



Chapel Bells

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



262-628-2319

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A recent paraphrase of a 15th century German carol comes in the voice of Mary in the first stanza, Joseph in the second, and quotes the angel choir in the third:

"Gentle Joseph, Joseph dear, stay with me, for the baby's near;

*God will surely your goodness hear,
as you will love this newborn child," says Mary.*

"Gladly, Mary, Mary mine, I will cradle the child divine;

*Here will heaven and earth combine,
for you will bear God's child, O dearest Mary."*

"Peace to all and God's good-will," heaven and earth with this song will fill;

*Soon will God, in the evening still,
be born in Bethlehem, the child of Mary.*

As we approach Christmas this year, I am reminded that our best words to go with it are words set to music. The doctrine of the incarnation is taught best in song. Advent and its songs lead us to the Bethlehem manger on Christmas Eve, where we lift our candles and sing, *Silent Night, Holy Night, all is calm, all is bright...*

Christmas Eve is Saturday this year, which means Christmas morning is a Sunday, and likely a quiet one in many churches. But we will follow this schedule:

Christmas Eve services of lessons and carols at 5 & 11 p.m., and a typical Lord's Day service of the Word on Christmas morning at 9:30.

The children's pageant will be Sunday morning, December 18.

The Lutheran A Cappella Choir in which I sing has concerts on Friday evening, Dec. 9 in

Delafield and Sunday afternoon, December 11 in Wauwatosa. See me for tickets. May your Advent and Christmas be most blessed as we join the angel chorus: *Peace to all and God's good-will!*

P.S. I will not keep office hours at church during the week after Christmas, but I will check phone messages. You also have my home phone 262.623.6106 listed in this newsletter and on the cover of every Sunday bulletin.

Lessons for Advent and Christmas:

2nd Sunday of Advent, Dec. 4

Isaiah 40:1-11(Comfort, comfort, ye my people); Mark 1:1-8

3rd Sunday of Advent, Dec. 11

Isaiah 61:1-11; Luke 1:46-55 (Mary's Song "Magnificat")

4th Sunday of Advent, Dec. 18

Children's Pageant

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24

Luke 2:1-20 (In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus)

Christmas Day, Dec. 25

John 1:1-14 (The light shines in the darkness)



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Monday-Thursday's 9-12
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From the Women's Guild

St. Paul's 21st annual
**CHRISTMAS COOKIE
WALK is Saturday, December
3, from 9 AM until sold-out!**



All St. Paul's members and friends are asked to bake at least five dozen cookies for this popular event. If you can bake more, we can sell more! The more Christmasy and festive the cookies, the faster they fly off the tables. Sales begin with a rush at 9 AM and continue at a slower pace until the cookies are sold. Help is needed at the sale—especially from 8:30 through the rush (approx. 10:30 AM). Please add your name to the sign-up sheet if you can help for several hours.

Guild members will be at church setting up and accepting cookies on Friday, December 2, from 10:30 until 4:30, and we ask that cookies be delivered then. If that time doesn't work for you, please call Carol and she will arrange to meet you at the church, or call a Guild officer (Carol Kaisler 628-0656; Bernice Dieball 538-1519; Lois Winker 628-1036) and deliver your cookies to their house later December 2 or before 8 AM on December 3.

Please plan to support this fundraiser by shopping for cookies and by inviting your family, friends and neighbors to shop. Info flyers are available on the greeter's stand.

The December 15 Guild meeting is cancelled because.....on Thursday, December 8, St. Paul's Guild is hosting a Christmas party for area church guilds. All St. Paul's women are invited. Lunch will be served at noon. Entertainment will be provided by Horicon's Helen and Millie. If you plan to attend, please contact a Guild member by December 1.



Book Title: THE EXILE OF
SARA STEVENSON

Author: Darci Hannah

Meeting Date: Thursday,
January 19

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: Bernie's Home, 1038 N. Oconobanks Dr.,
628-4669

Welcome to our newest members. Please add their info to your directory:
Cindy Cain- N71 W24863 Good Hope Rd Sussex,
WI 53089
Shelley Gifford - 4995 Romans Way Colgate, WI
53017-414-333-5767-sjogifford@gmail.com

And the Chili Dinner numbers are in:

Chili, ham, soda sales and cash	
donations	\$1,552.25
Candy sales	\$307.85
Expenses:	\$165.53
Profit of	<u>\$1,694.57</u>

Thank you to all for your donation of time and food and for attending the chili dinner. Special thanks to Marilyn Dieball, for her hours and hours of time spent preparing for and making the chili.

