

# ST. PAUL'S UCC ERIN CHAPEL BELLS

Everyone is  
Welcome Here

November 2023

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

We are currently following the Exodus story of the Israelites journey from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. Longer than most Biblical stories, this is a whole saga about faith. Throughout the story there are insights into God's desire to be known and trusted that God is God.

We have been using a suitcase representing a journey. Our suitcase now holds shoes and a walking stick, which were the items God instructed them to take as they left Egypt. We have boots representing the Crossing of the Red Sea and bread to symbolize the manna God provided in the wilderness. A large rock and a container of water reminds us that God (not Moses) produced water from a rock! The giving of the Ten Commandments (the rules we are to live by) were symbolized by the church constitution and bylaws. A darling stuffed calf with gold ribbons became the symbol for Golden Calf incident. A mirror to see God in each other and glasses to pass on the vision of the Promised Land were also added. The final object to add in October are binoculars.

By November 19<sup>th</sup> we will have added a map to show where we come from and where we are going, a candle, and a toy sheep and goat. On the last Sunday in November, we will wrap up the entire saga by focusing on how the Israelites changed and how we might change as well. Yes change takes a long time.

## SOMETHING TO SHARE

Thanksgiving will be here before we know it. Anthony B. Robinson is one of the Stillspeaking writers who contributed to *How Can We Thank You?* When thinking about what to share this month, Robinson's *Just Say 'Thank You'* seemed appropriate.

"Here's another good Samaritan, but different than the really well-known one in Luke 10. When ten sick people asked Jesus to heal them, and he did, the only one who came back to say thank you was a Samaritan. Jesus noted this and asked, aloud, why?"

Maybe the other nine, who were Israelites, felt Jesus' attention and God's healing were their due? It was owed to them. They were entitled to this attention, to this help, to these services.

The Samaritan, who belonged to a group that Jewish society looked down upon and considered inferior, did not apparently feel he was entitled. His healing was a gift. So he said, "Thank you", and praised God.

We find ourselves, these days, living in a time and society when many people feel entitled. Entitled to attention, entitled to services, entitled to time, entitled to have it better. When the entitled don't get their entitlement, they complain.

Sometimes I get caught up in that. I feel entitled to more and better, and I carry around a smelly bundle of grievances. It's a good way, maybe the best way, to avoid God – focus on your grievances.

But, as Jesus notes, entitlement and grievance aren't really how it is. **Gift and grace are at the heart of things.** We are all undeserving, all receivers of grace. We all get more than we could ever deserve. None of us are entitled, not really. Your grandmother was right. Saying "thank you" is nice for others and it's good for you, too. Just say "Thank you." Amen.

**BIBLE STUDY** meets at 1 pm in the Pastor's office on the second Thursday of the month, which is November 9<sup>th</sup> this month. We are discussing Chapter 28 of the book of Job. The chapter in the NRSV Bible is titled, Interlude: Where Wisdom is Found. We should have time to compare those verses with what Jesus talks about in *The Chosen - Jesus Loves the Little Children* found in season 1, episode 3.



COFFEE  
with  
PASTOR



### **COFFEE WITH PASTOR BONNIE**

Has anyone gone to the Inclusion Café in Hartland? That's our destination for Coffee with Pastor Bonnie. It's simply an opportunity to visit over a cup of coffee or whatever you prefer to drink. Pastor Bonnie may or may not have an ice breaker.

It's Dutch treat and no reservation is necessary. Hope to see you around 10! FYI: You will be done in time for book club and men are encouraged to attend, not just women.

### **ADULT CHANGING TABLE**

Pastor Bonnie has spoken with Rev. Jim Schleif, executive director of our United Church of Christ Camps, Ince (UCCI) with regard to placing our adult height-adjustable changing table at either Moon Beach Camp and Retreat Center near St. Germain, Daycholah Camp and Retreat Center near Ripon, and Cedar Valley near West Bend, Wisconsin.

