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Saron United Church of Christ

THE TIDINGS



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Please note the change in the contact information for
Pastor Gary.



*Lord Jesus,
Thou who art the Way, the Truth, and
the Life; hear us as we pray for the
truth that shall make all free.
Teach us that liberty is not only to be
loved but also to be lived.
Liberty is too precious a thing to be
buried in books. It costs too much to be
hoarded.
Help us see that our liberty is not the
right to do as we please,
but the opportunity to do what is right.*

- Peter Marshall

Happy 4th of July!!!



Join us for several upcoming **Outdoor Worship Services at 9:30 a.m. followed by a fellowship potluck lunch** this summer. The first one will be held on **Sunday, June 30th**, with the **Consistory hosting the lunch that day. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex on the kiosk for additional needed items.** Please bring your lawn chair

and enjoy Saron's beautiful outdoor surroundings as we worship and then stay for a time of food and fellowship.

Please join us on **Sunday, July 21st** for our next **Outdoor Worship Service and potluck. It will be hosted by The Women's Guild.** We will be serving **Sloppy Joes and hot dogs. There will be a sign-up sheet on the kiosk and online for items needed.**

This is an opportunity to get the church out of the building and enjoy the beautiful summer weather, while we can. (It will be moved indoors in the event of in climate weather.) Bring your own lawn chairs. All are welcome for worship, good food, and fellowship.

The final Outdoor Worship Service and potluck will be held on Sunday, August 18th. Please let the Consistory know if there is a group that would like to host the potluck for that day.

Looking Ahead:

School Supply Drive

It will soon be back to school time and the Women's Guild will be conducting their annual back to school drive during the month of August. Look for more information in the August tidings.

Giving To Saron United Church of Christ Using Qualified Charitable Distributions

Do you have a traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA)?

Are you age 70-1/2 or older?

If you answered “yes” to both of these questions, then the IRS and the Wisconsin Department of Revenue give you the opportunity to transfer gifts of almost any amount to the charity of your choice (such as Saron United Church of Christ) tax-free each year using what is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution (withdrawal) or “QCD”.

Normally, withdrawals from a traditional IRA are taxed in the year that you receive them.

When you make a QCD withdrawal from your traditional IRA, the funds that are given to the charity are not taxed to you. An important point to note is that the funds must be made payable directly to the charity – not to you.

Another benefit is that if you are age 73 or older and are subject to Required Minimum Distributions, the QCD also qualifies for satisfying the RMD requirement.

Does the idea of a QCD sound like something that you would like to do as an easy way to support Saron UCC? Then here are the steps you can take to get started:

Contact your financial advisor or tax preparer and ask them to help you set up a QCD, and verify that a QCD will work for your particular situation.

Decide on the amount of the gift you would like to make.

Verify if your IRA provider will allow you to make QCDs in any amount, and allow for withdrawals with frequencies of monthly, quarterly, or annually as you wish.

Be sure to specify that the QCD be made payable directly to Saron United Church of Christ.

Be sure that your IRA provider includes your name on the payment stub so that when it arrives at Saron you are given credit on your giving statement.

When you prepare your tax return at the end of the year, be sure to remember that you had a QCD so that you can record it properly and exclude it from your taxable income.

Thank you for your support of Saron United Church of Christ!

Saron UCC Endowment Fund Committee Asks: “Did You Know?”

Did you know...a charitable organization (like Saron UCC Endowment Fund) can be named as either a primary or a contingent beneficiary of your assets? You can also name a charity as a partial beneficiary, along with your family and loved ones.

Please consult your tax advisor. If you have any questions, please contact any Endowment member consisting of Donna Rautmann, Jack Jarivs, Luke Kwekkeboom, Judy Dumke or Deb Meinnert.



Treasurer's Update As of May 31, 2024

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 insurance (the items that are included in our line-item budget).

YTD income \$71,428 YTD expenses \$83,498 YTD Deficit \$12,070

Please prayerfully consider your support of the daily and weekly vital functions of Saron Church as we go through the year.

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 \$12,410 YTD expenditures \$4,302 (for tree removal)

Total Available Fund Balance \$60,987

The parking lot maintenance project has a budgeted amount of \$25,000 which will be paid through the Improvement Fund. A contract has been signed for this project.

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

YTD income \$6,091

Designated Disbursements:

OCWM (\$20,500 commitment; \$3,927 designated, = 19% of commitment)

OGHS (\$1,412 paid out in April)

Strengthen The Church (STC) (\$221 received so far)

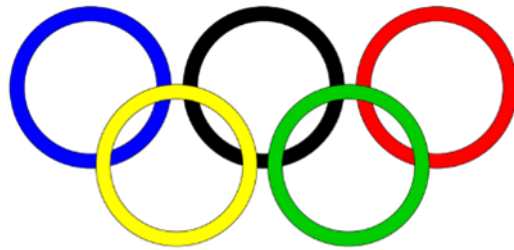
Souper Bowl of Caring (\$142 received, and sent to the Sheboygan Food Bank)

Other pass-throughs for special mission offerings and projects are distributed as they are collected throughout the year.

