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The Tidings

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PASTOR'S NOTES

So, I am late to jumping on the TV show *This Is Us* bandwagon. I always meant to watch it, but after I missed so many episodes, I figured I wouldn't know what was going on so why bother. I heard some fantastic things about the show as it bid its farewell this past season. One night when nothing else was on TV, it popped up in the On Demand lineup and I decided to watch. Now I am hooked and almost look forward to rainy Fridays and Saturdays so I can binge watch episodes. I just finished season one!

I promise not to give too much away, but so much in the first season has spoken to me. One episode in particular had a lot to say about the future and opportunities. Kevin, a character who often comes across as self-centered and oblivious to the feelings of those around him (especially his siblings), often does and says the most profound things. After imploding his career in California, he comes back to New York to try his hand at live stage. A series of events interrupts the opening night performance of his play where a New York Times critic was present. Some time passes and the two-person play is set to reopen. He tries to convince the critic to come to opening night again. He believes that this is the only way the play will be a success. After the play is over, as he is taking his bows, Kevin sees the empty seat that was reserved for the critic. He looks devastated until he looks over and his entire family is standing and applauding and cheering for him. He realizes that their love and support is what he really wants. Later that night when he is sleeping the phone rings and the caller says that they are Ron Howard, the director. He's skeptical, but Ron assures him that it is really him. He saw the play and wanted to send a movie script over for Kevin to read. Kevin was so focused on what he thought he needed to get noticed in New York and for his play to be successful, that he didn't even think about the possibility that there was another opportunity waiting.

Aren't we like that too? Fixated or focused on what we think will bring us success or happiness or fulfillment or abundant life. We work so hard to make it so and things beyond our control get in the way. We think all is lost. But there are the Ron Howards out there. Opportunities we never dreamed of or thought possible just might be waiting for us to take notice. Offering us a different future. That is how the Holy Spirit works in our lives. Opening up a new path or a different way. When we are open to the possibilities amazing things can happen. Like Kevin, one we weren't even looking for. What possibilities or opportunities has the Holy Spirit laid before you?

Enjoy this last month of summer. May it bring you rest and relaxation. May you be revived and ready to be the Body of Christ together.

Blessings,

Pastor RaeAnn

Congregational Survey Coming Your Way

Saron members will soon find a survey in your mailbox. As we all know the past couple of years have been life changing, and to help guide Saron Church the Consistory has designed a survey to be filled out by each individual Saron member. The survey will help us gain a better sense of Saron members feeling in regard to faith, service, mission and stewardship. The Consistory will be using these surveys to help guide Saron Church moving forward. We ask that each confirmed member fill out their own survey, the survey was designed to be anonymous so there is no need to sign your name.



The Tie That Binds Worship Series



Just a reminder that communion in August will be served on August 21 to coincide with the end of this worship series. This will be an outdoor service as well, don't forget your lawn chair.



An orientation meeting for **all** parents and students (7th graders and 8th graders)

Wednesday, Aug 17th from 6:00 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Pastor RaeAnn will share her understanding of Confirmation, requirements, and expectations for the coming year.

Weather permitting, we will meet outside.

Please bring lawn chairs.

If the weather does not cooperate, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

If you are unable to attend, please let Pastor RaeAnn know as soon as possible.



Welcome Back Sunday

Sunday, September 11, 2022

Looking for assistance with planning some outdoor games for all ages.

See Pastor RaeAnn if you are willing to help with this.

Also

Watch for upcoming sign-up sheets in the Narthex on the kiosk for food donations and help with setup and take down for the meal following worship.

Sunday School will begin its new year on Welcome Back Sunday at 9:00 a.m. as well.

Treasurer's Update

As of June 30, 2022

First and foremost, the Consistory would like to thank you for your generosity. Without your financial support the mission and ministry of Saron UCC would not be possible. The Consistory would also like to keep you, the congregation, updated on the financial situation at Saron.

The **General Fund** supports the work of the church through salaries, programs, building upkeep, office expenses, utilities, supplies, and of course insurances (the items that are included in our line-item budget).

