



Chapel Bells

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



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Returning
to Church

St. Paul's UCC Reopening October 4

Dear Friends in Christ,

At our meeting on September 14, the Church Council approved reopening our sanctuary for in-person worship beginning on World Communion Sunday, October 4, at 9:30 am. Our Reopening Task Force has been busy working over this past month to prepare our sanctuary and building for reopening.

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed much in our lives and that includes how we will be conducting in-person worship. You will see many changes to our service and sanctuary. You may not be able to sit in your favorite pew, sing your favorite hymn or have coffee and conversations in our building. We ask for your cooperation and patience with all the changes that are needed to provide a safe space for worship.

Below are guidelines to help us worship together while maintaining safe social distancing and following CDC recommended sanitization guidelines.

We encourage any worshipper who does not feel safe or cannot follow the guidelines as set forth to continue to worship online.

Things to know prior to October 4:

- No nursery services will be available.
- No gatherings in fellowship hall or the Narthex are permitted before or after worship.
- All worshippers age 5 and older are required to wear face masks (unless a written doctor's waiver is provided). Face masks are required as a health courtesy when in the building to protect all in attendance, especially the potentially compromised attendees. We have face masks available if you need one.
- Bottles of sanitizers will be placed at each entrance and in each pew.
- No printed bulletins will be distributed.

- No food or drinks are permitted in the building.
- We will limit attendance to 50 people.
- All worshippers are encouraged to use their restrooms at home as much as possible. There will be access to restrooms, but we ask you to maintain safe social distancing and use available wipes and hand sanitizer before and after use.
- No hymnals or bibles will be used.
- The church building, including all touch points will be sanitized prior to every worship service. This includes, but is not limited to, door handles, pews, bathrooms, Sunday School classrooms, hallways, stairwells, and Fellowship Hall.
- High risk individuals (people over 60 and those with underlying conditions) are encouraged to continue sheltering in place.
- In-person worship services will be recorded and posted online for those who are unable or choose not to attend.

Arrival at Church and Worship Seating:

- Please use safe social distancing when entering the building. If you see someone entering church, remain outside until they have entered the building. Doors will be propped open as they can.
- An usher will assist those entering the building to help maintain social distancing.
- Every other pew will be cordoned off to maintain social distancing of 6 feet.
- Only families and persons who live in the same household will be allowed to sit together. Friends and family who do not live in the same household are asked to sit separately.

During Worship:

- Those who are feeling sick, unwell, or show any symptoms of COVID-19 must not enter the building. Those who begin to feel sick, unwell or experience any symptoms of COVID-19 must leave the building immediately.
- There will be no passing the peace during worship.
- In order to limit movement and sharing of microphones, no Liturgists will be used.
- There will be no choir or singing.
- Collection plates will be located at each of the entry doors to the Sanctuary. Please place your offering in the plate prior to or after service.
- Worshippers will receive prefilled communion cups and wafers prior to worship on Communion Sundays and dispose of them properly as they depart after worship.

After Worship:

- There will be no Coffee & Conversation following worship. Worshippers will be dismissed one pew at a time starting at the rear by an usher. Those seated in the back of the sanctuary are asked to exit through the front or side entrance and those seated in the front of the sanctuary are asked to exit through the rooster door entrance.
- There will be no greeting lines at the door(s) after worship.
- If you want to speak to someone following worship, please do so outside.

Sunday School:

- Sunday School teachers, students, and parents age 5 and older are required to wear face masks, use hand sanitizer, and practice social distancing.
- Sunday School classrooms will be cleaned prior to each gathering, but teachers are encouraged to use wipes to clean tables and other surfaces before and after each gathering.

Small Group Gatherings:

- Small group gatherings are required to wear face masks, practice social distancing, and use wipes to clean their meeting space before and after gathering.

***Volunteers and Donations Needed (contact Adam Staus or Pastor Glenn):**

- Volunteers are needed to serve as Ushers/Greeters.
- Volunteers are needed to help with video recording worship services.
- Volunteers are needed to help with running the laptop and video projector during worship.
- Donations of hand sanitizer (8 oz. w/ pumps) and wipes are still needed and can be dropped off on the table outside the rooster door entrance.

We are grateful for your cooperation as we resume in-person worship. It will be so good to worship together again! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Adam Staus or Pastor Glenn.