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 Linda Barthels or any Consistory member.



Olympic Games



Join Team Jesus at Vacation Bible School

Through games, stories, food, and crafts, this year we will focus on familiar Bible stories using the Olympic Games themes.



Saron Vacation Bible School will be held

Monday through Thursday,

July 29 - August 1

from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

A light supper will be served.

Day	Theme	Bible Story	Scripture
Monday	Courage	Ruth and Naomi	Ruth 1
Tuesday	Faith	David and Goliath	I Samuel 17
Wednesday	Obedience	Jesus walks on water	Matthew 14: 22
Thursday	Teamwork	Shadrach, Abednego, Meshach	Daniel 3



Upcoming Mission Opportunities sponsored by Saron's Mission Team

Below are several opportunities for Saron members to serve the community in the name of Jesus. Please consider supporting one or more of these worthwhile projects.

Immanuel UCC Food Pantry– We encourage Saron members to continue to support this food pantry. Pasta and sauce are the suggested food items to donate for July and August.

Sheboygan Community Cafe– Check the kiosk in the narthex to sign up to help serve lunch at the Community Cafe in Sheboygan. Volunteers work from 10:30AM -2:00PM. Saron has committed to provide 4 volunteers for July 11 and August 8.

A huge thank you to Saron members who worked on the Serve Day for the Bridge Builders neighborhood revitalization in Milwaukee on Saturday, June 15. All participants had a positive experience. We plan to make this opportunity available to members again next year, so we hope more of us will join the fun next year!

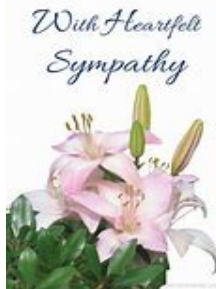
Members of Saron's Mission Team are Darlene Gumm, Jay Grosshuesch, Joan Laack, Kari Mooney and Barb Post. **Be alert for more opportunities to serve Christ in the future! If you are interested in serving on the mission team or have any suggestions or feedback please contact any of these people.**



Those who are homebound or in care centers: Marilyn Perronne (at home), **Eugene Weiskopf** (Sheboygan Community Center, on Cty Y) **Shirley Schmidt** (at Song Bird Pond), **Arlene Heckmann** (at home), **Sally Nohl** (at Rocky Knoll) **Ruby Feldmann** (Rocky Knoll), **Vernon Reichert** (Magnolia Trails at the Waterford), **Gail Federwisch**



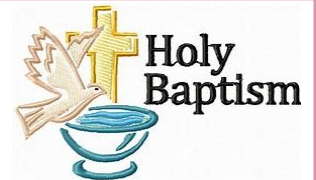
We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of **Tom Keyes** who died on May 23, 2024, he is the **brother-in-law to Ralph and Judy Knuth....**And to the families of **Joel Mooney** who died on June 11, 2024, he is the **brother to Mike Mooney, Jill Daun and Joy Mooney....**



Ben Lenz
(U.S. Air Force)

Christopher Kletzien
(U.S. Army)

Lennox Carol, is the infant daughter of Jenna (Rautmann) & Caleb Hahn and sister of Laurel was baptized at Saron on June 16, 2024.



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).

July 1 Dan & Cindy Roehrborn

July 3 Chris & Tiffany Suemnicht

July 4 Jack & Marian Jarvis

July 7 Heidi & Doug Taylor

July 8 Shaun & Jennifer Haas

July 13 Don & Nancy Coller—50yrs.
Doug & Katie Van Helden

July 15 Dave & Kathy Thomas
Du Wayne & Linda Wieck

July 16 Du Wayne & Peggy Nohl

July 23 Tom & Cindy Beilter

July 24 Carl & Robin Lindquist

July 31 Ben & Carrie Nickel
Kevin & Julie Wieck



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 call the church office at (920-467-6202 or email adminoffice@saronucc.org).

July 1 Julie Farnum

July 2 Casey Schneider

July 4 Jane Hanke

July 5 Corin Trumm

July 6 Lois Roehl

July 7 Heather Jankus
Halie Kaiser

July 8 Sharon Boedecker
Zachary Dulmes
Lauren Schneider
Glenn Ubbelohde

July 9 Jordy Hitsman
Ethan Zimmermann

July 10 Anthony Leu
Mark Schmidt

July 12 Donna Rabe
Harper Schmidt

July 14 Ella Baumann

July 15 Patti Boedecker
Brayden Schneider

July 16 Lexi Haas
Natalie Mauk

July 17 Kathy Herzog

July 18 Brittney Mauk

July 19 Brennan Nickel
Dawn Williams
Sonya Yellstrom

July 20 Adam Post
Morgan Reichwald

July 20 Dale Verhage

July 22 Brian Feider
Kim Shaske

July 23 Rachel Peichl-McGee

July 25 Mason Fleck
Judy Prange

July 26 Steve Boll
Eugene Weiskopf

July 27 Katie Van Helden

July 29 Kira Athorp
Sue Nohl
Dennis Roehrborn
Heidi Taylor

July 30 Diane Frazier
Mike Mooney

