

The Tidings

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Pastor's Notes

As we approach Easter we acknowledge the lordship, the leadership Jesus, the man from Nazareth, has upon our lives. He steps into history out of obscurity and by his life-force, he stands in heroic proportion in the world. The world reckons its history in terms of his advent, and he is known the world over as a teacher if not the savior of untold millions.

When we consider how this came to pass, how it was that Jesus acquired this towering reputation, this dimension that is by his adherents termed divine, we are astonished by some startling facts. First, negatively expressed, he did not have an army. He did not have a classical education. He wrote no books. He never traveled more than ninety miles from the stable in which he was reputedly born. He left no heirs; he owned no property, and he died as a criminal on a Roman cross.

What was it then that was magnified into cosmic proportions about Jesus? It's almost unbelievable when we consider what it is we know about him. Well, we know that he was committed to doing good. Trying not to call attention to himself, he helped people. He healed people of their infirmities and admonished them, not to broadcast about what he had done for them. He forgave the adulteress, and ate with those who were declared to be unclean. He honored his heritage without becoming mired in it, and he served God with all his strength, with all his soul and all his mind, and he proved to all what it means to love one's neighbor as himself.

He also taught. He spoke about what he felt is required of us as we live out our days. He declared. "You shall know the truth, and the truth will make you free." "Love your neighbor as yourself." "Whatever you wish people to do to you, do so to them." "Come to me, all you who are heavy laden and I will give you rest." "Is there one who can cast a stone who is without sin? Be of good heart, your sin is forgiven." He also spoke in parables and proclaimed a waiting father who welcomes home his prodigal sons and daughters as the precious ones they are.

He went about doing good; he spoke about things that bring order to life. Finally, for the purpose of this message, Jesus was the one who in our looking upon him, see the evidence of our faith that Jesus manifests God's will upon his earth. He was a man who established order within himself and that order has multiplied a million ways in its effects on his followers.

The declaration on Easter is: "He lives". It is a cherished truth. He lives in the hearts and minds of us all. Happy Easter! Blessings upon you.

Rev. Huntzinger



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY, CONFIRMATION, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SUNDAY

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH - Traditional Worship at 8:00 A.M.

Worship and Rite of Confirmation at 10:15 A.M. for *Seth Conery, Jonathan Doeber, Taylor Doeber, Mason Fleck, Sawyer Gumm, Tyler Hanke, Jada Lorenz, Gracianne Nohl, Alex Nyhof, Kennidy Pelnar, Miranda Rautmann, Morgan Reichwald, Carley Reil.*

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 13TH - "*It Was Night*" Worship Service at 7 P.M.

Holy Communion will be celebrated. The Senior Choir will sing.

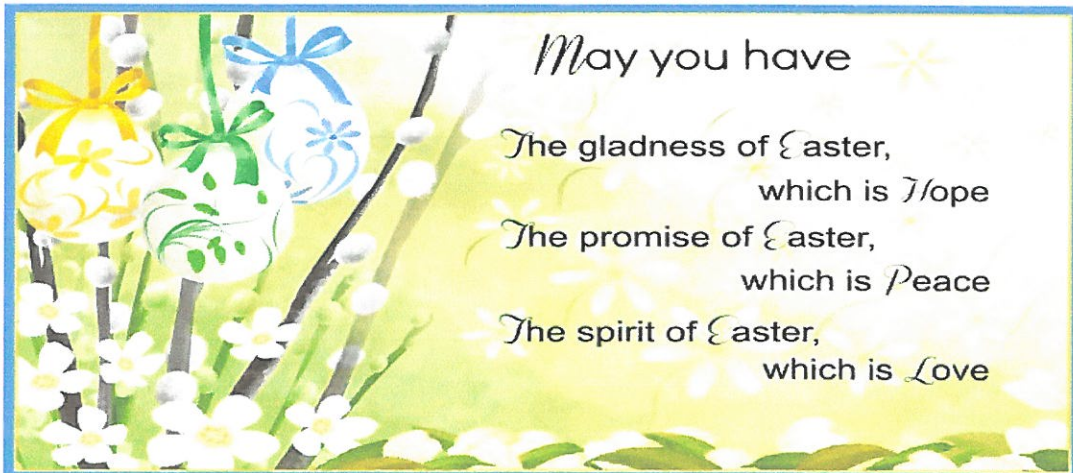
GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14TH - "*The Words from the Cross*" Worship Service at 7:00 P.M.

