



Chapel Bells

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



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May, 2011

~ pj *

(* pastor jive, preacher junk, parson jotting, pestering jazz...?)

Grace and peace to you, sisters and brothers in Christ, in this season of Eastertide!

One of the ongoing blessings of the Easter Day of Resurrection is that it is a joyous season taking us to Pentecost, the Festival of the Holy Spirit. For fifty days we explore what it is to live in the light of the resurrection. Beyond Pentecost, every Sunday is "a little Easter" when, in the words of one of my favorite Easter hymns, we sing, "Endless is the victory [Christ] o'er death has won."

You may have noticed a new addition to the list of possible definitions of "pj" above. I am going to pester you now. Nine months ago, I sent out with the Chapel Bells a page for information on making advanced arrangements for death. Seventy-some copies of that newsletter netted a grand total of three conversations in the following weeks about the proposed undertaking (less than a 5% return), so I am doing it again. In this newsletter you will find another copy of the same page you received last July. This time, I hope to have a few more conversations with a few more of you about why it is important to fill it out and return it to me.

I will keep up with this pestering jazz because Christians, of all people, are not superstitious about death and dying, and we ought to be able to look death in the face and join in the taunt of St Paul, "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? ...But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:55,57)

I will keep up with this pestering jazz because I have seen what happens when people have made no plans, expressed no wishes, and surviving loved ones have no guidance in their arrangement-making added to their already great grief and debilitating sense of loss. Taking a look at the enclosed sheet (which is a different

color from the other pages here) and talking with me about it could be a big help when (not "if") the day comes. Let's talk first. I will help you fill it out. Call me. ~ pj

Primary Scripture for the Lord's Day in May
These texts will likely be those emphasized in worship and sermons.
Reading and praying about them will enhance your Sunday experience.

2nd Sunday of Easter, May 1st
Confirmation/New Members
John 20:19-31 *Doubting Thomas sees to believe*

3rd Sunday of Easter, May 8th Mothers' Day
Luke 24:13-35 *Breaking bread at table in Emmaus*

4th Sunday of Easter, May 15th
Acts 2:42-47 *The incredible early church*

5th Sunday of Easter, May 22nd
Acts 7:55-60 *The martyrdom of Stephen*

6th Sunday of Easter, May 29th
Acts 17:22-31 *Paul in Athens*

The Helts will be visiting their daughter, AnnMarie, in Boston the week of Monday, May 23 through Monday, May 30. Pastor Russ Knoth will be our worship leader on Sunday, May 29.



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Church yard clean up days
Saturday April 30 and May 7,
9 to Noon.

There will be work inside and
outside. Come rain or shine.



Confirmation will be
Sunday, May 1. Being
confirmed are Rebecca
Kluever (mentor: Judy
Nell), Brady Miller (mentor:
Becky Duehring) and Karli
Mertins (mentor: Kim
Weber). Also joining the
church that day are new

members Kevin Staus and Jodi Schuppel
(sponsor: Joyce O'Keane), Dave Zimpelman and
Betty Zimpelman (sponsor: Judy Nell).

Thanks to all who contributed to Lenten
mission offerings, benefitting Japan
earthquake relief and mugs for St
Ben's meal program and toiletries
for the Guest House shelter for the
homeless in Milwaukee.



Once again St. Paul's will be staffing
the dining room at St. Andrew's, 3421 W. Lisbon
Ave. This year the date is Sat. JUNE 25th. We
will need 10-12 people to help with set up,
serving and clean up. A car pool from church
will leave at 9:15a.m. (we need to be there at
9:45) and we are generally finished about
1:30p.m.(home by 2:00). We have done this
service for The Gathering for many years and it
is always fun and rewarding. They are always
asking for cookies, homemade or store-bought
and fresh milk. Any donations of these items,
money for milk, will certainly be appreciated. A
sign up sheet will be on the front door. Thanks
for you help, The Mission Committee



Take a Hike!

Some of us hiked up Holy Hill last
May and had lunch at the
Monastery Cafe. If you would like to
do this again, we will shoot for after
worship on Sunday, May 15,
weather permitting. Those who would like to hike
up the hill, through the woods and the stations of
the cross, meet at the lower lot at noon (turn off
167 at Station Way). Otherwise, meet us at the
cafe (upper parking lot, near the basilica) at
12:45 for lunch



*Micheal directing Michael Row Your Boat
Ashore during Children's Time.*

Sunday School News

We had over 15 kids for this years Easter Egg
hunt on Palm Sunday. Thank you to the older
children who helped the kids find the eggs; to
the Johnson boys for stuffing over 300 eggs; to
Millers & CBG Sales for donating the candy and
to those who donated their plastic eggs. We
had so many eggs we ran out of hiding places.

