



Chapel Bells

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

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November, 2011

pj from "Little Holy Hill"*

(* pastoral jottings, parson jive, preacher junk, etc.)

First some "old news" from past months. Blessings to Lora Beronja and Josh Engel who were united in marriage at St Paul's on September 24. I failed to put it on September's Chapel Bells calendar and mention it last month. Two mothers of members have been hospitalized recently, and I have visited them: Marv Schlafer's mom, Bernice, and Barb Brehmer's, Dolores Cooper. My mother Margaret went into hospice care last month. Among other things, this enables her to remain at the assisted living facility where she has been for a year and a half. My cousin Ken Helt runs our Iowa farm. His daughter and only child, Laura, was married to Austan Haynes over the Labor Day weekend. I was honored to officiate at the wedding in Griswold, Iowa. Sadly, Laura's cancer has returned, and she will be undergoing more treatments soon. These are among the folks we have been praying for lately.

Last month we enjoyed the return of Voices of Peace (which somehow also did not get promoted in last month's Chapel Bells), and later that same Sunday S.P.Y. did a neighborhood bike ride and cemetery bonfire. Instead of ghost stories this year, we went home to watch the even more scary ending to the Brewers postseason.

Now the news. In this Chapel Bells is an envelope with a special letter from Bernie Chase, Vicki and Eugene Dost and myself. Please read the letter and the other pieces in the envelope and follow the instructions.

There are a few individuals who have expressed interest in joining St Paul's. I hope to begin meeting with them this month. Please talk to me if you are reading this and considering membership.

Finally, one Sunday last month we introduced and dedicated our confirmation class. This is the first time in 35 years that I have had an all-male class:

Devin Peters, Gavin Johnson, Michael Harvey, Micheal Dieball and Tyler Runte. Confirmation day is the first Sunday in May.

Next month we will report on savings we are beginning to see because of our solar panels.

Focus Scriptures for Worship and Sunday School in November:

6th All Saints and Holy Communion Sunday
Matthew 25:1-13 (The ten bridesmaids)

13th Stewardship Sunday
Matthew 25:14-30 (The parable of the talents)

20th Reign of Christ the King Sunday
Matthew 25:31-46 (Sheep and goats at the last judgment)

27th First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 64:1-9; Mark 13:24-37 (The prophets offers words of hope))

Thanksgiving Eve service will be held with Wooded Hills Bible Church on Wednesday, November 23rd at 7pm

Wooded Hills is located between Monches and Elmwood, on the west side of 164.



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Sunday School News

from Kim Weber, Superintendent

We are in full swing with Sunday School. Every Sunday we have a group of children participating in the program. This year we have a different approach to Sunday School. We start our Sunday mornings with Pastor John teaching us a song, and then we have a story time that focuses on the lesson. After the story, the children are divided up into multi-age groups to participate in three different sessions. The morning goes quickly with a variety of activities for the children.



lot. It seems as though the Town of Erin doesn't like the drainage problem and figured it was our fault and as of right now no one seems to know what to do about it. We will have another meeting with the Town on December 8th. Jason Duehring has been lending us his engineering knowledge and hopefully can shed some light on this project. Thanks to Jason , P J, Fritz and Vern for helping out too. More to come...

Gary Brushaber, Council President

PPRC Suggestion Box

You may have noticed a small wooden suggestion box at the greeting stand. This has been put there by your Pastor-Parish Relations Committee (PPRC).



As a reminder, the charter of the PPRC is to offer advisory help as well as support for the pastor, and to seek to maintain a healthy relationship between pastor and members of the congregation by facilitating greater understanding of the roles of both pastor and members as together they carry out the mission of the church.

As an advisory helper the PPRC shares ideas, dreams, hopes, expectations and concerns of the congregation with the pastor.

As an advisory supporter PPRC interprets roles, functions and needs of the pastor to the congregation. The PPRC also monitors the pastor's job description, and is responsible for his annual performance review.

We would like to remind all members of our congregation that they can share any suggestions, concerns, ideas, or feedback about any aspect of our church directly with any member of this committee: Fred Dieball, Bernie Chase, Jim Swanson, Jeff Truman

We have provided the suggestion box as another method for you to provide feedback. Feel free to send a message to us in person, or drop it into our suggestion box. Forms will be provided at the box
Thank You!

Mission Committee

Thank you to everyone who has taken the Operation Christmas Child boxes. Please return the filled boxes by Sunday, November 13th.

Important Dates

Nov. 13th Chili Dinner/ No Sunday School
Nov. 27th Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 9:00 AM
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

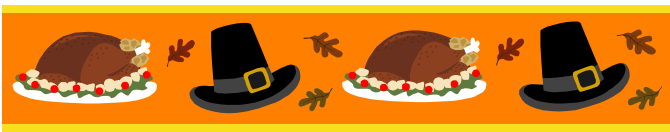
From the Council

I have a couple of things I would like to share with you this time around.

First off is that as most of you are aware, our Solar panels are up and running and best of all...producing clean green energy. We have received one of the two grants. The Focus on Energy Grant is here, WE Energies presented us with a check on Tuesday, October 25.



