



Chapel Bells

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



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Pastor's Message

Our Stewardship Theme this year reminds us from Bread and Cup to Faith And Giving. How does that play out in our life? Do we recognize that when we break bread and drink from the cup, we make a commitment to God to serve in any way we are able. We say, "These are the gifts of God for the people of God." Think about what that means...the gifts of God. The Gifts we receive through pledging cover material expenses and local and wider missions.

"For the people of God" - that's us. But it's more than us. It's certainly missions, like supporting the Mission Maniacs by collecting books to go with Rock's Adopt a Pet. It's the Adult Changing Table project that may still become a reality. I don't have to tell you how important mission is to this church. The people of God means no conditions. It's about the support we offer to anyone, anywhere...no matter who they are or where they are on life's journey.

But commitments are not only financial. There are important resources we commit to the work of the church beyond our money. Time, presence, leadership, a willingness to grow and to be accountable in our faith development, and of course, serving others.

There are many of us who give financially and never put anything in the offering plate. It feels funny. We wonder what the person sitting next to us think. What if the plate is passed to the end of the row and no one puts in anything? It is an awkward feeling, isn't it?

Did you know there are churches who no longer pass a collection plate? That's right, they have

encouraged the congregation to give electronically or by an annual or quarterly check, to the point that they only place a collection plate at the back of church for loose offerings or those who prefer to continue with weekly envelopes.

I only share this information because I would like it to become a normal and accepted practice to place nothing in the collection plate as it is passed. I want to celebrate when we give nothing but give everything...no matter what form that takes.

St. Paul's is a church that "Prays together, Plays together and Serves together".

Something to Share

I chose "The Peace of Wild Things" to share this month because of late despair seems to dominate so much of our lives. We all know someone with an illness that needs to be held in prayer. There have been disasters like fires, hurricanes and floods that have touched our lives. We ask, "Where is God?" Wendell Berry expresses those feelings so well.

The Peace of Wild Things

When despair for the world grows in me and I wake in the night at the least sound in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be, I go and lie down where the wood drake rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds. I come into the peace of wild things who do not tax their lives with forethought of grief. I come into the presence of still water. And I feel above me the day-blind stars waiting with their light. For a time I rest in the grace of the world, and am free."— **Wendell Berry, The Selected Poems of Wendell Berry**



St. Paul's Annual Veterans Tribute will be on November 6th, 2022

The Mission Maniacs have chosen to donate to the **Stars and Stripes Honor Flight** with the can money! Join us on November 6th to help honor our members and family who have served this beautiful country!

Council Notes

Be sure and check out the beautiful blaze autumn maple tree and bench placed on the north side of church in memory of Vern Guetzke. Vern was the head of building and grounds for many years and his family used money given in his memory to purchase the tree and bench.

Congratulations to Rachel and John Hoch on the birth of their son Micah and to Katelyn and Kiegan Nelson on the birth of their son Rhett. We all look forward to meeting the new little ones!

Please put these dates on your calendar.

- October 30 Special Congregational Meeting to vote on Pastor Bonnie becoming our full time settled pastor
- There will not be a Thanksgiving Eve service this year
- February 5 Annual Meeting following worship
- February 26 Chili Luncheon

The next Council Meeting will be held on Monday, November 14 at 6 p.m. We will be finalizing the expense portion of our 2023 budget and matching it up with the income we hope to receive through pledges, fund raising, and interest.

If you have any items you would like to have discussed you may attend the meeting or let any council member know.



2023 Stewardship Campaign

Our emphasis theme this year **From Bread and Cup to Faith and Giving**, encourages us to take time to be intentional about the decisions we make with our resources and gifts in light of the open invitation to share in the Lord's Table. God is working through us and the things we do to accomplish positive change in the world. Every time we give, whether it is monetary, time, or talent, that gift becomes ministry and mission.

Others gave generously in their own time so that we could experience the joy of this church. We owe the same in our time and to the generations to come. Please support the ministry of this church generously in the year to come by supporting this year's From Bread and Cup to Faith and Giving.