YTD income \$77,159 YTD expenses \$90,941 **YTD Deficit \$13,783**

As you can see, we are running a deficit in our general fund. Although there is a reserve built up in the general fund, year-to-date \$13,783 of that reserve has been used for expenses. Please prayerfully consider your support of the daily and weekly vital functions of Saron Church

The **Improvement Fund** supports all maintenance of the buildings and property that is not covered under General Fund expenses. Monies in this fund can be carried over from year to year.

YTD income \$21,191 YTD expenditures \$10,282 (including \$9,250 roof)

Total Fund Balance \$89,099 Total Approved Expenditures (Septic & Roof) \$78,156
Unexpended Balance \$10,943

The **Benevolence Fund** supports our OCWM commitment, our SPARE student, other mission opportunities and acts as a pass-through account for the UCC Special Mission Offerings.

YTD income \$14,798

Designated Disbursements:

SPARE (minimum of \$1,250 - \$1,250 designated so far)

OCWM (\$20,500 commitment - \$10,807 designated so far, **\$9,693 deficit**)

Pass Through for Special Offerings and Mission Projects (\$2737 distributed so far)

This update does not include all funds at Saron. An update on these funds is available from the treasurer. If you have any questions about Saron's finances, please contact Treasurer Tracy Beeck or any Consistory member.

Mission News Update

On **Sunday, August 7th**, the group who traveled with the Next Step Ministry who traveled to Knoxville, Tennessee on a mission trip will have a presentation during our worship service. Plan on attending to hear them share their experiences with the congregation.



ALSO

The Fountain Park Methodist Church is having a workday on Saturday, August 13th to finish the houses that were not able to be completed during the mission trip back in June. If you would like to help please call Lisa Radder (920) 980-6887 for details.

Readers For Worship

As we are in the middle of summer, our thoughts are gearing up for the fall. If you are interested in being a reader, please let Kathy in the church office know. We are looking to tweak the format for the reading schedule. Some weeks, there will be a reader needed and others several readers needed.



Beyond Saron

You are invited to ... Audit Religion Classes at Lakeland University UCC

Audit Fee: \$100 per course Non-UCC Audit Fee: \$200 per course

Applies only to religion classes offered in person at the main campus

In recognition of the historic support given to Lakeland by many UCC churches and member across the state, Lakeland is pleased to extend this special offer.

Current classes being offered in the Fall 2022 Semester:

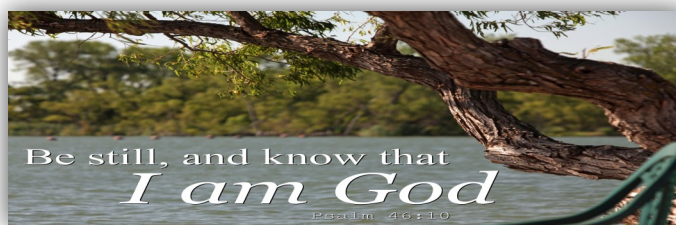
REL 111 01 Old Testament as an Act of Resistance—Tuesday, 4:00—7:00 p.m.

REL 132 01 Religious Diversity in America—Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:10—11:05 a.m.

REL 233 01 Western Religious Traditions—Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00—2:20 p.m.

REL 450 01 Religious Thought, Faith, Vocation—Mondays. 5:00—8:00 p.m.

For more information or to register for a class visit: <http://lakeland.edu/ulrich-center/ucc-members-audit-courses>.





Help ensure that children are equipped to learn, by getting them the supplies they need to succeed!

The Women's Guild will be sponsoring a "Back to school supply drive". From now until August 28, 2022, we will be collecting NEW school supplies to be distributed to children in need in local area School Districts. There will be a box in the Narthex for you put your donations in. We will also accept cash donations or gift cards to stores that sell school supplies and the Women's Guild will purchase items needed. Please help us with this drive, every child deserves to start the school year right, with the tools they need to succeed.

SUGGESTED SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Box of 24 Regular Crayons
- Crayola Washable Markers-Wide and Thin
- Colored Pencils
- Washable Watercolor Paint Set
- Fiskars Scissors (blunt & pointy)
- #2 Pencils
- Pink Erasers
- Erasers (Pencil top)
- Highlighters
- Pens (Red, blue or black)
- Sharpie Black Markers
- Expo Dry Erase Markers (Low Odor)
- Glue Sticks
- Glue bottles
- 12" Ruler
- Clipboard (Letter size)
- Kleenex
- Post It Notes
- 3-ring binder (1")
- Composition Notebooks
- Notebooks (wide ruled)
- 3 Subject Notebooks (wide ruled)
- Loose Leaf Paper (wide ruled)
- 2 Pocket Folders
- 3 Prong Plastic Folders
- Pencil case or box
- Band-Aids (Latex Free)
- Ziploc bags (all sizes)
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Backpacks (No Wheels)

Thank you for helping children in need succeed.

