



Chapel Bells

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



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As I sit at my desk to write this letter to you, I am reminded of how things have changed since I found this small sanctuary two blocks from the shores of Lake Michigan in the quiet town of Algoma, Wi.

It has been a bit of a gloomy morning. The lack of sun, the overshadowing of clouds, the strong wind blows the not yet ready to change leaves trying to force them off the tender branches of the maple tree right outside my front door.

Yep, they continue to hang on tightly to the places they have become most familiar. A place where throughout the spring and summer months they bring cooling shade for passersby; providing a green pathway to and from the shores of Lake Michigan and all that awaits.

Yes, change is hard!

You know and I know that change is hard!

But maybe we can learn something from the trees.

Right now the trees are hanging on to their leaves as they await the time to release them to the wind and the seasons. By that time, they will have taken on colors that will go from gold all the way to orange and red.

Today, I see that as a thank you gift for everyone who has taken care, breathed in the fresh air it provided and celebrated the glory of God as they looked up through the branches and prayed.

Change is hard! Very hard! Sometimes we just don't like it. We fight it!

Change will come anyway!

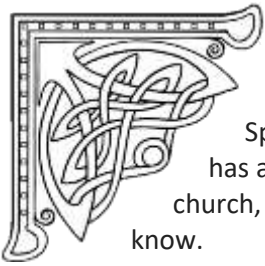
But like the tree outside my window, after the colorful leaves are gone and the winter winds bring snow and frost, we can be sure the green leaves will be back to bring joy and provide shade and comfort beginning a new cycle of life.

There is also something you can be sure of they will not be the same leaves of yesteryear. They will be the leaves of tomorrow!

I am looking forward to spending some of the coming Seasons of the Church and the seasons of life with you in this place at this time.

Please keep your hearts and minds open to the change that comes through the love of God through Jesus Christ, and the wonder of what tomorrow may bring.

Blessings, Rev. Bev, Interim Pastor



Council Corner

Chili Dinner is canceled for fall 2021. Instead we will be doing a Spring 2022 fundraiser. If anyone has a new fundraiser idea for the church, please let a council member know.

Check out the new bench by the Rooster doors. It is made with recycled milk jugs and was purchased using Memorial Funds. Many thanks to the Sister Bay Company (who gave us a very nice discount) and Everts for making this happen.



Sunday School News

Mission Maniacs are collecting monetary donations and gift cards for our **12** College Kids and **1** Marine Kid!!! If you would like to donate, please bring it to church by the 1st week of October!!

The kids are excited to pack a little box of LOVE and send it off!

We have 12 College Kids and 1 Marine!!!

Don't forget to sign the cards in the church fellowship hall for them!! They will LOVE to see everyone's well wishes!!



Women's Guild



Our September meeting potluck was outstanding. We had a nice assortment of lunch dishes and everything was especially tasty. Good work, ladies! Remember, all St. Paul's women are invited to Guild meetings and our October 21 meeting will be special. We will meet for lunch

at the 5 O'Clock Club on Pewaukee Lake and then return to church for our meeting. If you plan to attend, please call Carol by October 15 to make our reservation. If weather is lovely, we may eat on the outdoor deck overlooking the lake.



We began making plans for this year's Cookie Walk on December 4 and finalized work schedules and details for the Brat Fry which was held on September 18 at Fox Bros. Piggly Wiggly in Hubertus. The event was successful and raised over \$750 to help us in our support of St. Paul's. The weather was beautiful and the shoppers were enthusiastic. Thanks to Betty Zimpelman for heading up the event, to the volunteers who worked, and to all the St. Paul's members who came out to support our fundraiser.



Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all the Sympathy cards while we navigate the loss of our Mom. We have shared all the cards with our Dad and brother and it really does help to know others are thinking of you! You are **all** the BEST

Love, Jodi and Kevin Staus family
Rachel and John Hoch family

Greeters for October:

- October 3rd – Brett & Sue Miller
- October 10th – Dave & Betty Zimpelman
- October 17th – Bernice Dieball & Jacquie Branchford
- October 24th - ****NEEDED****
- October 31st- Allan & Sharon Schlafer



St. Paul's UCC Council Meeting Minutes August 9, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Susan Miller at 6:05 p.m. In attendance were: Charmaine Duehring, LouAnn Evert, Lucy Krapfl, Janene Kluever, Cheryl Fischer, Connie Johnson Absent: Jess Staus

1. Susan opened the meeting with a **prayer**.
2. The **July minutes** were read and approved. Lucy/Janene
3. The **July financial reports** were read and approved. Charmaine/ LouAnn
4. The **list of members** of the church were **reviewed**. Some young adult members had requested to be removed from the list after being contacted by a council member. Some members were changed to inactive. The new list consists of **130 members plus 14 children**. There are still questions on 3 members and they will be contacted again.
5. The new **interim pastor, Bev Davis**, will begin on September 1, with her first Sunday being September 5. She will be staying in a hotel on Saturday evening (paid for by the church) since she lives in Algoma. She has requested a vacation Sunday on October 10. Council meetings will be moved to Sundays after worship to accommodate her schedule.
6. The **internet** company requested we upgrade our system but we declined due to cost. The **projector** has been fixed but needs to be reset after a power outage.
7. **Pledge cards** will be printed in house for the fall stewardship campaign
8. The **Stewardship Committee** will be Adam Staus, Vicki Dost, and Eugene Dost. Charmaine will contact them by email to discuss dates, letters, membership etc.
9. A **new blind** will be purchased to replace the broken one in the conference room. Jack Duehring will look into the **suggestion to light the stained glass windows in the front of church**. Anna Kluever has volunteered to **refinish the wooden bench** at the lower entrance. Bill and LouAnn Evert will look into purchasing a **new bench for the rooster door** entrance.
10. The **Financial Committee** will be moving money in three installments from the memorial fund to United Church Fund to receive more interest on the monies.
11. **Don Niederfrank** has requested to use the church for a **family baptism** on Saturday, August 14. Request granted and fee waived.
12. The Personel Committee is looking for a **cleaning list for Blondie** to evaluate her performance.
13. The **next Council Meeting** will be on Sunday, September 19 at 10:45 in the conference room.
14. **Meeting adjourned** at 7:30 p.m. Lucy/LouAnn



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Bernice Dieball Marvin & Kathy Schlafer's Anniversary</i>	2
3 9:30 Worship <i>Mason Weber</i>	4	5 <i>Seniors</i>	6	7	8	9 <i>Jacob Staus</i>
10 9:30 Worship	11	12 <i>Neil & Debra Weber's Anniversary</i>	13	14	15	16 <i>Karl Roock</i>
17 9:30 Worship	18	19 <i>Neil Weber Mike & Shirley Janichek's Anniversary</i>	20	21 <i>Women's Guild</i> <i>Haleigh Yesko</i>	22	23
24 9:30 Worship	25 <i>Tommy Klemmer</i>	26	27 <i>Jean Sutter</i>	28	29	30 <i>Louie Callen</i>
31 9:30 Worship <i>Lewe Jossart</i>						