On **Sunday November 13, 2022**, we will offer our pledges of generosity and ask for God to bless them. A 2023 Pledge card and Time and Talent Survey will be sent out to all members soon.

Over the next couple of Sundays during service, members of our congregation will share how our community of faith is blessed and how our generosity becomes ministry and mission. If anyone else would like to share a story of how our church has served the community, please contact any member of the Stewardship Committee. We would love to share these stories on our Facebook page!

Your Stewardship Committee

Vicki and Eugene Dost, and Connie Johnson

New Tech Committee



The Council has approved a new tech committee. The members are: Dave Zimpelman, Jeff Jackopin, (co-leaders) Connie

Johnson, Cindy Cain, Jodi Staus & Cheryl Fischer. We plan to focus on the Church internet, WIFI, projector & computers.



Secret Pals

The Secret Pals Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 11 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the church hall. Please bring a small gift for your Secret Pal for 2022 and a dessert or appetizer to share. Drinks will be provided. If you cannot attend, please have your gift at church by the time of the party on the 11th. If you

would like to have a name of a Secret Pal next year, please 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 2023 and someone will receive your name.



Mark your calendar for the 2023 Chili Dinner - Sunday February 26th. Proceeds from this fundraiser go to support the church's general fund budget. More information will be coming this winter including donations slips and volunteer opportunities. If you have any questions or suggestions for this annual fundraiser, please talk to Connie Johnson.



Please remember in your prayers, cards, calls and visits: Ron Smith, Beulah Timm, Ken Snow, Bill Chase, Norma

Hulterstrum, Sheila Anderson, Jim Swanson and James Leifer.



Women's Guild

The October meeting was well attended and there was much cookie-related discussion. Last year's Cookie Walk had more shoppers than cookies—we were sold out before 11 AM. With the hope that we can offer delicious and festive cookies to all of this year's shoppers, Guild members will be baking and decorating cookies at church, with assistance from Petty Ahles, in addition to the many dozens we bake in our home kitchens. Cookie pledge sheets will soon be distributed to all members. We ask for a minimum of 5 dozen cookies, but please remember our mantra—"If you can bake'um, we can sell'um." If possible, we ask you to bake more. It would be very much appreciated! St. Paul's Cookie Walk has become a popular community event and is our best fundraiser. Thanks for your support in baking cookies! Flyers will soon be available with info to invite your friends and neighbors to attend our Cookie Walk.

Guild members are participating in a fundraiser to help provide a service/support dog for a local girl who is battling cerebral palsy, scoliosis, mental illness and bullying. "Fetchin' Up for Jaly'n" is being held at Big Guys in Hartford on Saturday, November 5 at 1 PM. In addition to 50/50, gun, gift card and basket raffles, there will be a bake sale. That's where the Guild comes in--donating delicious baked items and snacks for the event. Hope you can attend.

The next Guild meeting will be held on November 17. Remember—all St. Paul's women are invited and encouraged to attend. We meet at noon bringing a bag lunch, share a provided dessert, and discuss ways our Guild can help support St. Paul's church and its missions. Join us!

Welcome

Jeffrey and Megan Jackopin became members of St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Erin on October 30, 2022. Jeff grew up here! We are blessed to have them. Be sure and add them to your directory. Their address is 4922 Ascot Lane #4, Madison, WI. Jeff's phone number is 262-510-4302 and Megan's is 608-769-8842.



Baptism

Jeff and Megan's children, Theia Reign Jackopin and her brother, Knox Anthony, were baptized on October

30, 2022. Matt and Krystle Jackopin are their godparents.

Congratulations to Keith Leifer. Keith's home was featured in the *Shepherd Express* entitled "A Home for Every Season". Keith lives on a wooded 2-acre lot that he purchased in 1992. He designed his home himself. It features large windows and patio doors that open unto a wrap-around porch. It's a great article with beautiful photos.

Dear Friends at St Paul's,

Thank you so very much for the lovely time honoring our 50th anniversary.

We enjoyed every minute of it and so enjoyed all the well-wishes, cards and beautiful cake. It made for a very special celebration for us with a very special group of people.