Secondly, I'm sure most of you have noticed that the driveway has not been started or anything yet and won't be most likely until spring. The hole will be patched for now on the driveway to the upper



From the Guild

At the October Guild meeting we scheduled a Christmas party for Thursday, December 8. Neighboring church Guilds will be invited for lunch, followed by a Christmas musical program presented by "Helen & Millie," two musicians from Horicon. All St. Paul's women are invited to join us. Please let a Guild member know by December 1 if you plan to attend.

We also baked snow-topped chocolate mint cookies and Christmas casserole cookies, filling two cookie jars for the Habitat for Humanity Baker's Dozen fund raiser. We began researching replacement of the carpet in the church basement and are requesting several quotes. Money raised at the Soup and Bread Lunch and Bake Sale as well as the Cookie Walk will help fund this project.

The next Guild event is the Christmas Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 3. Sign-up sheets will be distributed asking everyone to bake cookies for this event. For cookie ideas you can pick up a free WE Energy Cookie Book on Tuesday, November 15, from noon to 4 PM, at W140 N9100 Lilly Rd. in Menomonee Falls, or visit www.we-energies.com/recipes and www.northpole.com/Kitchen/Cookbook/MissingRecipe.asp.

Guild meetings are on the third Thursday of the month (next one is November 17) with a potluck lunch at noon and meeting to follow. All St. Paul's women are welcome and invited to join us.

Endowment Fund Committee News

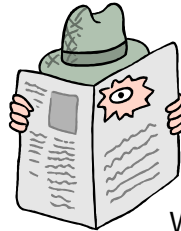
For your information, at the request of Pastor John, the EFC voted to extend a grant of \$500.00 to assist financially, a struggling new startup UCC congregation in Ashville, NC. While the National UCC Association does assist in the original formation, financial help from that source dwindles rapidly. Land of the Sky United Church of Christ is being shepherded toward success by Pastor Sara Wilcox. We wish them well.

Sincerely, Your EFC – Diane, Kyle, Polly, Sharon & Steve



CHILI DINNER

The Chili Dinner will be held Sunday, November 13th. Please watch for your yellow card asking for a donation to help offset the cost. Money raised through the Chili Dinner goes directly back to the church for improvements needed. Please donate, both your goods and time. There is a sign up sheet posted in the church for the help that is needed. Thank you for supporting your church.



SPY – The St. Paul's Youth will once again be preparing meals for the elderly in our church. All Youth members are asked to bring a prepared dinner that can be easily divided into 1-2 person servings.

We will be distributing these at church on Sunday, November 6th. Watch for emails asking what you would like to bring so that we have a variety of dinners. This was a big hit when we did it last. Please plan on bringing a dish on the 6th and helping distribute them.

Also – SPY members be sure to sign up to help at the Chili Dinner on the 13th.

Greeters for November:

November 6th – Jodi & Scott Hahn (Also serving communion)
November 13th – Allan & Sharon Schalter
November 20th – Judy Nell & Dick Ahrens
November 27th – Polly & John Edgar

Coffee and Conversation Hosts for November:

November 6th – Kathy Schlafer
November 13th – Chili Dinner
November 20th – Judy Nell
November 27th – **NEEDED**

Children's Church Leaders:

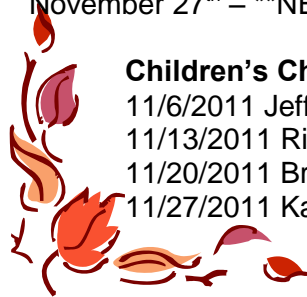
11/6/2011 Jeff / April Truman
11/13/2011 Rick Dieball
11/20/2011 Brady Miller
11/27/2011 Katelyn Runte

Directory Update:

Beulah Timm
c/o Donald Striegel
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Maple Grove, MN 55311



Bernice Dieball's new email address:
beafarmin@gmail.com



Thank you from the Voices of Peace

P. John,
Don, Elaine, Carolyn & I each want to thank St. Paul's for a wonderful time in worship, again your congregation was/is warm & alive with kind loving people. Loved hearing the church sing with us...so good to just listen to the voices coming at us. I really think that God treats us with a "taste of heaven" once in a while...Friends, thank you and God Bless You for making The Voices Of Peace feel loved and welcomed at St Paul's, we had told Don & Elaine about how wonderful you all are, and heading home they commented how good it was to be with you's. Thank you for the BIG LUNCH (2 1/2 plates still did not hold all the different food items)...your pot-luck is the BEST! Thank you for the monies, all 100% will be used in the ministry.

Keep praying for The Voices of Peace...

- to complete two C.D.'s projects. 1) Buds guitar instrumental. 2) VOP new project
- Bud & Dons trip to Alaska bringing music to the native people...and radio KJNP in March 2012

God Bless
Bud



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

St. Paul's United Church of Christ Council Meeting Minutes – October 9th, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President, Gary Brushaber on October 9th, 2011. Pastor John led the council in prayer.