Stewardship News

Thanks to all who returned a pledge card for 2012.

There are 40 in so far, totaling nearly \$60,000.

Last year we had 55 pledges when all was said and done, for about \$77,000.

Please let us know if you need another pledge card.

~ St Paul's Stewardship Committee



Secret Pal

It's almost time to reveal who your Secret Pal is. We will have a potluck lunch on Sunday, December 4th, around 12:00 Each lady is asked to bring a dish to share, the beverage will be provided. Remember, please do not spend more than \$10 on a gift. If you cannot attend, please drop off your gift at church before December 4th, so that no one is left out, and let Bernice Dieball 262-538-1519, know if you want to be included in 2011 Secret Pal Club so she can put your name in the hat.

To all of you ladies that do not belong to the club, please join us on the 4th. It is a fun thing to do. You simply enter your name along with your birthday and anniversary and then draw a name. During the year you send that person a birthday card, anniversary card or whatever cards you would like. Some people give little gifts for different occasions, but that is not necessary. In December we all get together and exchange gifts and find out who our Secret Pal is. I hope to see some new faces this year. Bernice Dieball



Sunday School

If you would like your child to participate in the Christmas Program, please come to the rehearsals listed below. If you have questions, please contact Kim Weber at 262-628-8104

Important Dates

- Dec. 4th Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 9:00 AM
- Dec. 11th Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 9:00 AM
- Dec. 17th (Saturday) Pageant Rehearsal 9 -11 AM
- Dec. 18th Christmas Pageant Program 9:30 AM

From the Endowment Committee

Attached is a thank you note from Land of the Sky UCC, the start up church in Ashville, NC.

Dear John and brothers and sisters in Christ at St Paul's,
We are so grateful for your generous gift to Land of the Sky UCC. Each year we step out in faith and God's hand provides. This year we have consistently increased our members in worship; and nearly doubled our giving so we are faithfully working towards our own sustainability. Where we are today wouldn't be possible without gifts like yours. Thank you so much. We will send you updates that demonstrate the fruits of this investment as we move forward.

It was wonderful to hear about how you all have gone "green". What an awesome act of stewardship. May all God's grace and peace be with you as we all move forward as the body of Christ.

In gratitude,
Sara Wilcox and the members and friends at Land of The Sky UCC



Greeters for December:

- 4th – Dick & Judy Nell
- 11th – Michelle & Gary Brushaber
- 18th – Steve & Alice Manuell
- 24th – Volunteers Needed

25th – Volunteers Needed

C&C Hosts for December:

- 4th - Eugene & Vicki Dost
- 11th - Inez Grade & Bernie Chase
- 18th – Sunday School Families
- 25th – Nothing Needed – Merry Christmas!



Simple Fare to Share –
From Betty Zimpelman

PEANUT CRUNCH CAKE

- 1 pkg. yellow cake mix
- 1 cup creamy or chunky peanut butter
- ½ cup packed brown sugar
- 1 cup cold water
- 3 eggs
- ¼ cup vegetable oil
- 1 bag of semi-sweet chips (milk chocolate & peanut butter mixed)

Beat cake mix, peanut butter & brown sugar together
Set aside ½ cup
Then add water, eggs & oil to remaining mixture
Stir in ½ of the chips
Pour into a greased 9x13 pan
Sprinkle with reserved cake mix & remaining chips

Bake at 325 for 45-60 minutes (test center of cake with knife . If it comes out clean, it's done)

(While cooling, the center of the cake will fall)

Birth of Jesus – unscramble the words

- (1) gaeilbr
- (2) vsode
- (3) sneaiwm
- (4) vriign
- (5) pneerartc
- (6) sseuj
- (7) hteemelhb
- (8) aieliegl
- (9) nepekerin
- (10) nearmg



