

# CHAPEL BELLS

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



### PASTOR'S MESSAGE



I truly don't know where to begin. First, how do you thank GOD for all your blessings? The fact that no one was home at the time of the house fire at my daughter's home is nothing short of a miracle. A GOD sent miracle. Thanks be to GOD..

How to thank the firefighters for their expertise at what they do, so well organized, and so kind. How to thank the firefighter who worked a half an hour attempting to revive their pet dog with CPR and oxygen. They carried the dog out to the family for a goodbye, took it to the vet and paid for cremation. Another who gave oxygen to their pet iguana, Ziggy, who somehow survived. Those who put together boxes, which the firefighters used to bring out anything unburned. The Salvation Army who set up food and drink. To the firefighter who gave me a wet wipe when my hands were full of soot. To the firefighter who was overcome by smoke and went to the hospital. Thank GOD he was later released.

How to thank YOU. Unless you have been there, you have no idea how deeply appreciated your support for my daughter's family...and me ...means to us. Thank you from Janelle, Jamie, her husband to be (we found the engagement ring he was intending to give her!!!), Noah, Landen, Logan and Logen. Yes Logan/Logen runs in the family with Janelle's daughter, Brianna married to a Logan there are three. Thank GOD for people like you!

If you want to purchase a gift card from Costco, Walmart, Home Depot or for gas, you can give them to Pastor Bonnie or mail them to Janelle LeClair at 144 Thomson (not Thompson) Lane, Oregon, WI 53575. As of August 26th, they have not found housing outside of the hotel room that Culvert's (where one of the Logans works) donated. Again, I don't know how to begin thanking everyone who has donated on the gofundme site or through Venmo or via check including the Mission Committee and Women's Guild. Your generosity is astounding.

I'm hoping we can organize a special Sunday to invite our local firefighters and ambulance folks to be celebrated for all they have done and will do for the people they risk their lives for, including St. Paul's UCC.



## **BRAT FRY - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH**

The church Brat Fry is Sunday September 8th at the Monches Ball Park. We will be having church service at 9:30 a.m. at the ballpark. The Brat Fry will start at 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

We will have kickball games agsin this year. Thank you to all who have signed up to help with this event. If you would like to make a cash donation for the event, please see Lucy Krapfl or Debbie Schafler.

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## **COFFEE WITH BONNIE**

Java Dancer will be our permanent destination for Coffee ☕ with Bonnie beginning at 10 AM. All are welcome - we are UCC afterall. 😊 The date for September is the 26th. Stay for a cup or two. We always find something to laugh about! Just show up.



### **Caring for God's Creation**



## **CREATION CARE**

There is an Iroquois Maxim (circa 1700-1800) that teaches “we must consider the impact of our decisions on the next seven generations.”

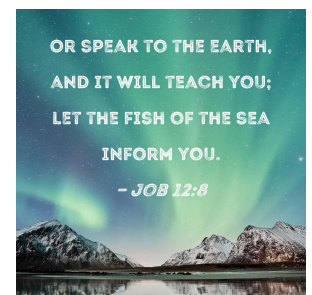
Did you know that beer-brewing companies are developing and in some cases already using, a new type of 6-pack ring that could save millions of sea creatures? This ring is edible and biodegradable. Imagine that! That’s an example of the seventh generation mindset. (Bear in mind I’m not promoting wild beer parties here.)

St. Paul’s Creation Care Committee is actively seeking to educate themselves and in turn others on the value of reducing our use of plastics as individuals and as a church. Our project list is long, including things like bat houses (instead of the steeple), butterfly box, bluebird houses, replacing wooden benches around the firepit with those made from recycled plastic bottles, and using a waste recycling company, etc. We are developing a seventh-generation model to guide our church (God’s church) into the future.

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## **BIBLE/BOOK STUDY**

We will resume our study of Daniel Cooperrider’s book *Speak with the Earth and It Will Teach You* on September 26th at 1 PM. We will focus on the section about clouds. Remember you do not have to have read the book to attend - just show up!



## **MISSION COMMITTEE**

The Mission Committee wants to thank everyone who brought in peanut butter and jelly for our Back to School collection in August. The food pantries we serve are very appreciative of your sharing this most delicious and nutritious staple. Full tummies help with paying attention, good behavior and learning. Thanks again for helping to get the school year off to a delicious start.