Present: Scott Hahn, Pastor John, Gary Brushaber, Kay Jensen, Brett Miller, Dick Ahrens
Guest: Jeff Truman, Jim Branchford, Steve Manuell, Mike Dieball, Michael Harvey

Minutes: The August 25th and September 11th minutes were reviewed and approved.

Financial reports: The council reviewed and approved the endowment funds 3rd quarter reports. The financial reports included transactions from August and September. The financial reports were reviewed and approved.

Pastor's Report: PJ has visited several church members. PJ followed up on Bernie Chase, Eugene & Vicki Dost as potential members of the Stewardship committee.

Old Business:

Parking Lot: Met with road commission last week. The town is requesting the drainage problem on St. Augustine road be fixed, prior to the parking lot repair. The repairs will most likely be delayed until spring. The patch on the bottom of the ramp will be repaired this fall. A town hall meeting will be held on December 8th. Jason Duerhing has assisted the church at the meetings. A subcommittee of Gary, Brett, PJ and Jason will meet with the town.

Financial Audit: Jeff, Brett and Scott will meet to review current balances on the accounts. Tentative date for the meeting is October 30th. Jeff will pull the data. Gary has purchased and donated a safe for safeguarding offerings. We are looking for redundancy for the counting of the offering.

Solar Panel Project: Everything is installed and working. The grant money has not been received yet. The note has been signed by Gary and Scott. The next Wisconsin Energy invoice should start providing savings.

Building Maintenance: The contract for the season snow plowing contract was approved with Strieter Farm Truck Service. The gates have been repaired, but one gate still drops. PJ and Dick will review the gate and finalize the issue. Gary will

contact the building and maintenance committee members to power wash the building.

Insurance Policy: RR Insurance will not bid on the policy and the recommendation from Arch Electric can't compete with the current policy. Brett and PJ will compare United Church Insurance and Church Mutual Insurance policies and price.

Solar Panel Ground Maintenance: Brady Miller has presented his conceptual plans for landscaping around the solar panels to the Scouts for his Eagle Scout project.

New Business:

Budgets Plans – Jeff will draft the 2012 budget for review in November.

Next meeting – November 13th after church.



**Simple Fare to Share –
Shirley Kaul
Hawaiian Christmas
Bread**

Preheat oven to 350

- 1 ½ C Vegetable Oil
- 3 Large Eggs
- 2 C Mashed Ripe Bananas (about 5 medium)
- 1-8 oz. can Crushed Pineapple-Drained
- 2 t. Vanilla
- 3 C Flour
- 2 C Sugar
- 1 t. Baking Soda
- 1 t. Salt
- 1 t. Cinnamon
- 1 C Flaked Coconut
- 1 C Chopped Macadamia Nuts (can use walnuts)

In a large bowl, beat oil and eggs and with electric mixer. Beat in bananas, pineapple and vanilla. Add flour, sugar, baking soda, salt and cinnamon. Stir in coconut and nuts. Pour into 2 greased and floured loaf pans. Bake for 50-55 minutes. Remove from oven and let cool for 10 minutes, remove from pans and cool completely.

The Apostles

Find the name of all the apostles hidden in the puzzle below.

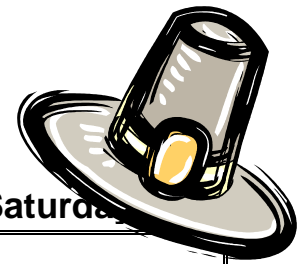
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- Andrew
- Bartholomew
- James
- James Alpheus
- John
- Judas
- Matthew
- Matthias
- Philip
- Simon
- Simon Peter
- Thaddeus
- Thomas

This includes the 12 original apostles and the one selected to take Judas' place.

November 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1 Seniors 11:30 Dartball-Our Saviors @ St. Paul's	2	3 Mark Gettelman	4	5	
6 Sunday School 9 AM Worship 9:30 SPY Meal Making Event	7 Jo Swanson	8 Dartball-St. Paul's @ St. Paul's Oconomowoc	9	10 Cindy Helt	11 Janene Kluever Jerry & Vicki Lubbert's Anniversary	12	
13 Worship 9:30 Chili Dinner 11:30-5:30 Council Meeting	14	15 Dartball-Galilee @ St. Paul's	16 Norb Brehmer	17 Guild Meeting 12 Noon Dick Ahrens Micheal Dieball Evelyn Staus	18 Chapel Bells Due Date Rick Mertins Dan O'Keane	19 Nikki Wenzel	
20 Sunday School 9 AM Worship 9:30 Bernie Chase	21 Angie Keckeisen	22 No Dartball Cody Guetzke	23 Thanksgiving Service Eve Service 7 PM @Wooded Hills	24 Ron & Diane Smith's Anniversary	25	26	
27 Sunday School-Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 9 AM Worship 9:30 Leslie Purtell Horace & Doris Becherer's Anniversary	28 Samantha Brushaber	29 Dartball-Divine Redeemer @ St. Paul's Brock Guetzke	30 Susan Miller				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