



CHAPEL BELLS

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

October, 2025

thankful ♡ *grateful* ♡ *blessed*

Pastor Bonnie will be on a 5 week sabbatical until November 2nd. Please keep her and Jeff in your thoughts and prayers during this time. Thank you to Lucy K., Debbie S., Eugene D., and everyone who made the Brat Fry a big success. It was a beautiful day enjoyed by many! Please keep Jack, Jason, Erin and their families in your thoughts and prayers as they mourn the loss of Charmaine. Welcome Pastor Lois Buchholz!

ST. PAUL'S WOMEN'S GUILD

At our September meeting, we discussed the Guild's cookie sale at the church brat fry. The cookie sale with "free will offering" this year was not as successful as previous years, but probably due to fewer people attending. Ideas to increase attendance and member participation followed. Cookie sales totaled \$192.

The Guild will make a donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Charmaine and Dick N. We established a policy for the future of memorial donations when church members pass away.

St. Teresa of Calcutta will host a blood drive on Thursday, October 16, from 1:30 to 7:00 P.M.

Our next meeting will be held on October 16 at noon. Any and all church women are invited. Bring a bag lunch and Alice will furnish dessert.



THE ST. PAUL'S STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

The St. Paul's fall Stewardship Campaign is now underway. We are asking for our members' help by making a formal pledge to support our church in 2026. Your pledges help the Church Council prepare the budget for next year.

Soon members who use email will receive a Stewardship Campaign letter via email. For those members who do not use email, we will send the Stewardship Campaign letter by mail.

We will offer our pledges to the church for blessing on Sunday, November 9, 2025.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Your Stewardship Committee
Vicki and Eugene Dost
Connie Johnson

Stewardship
2025

LOOKING AHEAD

October 12th will be a service of Blessing of the Animals. We will hold it in the upper parking lot, so bring a chair to sit in. If the weather does not cooperate, we may have to hold it indoors. All pets are welcome...invite your friends or neighbors as well. IF you have a pet mouse or rat, Pastor Bonnie will give you a written blessing to read in the safety and comfort of your own home. Snakes are probably okay.



November 2nd will be the celebration of St. Paul's 185th Anniversary and the Women's Guild's 110th! God is Still Speaking and We Are Still Here! Rev. Rachel Baumann, our Associate Conference Minister, will be joining us and providing the meditation. A good old-fashioned potluck will follow service!



October	GREETERS	LITURGIST
5	Bill & LouAnn E.	Kay O'Keane
12	Roy & Carol K.	Cindy Cain
19	**NEEDED**	Steve Manuell
26	Judy N. & **	Alice Manuell

St. Paul's United Church of Christ
Church Council Meeting Minutes July 21, 2025

The Church Council Meeting came to order at 6 p.m. Those in attendance were Pastor Bonnie, Cindy Cain, Kay O'Keane, Debbie Schlafer, Fred Dieball, Connie Johnson, Vicki Dost, and Curt Hultstrum (guest).

Creation Care-Kurt- The Prayer Garden benches need repair and obtained a quote for \$335.00 per bench. Repairs would be made with recycled plastic lumber. Pastor Bonnie would like to use the Prayer Garden for outside events. Council approved motion to check with Luann regarding possible use of Memorial fund of \$1500 dedicated to Jim Branchford. Thank you, Curt.

The June Council Meeting Minutes were approved. The June Financial report was reviewed and approved. Connie discussed whether we should move some money to a CD to get FDIC for all funds. Also, QuickBooks fee is increasing to \$70/month. Bonnie has name of two software programs for non-profits for \$129/year or online \$199/yr. One program is Realm. We will need to decide by October.

Pastor's Report: Correction made to May minutes (see attached). The Church Mission Statement is not required to be in our constitution or bylaws. Will work on this in August. The Fellowship Committee is not a formal committee. We will announce activities in church. Coffee with Bonnie and Bible study may possibly be held at Marilyn Dieball's or Polly Edgar's. Vacation request approved by council for October 18-25.

New Directory-Cindy- New directory is almost ready to be sent to company for first copy, then to printing. Hopefully it will be completed by October.