Rev. Schleif was enthused about the prospect of receiving such a gift and the opportunity it would afford other-abled folks who come to camp or a retreat. As of today, I have not heard back from him, but have left a message suggesting if they have room to store it until they decide where to use it, that would be a viable route as our quote is only guaranteed until the end of December. Keep praying!

Cookie  
Walk



### **WOMEN'S GUILD**

Our October meeting was a busy one—with some of it spent admiring the "almost completed" kitchen update. We await delivery of two new refrigerators. Many thanks to our Kitchen Update Committee, Lucy K., LouAnn E., Debbie B. and Debbie G. Thank you for your vision, planning, time, and energy to complete this much-needed update. Thanks also to Neil W., Bill E. and Jack D. who all contributed mightily to making the update a reality. Thanks include Nancy B. of Blue Bear Home Décor and Mark B. as well. Great job!

We voted on designations of support for 2024. Contributions will be to Wounded Warriors \$200; St. Paul's Sunday School \$1,000; Mission Committee \$1,000; Garden Committee \$200.

It seems too early, but Cookie Walk planning was on the agenda. Kitchen updates diminished our budget, so we are hoping for a very successful cookie walk to help us support St. Paul's into the coming year. Saturday, December 2, is our Cookie Walk so mark your calendars to attend and shop for cookies and invite your friends and neighbors to attend. We ask the entire congregation to bake cookies for this important fundraiser—at least 5 dozen, but remember our mantra "If you can bake'um – we can sell'um!, so more

would be very welcome. An e-mail blast will be forthcoming in which we encourage Christmas cookie baking and give some info and suggestions. The Guild is a small group and could not do this without your help. Again this year there will be no early sales.

The next Guild meeting will be on Thursday, November 16, at noon. All St. Paul's women are invited. Bring a bag lunch and dessert will be furnished.



### **THANK YOU**

This is a new addition to our monthly Chapel Bells. It is an attempt to thank those who often go unthanked. I will do my best, but there will be times I leave someone out. If that happens, I apologize in advance. Pastor Bonnie

A thank you is extended to our October Liturgists: Cindy Cain, Jill Paddock, Jacquie Branchford, Curt Hulterstrum and Eugene Dost. Greeters in October were Cheri and Corey Johnson, Steve and Alice Manuell, Judy Nell and Connie Johnson and Bernice Dieball. Eugene and Vicki Dost treated us to a Reader's Theater called God's Face and Kim Kersten and Mason's Reader's Theater was On Mount Nebo. Thank You.

Thank you to Charmaine Duehring who has taken on the daunting task of going through and organizing all of our church records. Thanks to LuAnn Evert, Steve Manuell and Carol Kaisler the task is nearly completed as of this writing.

Special thanks to Jack Duehring for installing a new battery in the elevator. Thankful to having it working again. Jack also painted the wall at the bottom of the back stairs. It looks great.

Another special thanks goes to Neil Weber who has been working on the wiring in the church kitchen, Jack Duehring and Bill Evert who willing lent a hand whenever needed. The kitchen has now been painted and new hardware is in place on the cupboards. I understand one of the refrigerators is due to be delivered this week and a second arriving in another week or two.

Speaking of the kitchen, a thank you goes to Lucy Krapfl, Debbie Braden, LuAnn Evert and Debbie Gettelman. These ladies put in manual labor in not only organizing the cupboards, but scrubbing the floor which shines. This kitchen is AWESOME thanks to everyone who helped!

Thank you to the Mission Maniacs and their teachers who treated Pastor Bonnie to a gift box from Peck and Bushel as well as spelling her name and saying really nice things about her for Pastor Appreciation Sunday.

Bill and LuAnn Evert arranged the tables and chairs in Fellowship Hall for Beulah Timm's funeral and Carol and Roy Kaisler for setting the tables, etc.

Another thank you goes to the Brehmers for faithfully cutting the church lawn. It always looks well cared for.

