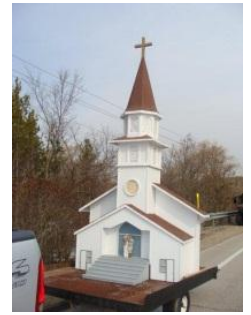




# Chapel Bells

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



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September, 2011

### *pj: Power Up!*

September 2011 is *Power Up!* month at St Paul's, three times over!

We *Power Up!* for Sunday School on September 11<sup>th</sup> (1). The Solar Power system built over the summer will be ready to *Power Up!* before the end of the month, right on schedule (2). And we have an opportunity as a congregation to *Power Up!* with the Blood Center's drive to add ten new donors during a window of opportunity that also begins the week of September 11<sup>th</sup> (3).

*Power Up!* # 1: Sunday School begins again on September 11<sup>th</sup>. We begin with energetic music at 9 a.m., Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>. *Power Up!* (Children's church is held after the kids time in worship.)

*Power Up!* # 2: It has been exciting to watch the solar panels get installed this summer. A 450 foot bore beneath the cemetery, six five-foot deep and four foot in diameter holes for footings up over the hill for i-beam structure to hold the panel array, the solar panels themselves in place, facing the sun.... The transformation of that unused land has been a *Power Up!* experience, and will help pay the bills, reduce our carbon footprint and be a beacon for others to go green for years to come. We will have a dedication ceremony when we are fully operational and online!

### *Power Up!* # 3:

I am a regular blood donor (every other month), and have been for years. My type is B+. What's yours? Blood donation is not for everyone, but all of us may need somebody's blood one day, so I challenge you to *Power Up!* with us (if you are able) and call the Blood Center nearest you. Call 1-877- BE-A-HERO or go to [www.bcw.edu](http://www.bcw.edu), and mention St Paul's Church. All you have to do is remember your appointment, fill out a questionnaire and sit in a comfy chair with your feet up while they tap a vein.

(The whole thing takes me about an hour, but I am a quick bleeder.) Give the gift of life and be one of St Paul's ten new blood donor heroes. This is not an event at our church, but between Sept. 11 and 17, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. you can visit one of the many convenient Blood Center locations, and then wear your arm bandage to church on Sunday as a badge of courage! I'll be looking for your band-aid or bruise. *Power Up!*

*Power Up!* people! Thanks be to God.

### Scriptures for September:

#### Sunday, September 4 (Labor Day Weekend)

Hymn Sing led by Alice Manuel (no communion)

Pastor John is in Omaha, officiating at a family wedding.

#### Sunday, September 11 Power Up! (with Sunday School beginning at 9)

Psalm 139:1-18 *O Lord, you have searched me and known me... Where can I flee from your presence?*

***Special meeting of the congregation immediately after worship to consider expenditure for parking lot repair. (Council will meet after the special meeting.)***

#### Sunday, September 18 (with Sunday School beginning at 9)

Exodus 16:2-15 *Manna in the wilderness*; Philippians 1:21-30 *Live life in a manner worthy of the gospel.*

#### Sunday, September 25 (with Sunday School beginning at 9)

Philippians 2:1-13 *God is at work in you*; Matthew 21:23-32 *The authority of Jesus*

Kim Weber has agreed to serve as our Sunday School Superintendent. If you are willing to help teach (9-9:45) or lead children's church (9:45-10:30), please call Pastor John today 628-2319 or an e-mail at [cjhelt@yahoo.com](mailto:cjhelt@yahoo.com)

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## A Note from the Council

Hello everyone, just wanted to update all of you on a few of things that are happening here at St. Paul's.

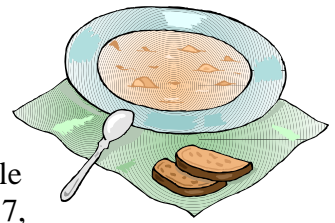
Our Solar project is moving right along. If you've had a chance to go up and look, the array framework is all up and the panels are to be installed very soon. The electric cable was run under the cemetery with no complications, to connect the solar array grid to the Church's electrical system inside the church. The final connections are due by the end of the month, so we are getting very closed to being placed in service.

Pastor John made an announcement on Sunday, Aug.21st, advising of an upcoming Congregational Meeting on Sept.11th. This will be dealing with our driveways and parking lot. I'm sure most of you have noticed the need of repair to our blacktop. we have gotten several estimates regarding repair or replace. The Council will be deciding upon recommendations to the Congregation as to how we think it best to proceed. We are in the process of looking at major repair or replacement or combination of both. I'll warn you ahead of time that any options we've been looking at are not inexpensive. So next time you walk through the parking lots, just look down and see what you think. More on the 11th.