Liaison Reports- Building and Grounds-Fred- Jack is waiting for final quote for door replacement. Christian Ed.-Debbie- on summer vacation. Guild- Vicki- Good attendance and meal at Fireside. Technology-Cindy- no report. Mission- Kay- Collection of school supplies to start soon. Music- Vicki- no report. 185th Anniversary- Kay- Planning to have church float in Richfield Days parade August 24. Guild offered to help with potluck. Carrie H., Kim K., and Mark K. offered to help too. Brat Fry 9/14- Vicki- Plans going well. Eugene will have sign-up sheet soon.

Liability Insurance update- Cindy- John Duwell contacted our insurance company. Our liability covers anyone who is on the church property. A huge THANK YOU to Cindy for her time as Council President and for everything else she does for us!!!!!!

THANK YOU to Kay for taking over as Council President in the interim. Discussion occurred within the council about potential council members to replace Cindy. Kay will check with those named to see if they are interested.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. Our next meeting is August 25, 2025.

St. Paul's United Church of Christ
Church Council Meeting Minutes August 25, 2025

The Church Council Meeting came to order at 6 p.m. Those in attendance were Pastor Bonnie, Kay O'Keane, Connie Johnson, Debbie Schlafer, Curt Hultstrum, and Vicki Dost (Fred Dieball absent). Pastor Bonnie led opening prayer and prayers for Charmaine Duehring.

The July Council Meeting minutes were approved. The July Financial report was reviewed and approved. Connie suggested that we use QuickBooks until the beginning of the year. Also, discussed moving some money to another fund so that it is all FDIC insured. Connie will follow up with John Duwell and Brett Miller for suggestions and will check with conference for resources.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Bonnie will be on vacation 8/30-9/06. Sheila will be giving the Sunday service. Contacted media regarding our Vintage Car Sunday, Brat Fry, Blessing of Animals, and 185th Celebration. Pastor Bonnie participated in the Richfield Day Parade and handed out church flyers. It was a lot of fun. Misty S. and Truett walked with the float. Thank you to Kay for the signs and to Jack and all for work on the float. Wanda is currently on vacation.

Liaison Reports- Door replacement- Jack has a call into Lurie Glass. New Directory- Vicki- Draft sent to company. They will print and send copy back for approval. 185th Anniversary- Kay- Planning going well. Brat Fry- Debbie- Tickets are selling and the volunteer sign-up is quite full. Chrisitan Ed- Debbie and Jodi are meeting this week. Sunday school will start 9/7. Looking for helpers for Sunday School. Guild- Vicki- Volunteered to do the potluck for the 185th Anniversary. Creation Care- Curt- Benches are complete with PVC boards. They look great! Received most of the money from the Memorial Fund. Curt and Karrie generously paid for the difference. Thank you, Curt and Karrie! Technology- Vicki- All going okay. Music- Vicki- No news. Looking for more choir members. Fellowship- Debbie- Planning a puzzle contest in the winter. Mission- Kay- School supplies collected.

Curt has agreed to join the council. The council voted for Kay to be president, and she accepted. Kay will check with Fred and see if will agree to be vice president. Thank you all for your commitment to our church council!!!

Regarding Amazon deliveries to church: Pastor Bonnie requested that deliveries be left at the Rooster door. If you would order anything to be delivered to church, please request the same. Please only have deliveries at church when necessary.

Stewardship will start planning campaign next month.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. Our next meeting is September 22, 2025.



October 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bernice D. Marvin & Kathy	2	3 Mason W.	4
5 9:30 Worship	6	7 Seniors	8	9 Jacob S.	10	11
12 9:30 Worship Neil & Debra W. Anniversary	13	14 Council Budget Meeting	15	16 Women's Guild 12 Noon Blood Drive St. Teresa of Cal- cutta North Lake 1:30-7:00 Carl R.	17	18
19 9:30 Worship Neil W. Mike & Shirley J. Anniversary	20	21 Haleigh Y.	22 Chapel Bells items due to Donna	23 Cherri J.	24	25 Jean S. Obie & Anna O. Anniversary
26 9:30 Worship	27	28	29	30	31 Lewe J.	