The last Sunday of Sunday School will be May
22nd. Curriculum has been order for the new
year. Please consider being a teacher; helping
with children's church OR being the Sunday
School Superintendent. (See Pastor John for a
list of the superindent duties).



VBS

St. Paul's United Church of Christ
will have Vacation Bible School:
Son Rock Beach Bash, the week
of July 11th-July 15th from 1:00-
3:30 PM. All children ages 4 years
old as of July 1st to children that
completed sixth grade can participate in this fun
filled week of lessons, crafts, snacks, and songs.
Please let Kim know if you are willing to teach.
For more information contact Kim Weber 262-
628-8104.



The July Mission Trip to Nells ranch in
Wyoming will include Rick Dieball,
Bryce Johnson, Katelyn
Runte, Rebecca Kluever,
Brady Miller and Karli Mertins. Chaperones are
Sue Miller, Charmaine Duehring and Pastor
John.



FROM THE GUILD

At April's Guild meeting, we planned Coffee and Conversation for Sunday, May 1, following confirmation and receiving new members during worship service. Plans for Bernice and Fritz's 50th anniversary celebration on May 22 were discussed, and publicity for St. Paul's Summer Social was planned.

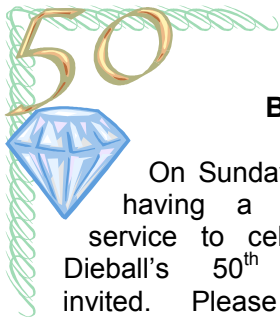
Proposals for kitchen improvements were received. Following receipt of a final proposal, we hope to decide on a plan to propose to the Church Council.

The next Guild meeting will be Thursday, May 19 (third Thursday). Potluck lunch is at noon followed by a meeting and program. All St. Paul's ladies are welcome and encouraged to attend.

ST. PAUL'S SUMMER SOCIAL

Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 12, and enjoy hamburgers, brats, hot dogs, baked beans, and homemade potato salad with all the trimmings from 11:30 A.M. until 5:30 P.M. Be sure to save room for a slice of homemade pie from the large selection available. "Blueberry, please—with ice cream"!

(Please help by encouraging your friends and neighbors to attend this fundraiser)



HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY BERNICE & FRITZ

On Sunday, May 22, the Guild will be having a dinner following worship service to celebrate Fritz and Bernice Dieball's 50th anniversary, and you are invited. Please plan to attend and help celebrate this joyous occasion. A sign-up sheet will be posted so we know how many to plan for. (Their actual anniversary date is May 6)



The Endowment Fund Committee at our meeting, April 17 has decided to extend the UCC Camp Scholarship offerings to not only include "youth" but also to offer scholarship help to those adults or families that wish to attend a UCC Camp and could not otherwise be able to afford to do so. Those interested in any UCC Camp offering, please contact Pastor John or any EFC member, soon! Brochures are available at Church. Thanks! Diane, Kyle, Polly, Sharon & Steve

A Note from Church Council

Some of you probably have been hearing about project that we've been looking into for photovoltaic energy, commonly know as Solar Power. A few months ago the Church was made aware of an opportunity to look into St Paul's going Green with a solar project. Arch Electric who specializes in working with non-profit entities presented it to us. There are grants available though various places including WeEnergy that would provide money for a project that could be tailored to St Paul's and maybe allow us to produce enough electricity to satisfy our electrical needs and possibly sell some back to the electric company and it could pay for itself in a period of time.

So far the only thing we've done is let them come and do a site assessment and develop a plan for St Paul's. We have allowed them to write for grants on our behalf with only the promise that IF we go ahead with a project like this we would have them build it. We are not obligated to accept the grants and go with this project.

I believe we are doing what we as a Council should do and explore any possibilities that could benefit the Congregation. This is a long process and these are just the first steps. We cannot and will not commit to anything until such time as we think there is a benefit to St Paul's and then present the findings to the Congregation for approval and the final go ahead.

We will keep updating the Congregation as we go forward. If you have any questions feel free to ask any of us on the Council and we will try to answer them for you. It is still in the early stages and we are learning what would all be entailed in a project like this. ~Gary Brushaber, Council President

Dear Church Members,

Thank for letting me put a jar to make donations toward my tuition, and for supporting the UNO's fundraiser in January. I look forward to sharing my experiences with you when I get back!! Again thank you so much for your love and support!! Emmalyn

**St. Paul's United Church of Christ
Council Meeting Minutes – April 10th, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by President, Gary Brushaber after services on April 11th, 2010. Gary lead the council in prayer.

Present: Scott Hahn, Pastor John, Dick Ahrens, Kay Jensen, Gary Brushaber, Brett Miller,
Absent: Todd Weber, Fred Dieball

Pastor's Report: Things are going well. Four new members will be joining the church with the confirmands.

Minutes: The March 13th minutes were reviewed and approved.