St. Paul's UCC – Erin Greeters for 2012

January

*1st – Bill & LouAnn Evert
8th – Dawn & Larry Raether
15th – Janene Kluever & Kathy Schlafer
22nd – Lee & Sheila Anderson
29th – Carol & Roy Kaisler

February

*5th – Jack & Charmaine Duehring
12th – Scott & Zachary Hahn
19th – Vern & Shirley Guetzke
26th – Dick Ahrens & Judy Nell

March

*4th – Dick & Judy Nell
11th – Sharon & Allan Schlafer
18th – Vicky & Jerry Lubbert
25th – Tom & Mary Guetzke

April

*1st – Jim & Jacquie Branchford
8th – Easter Volunteers
15th – Dave & Betty Zimpelman
22nd – Chris & Karli Mertins
29th – Kevin & Jodi Staus

May

*6th – Fred & Wanda Dieball
13th – Eugene & Vicky Dost
20th – Barb & Norb Brehmer
27th – Polly & John Edgar

June

*3rd – Jason & Becky Duehring
10th – Isabel Horn & Cindy Cain
17th – Kim & Todd Weber
24th – Brett & Sue Miller

Confirmands should fill in for Sunday
School Teachers

*indicates Communion Servers

If you cannot greet on your assigned Sunday, please switch with someone and let Bernice Dieball know who you switched with by the Wednesday before at 262-538-1519 or beafarmin@gmail.com. There is an "instruction sheet" posted on the bulletin board if you have questions regarding the greeters duties.

July

*1st – Jeff & April Truman
8th – Donna & Katelyn Runte
15th – Joe & Angie Keckeisen
22nd – Rick & Chelsea Dieball
29th – Ron & Diane Smith

August

*5th – Connie & Bryce Johnson
12th – Debbie & Jennie Harvey
19th – Brett & Brady Miller
26th – Mark & Debbie Gettelman

September

*2nd – Jane Herte & Jacquie Branchford
9th – Jim & Leslie Purtell
16th – Todd & Jessica Hoffmann
23rd – Brenda Klemmer & Shirley Janichek
30th – Fred & Bernice Dieball

October

*7th – Bonnie Hanrahan & LouAnn Evert
14th – Jim & Juana Swanson
21st – Bill & Bernie Chase
28th – Barbi Goldsmith & Kyle Harmon

November

*4th – Dan & Joyce O'Keane
11th – Lewe & Sharon Jossart
18th – Scott & Jodi Hahn
25th – Chris & Rick Mertins

December

*2nd – Dick & Judy Nell
9th – Betty Pellman & Marilyn Dieball
Or Shelley Gifford & Cindy Helt
16th – Gary & Samantha Brushaber
23rd – Alice & Steve Manuell
24th – Christmas Eve Volunteers
30th – Dick Ahrens & Judy Nell



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pastor John's Office Monday-Thursday's 9-12 Office Phone is 262-628-2319 Home Phone is 262-623-6106 Email: cjhelt@yahoo.com www.StPaulsErin.org	Hours are: 9-12 262-628-2319 262-623-6106 cjhelt@yahoo.com www.StPaulsErin.org			1 Gunner Keckeisen	2 Cookie Drop off 10:30-4:30	3 Cookie Walk 9 AM
4 Pageant Practice 9 AM Worship 9:30 Secret Pals 12 Noon	5 Pastor John	6 Seniors 10:30 Cards 11:45 lunch Bingo following lunch Dartball @ K.M.U.P.	7	8 Guild Christmas Party 12 Noon	9 Barb Brehmer	10
11 Pageant Practice 9 AM Worship 9:30	12	13 Dartball vs Church of Resurrection	14	15 Larry Raether	16 Dawn & Larry Raether	17 Children's Christmas Pageant Practice 9-11 AM
18 Children's Christmas Pageant 9:30 AM Emmalyn Smith	19	20	21 Chapel Bells Items due	22 Connie & Erik Johnson	23 	24 Christmas Eve Services 5 & 11 PM
25 Worship 9:30 AM Mike Janichek Marvin Schlafer	26 	27 Charles Kluever Jr	28 Jim & Jacquie Branchford	29	30 Jodi Staus PJ & Cindy Helt	31