Have a great Labor Day.  
Gary Brushaber  
Council President



## Guild Happenings



St. Paul's Homemade Bread and Soup Lunch and Bake Sale is on Saturday, September 17, from 11 AM to 3 PM. Everyone is asked to furnish bake sale items—sweet or yeast breads, pies, cakes, cookies, or whatever you think shoppers would enjoy. Crafts and produce are also welcome. Everyone is also asked to please attend the lunch/bake sale and invite family, friends and neighbors to do the same. If you are able to help, a sign-up sheet is being circulated and will be posted on the back door of the sanctuary.

Baked items can be dropped off Friday night between 6 PM and 9 PM or on Saturday morning--no later than 10 AM please. We appreciate all the help with this fund raiser—we can't do it without you.

On Thursday, September 15, instead of our regular Guild meeting we will join St. Paul's Mission Committee and volunteers to help the "Feed My Starving Children" project at Brookfield Lutheran Church which distributes nutritional food packs to hungry children throughout the world.

All of St. Paul's church women are invited to Faith United Church of Christ in Slinger on Thursday, September 15, at 7 P.M. Faith is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the evening's topic will be a brief look at how two 1850's churches merged to form Faith UCC, the Richfield Historical Society, and other historical groups' visions. If you care to join us for this evening of fellowship, please call Carol 628-0656 by Friday, September 9.



### **Greeters for September:**

September 4<sup>th</sup> – Jacquie Branchford & Jane Herte  
September 11<sup>th</sup> – Leslie & Jim Purtell  
September 18<sup>th</sup> – Jessica & Todd Hoffmann  
September 25<sup>th</sup> – Brenda Klemmer & Shirley Janichek

### **Coffee & Conversation Hosts for September:**

September 4<sup>th</sup> – Jacquie Branchford  
September 11<sup>th</sup> – NEEDED  
September 18<sup>th</sup> – LouAnn Evert & Carol Kaisler  
September 25<sup>th</sup> - NEEDED



The choir will start to organize in September and we are looking for Choir Members. We have been meeting before church on Sunday mornings, but it is negotiable. All are invited. We have some wonderful singers at St. Paul's.

Please speak with Kay O'Keane or Pastor John if you are interested in singing in the choir.



### Mission Committee News

On Sept. 15th., we are once again going to help with the Feed My Starving Children project at Brookfield Lutheran Church. Our shift is from 1PM to 3PM. We need to be there 15 minutes early and wearing no open toed shoes. We did this last year and found it to be easy and rewarding. This year the food is headed for Haiti, huge need there. There will be a sign up sheet at church on the door or downstairs after church. If you would like to help please sign up right away as I must give back any unfilled spots so that they can fill them. Carpooling will be available for those who want to ride together. Both the Guild and the Church have given us generous monetary donations but hands are also needed.

We wish to thank all of you that donated school supplies. Three food pantries were delighted to get them.

Your, Mission Committee

## St. Paul's United Church of Christ Council Meeting Minutes August 25th, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President, Gary Brushaber on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Pastor John led the council in prayer.

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

**Minutes:** The June 19<sup>th</sup> minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Financial reports:** Jeff Truman will attend the next meeting to review the financials. The committee reviewed and approved the Endowment Fund Committee's Financial report for the second quarter.

**Pastor's Report:** Tabled to next meeting

### Old Business:

**Parking Lot:** We have received proposals back from Wolf's and Precision. Each proposal is broken out by lower lot, driveway to upper lot and the upper lot. Financing would need to be provided through the general fund. A congregational meeting is scheduled for September 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss the parking lot issue.

**Financial Audit:** Tabled until next meeting

**Solar Panel Project:** Bids are out for a umbrella insurance policy. The finance will be provided by the endowment fund. The payments back to the fund will be annually over 30 years at a 4% interest. Payments start once the funding from the grants has been issued.

**Building Maintenance:** Still waiting for estimates on the windows.

**Sunday School Superintendent:** Expecting response from one candidate on August 26<sup>th</sup>.

### New Business:

**Greener St. Paul's** – An audit has been conducted. Pastor John has converted many light bulbs and applied for rebates. An opportunity exists to change the ballast on the lighting in the church.

**Locks and Key holders** – Need to create a list for key holders for the front door. Separate keys exist for the front door, pastor door, and copy room office.

**Insurance update** – 3 bids are out for insurance a general umbrella policy for the church property.

**Next meeting** – September 11<sup>th</sup> after church.



My trip to Australia was amazing! One of the first things we did was go to the Sydney Opera House! Joern Utzon designed the Sydney Opera House in 1957. The shells of the Opera House

have over 1,000,000 self-cleaning tiles on them! In the Opera House they have purple carpet! Joern never got to see the finished Opera House because he was sent back to Denmark in 1966 because of a government dispute. He died of cancer in 2008.

