

Chapel Bells

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



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The Lenten Journey

Ash Wednesday is Feb. 22. It marks the beginning of a forty-day period of spiritual preparation for Easter, the day of resurrection. For the six Wednesdays before Holy Week, we will gather at the church for a series based on the 2011 book by Martin Thielen, *What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian? : A Guide to What Matters Most*. You do not have to read the book in order to gain something from these gatherings, which will be more of a learning experience than the typical devotional Lenten series. (But you are welcome to read the book. Let me know if you need help in acquiring a copy.) We will gather in the church basement at 7 p.m., rather than the sanctuary. Among the things Christians don't need to believe are: "God causes cancer, car wrecks and other catastrophes," "Good Christians don't doubt," and "It's OK for Christians to be judgmental and obnoxious." We will do a selective romp through the ten things author Thielen says we don't and do need to believe to be a Christian. It should be a Lent to enjoy and remember! See you on one or more of those Wednesday evenings, beginning the 22nd.

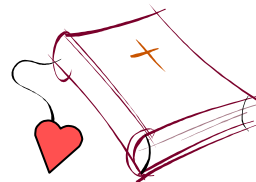
Our sympathy to the family of Shirley Guetzke who died Sunday, January 15. "Blessed are they that mourn," Jesus said in the Beatitudes, "for they shall be comforted." Vern and Shirley's family appreciate the ways the St Paul's family reached out to her and kept her in prayer and expressed their love and concern during her brief illness.

The annual meeting of the congregation is after worship on Sunday, Feb. 5. You may get an e-version of the annual report by sending an e-mail to Donna Runte (kdrunte@nconnect.net). Please read the report carefully and come to the meeting.



Mission Stuff

Red food is the "sweet" thing to bring for the food pantries from now until February 12th. Really, any color will do but we, the mission committee has a theme (you know how we love themes). The red food will be stack creatively and displayed up front. Valentine's Day will soon be upon us. Speaking of Valentine's Day on Feb. 12th please join together after church to sign valentines to be sent to someone (John will figure out who) in a nursing home who would otherwise probably not receive any. The cards will be provided and all you need to do is write a kind thought and your name. Let's make someone smile!!! Thanks, your Mission Committee



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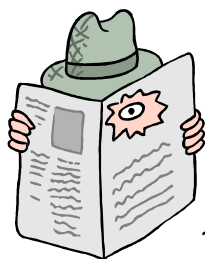
St. Valentine

From the Guild



At our January 19 meeting, members chose new carpet for the basement. It is now ordered and installation will be planned for March or April. We also discussed pre-made wooden pole wraps for the five metal support posts. We will decide on which type will look the best with our new carpet and be most serviceable for our location. Hopefully, installation can be done by creative craftsmen from within our midst.

The next Guild meeting is on Thursday, February 16. All church women are invited and encouraged to join us for a noon potluck and our meeting which will be devoted to cleaning our storage areas and the refrigerators.



Spy News – We had a brief planning meeting on January 15th and came up with the following for 2012. We plan on going tubing on February 12th, (let the Runte's know if you are interested in going) possibly helping with Special Olympics in March, helping with the Easter Breakfast in April, doing another bike ride on May 20th, another canoe trip on June 30th and attending the National UCC Youth Event July 10th thru the 13th. We would love more ideas from others of possible service projects and things we can do as a group.

Our youth benefit from the sale of aluminum cans. Bring yours (crushed) to church. There is a special place behind the pastor's study, outside by the water spigot on the west wall. If you have a collection at home that you would like picked up, please call the church and leave a message.

Book Title: *House Rules*

Author: Jodi Picoult

Meeting Date: Thursday, February 23

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: Jacquie's Home, 927 N. Oconobanks Dr. (628-9601)

Greeters for February:

- February 5th – Jack & Charmaine Duehring
– Also serving communion
- February 12th – The Hahn Family
- February 19th – Vern Guetzke
- February 26th – Dick Ahrens & Judy Nell

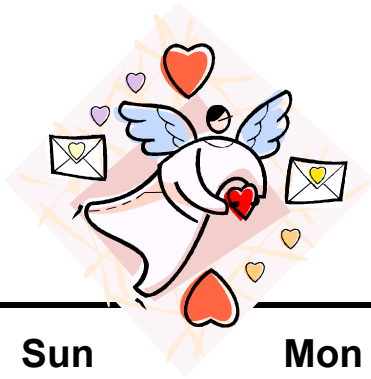
Coffee & Conversation Hosts for February:

- February 5th – ****NEEDED****
- February 12th – Ty & Donna Runte
- February 19th – ****NEEDED****
- February 26th – ****NEEDED****

Children's Church Leaders:

- February 5th - Rebecca Kluever
- February 12th - Jeff / April Truman
- February 19th - Rick Dieball
- February 26th - Brady Miller

St. Paul's UCC – Erin
Annual Meeting
February 5, 2012
Following Morning Worship
Annual Reports are available for review both
hard copy and e-version. Contact Donna Runte



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Ed Staus	3	4
5 9 AM Sunday School 9:30 Worship Annual Meeting	6	7 Seniors 11:30 Cards 12:30 Bingo Anna Kluever	8	9 Dorothy Przybylski Jamison Duehring	10	11 Rick Dieball
12 9 AM Sunday School 9:30 Worship S.P.Y. Tubing 1 PM	13 Verona Janichek	14	15	16 Guild Meeting 12 Noon Jacquie Branchford	17	18 John Edgar Danny Harvey
19 9 AM Sunday School 9:30 Worship	20 Chapel Bells Items Due	21	22 Ash Wednesday Service 7PM Bonnie Hanrahan	23 Book Club 6PM @ Jacquie's Dave Przybylski	24 Bill & Bernie Chase's Anniversary	25
26 9 AM Sunday School 9:30 Worship	27 Wanda Dieball Jack Duehring	28	29		Pastor John's Office Hours are: Monday-Thursday's 9-12 Office Phone is 262-628-2319 Home Phone is 262-623-6106 Email: cjhelt@yahoo.com www.StPaulsErin.org	