Steve Manuell has been straightening up the pew racks after worship. His time and thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Another special thank you goes to Jodi Staus for her time and talent in creating a Veteran's Day salute to those who have served in the armed forces from St. Paul's.

## **CREATION CARE SERVICE**

On November 12<sup>th</sup>, members of the Wisconsin Conference Creation Care Team will be leading worship, and performing a chancel drama called *Nice to Meet You, Terra!* written by James F. D. Martin and featuring Bernice Dieball as God, based on Psalm 8, Psalm 24, Matthew 6: 25-33 and Luke 12: 16-21. Following worship, Rev. Dr. Timothy R. Perkins will have set up a table to share ideas about how people can move toward becoming plastic free and how folks can get more involved in creation care.



**IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS** Ron Smith, Joyce O'Keane, Ken Snow, Cheryl Fischer, Alice Manuell, and Beulah Timm's family. Beulah died on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **NEW ADDRESS**

Our friend and long-time member Joyce O. will be moving to Minnesota. We are sad to see her move, but happy she will be close to family. Sunday's coffee and conversation was a special time to enjoy a visit with Joyce and her son Jason. Peggy A. baked a beautiful cake and many friends were able to say goodbye to Joyce and wish her well in her new adventure.

Joyce O'Keane has moved to Global Pointe Senior Living, 5200 Wayzata Blvd, Golden Valley, MN 55416. Her phone number remains the same, (262) 628-0436.

Joyce would like to hear from her St. Paul's friends.



## **ATTENTION LITURGISTS**

I will be putting together the 2024 calendar for Liturgists. If you are interested in being added to the rotation, we would love to have you. Just contact me at (414) 614-4476 (text or phone call) or via email at [cindycain52@icloud.com](mailto:cindycain52@icloud.com). If you have questions, feel free to contact me as well. Thank you for considering this.

Peace, Love, and Joy  
Cindy L. Cain

## **BLOOD DONATIONS SAVE LIVES**

SAVE A LIFE



GIVE BLOOD

We at St. Paul's have a donor site a short drive away with friendly neighbors, short waits, and convenient parking.

St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish on Hwy. 83 in North Lake schedules a Versiti blood drive every eight weeks usually from 1:30 to 6:30 PM. The next drive will be Thursday, December 28. To schedule your donation or if you have a question, contact Rita at 262-719-2815.



**FALL BACK MEANS EXTRA SLEEP!**



**FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE**



The Fellowship Committee is planning an outing to the Schauer Arts Center on Sunday, November 12th at 2:00 p.m.

The Show is Once Upon a Mattress. Tickets are \$20 each. Please let Betty Zimpelman know if you are interested by October 31st.

**COUNCIL NOTES:**

Christmas Eve Services

9:30 a.m and 4:00 p.m.

Identical services

Please choose one to attend

Next council meeting November 6. Visitors are always welcome.

**November Greeters:**

November 5<sup>th</sup> - **\*\*NEEDED\*\***

November 12<sup>th</sup> – Curt & Karrie Hulterstrum

November 19<sup>th</sup> – Dave & Betty Zimpelman

November 26<sup>th</sup> – Kyle & Katie Green



**Liturgists:**

Polly Edgar

John Edgar

Charmaine Duehring

Katie Green

*Many thanks to my St. Paul's family for the flowers, cookies, cards and good wishes after my recent back surgery. I feel so blessed. Jill Paddock*



*Dear*

*Friends at St Paul's,*

*Thank you so much to our St Paul's family for the outpouring of love and condolences in our loss of Mom.*

*St Paul's was Mom's heart and soul, and all the kind thoughts, words and memories mean so very much to us.*

*Her service was lovely, and the lunch put on by the Guild was wonderful. Thank you all for the love and caring you have shown to Mom over the years, and to all of us now.*

*The family of Beulah Timm*

*Sandy, Alan & Dan & families*



## **SECRET PALS CHRISTMAS PARTY/ 2023 PAL REVEAL**

Sunday, December 10 12:30 -2:30

Please bring a small gift for your 2023 Secret Pal and a dessert or appetizer to share. Drinks will be provided. If you cannot attend, please have your gift at church by December 10. If you would like to have a secret pal for 2024 let Charmaine know.