Some of the interesting food they have in Australia is kangaroo and crocodile and we got to try both! Kangaroo tasted like steak. It was a little pink for me, but it didn't taste bloody. The presentation of it was really amazing! The picture I took looked professional. Crocodile tasted like calamari. Kind of oily, but not fishy which is good because I don't like fish!

The Great Barrier Reef is one of the things Australia is known for. We went snorkeling in the reef and it wasn't as beautiful as the movie Nemo shows it. All the colorful coral is down deeper than you can go if you're snorkeling so I just got to see the sick coral. (This is when it is white) I didn't see any fish, but that's because I only snorkeled for like 10 minutes because the water was so cold! It is still winter in Australia. Then I sat on a buoy and talked to my friends for a little bit. Then three of us swam back and we sat on the boat and relaxed. I had a great time at the Great Barrier Reef!

One of the last things we did on the trip was go to a farm, but it wasn't your typical farm! It was more like Camp Minikani. We did this thing called a bushwalk, so we thought we would be walking through bushes and they said there would be a hill, but it was more like climbing a mountain and there weren't a lot of bushes! At the farm I rode a horse for the first time and I got to see the boys throw there boomerangs into a tree and attempt to climb the tree and fail! Riding a horse was really fun! My horse's name was Shy. At the farm I bought my grandpa a kangaroo skin hat. On our last day at the farm we did this thing called bush dancing. (line

dancing) we learned 4 bush dances and they were all really fun! I had an awesome time at the farm!

I had an amazing time in Australia. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity and I learned much more than I could have if I read a book about Australia! Thank you for all the love and support!

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**Share Simple Fare**  
**Submitted by Alice Manuell**

**Praline Brunch Toast**



8 eggs  
1 can evaporated skim milk  
¾ cup plus 1 tablespoon brown sugar, packed  
2 teaspoons vanilla  
8 (¾ – inch – thick) slices sourdough bread  
½ cup butter  
½ cup maple syrup  
¾ cup coarsely chopped pecans

In bowl, thoroughly blend eggs, evaporated skim milk, 1 tablespoon brown sugar and vanilla. Pour half of egg mixture into 13" x 9" baking dish. Place bread slices in mixture, trimming to fit if necessary.

Pour remaining egg mixture over bread. Cover and refrigerate several hours or overnight.

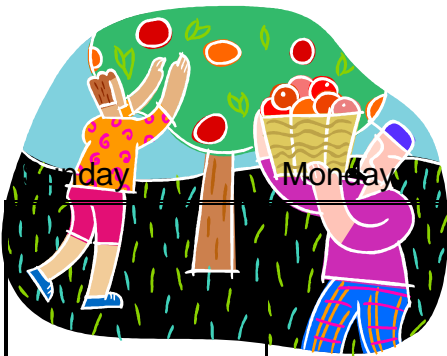
Melt butter in 13" x 9" baking dish. Stir in remaining ¾ cup brown sugar and syrup. Sprinkle with pecans. Carefully place soaked bread slices on nuts. Pour any remaining egg-milk mixture over the bread.

Bake at 350 degrees until puffed and lightly browned, about 30 to 35 minutes.

To serve, invert onto plates and sprinkle with any nuts that remain in baking dish.

Serves 6 to 8.

Source: *Milwaukee Journal – Sentinel* – several years ago.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Sharon Jossart	3 Debbie Harvey
4 9:30 Worship Jim & Jo Swanson's Anniversary	5	6 Seniors 11:30 Cards 12:30 Bingo	7 Todd & Jessica Hoffmann's Anniversary	8 Katelyn Hoffmann	9	10
11 9:00 Sunday School 9:30 Worship Congregational Meeting Barbie Goldsmith & Kyle Harmon's Anniversary Brenda Klemmer Judy Nell	12 Tom & Mary & Rick & Vicky Guetzke's Anniversary	13	14	15 Feed the Hungry Children 1-3 PM	16 Drop off baked items between 6-9 PM	17 Homemade Soup and Bread Lunch 11 AM to 3 PM Dave & Dorothy Przybylski's Anniversary Sharon Schlafer
18 9:00 Sunday School 9:30 Worship	19 Brett & Susan Miller's Anniversary	20 Jim Branchford Connie Johnson Jim Purtell Jason & Becky Duehring's Anniversary	21 Tim & Susan Guetzke's Anniversary Zach Hahn	22	23 Charmaine Duehring Jake Klemmer	24
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