Financial reports: March financials not available in hard copy.

Old Business:

Parking Lot: Pastor John will reach out to the cemetery committee to discuss opportunities with expanding parking and problems with the cemetery's access road. Gary will reach out to the building and grounds committee for their involvement.

Financial Audit: Brett will contact Jeff Truman and discuss next steps for the audit. The council discuss the auditing of the loose change and the risk of only one individual responsible for the accounting. Pastor John will seek suggestions from Larry Raether.

Solar Panel Project: Brett provided Arch Electric a letter of intent for St. Paul's to move forward with the creation of the WE Grants. Arch has signed the letter of intent. The Endowment committee will discuss, at their next meeting, any financing opportunities. Pastor John will reach out to the cemetery committee for their support.

News Business:

Spring Clean Up: Spring clean up April 30th and the May 7th at 9:00. The plan is work both inside and outside the church.

Other Business:

Next meeting – May 8th after church.



Greeters for May:

May 1st – Jacque & Jim Branchford
May 8th - Vern & Tim Guetzke
May 15th – Barb & Norb Brehmer
May 22nd – Jerry & Jake Lubbert
May 29^h – Lois Winkler & Isabel Horn

Coffee & Conversation Hosts for May:

May 1 -Confirmation & New Member cake
May 8 - Guild,
May 15 Vicki & Eugene Dost,
May 22 - 50th Anniversary



**Share Simple Fare
Submitted by Alice Manuell**



**Ham and Egg Bake
One of Alice's Favorite Recipes**

½ cup (1 stick) butter
10 eggs
½ cup flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 dash salt
1 dash pepper
1 cup diced ham (I use turkey ham)
1 can (8 ounces) sliced mushrooms, drained
1 pint (2 cups) small-curd cottage cheese (can be non-fat)
8 ounces cheddar or Monterey Jack cheese, shredded

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
In small saucepan, melt butter over low heat. Set aside.
In large mixing bowl, beat eggs until frothy. Add flour, baking powder, salt and pepper. Beat until blended. Stir in butter, ham, mushrooms and cheese.
Pour into buttered 9" x 13" x 2" baking pan.
Bake at 400 degrees for 15 minutes.
Reduce heat to 350 degrees and bake 25 to 30 minutes longer.
Let stand a few minutes, and then cut to desired size for serving.

Yield: approximately 8 servings.

Source: some newspaper, many years ago!

St Paul's United Church of Christ, Town of Erin, Washington County, WI

Please consider making some plans, not for your sake, but for those who will need to make arrangements when you die. You don't need to fill in every blank, but every piece of information shared now will lighten the burden of those who will mourn your death later. Ask the pastor for help. Don't put it off. Share copies with the church, family members and funeral director. Your survivors will have many difficult decisions to make. Help them while you can.

Full name (please print) _____

Today's date _____ Date of birth _____

At my death, contact my church and this funeral director _____

What to do with my body: Embalm ___ Cremate ___ Give to medical science ___

Cemetery plot or place for ashes _____

Visitation: Funeral Home ___ or Church ___ casket open ___ or closed ___

Elsewhere (specify) _____ No visitation ___

Memorial gifts to: my church ___ other (specify) _____

Service: at my church ___ at funeral home ___ graveside ___

Elsewhere (specify) _____

Body present? Yes/No; if yes, casket open? Yes/No

Specific suggestions for service

Scripture

Hymns and/or other music (vocal/instrumental)

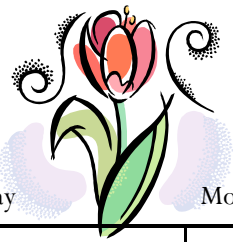
Other

Meal after the service/burial? Yes/No

If Yes, where? (church, hall, home, restaurant, other) _____

Status of will: I have a will and copies are located _____

Name of attorney and/or legal representative _____



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday School 9:15 Worship 9:30 Confirmation Sunday	2	3 Seniors 11:30 Cards 12:30 Bingo Victoria Little	4	5 Gary Brushaber	6 Gary Barber Jerry Lubbert Fritz & Bernice Dieball's & Bill & Lois Winkler's Anniversarv	7 Brady Miller
8 Sunday School 9:15 Worship 9:30 Mother's Day Council Meeting after Worship Gavin Johnson	9	10 Jason Duehring	11 Kathy Schlafer	12 Dick Nell	13 Todd Hoffmann	14
15 Sunday School 9:15 Worship 9:30 Holy Hill Hike Ken & Donna Runte's Anniversarv	16 Bill Winkler	17	18 Chapel Bells Items Due Zach Mertins	19 Guild 12 Noon	20	21 Gary & Sue Barber's Anniversary
22 Sunday School 9:15 - Last Sunday Worship 9:30 50 th Wedding Anniversary Diner Taylor Raether	23	24	25	26	27	28
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