Secret Pals remember their person on special days throughout the year with cards and then with a small gift at our annual Christmas party where your identity is revealed. All members of the congregation over age 12 are encouraged to participate. Just let Charmaine know and she will make sure you receive a name for 2024 and that someone will receive your name.

## **ENVELOPES**

If anyone is low on offering envelopes, please contact Sharon Schlafer and let her know. You can also call her at 262-628-9228 or email her at [sschlafer9228@gmail.com](mailto:sschlafer9228@gmail.com). The new envelopes are not numbered, so please remember to write your name on the envelope when you give.



## **MISSION COMMITTEE**



The Mission Committee will be starting the 2023 Brown Street Academy Christmas project next Sunday. Gift bags with instructions will be available starting November 5. This year we will be purchasing the class of 3rd grade students new winter jackets. Sign up to give a child in need a much appreciated Christmas gift and warm your heart with the spirit of the season. 🎄



Like us on Facebook: “St. Paul’s United Church of Christ Erin” AND “St. Paul’s Mission Maniacs”

Receive our E-Blasts: Please let us know if you would like to be added or have a new email address

If you would like to ask for prayers, share a joy or have an announcement, when attending worship via Zoom, please enter it in the chat or email Pastor Bonnie prior to service.

Check out the Church Website: [stpaulserin.org](http://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](mailto:saintpaulserin.pastor@gmail.com)

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

Church Address: 495 St. Augustine Road, Colgate, WI 53017

Pastor Bonnie’s Office Hours: Thursdays from noon to 6 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 7, 2023**

**Meeting was called to order by Church Council President Charmaine Duehring at 6:00pm. Those in attendance were Charmaine Duehring, Lucy Krapfl, Connie Johnson, Kay O'Keane, Carl Roock, Janene Kluever, Cheryl Fischer and Pastor Bonnie Jacque.**

**There was no meeting in July. The June meeting minutes were not available to review. Financial report is that the envelopes are doing well, ahead of last year. The financial report was approved.**

**The defibrillator was found to still be good. We discussed whether we need to have classes for CPR training. Janene will check with the people who trained everyone in our congregation last time to see if they are still training. There will not be a confirmation class this year. Pastor Bonnie was interested in who are in all the different committees and when they meet. She is also interested in starting a monthly "Coffee with Bonnie".**

**The Brat Fry is almost set to go. We will have the 9:30am Church Service at the park and that will be the start of Sunday School, on September 10. Sunday school will be every other Sunday and the other Sundays, they would like the children to sit together for the service.**

**We reviewed the fee schedule for weddings and funerals. We will discuss further at our next meeting. This will include wedding and funeral fees, with members and nonmembers. Also, if there are exceptions, such as difficulty with payment. Stewardship has not started, yet. Vicki and Eugene Dost have agreed to continue on this committee and Connie Johnson has agreed to join them. We will send letters to those who have not attended church and have not contributed, to see if they are still interested.**

**Charmaine will be going through the files and closets to see what we should keep and what can be discarded. She would like some help to complete this. We will decide what is going to be kept permanently and some we will need to keep over a number of years.**

**There will be a fire inspection on Thursday. The steeple needs new shingles, but it is very difficult to find anyone who will work that high up. The handicap door in the back needs to be adjusted so that it will stay open. The sign outside needs lighting and Neil Weber will take a look at it. The Guild is working on the kitchen with new refrigerators and painting and other needed work. They will clean the cupboards, also. They are also looking at carpet cleaning and may include the upper church.**

**Next meeting date will be September 18th and we adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm.**

Church Council Meeting Minutes  
St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
September 18, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm, by Council President, Charmaine Duehring. Those in attendance were Pastor Bonnie Jacque, Charmaine Duehring, Kay O'Keane, Kim Kersten, Cheryl Fischer, Connie Johnson, Lucy Krapfl, Carl Roock and Janene Kluever. Jill Lotzow was a guest. The Council Minutes for June were approved. We did not have a July meeting.