Those who are homebound or in care centers: Marilyn Perronne (at home), **Mickey Glander** (Sheboygan Senior Community, Rm 404) **Eugene Weiskopf** (Field of Dreams Assisted Living, Kiel) **Shirley Schmidt (is now at Song Bird Pond)**, **Merlin Schmidt** (at home), **Sally Nohl** (at home)....



We extend our Christian Sympathy to the family of Saron member **Shar Meyer** who died on July 13, 2022 and whose funeral was held at Saron on July 16, 2022 ...



AND to the family of **Robert Hynek (Teri Strub's father)** who died on July 22....

Ben Lenz
(U.S. Air Force)

Christopher Kletzien
(U.S. Army)



Happy Anniversary We hope you keep the following couples in your prayers as they celebrate their Anniversary this month. If we missed your special day or reported a wrong date please let us know by calling the church office at (920-467-6202 or email adminoffice@saronucc.org).

- August 1 Haley & Jackson Wimmmler
- August 3 Lee & Barb Post
- August 4 Brian & Debbie Rautmann
- August 5 Dave & Janice Morse
- August 6 Steve & Amber Casadonte
- August 10 Dale & Vicky Verhage
- August 12 Amy & Tyler Kober
Bryan & Lois Rick Knowles
- August 14 Mike & Cheryl Walsh
- August 16 Arlan & Sharon Schlundt—64 yrs.
- August 17 Bill & Janine Gardapee
- August 19 Mitchell & Ashley Schmidt
- August 21 Brian & Laura Gumm
Mark & Marci Post
Eugene & Vickie Schaap
- August 22 Ashley & Jeremy Guell
- August 23 Sara & Daniel Skeris

- August 24 Meghan & Steve Kallas
- August 25 Courtney & Tyler Amborn
- August 26 Ron & Vicki Imig—50 yrs.
- August 27 Nate & Sara Dassow
- August 28 Gary & Jane Hanke
- August 29 Amber & Jacob Meyer
- August 31 Adam & Stephanie Konz



Happy Birthday We hope you keep the following people in your prayers as they celebrate their Birthday this month. If we missed your special day or reported a wrong date please let us know by calling the church office at (920-467-6202 or email adminoffice@saronucc.org).

August 1 Chase Farnum
Cody Pike

August 2 Andrew Boll
Ruby Feldmann
Cindy Schuler

August 3 Dan Albright
Verla Peichl
Sharon Schlundt

August 4 Vern Boedecker
Sandy Herzog
Mitchell Nelson
Kari Nyhof
Cheryl Walsh

August 5 Miranda Boll
Lou Meinnert
Kennidy Pelnar

August 6 Christine Frazier

August 7 Nancy Fritz
Loretta Kwekkeboom

August 9 Cameron Gumm
David Johanning
Brian Rautmann
Eric Roehl

August 10 Julie Fitzgerald
Pearl McCraw

August 11 Jenny Beltran
Amber Meyer

August 12 Tim Chisholm

August 13 Sharon Feldmann
Peggy Lubach
Ann Mitchell-Fessler

August 14 Liam Kober

August 15 Reed Miller
Bonnie Post
Heath Taylor

August 16 Don Klemme

August 17 Walter Zimbal

August 19 Jill Adamavich
Tom Beitler

August 21 Elizabeth Barthels
Kyle Pennell
Linda Schuler

August 23 Linda Barthels
Tracy Beeck
Marvin Boedecker
Miles Hanke

August 25 Kyle Mauk
Ben Nyhof
Justine Schneider
Cole Suemnicht

August 27 Donna Rautmann

August 28 Xander Dassow
Jeff Hanke
Sally Nohl

August 29 Bryce Holzmann

August 30 Justin Boedecker
Tom Kanzelberger
Diane Voelker

August 31 Joan Laack
Scott Reichert