## NEIGHBORS IN NEED

MENTAL HEALTH JUSTICE FOR ALL

Mental health is  
a universal  
human  
Right

"God will not filter or lose heart until justice  
prevails throughout the earth." (Psalm 85)

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NEIGHBORS IN NEED 2024  
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This year our Neighbors in Need collection will begin on September 15th through October 6th. In 2024, the Neighbors in Need theme is “**Mental Health Justice For All!**” This year’s focus is on Mental Health Justice. In 2015, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ passed a resolution to become WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged) for mental health. A just world for all is a world where the human rights and well-being of people with mental health challenges are respected, no matter who you are or where you are in life’s mental health journey. Of course, your contribution does not only support mental health issues but others in need as well. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

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## WOMEN’S GUILD

A day of rain cancelled plans to hold our August meeting in Port Washington, with lunch at a local restaurant and then enjoying the Lake Michigan view from Pastor Bonnie’s apartment windows. A rain date TBA.



Guild meetings are held in the Fellowship Hall at noon on the third Thursday of the month. All St. Paul’s Women are invited to bring a bag lunch and join us. Each month a volunteer provides some delightful dessert for the group.

The Guild supports St. Paul’s with hospitality and fellowship as well as financially. Our annual Christmas Cookie Walk and silent auction (with assistance from many talented bakers and helpers) is a much anticipated event in our local community. The Guild pie sale has become a popular addition to St. Paul’s Chili Lunch. When St. Paul’s family takes on a project, celebrates together or mourns a loss, the Guild helps provide food and support. We are a small group and always encourage women of St. Paul’s to meet with us. If you don’t choose to attend monthly, you are welcome and encouraged to attend when you can. If you give your email address to Carol (262-628-0656 / caroy4@gmail.com) we will add you to our distribution list to receive reminders of upcoming meetings, highlights, updates, etc.

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## COUNCIL NOTES

The Church Council has spent a great deal of time this summer reading, discussing, and updating the by-laws of our church. This is a process that is done every 5 years or so and was last done in 2018.

The changes that we are proposing will require a Congregational Special Meeting to pass the changes. This will be scheduled in October or November, but we wanted to let you know what the changes will entail. The actual document, with changes noted, will be available for you to peruse in October through email and printed copies.

Generally, here are the 3 main changes we are proposing:

- Reducing the number of council members from 7 to 5 due to the smaller number of members in the church and the difficulty to find members to serve on the council. The number was raised from 5 to 7 in 2006 when the membership was 190. Our membership is now 122.
- Simplifying the requirements for active membership to reflect only the things we can actually keep track of such as attendance, financial support, or involvement in activities.
- Removing the requirement of 2 years of membership to be on the church council. Two years of membership would still be required to be a council officer, treasurer, or financial secretary. This would allow new members to be involved early in their church membership.

The remainder of the changes are often grammatical or wording changes to reflect our church today.

If you have any questions or comments about these proposed changes, please speak to any council member. Look for the printed or emailed change copies in early October. The meeting date will be published as soon as decided upon.

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### **THANK YOU!**

Have you heard? Our steeple has been reshingled. Many, many thanks to Jack D and his various side-kicks for all their time and talents! Thanks to Jack and Roy K. no more bats in our belfry, at least for now.

Thank you to the Creation Care Committee members, Carrie and Curt H. and volunteer Vickie L. for doing a major weeding job on the Rooster Door gardens.

Thank you to Carol K. for sending choir practice reminders, for organizing and sending in articles for the Erin newspaper.

Thanks to Cindy C. for being our IT “professional” for Sheila A. funeral.

Thank you once again to the Women’s Guild for baking desserts and organizing the open-house style lunch for Sheila’s funeral. It was just what Sheila would have put out herself.

Thanks to Fred D. for tolling the bell for the Anderson funeral.

Thanks to Charmaine D. for distributing flowers remaining from the funeral to our shut-ins, etc.

Thanks to Donna R. and Bernice D. for producing the bulletin(s) every week and especially for funerals.

Thanks to Cheryl F. who is also becoming a regular in our IT closet.

Andy and Ada (Eugene and Vicki D) made another reader’s theater appearance.

Thanks to Steve M., and others who called or visited that I am not aware of, who have reached out to the Smith’s as they transition to assisted living.

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### **THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

Ron and Diane S., Betty P., Bonnie H., Joyce O’K., the Anderson Family, Jill P, Isabel H., Betty Z., Pastor Bonnie’s daughter’s family. I’m sure I forgot someone, just keep our church as a whole in your prayers with so many with health issues and transitions. On a much happier note, we will be having two baptisms in September; Annabelle B. and Bekx G. on September 15th.



## GREETERS LIST FOR OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2024

Thank you for volunteering to serve your church as a greeter. If there are only 2 persons assigned for a Sunday you will greet, light candles, take offering, and distinguish candles. If 4 people are assigned, some may be greeters and others will do offering and candles. On communion Sundays, 2 other persons help serve communion.