The Council Minutes for August were not available. The August financial report was approved. Jill Lotzow would like a new piano. We will review this and Janene Kluever stated that she might have a possible chance to find a used piano with Jill's approval.

Pastor Bonnie passed out a suggested church covenant which we will discuss further at our next meeting. She also passed out the Norms for the Rational Covenant, which will also be reviewed at our next meeting.

Debbie Schlafer has asked to renew her membership. CPR and ADT training costs will be put into the budget for 2024. We will need to find the number of people who might be interested. The Bible Study which is part of Pastor Bonnie's meeting is on Thursday, once a month. Five people attended this month of September. Pastor Bonnie will attend a conference at Green Lake on October 13th through the 14th. Pastor Bonnie will initiate Coffee with Bonnie, starting on September 28th at Java Dancer Coffee Cafe. The children's Sunday School will be every other Sunday. Kim and Pastor Bonnie are still working on providing an adult changing table.

The Brat Fry on September 10th was a wonderful success. The total profit was \$8010.00. The majority of the profit was from the raffle tickets. The prize winners will be listed in Chapel Bells. There was also the 50/50 raffle which resulted in \$650.00, included in the \$8010.

The schedule for Christmas will be Christmas Eve service will be Sunday morning at 9:30am as Christmas Eve is on a Sunday. Another service will be at 4:00pm on Sunday, December 24th. The Children's Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 17th. We looked to see if we needed to update the church fee schedule. The prices for non-members will remain the same. Pastor Bonnie had checked with other churches and it was decided that the members' fees will be \$200 for the minister during funerals and weddings, which is an increase from \$150. It was suggested that the fee for the organist during funerals and weddings will be \$150, which is an increase from \$100. The council approved the changes.

Vicki and Eugene Dost and Connie Johnson are working on Stewardship. The Council is working on the friendly letters to those members who have not participated in church functions this past year. The congregation should let Sharon Schlafer know if they need offertory envelopes. Charmaine Duehring will again work on the organization of the church's papers and files. She will ask for helpers on Thursday at 6:00pm. We will ask for the committees' budget by October 15th, to help us begin the 2024 budget. The light in the sign in the front of the church is out and it will be hard to fix as the connection from the church to sign is beneath the cement. The plumbers for the kitchen repairs will be coming Tuesday, September 19th. The Guild will be cleaning out the cupboards in the kitchen. Nancy Barelman will be doing the painting in the kitchen.

Our next meeting will be October 16th, The meeting was adjourned at 7:35p





# November 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 <i>Ken Snow</i>	3	4
5 9:30 Worship 	6	7 <i>Seniors</i> <i>Jo Swanson</i>	8	9 <i>Bible Study 1 PM</i>	10	11 <i>Janene Kluever</i> <i>Jerry &amp; Vicki</i> <i>Lubbert's Anniversary</i>
12 9:30 Worship <i>Creation Care Service</i> <i>Fellowship outing</i> <i>Schauer Center 2 PM</i>	13	14	15	16 <i>Guild 12 Noon</i> <i>Norb Brehmer</i>	17 <i>Dick Ahrens</i>	18
19 9:30 Worship	20 <i>Bernie Chase</i> <i>Karrie Hulterstrum</i>	21	22	23 	24 <i>Ron &amp; Diane Smith's</i> <i>Anniversary</i>	25
26 9:30 Worship	27 <i>Lucy Krapfl</i>	28	29	30 <i>Coffee w/Pastor</i> <i>10:00 in Hart-</i> <i>land</i>  <i>Susan Miller</i>		