would like to have a float in the Richfield parade on August 24. Kay will announce plans in church.

SE Conference- Cindy- Attended a Conflict Transformation session which was very good. They offer full session at Daychola Center 10/24-25 for \$135. Cindy and Bonnie plan to attend. Open to anyone.

Mission Statement- Council reviewed samples. Debbie suggested words that she felt described our church. Connie suggested using CHAT to get a statement. Bonnie will follow up with Jeff Magnuson. Plan to finish in August.

Brat Fry date-9/14 (previously 9/7)-Made in Wisconsin Theme.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m. Our next meeting is July 21, 2025.

September 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Rachel H. Debbie B.	4 Jim & Jo S. Anniversary	5	6
7 9:30 Worship Vintage Car & Clothes Sunday	8	9	10	11 Judy N.	12 Tom & Mary G. & Rick & Vicki G. Anniversary	13
14 9:30 Worship Brat Fry 11-5	15	16 Tracy M.	17 Sharon S. Kyle & Katie G. Anniversary	18 Women's Guild	19 Brett & Susan M. Anniversary	20 Connie J.
21 9:30 Worship	22	23 Charmaine D. Micah H.	24 Rhett N.	25 Dave & Betty Z. Anniversary	26 Cliff & Debbie B. Anniversary	27 Corey & Cheri J. Anniversary
28 9:30 Worship Laura P.	29	30 Brielle P.				