*Thanks so much,
Don & Sandy Striegel*

Greeters for November:

November 6th – Kim Kersten & Mason Weber

November 13th - **NEEDED**

November 20th – Cheryl Fischer

November 27th - **NEEDED**



November 6TH - Jill Paddock

November 13th - Jill Schaefer

November 20th - Brett Miller

November 27th Katie Green



Vern Guetzke Memorial Bench and Tree

Date to Remember

11/06/2022 Daylight Savings Time ends...gain an hour of sleep!

11/13/2022 Stewardship Commitment Sunday

11/20/2022 Thanksgiving Sunday

11/27/2022 First Sunday in Advent

12/14/2022 Blue Christmas Service 7 pm

12/18/2022 Children's Christmas Service

12/24/2022 Christmas Eve Service 4 pm

12/25/2022 Christmas Day Service 9:30 am



**Highly requested recipe from
Cheryl Fischer**

1 6 oz. pkg. Stove Top Savory Herbs Stuffing Mix
1 ½ lb. boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into bite-size pieces
1 10 ¾ oz. condensed cream of chicken soup
1/3 cup sour cream
1 16 oz. pkg. frozen mixed vegetables, thawed, drained

Heat oven to 400

Prepare stuffing as directed on package

Combine remaining ingredients; spoon into 13x9 baking dish, sprayed with cooking oil

Top with stuffing

Bake 30 minutes or until casserole is heated through and chicken is done.

Church Council Meeting Minutes
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
September 12, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Charmaine Duehring at 6:00pm. In attendance were: Charmaine Duehring, Pastor Bonnie Jacque, Kay O'Keane, Lucy Krapfl, Connie Johnson, Cheryl Fischer, Kim Kersten, Carl Roock and Janene Kluever. Brett Miller was also in attendance.

Brett had joined us to get the Council's approval to recommend Pastor Bonnie Jacque as St. Paul's permanent minister. Pastor Bonnie was approved by the Council. It was decided to have a Congregational meeting on October 30th, for the approval of the congregation.

The minutes from August were approved with the amendments. The envelopes are behind, but we are ahead on the budget. The Electric Company has acknowledged our discrepancy on their billing and they will make the adjustments with the building and the outside electric billing. Connie Johnson will watch to make sure they make the corrections. The Financial Report was approved.

Pastor Bonnie reported that she had attended one counseling session and may attend one more as she found it to be informative. She will have a baptism on September 25th. We have one confirmation student, Nathan Weber. Pastor Bonnie was accepting ideas for learning opportunities. Confirmation for Nathan will be May 7, 2023.

The Legacy Grant: We are looking at perhaps helping YMCA in West Bend for special needs children and adults' swimming class and their changing spaces. We will check with Mary Gross, our contact, to see if we are on the right track. The deadline is in March, 2023.

We will have Jack Duehring call to ask the same person to do the snow plowing this winter. The children's Christmas program will be December 18th. We will look into seeing if we can help with "Feeding our Children" for confirmant and anyone else who would like to help. The Memorial Tree has been planted and it should be watered well into November. It will have a trunk protector. The bench has been ordered from Sister Bay.

We had a profit of \$1800 from the Brat Fry in August. We will discuss what we can do next year to increase the participation. We will review membership in January or February, 2023. Chili Supper will be in February, per Marilyn Dieball. We will continue to review our Mission Statement as we need something catchy and memorable. Also, when it can be used and how often, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.



November 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Seniors	2 Ken Snow	3	4	5
6 9:30 Worship Fall Back 1 Hour 	7 Jo Swanson	8	9	10	11 Janene Kluever Jerry & Vicki Lubbert's Anniversary	12
13 9:30 Worship Stewardship Sunday	14 Council Meeting 6 PM	15	16 Norb Brehmer	17 Women's Guild 12 Noon Dick Ahrens	18 Dan O'Keane	19
20 9:30 Worship Thanksgiving Sunday Bernie Chase Karrie Hulterstrum	21	22	23	24 Ron & Diane Smith's Anniversary	25	26
27 9:30 Worship First Sunday of Advent Lucy Krapfl	28	29	30 Susan Miller			