A special vocal ensemble will sing.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH - "Hearing the Alleluias" Worship at 8:00 and 10:15 A.M.

Holy Communion will be celebrated. The Senior Choir will sing at both services.

NO Sunday school.



A MESSAGE FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

Thank you to everyone who was able to participate in the question and answer sessions with the Search Committee. The responses that we received from those sessions have been very beneficial to work to complete the Local Church Profile document. The Search Committee is working diligently to complete the profile to then submit that profile to the UCC office.

**PASTOR
SEARCH****SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY****Saturday, April 22nd, 2017****8:00 A.M.—Until Finished!**

We need your help at the Spring Clean-up Day scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd, to get the inside and outside of the church into shape for the spring and summer seasons. A list of what needs to be done will be posted on the kiosk in the Narthex. If you can't make it on April 22nd, but could complete one or more of the tasks ahead of that time, PLEASE sign off by the task(s) you have completed. Coffee, juice and donuts will be provided. Bring your work gloves and enjoy some fellowship while we work together! (The Rain Date is April 29th.)

**FOR YOU INFORMATION**

Barb will be out of the office on Monday and Tuesday April 17th and 18th.



COME LEARN ABOUT LARRS!

DATE: WEDNESDAY MAY 17TH

PLACE: THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AT SARON CHURCH

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

A FREE WILL DONATION WILL BE ACCEPTED.

LARRS WHICH STANDS FOR LAKESHORE AVIAN AND REPTILE RESCUE AND SANCTUARY. THIS IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT HAS BEEN HANDLING AND CARING FOR EXOTIC BIRDS AND REPTILES FOR YEARS. YOU WILL GET TO SEE AND LEARN ABOUT EXOTIC BIRDS AND REPTILES LIKE A BEARDED DRAGON, A TORTOISE, A MACAW AND YOU COULD EVEN GET TO TOUCH A SNAKE. COME AND JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT LARRS.



Thanks So Much!

I would like to thank the Saron members for the prayers, well wishes, prayer shawl and support you have given me while I am recovering from my fall.

Also to Pastor Ernie for the visit and prayers.

Being part of Saron's church family is one of my greatest blessings.

Darlene Gumm

Members of Saron United Church of Christ

The last few weeks have been full of surprises. Surprises for you and surprises for me. I was just as surprised to find out my health was not what I thought it was as you were. I was surprised and emotionally overwhelmed by the amount of out pouring from all of you at Saron, not by that fact that you sent cards, but by the amount.

Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery, it was a success. I am well on my way to getting back my health and to be stronger and healthier. All of the cards, thoughts, and prayers have reminded me why Linda and I have been members since 1980. Thank you so much.

DuWayne Wieck

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Those who are homebound or in care centers: Janice Hartmann (Pine Haven, Haven Drive Campus), Norb Meyer (Pine Haven, Haven Drive Campus), Janet Klemme (Pine Haven Assisted Living, Giddings Ave. Campus), Ilene Struve (Rocky Knoll), Marilyn Perronne (at home), Mae Schmidt (at home), Beverly Kleinhans (at home)....

Saron members as well as friends and family of Saron who have been hospitalized or receiving ongoing medical care for challenging health problems or are battling cancer.....

Those in military service: Jordan Rick (U.S. Marine Corps); Christopher Kletzien (U.S. Army); Jake Meinnert (U.S. Army)....

Elaine, the student we sponsor in Haiti....

We Celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism of: Ava Berkley Kwekkeboom who was baptized on March 22, 2017. Ava was born on October 22, 2016, and is the daughter of Amy Kwekkeboom. And of: Jackson Steven Jetzer who was born on January 20, 2017, and was baptized on March 26, 2017. Jackson is the son of Anthony Jetzer and Jasmine McCue...

Lucas Williams is a Member of Discernment for the UCC, attending seminary at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, MO. Lucas is in his 3rd (and last) year of seminary. His address at school is: 47 North Bompert #32, St. Louis MO 53119.

Thank You So Much!

The Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry gratefully acknowledges and appreciates the food that was collected by your congregation. How generous they are to feed the less fortunate. Clients are always appreciative of the food they receive each month.

Families from Cedar Grove, Hingham, Howards Grove, Kohler, Oostburg, Sheboygan Falls, and Waldo utilize the Pantry and are grateful for your generosity.

It is wonderful to have caring members of the community businesses and the many organizations that are willing to help so many in need.

Thank You For Your Donation

Thank you for your \$250.65 donation to the Sheboygan County Food Bank. It is only because of organizations like yours that we can continue to make a difference in Sheboygan County. Please know that your generous contribution will go a long way to feed the hungry.

For 35 years, the Sheboygan County Food Bank has been Sheboygan's leading non-profit food security organization. In the past year, we have been able to provide food to over 3,500 households with an emphasis on purchasing more nutritional items.

We take great pride on our mission and our accomplishments, and with your help, we can make Sheboygan County healthier and happier!

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 (467-6202 or e-mail barb@saronucc.org).

April 7 Brian & Debbie Feider

April 11 Ron & Diane Matzdorf

April 12 Ryan & Kathy Herzog

April 16 David & Rachel Zeinemann

April 19 Jeff & Peggy Lubach



April 25 Merlin & Shirley Schmidt
Brian & Emily Wagner

April 26 Paul & Dawn Williams

April 28 Tim & Julie Chisholm
Dave & Shelly Oostdyk

April 29 Terry & Karen Boeldt

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 (467-6202 or e-mail barb@saronucc.org).



April 1 Ricky Decker
Diane Matzdorf
Hazel Schmidt
Alice Thomas

April 2 Carl Laack
Andy Nyhof
Melanie Roehrborn

April 3 Serena Christy
Janise Dederling

April 4 Kara Jankus
Luke Kwekkeboom
Nicole Brown

April 5 Cindy Beitler
Gladys Bitter
Janet Klemme
Penny Nicolous

April 6 Jacob Doeber
Bryan Mauk
Chris Reichert

April 7 Don Ryan

April 9 Hudson Schmidt

April 10 Stephanie Ford
Audrey Laack
Amy Nelson

April 11 Tanner Gumm
Ben Lenz

April 12 Levi Albright
Lilly Charbonneau

April 13 Jacob Barthels
Kaden Beltran
Susan Blasel
Kim Hanke

April 14 Jeff Meinnert
Therese Schmidt

April 15 Zach Rick
Scott Wilke

April 16 Melissa Fleck

April 18 Carson Anhalt
Kamryn Kaminski
Janice Morse

April 19 Matt Dulmes
Vicki Imig
Lucas Williams

April 20 Chase Anhalt
Kevin Leu
Allen Nohl
Olivia Rabe
Kelly Rabe

April 21 Evritt Abston
Makayla Van Helden
Jordan Williams

April 22 Scott Curtiss

April 23 Owen Post
Louis Prange
Ralph Sebald

April 24 Lois Herzog
Jack Jarvis
Maria Travis

April 25 Ginny Feldmann
Eric Rabe
Rylee Reichwald

April 26 Joshua Albright
Jackson Picard
David Zeinemann

April 27 Kurt Kuzulka

April 28 Tammy Anhalt
Jonathan Doeber
Taylor Deobert

April 29 Sara Christy
Michael Rick
Henry Zimbal

April 30 Anthony Adamavich
Mylee Nickel