



Chapel Bells



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

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What are you waiting for?

Last Sunday we lit the first candle of Advent. This candle is the candle that tells us to **WAIT!** Sunday the 5th of December the second candle will be lit. This candle is the candle that tells us to **PREPARE.**

While we wait and prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus lets take time to just that! Give yourself time to be with yourself. Appreciate what you have accomplished and witnessed in this past year and pray that this next year will bring joy and healing, for us all.

No, waiting isn't easy!
But, when that waiting brings you unconditional **LOVE**, I can wait.
Can't you?



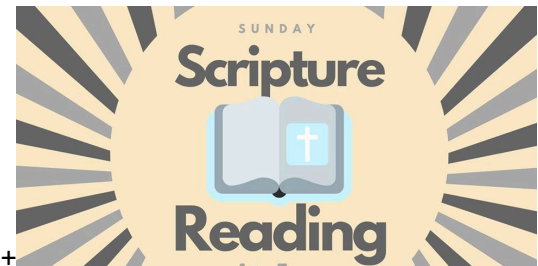
Blessings to all of you, and Merry Christmas

~Pastor Bev



Thank you from Mission Committee

A great big THANK YOU for all who donated gift cards for our Christmas project with the Christmas Clearing Council of Waukesha Co. We collected \$800.00 in gift cards allowing us to provide Christmas joy to 11 young people (ages 12-18 yrs.). You ROCK! Without your generosity time and time again, we cannot spread the joy and word of Jesus Christ.



Calling all Readers...

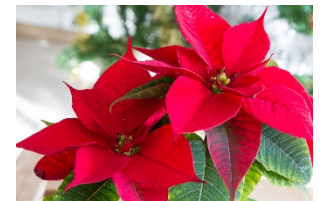
I'm will to be setting up a year- long Liturgist Calendar. I'm making the assumption that previous readers wish to remain on the schedule. I tried to speak with as many people as possible to recruit additional people. Please let me know if you are interested. Every week, I will provide you with a copy of the text which you may print and use or, if you prefer, you may read from your Bible. I ask that if you are not able to read on a schedule date, that you find someone to take your place. Then let me know so I may get the appropriate information to them. Once I finalize the list of readers, I will send you all the roster with email addresses. Thank you so much for your willingness to participate. You all are such a blessing!

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Christmas Poinsettias



A \$5.00 donation toward the purchase of poinsettia arrangements will give you the chance to honor or remember a loved one at Christmas and also brighten and decorate our sanctuary. Names will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

Forms are available on the greeters stand and should be returned to Judy or Charmaine by December 12.



Women's Guild

The November Guild meeting focused on **St. Paul's Cookie Walk & Silent Auction**, Saturday, December 4, at 9 AM. Having to cancel in 2020

makes this year's fundraiser--our 30th annual--challenging. After a year off we need to notify neighbors and past customers when our Cookie Walk will be held and what a great opportunity it is to purchase delicious homemade Christmas cookies as well as delightful Christmas-themed items in a silent auction put together by Betty Z. Personal contact is our best publicity, so please invite your friends and neighbors to attend with you.

Financial designations from the Guild for the upcoming year are St. Paul's General Fund - \$1,000; Mission Committee - \$500; and Sunday School - \$1,000.

The Guild will do a monthly mailing to new residents of the area with a St. Paul's information brochure and welcome letter. Thanks to Debbie B. and Lucy K. for leading this project.

Please add your name to Coffee and Conversation hosts. There is a sign-up sheet on the coffee table in the Fellowship Hall. Hosting is simply getting coffee brewing before church and supplying cookies or bars. Simple is good and so are oreos!

The Guild does not meet in December, but look for some pictures of the Cookie Walk! Our next meeting will be January 20, 2022. All St. Paul's women are invited to join us.

Greeters for December:

- December 5 Eugene and Vicki Dost
- December 12 Kim and Mason Weber
- December 19 ****Needed****
- Christmas Eve 4:30 Jack and Charmaine Duehring
- 6:30 ****Needed****
- December 26 Dick and Judy Nell



Greeters for January are needed. A sign up sheet can be found in Fellowship Hall near the coffee.

Secret Pals Christmas Party



The Secret Pals Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 12 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Please bring a small gift for your Secret Pal along with a dessert or appetizer to share. Drinks will be provided.

If you were a secret pal this year and can't attend, please have your gift at church before the 12th and let Charmaine Duehring know if you'd like a name for next year.

