

THE CHIMES

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The Growing Season

*You rule the day and the night,
and you put the moon
and the sun in place.
You made summer and winter
and gave them to the earth.*

Psalm 74:16-17 CEV

After another grueling winter, we have finally made it to warmer weather. I went to the farmer's market for the first time this season and was so happy to see a few tomatoes and some early strawberries. Every year I look forward to the new routines that happen with the change of seasons.

What do you look forward to in summer? Will you have a different schedule? Will the extra light in the morning and evenings reinvigorate you? Will you go away or spend more time with family?

Maybe you can take on some new habits this summer to help you grow closer to God. I am planning to go on more walks and read the books that are piling up on my nightstand.

Consider joining me in a growing season this summer. Individually we can all grow closer to God by taking on a new habit or practice. As a community we can grow closer to one another and to God, too. On Sunday, June 7, we will have an All Church Vision Meeting following worship. Plan on attending to see where God is planting roots and encouraging new growth at St. Paul's.

I'm looking forward to growing together this summer!

Journeying with you,

Pastor Jill



Food Pantry Sunday

We will collect food pantry items on June 7th. Please consider helping those less fortunate by bringing non-perishable items. Thank you.



On May 17th with family and church friends we celebrated Vi Watermann's 100th Birthday. The celebration was held after church so everyone could wish her well. Vi was so happy and so enjoyed her day!



The children will be planting pumpkins on Sunday, May 31st and during the summer months they will take care of tending the garden. Hopefully, many children will be able to come and help.



Little Angels is having a new fundraiser and everyone can help!

It is called "Time for Change" and it is so simple. All you have to do is bring some of that annoying pocket change that is clinking around in your pocket or all that change in the bottom of your purse that is weighing down your purse. Even children can help by adding a few coins. There will be a container on the table right when you walk in the front door. We will be collecting monies through June 14th.

By participating in this small act, we can make a big difference together. Just like the 'J' dollars, we will see how when we all come together something amazing can happen. For, "Great things are done by a series of small things brought together." – Vincent Van Gogh

Please consider participating and helping the residents of Little Angels. They truly appreciate all your support and it helps them receive the love and care they need.



St. Paul's "Dining –to-Donate" Day at Applebee's!

St. Paul's will be having a great fundraising day at Applebee's Restaurant on Randall Road in Elgin on Wednesday, June 17. Applebee's is a family-friendly, casual dining restaurant with a varied menu with something for everyone. Applebee's will donate 10% back to St. Paul's. The "Dining-to-Donate" program is open for the entire day! – from when they open at 11:00 a.m. until they close at 12 midnight. So get ready to ask everyone you know to join us at Applebee's on Wednesday, June 17th. Watch for more information and copies of fliers coming soon!

ALL CHURCH VISIONING

Please join with fellow church members following the June 7th service for a short get-together. We are continuing the process begun in March to identify our communities' needs and consider ways that St. Paul's can help fulfill some of those needs. Everyone's ideas are helpful. The more the merrier, as the saying goes!

A BIG THANK YOU

A huge thank you to Jon and Gay for all the time they have given to preparing music for each Sunday. Through Jon's choir pieces and Gay's preludes and offertories, God speaks to us through music.



The total receipts for the month of February were \$13,929.48. Our spendable income came to \$13,088.48 including our OCWM income of \$175.00. Our charitable income for April was \$15.00 to World Service, \$466.00 to the PADS account and \$360.00 for the Lenten Mission Project.



St. Paul's Ladies Auxiliary held their annual salad luncheon on May 7 at our house on Switzer. Judy Olsen opened with prayer before we started our lunch. We celebrated three birthdays, Eileen Andresen, Sis Gunnell and Jeanette Franks. The birthday song was sung to them. Corrine Eickstaedt read the minutes of the last meeting and read a note from the Elgin Crisis Center thanking us for the paper goods that we collected. The treasurer's report was given by Joy Zweifel. The report is placed on file for audit. Committee reports were given. Several ladies reported on a program on a program at the Centre of Elgin called: 'Who's knocking at your door?' Judy Olsen told us of activities happening in May such as 'May Pole Day', Mother's Day, Memorial Day or Decoration Day and the unofficial beginning of summer. Joy Zweifel made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ruth Volkening. The meeting closed by praying the Lord's Prayer.

Our June 4th meeting will be a birthday party for those 85 and older. The hostesses will be Eileen Andresen, Ariel Bruhn and Helen Selpien

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The Choir - Led by Jon Kobel
Piano Accompanist - Gay Bouwmeester

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>COUNTERS</u>
June 07	Lorrel & Sue Petty	2	Joy Zweifel
14	Barb Kamp & Ruth Volkening	3	JoAnn Pate
21	Bob & Mary Wilms	4	Karen Westerman
28	Judy Reimer & Mary Reel	5	Linda Meglin

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