Faithfully,

The Church Council & Reopening Task Force



Pastor Glenn's Contact Information:

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SPPastor@yahoo.com



Outdoor Service September 13, 2020



Fall Confirmation Class Organizing

Pastor Glenn is beginning to organize our fall Confirmation class. If there are any students 8th grade and older seeking to be confirmed, please contact Pastor Glenn at (414) 550.1553 or SPPastor@yahoo.com. A Confirmation Orientation will be held in early October.



WOMEN'S GUILD

September's meeting was outside, but the weather was lovely, and we enjoyed a picnic

lunch together with Jill's delicious autumn apple caramel dessert. We discussed the brat and burger fry, planned with a team from the Fellowship Committee, to be held at the Piggly Wiggly brat shack on September 19. (see update)

The Guild/Fellowship team also has 2021 St. Paul's calendars for sale. Twenty-five calendars were pre-printed and orders are being taken for future printings. The calendar has pictures of church events, holidays, seasonal views, and familiar sights—even the cemetery outhouse. The dates are overflowing with informational tidbits, i.e. Donald Duck and Brett Favre's birthdates, date modern bowling ball invented, 1st human heart transplant, etc. etc. For your \$15 donation, a beautiful St. Paul's calendar will be yours!

The Guild members are all happy to hear that services will resume in the church on October 4 and will have a little grab 'n go take home bag for all. It is our attempt to create a virtual coffee and conversation experience.

Our next Guild meeting is October 15. Hopefully, it will be held in church and starts with a noon potluck lunch. All St. Paul's women are invited.



Welcome Our Newest Members!

The following people were welcomed as our newest members during our Outdoor Worship service on Sunday, September 13:



Laura & Tom Pahnke

We have lived in the area for almost 20 years only a few miles from St. Paul's church. We have 1 daughter... Brielle. Tom works in Administration for Carroll University and Laura is a Clinical Nutrition Manager for Froedtert Menomonee Falls and Froedtert West Ben Hospitals. Brielle is in second grade at Friess Lake Elementary School. We are an active family that enjoys spending time outdoors, participating in sporting events, and at our cabin near Minocqua, Wisconsin. The past few years, we have visited St. Paul's UCC several times and were always made to feel welcome and like part of the church family. Brielle loves coming there to Sunday School and we felt the time and place was the right decision for our family. We look forward to getting to know everyone and continuing our religious growth.



Lori and Ken Snow

Lori was born and raised in Milwaukee. Ken was born in Athens, Georgia, moved to Brandywine, Maryland when he was 3 years old, and to Milwaukee when he was 5 years old. Ken is retired after working at Briggs & Stratton for 33 years. Lori and Ken were married in 1982, moved to Colgate in 2013, and now live only a mile from the church. They have 3 children, 3 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. “What we like about St. Paul’s is the people there seem very welcoming and friendly. We find them non-judgmental and eager to help people when in need. We find this very refreshing and look forward to being part of St. Paul’s family.”



9/19/20 BRAT & BURGER FRY

The first ever St. Paul’s Brat & Burger Fry at the Hubertus Piggly Wiggly brat shack was as much fun as it was successful, and the Fellowship Committee/Women’s Guild team thank all who volunteered and who attended for helping us raise \$752. Our brat & burger fry can’t replace the popular Homemade Bread & Soup Lunch and Bake Sale, but in this year of pandemic it certainly contributed to our feeling of fellowship and team effort as well as surprising us as a successful fundraiser. Thanks to Betty Zimpelman for leading this event.



Updating Our Church Directory

We hope to send out a revised and updated Church Directory Supplement early this fall, so if you have any changes in your phone, address, or e-mail that need to be updated, please send them to Donna Runte at dkrunte@gmail.com as soon as possible. Thank you!



Brown Street Academy Donations



October 4 Neighbors In Need Special Offering

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities. We will be receiving the Neighbors In Need special offering during worship on Sunday, October 4. Checks can be made payable to "St. Paul's UCC" with a memo for "NIN" and mailed to the church.



In Need of Assistance?

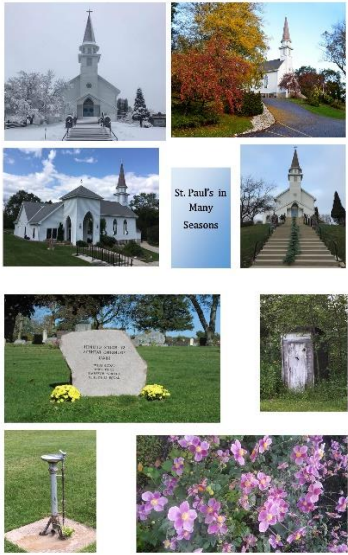
We know that many families are struggling financially and/or with mental health issues due to the pandemic. If you are in need of assistance, please contact Pastor Glenn (414.550.1553 or SPPastor@yahoo.com).