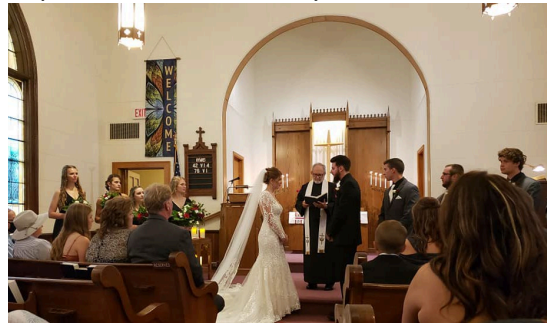
If you haven't been part of this fun activity before, please attend anyway and receive the name of a person to remember on special days in 2022. Everyone over age 12 is welcome. Anyone who'd like a name for next year, but can't attend the party, please see Charmaine for a form to fill out with your name and birthdate. Your name will be given to someone else, so you receive special remembrances all year too.



Please remember with your prayers, cards, calls & visits:

Ron Smith, Marvin Schlafer, Beulah Timm, Jim Branchford, Russell Dieball, Clara Bernice Becker (Bernice Dieball's Great-Granddaughter) who was

Baptized in our sanctuary on December 5th.



Wedding of Rebecca (Kluever) and Johnathan Ohser's September 4th.



Steve and Alice's Shawano County Barn Quilt Blocks photos taken a couple of years ago and on display in the North Lake Library through middle of December in case anyone wishes to view them in person.

Council Meeting Minutes
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
October 18, 2021

1. The **meeting was called to order at 6:00** by President Susan Miller. In attendance were: Connie Johnson, Charmaine Duerhing, Lucy Krapfl, Janene Kluever, LouAnn Evert, Cheryl Fischer absent: Jess Staus
2. September **minutes were read and approved.**
3. **September financials** were discussed. **\$9,000 from Memorial Fund** has been transferred to United Church Funds. Cost of **parking lot lights** will be looked into. Possibly changing to LED lights to save money. **Envelope giving** is above budget at this time. Report approved.
4. Pastor Bev Davis joined the meeting via face time and gave her **Pastor's report**. There will be a **baptism on December 5 for Clara Becker**, infant daughter of Chelsea and Adam Becker. **All Saint's Day** will be observed on October 31. Pastor Bev will contact Donna about sending out an email for names of deceased persons to be remembered on that day. **Pew cards for joys and concerns** are being made. **Lack of Pastoral Care was discussed** and should start soon. A list of needs has been given to Pastor Bev.
5. The **Sunday School Christmas Pageant will be on December 19. Christmas Eve Services** will be at **4:30 and 6:30.**
6. The same contractor as last year, **Jeff's Home Improvement, will be doing the snowplowing** again this year for the same cost. Jack Duehring will be given a list of dates of when the church needs to be plowed other than on Sundays. Jack will then forward to Jeff.
7. **Stewardship letters** will be going out on October 26 combined with 3rd quarter giving statements and pledge cards. Pledge cards should be returned by November 21.
8. Liason reports: Building and Grounds – the **steeple is too tall for the Amish to reshingle**. It is temporarily patched and we will continue to look for a contractor. PPRC – Blondie's **cleaning duties were discussed**. Garbage in the kitchen has been an issue. This will be monitored. There will be a **wedding on April 9** for Jill Schaefer's daughter.(a non member) A Building Use form will need to be filled out and a deposit received. Guild – working on contacting **new families** for membership and putting out signs so families know where we are and our events.
9. Next meeting date: **Monday, November 8 at 6:00** in conference room. December meeting: Sunday December 12 at 10:45 in the conference room.
10. **Meeting adjourned** at 7:31. Approved



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 <i>Drop off your cookies 9 AM—Noon or 5-7 PM</i>	4 <i>Cookie Walk 9:30 until sold out</i>
5 9:30 <i>Worship</i>	6	7 <i>Seniors 10:30 AM</i>	8	9 <i>Barb Brehmer</i>	10	11
12 9:30 <i>Worship</i>	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 9:30 <i>Worship Children's Christmas Program</i>	20	21	22 <i>Norb & Barb Brehmer & Erik & Connie Johnson's Anniversary</i>	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve Worship 4:30 and 6:30 PM</i>	25 <i>Mike Janichek Marv Schlafer</i>
26 9:30 <i>Worship</i>	27 <i>Charles Kluever Jr.</i>	28	29	30 <i>Jodi Staus</i>	31	