If you cannot serve on your assigned date, please switch with someone else. Dates of serving are published in each week's bulletin for the next week and the monthly list will be in Chapel Bells. Persons serving this quarter will also receive this list by email. Please mark your calendars!

### **G- greeters, C-candles, O-offering, Com- serve communion**

October 6 Bill and LouAnn E. G, C, O, Com  
Judy N. & Kay O'K. Com.

October 13 Kyle and Katie G. G, C, O

October 20 Mark and Debbie G. G, C, O

October 27 Bonnie H. and Rachel H. G, C, O

November 3 Roy and Carol K. G, C, O, Com  
Jerry and Vicki L. Com

November 10 Janene K. and Carl R. G, C, O

November 17 Curt and Karrie H. G, C, O

November 24 Lucy K. and Debbie S. G only  
Bernice D. and Cheryl F. C, O only

December 1 Kim and Mark K. G, C, O, Com  
Jack and Charmaine D. Com

December 8 Cheri and Corey J. G, C, O

December 15 Sunday School G, C, O

December 22 Steve and Alice M. G, C, O

Christmas Eve – early 4:00 Jack and Charmaine D. G, C, O  
\*\* late 6:00 **Needed** G, C, O

December 29 – Jill P. and Jill S. G, C, O



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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 virtually via our [YouTube Channel](#), 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 10 AM to 2 PM. Stop by for a visit. Friday and Saturday are Pastor's weekend

## **SOMETHING TO SHARE**

July 7, 2024

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

“Sent with Power”

Mark 6:1-13

Mark 6: 7-9 tells us that (Jesus) called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. (from the NRSV)

Some folks in the United Church of Christ jokingly refer to evangelism as “the e-word.” Evangelist simply means “messenger of good news.” And yet, the word has become associated with the most damaging aspects of Christian experience. Even the idea of evangelism can call to mind uncomfortable or even traumatizing past experiences. And yet, as Jesus called those early disciples to a life of evangelism, he calls followers today.

Take some time today to consider the word evangelist.

Do you think the idea of the United Church of Christ evangelism can be refreshed and renewed for a new generation? How might that be accomplished?

How do you feel when you hear the word evangelism? Pay attention to where the word settles in your body. Do you feel uncomfortable? Very uncomfortable? Why do you think you have that response?

What do you think the role of an evangelist is? How does the role in modern times echo the call that Jesus made to his original disciples?

What are some ways that your faith community engages in evangelism now? What are some ways that your community could evangelize that it does not yet?

Church Council Meeting Minutes  
St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
July 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President, Charmaine Duehring, at 6:00pm. Those in attendance were Charmaine Duehring, Kay O'Keane, Cindy Cain, Connie Johnson, Pastor Bonnie Jacque, Vicki Dost, and Janene Kluever. Kim Kersten and Fred Dieball were unable to join us.

The June meeting minutes were approved after amended. Investments and offerings have been good and the Financial Report was approved. We had the Pastor's report of her many visits to our members. The Brat Fry plans are moving ahead. There will be a sign up sheet soon. It was suggested we have a flag or sign of some kind at the ticket sales table to let people know who and what we are. The garbage pick-up will be discussed later.

We are still waiting for a dry week to complete the shingling on the steeple roof. Jack Duehring noticed that the roof above the front door is missing some shingles and Jack will discuss this with the current shingle crew. We will add this extra work and the increase would be \$1850. CPR training will be conducted by Keith Gorherd and the limit is 18 people. This will take place in September. The septic system was pumped June 24th, The charge of \$40 for the water test was for April, 2023.

The postage is going up again by \$.05. We think it would be less expensive if we use emailing versus snail mail wherever possible for those who have emails. We will limit those who will get the snail mail.

We discussed further on the By-Laws. Our next meeting will be held August 12, 2024. Meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm,

# September 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Worship	2	3 Rachel H. Debbie B.	4 Jim & Jo S. Anniversary	5	6	7
8 9:30 Worship @ Monches Ball Park  Brat Fry 11-5	9	10	11 Judy N.	12 Tom & Mary G. & Rick & Vicki G. Anniversary	13	14
15 9:30 Worship	16 Tracy M.	17 Sharon S. Kyle & Katie G. Anniversary	18	19 Women's Guild  Brett & Susan M. Anniversary	20 Connie J.	21
22 9:30 Worship	23 Charmaine D. Micah H.	24 Rhett N.	25 Dave & Betty Z. Anniversary	26 Coffee w/ Bonnie 10 AM Java Dancer  1:00 Book Study	27 Corey & Cheri J. Anniversary	28 Laura P.
29 9:30 Worship	30 Brielle P.					