Here it is....the 2021 St. Paul's calendar

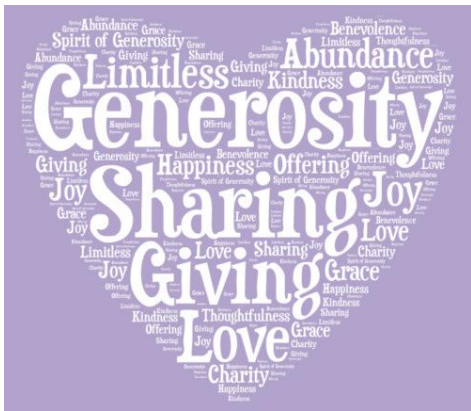
Elise Gothard's beautiful cookies at the 2019 Christmas Cookie Walk grace the cover and each month features a seasonal picture you will recognize as a St. Paul's gem. Many of the dates contain interesting happenings associated with that date and will bring a smile.

The calendar is \$15. We will have order sheets at church on Sundays or call Carol 628-0656. We will be taking orders until the end of October.



Know of Someone in the Hospital?

If you know of someone in our congregation who is currently hospitalized or in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Glenn at SPPastor@yahoo.com or (414) 550.1553



Please remember with your prayers, cards & calls:

- *LouAnn Evert, undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer
- *Ardy Senfleben, recovering from Aug. 31 knee replacement surgery
- *Dan O'Keane, recovering from Sept. 22 knee replacement surgery
- *Ron Perschon, now in home hospice care suffering from prostate cancer
- *Ron Smith, recovering from recent hospitalization and a fractured disc in his back
- *the people on the West Coast coping with wild fires
- *All those recovering from Hurricane Sally along the Gulf Coast
- *All students, parents, and teachers preparing to return to school
- *A vaccine for the coronavirus and healing for all those who are suffering

Giving to the Church During the Pandemic

We expect this to be a very challenging year financially for our congregation due to the pandemic. Please continue to practice good stewardship by mailing your weekly offerings and pledges to the church office at: St. Paul's UCC, attn: Financial Secretary, 495 St. Augustine Road, Colgate, WI 53017. Gifts can also made during in-person worship starting October 4, online on our church website (<http://www.stpaulserin.org>), or by electronic transfer from your bank. Thank you for continuing to give as generously as you can!



Sussex Food Pantry Update

Our Serving Day on the 3rd Saturday morning of each month at the Sussex Food Pantry has been temporarily suspended due to the pandemic. Jennifer Waltz, SOS Director, will let us know when volunteers are needed again.

Mission Committee



The Mission committee has wrapped up the Brown Street Academy school supply project. Thanks to the outpouring of support from the church and extended community, we had a mountain of supplies, snacks and socks to deliver along with a check for \$403.70. Heartfelt thanks to everyone for their generosity.

St. Paul's UCC
Church Council Meeting Minutes
June 8 , 2020

Attendance (via Zoom): Pastor Glenn Danz, Jill Paddock, LouAnn Evert, Sue Miller, Connie Johnson, Curt Hulterstrum, Adam Staus, Cheryl Fischer, Lucy Krapfl and guest, Jill Lotzow

- **Opening Prayer**
- **Approval of May Minutes** – May minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved. Jill moved, Curt seconded.
- **Approval of May Financials** – May financials were reviewed and unanimously approved. Cheryl moved, Curt seconded.
- **Pastor's Report**- Written report presented and reviewed with Council. The Wisconsin Conference meeting was attended via Zoom by Pastor Glenn and Cindy Cain.
- **Discuss Plan to Reopen Church** – Discussion was held; we will stay with the guidelines at this time. A task force was established to discuss how to reopen the church and issues regarding sanitizing the church.
- **Liaison Reports** – The Women's Guild has been discussing the Soup and Bread Luncheon but no decisions have been made. Curt reported on a proposal to switch 4 outdoor lights to LED lighting. According to WE Energies, the cost would be approximately \$600. It was decided to revisit the matter next year.
- **Discuss Steps Going to Cemetery** – The issue regarding the steps that are settling is being discussed with Jack Duehring to determine how to fix them.
- **VBS Update** – The original scheduled dates for VBS this year were July 13th to July 16th. No decisions were made.
- **Paycheck Protection Plan Loan** – A loan is available to the church under the CARES Act for payroll and expenses. Discussion was held and Pastor Glenn made a motion to apply for the loan, Curt seconded. The motion passed with one council member opposed.
- **Update to Congregation** – Discussion was held on sending a letter to the congregation to update them on the status of reopening the church.
- **Next meeting** – Monday, July 6, 2020 at 6 p.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Adam, Lucy seconded

Respectfully submitted

Lucy Krapfl
Council Secretary

St. Paul's UCC
Church Council Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2020

Attendance (via Zoom): Pastor Glenn Danz, Jill Paddock, LouAnn Evert, Sue Miller, Connie Johnson, Curt Hulterstrum, Adam Staus, Cheryl Fischer and Lucy Krapfl

1) Opening Prayer

2) Approval of June Minutes – June minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved. LouAnn moved, Curt seconded.

3) Approval of June Financials – June financials were reviewed and unanimously approved. Jill moved, Cheryl seconded.

4) Pastor's Report- Written report presented and reviewed with Council. A funeral was held for Lois Winkler. A request was made for vacation August 3rd – 9th and approved. Adam moved, Curt seconded.

5) Church Reopening Status – The Task Force reported seating for 50. The church is continuing with the policy adopted on June 15th.

6) Liaison Reports – Curt talked with Building & Grounds; the electric panel for the furnace is not finished yet but will be ready by fall.

7) Discuss Steps Going to Cemetery – Jack and Bram met and discussed the issue. Jack has a plan for the steps which will be done later this year.

8) VBS Update – VBS was canceled.

9) Pledge Cards – Discussion was held to confirm who orders the pledge cards. They are ordered by the Stewardship Committee.

10) Stewardship Letter Update – Adam will work on this.

11) Stewardship Committee Members - Discussion was held to confirm who has served on the Stewardship Committee in the past. Adam and Eugene and Vicki Dost currently serve on the committee.

12) Next meeting – Monday, August 10, 2020 at 6 p.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Curt, Adam seconded

Respectfully submitted

Lucy Krapfl
Council Secretary

St. Paul's UCC
Church Council Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2020

Attendance (via Zoom): Pastor Glenn Danz, Jill Paddock, LouAnn Evert, Sue Miller, Connie Johnson, Curt Hulterstrum, Adam Staus, Cheryl Fischer and Lucy Krapfl

1) Opening Prayer

2) Approval of July Minutes – July minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved. Pastor Glenn moved, Cheryl seconded.

3) Approval of July Financials – July financials were reviewed and unanimously approved. Jill moved, Curt seconded.

4) Pastor's Report- Written report presented and reviewed with Council. A funeral was held for Vern Guetzke. Katelyn Runte's wedding was held at an alternate location. A request was made for vacation August 11th – 16th and approved. Adam moved, Jill seconded.

5) Church Reopening Status – The church is continuing with the plan as recommended by the Wisconsin Council of Churches. Reopening of the church will be discussed again at the September meeting. There will be two outdoor services, August 30th and September 13th.

6) Liaison Reports – The Women's Guild will be having a Brat Fry at the Hubertus Piggly Wiggly on September 19th.

7) Personnel Committee – The Personnel Committee recommended giving Jill Lotzow, the organist, a partial payment for wages lost during the church closing. Sue moved, Lucy seconded. The motion was approved.

8) Closed Session – The Council moved into closed session. After discussion, a motion was approved to move back into open session. Adam moved, Cheryl seconded.

9) Stewardship Letter Update – Vicky Dost has drafted a stewardship letter to thank people for giving.

10) Next meeting – Monday, September 14, 2020 at 6 p.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Curt, Sue seconded

Respectfully submitted

Lucy Krapfl
Council Secretary



October 2020



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				1 Bernice Dieball Marvin & Kathy Schlafer's Anniversary	2	3 Mason Weber
4 World Communion Sunday, 9:30 am Worship w/ Com- munion and Neigh- bors in Need special offering	5	6	7	8	9 Jacob Staus	10
11 9:30 am worship	12 , 6 pm Church Council mtg. Neil & Debra Weber's Anniversary	13	14	15	16 Ladies Guild 12 Noon Karl Roock	17
18 9:30 am worship	19 Neil Weber Mike & Shirley Janichek's Anniversary	20 Chapel Bells items due	21 Haleigh Yesko	22 Kenley Bruckbauer	23	24
25 9:30 am worship Tommy Klemmer Jean Sutter	26	27 Jane Herte	28	29	30 Louie Callen	31 Lewe Jossart