

Saron United Church of Christ W3830 County Road J Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085 **April 2018** 

# The Tidings

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#### **Pastor's Notes**

"But here are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written." (John 21:25)

It is so hard to believe that a month has passed already! We are ending the season of Lent and by the time you read this we will be celebrating Easter and entering the season of Easter. That's right, Easter is a season in the Church and not just a day. I am sure that by Monday, April 2, the stores will be clearing their shelves of Easter items and those of us who like a bargain will be picking through looking for the best deal. My problem is that I buy something, put it away for next year, and quickly forget all about it. Then I buy it all over again the next year!

Easter is as quickly forgotten in our culture as the items I buy are. But not in the Church. It is too important an event for one day only. We need a whole season to realize and understand its significance for our lives. This year the season of Easter extends until May 20th, Pentecost Sunday. We will hear the stories of Jesus' appearances to his disciples after his resurrection and listen in as they discover what it means to be now be apostles. Their stories are our stories. Their astonishment is our astonishment. Their challenges, failures and successes are our challenges, failures and successes.

After the celebration of Easter, begins the process of discovering what it means to be Easter people, people who believe in the resurrection, people who believe in abundant life. We begin the ongoing process of discerning what it means to live a Christian life. We begin to see not only what we are right now, but what we can be. This is an exciting and terrifying journey. I am grateful to be on it with all of you.

Several opportunities for exploration have presented themselves to us. Habitat for Humanity Lakeside is hosting a Women's Build Week May 7-12. I am hoping to get a group of women together to participate in this event. No experience or prior knowledge of building is necessary. The work day is from 8 am to 4 pm and lunch is provided. I believe you will also get a T-Shirt. Let me know if you are interested as I have more information on this event. Habitat along with Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization is sponsoring Shanty Town in Fountain Park for youth May 18 – 19. We will be making our own shelters out of cardboard and spending the night sleeping in those shelters. What a way to experience how so many people live on a daily basis. I have information on this event as well, so please let me know if you what to spend the night in the park with me. I know Saron UCC youth have participated in this event in the past.

Let's add our stories of discipleship to the stories of the Apostles. Let us live as Easter people.

Blessings,

Pastor RaeAnn

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# **Holy Week and Easter Services**



<u>PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 25TH</u> - Traditional Worship at 8:00 A.M. Worship and Rite of Confirmation at 10:15 A.M. The Senior Choir will sing.

<u>MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 29TH</u> - Worship Service at 7:00 P.M. Holy Communion will be celebrated. The Senior Choir will sing.

**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30TH** - Worship Service at 7 P.M A special vocal ensemble will sing.

*EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST* - Worship Service at 8:00 A.M. and 10:15 A.M. Holy Communion will be celebrated.

The Senior Choir will sing at both services.

NO Sunday School.

The Confirmation Class would like to extend a sincere "Thank You" to Ralph Knuth who made the wonderful wood crosses and to Dawn Williams who made the prayer bead necklaces that we received at our Confirmation Service at Saron.

Also special thanks to Rev. Dr. Ernest Huntzinger, our Pastor and Teacher, Courtney Booth, Lori Knuth



Gumm, and John Zittel, for their help and inspiration in our lives and faith journey. THANK YOU!



### **Easter Flowers**

Just a reminder that you can take the Easter Flowers you ordered home following the **SECOND SERVICE** on Easter Sunday. Please check your name off the order sheet before you leave so that we know you have your flowers. Thanks!

#### **Meet Saron's 2018 Confirmation Class**

Jonah Hamilton Albsmeier attends Horace Mann Middle School in Sheboygan and is the son of Eric & Lori Albsmeier. He enjoys playing soccer and video games and likes to have fun with his friends. He would like to be a professional soccer player. He will go to the church services and will help with reading or ushering. Some advice Jonah would give younger students about Confirmation is "pay attention during class, be involved in class, and help others if they need it.

**Grace Marie Baumann** is the daughter of David & Heidi Baumann. She is a student at Howards Grove Middle School. She plans to help with nursery and clean-up day. Grace would like to have a career that has to do with art. Her hobbies are drawing, soccer, and volleyball. Grace's advice is: "Have fun and enjoy it while it lasts because it goes by very quickly."

Kaden James Beltran is the son of Jennifer Beltran and Adam Beltran. He attends Sheboygan Falls Middle School. Kaden enjoys rocketry, Legos, and music. As a Saron member Kaden will provide special music. Kaden wants to be a robot technician.

**Ava Courtney Booth** is the daughter of Chris & Courtney Booth. She attends Riverview Middle School in Plymouth and enjoys playing basketball and volleyball and also likes to show her pigs and cows. She would like to be a children's nurse. Ava will help with Sunday School and be a reader in church. Her advice to incoming students: "Enjoy your time, have fun."

Jaiden Reece Haack is the son of Jamie Haack. He attends Howards Grove Middle School and likes to play video games and go on camping trips with his Boy Scout troop. Jaiden would like to be a video game tester or in the IT industry. He will play volleyball and help in the nursery and Little Disciples. His advice to the younger students about Confirmation is to go to the lock in. It's a great way to get to know your fellow confirmands in a fun and casual setting.

Michael Anthony Leu is the son of Tony and Heather Leu and attends Valders Middle School. Michael enjoys playing video games and playing Airsoft and laser tag. He would like to be a psychologist and will help with clean-up day. His advice for younger students: "Listen and take it seriously but have fun".

Harrison Keith Miller is the son of Kory and Amy Miller. He is a student at Howards Grove Middle School and enjoys archery, school, and all sports. Harrison plans to go help with clean-up day and is still "thinking" about what he wants to be when he grows up. He tells incoming confirmands that confirmation is important.

**Carleigh Dianne Milz** is the daughter of Steve and Deanna Milz. She is a student at Howards Grove Middle School. Carleigh enjoys basketball and volleyball and enjoys spending time with family and friends. She plans to be a reader and help with Little Disciples. When she grows up, she would like to go into the medical field – specifically, orthopedics. The advice Carleigh would give younger students about Confirmation is "Be outgoing and be Involved".

Olivia Rae Rabe attends school at Riverview Middle School in Plymouth and is the daughter of Eric & Kelly Rabe. She likes to run, especially in track and cross country. She also likes spending time with friends and family. Olivia would like to be a dermatologist or psychiatrist and will be a reader and help in Sunday School, Little Disciples, Nursery and will help with ushering. Some advice Olivia would give younger students would be "to listen and make sure you input your opinions and thoughts with each lesson".

**Rylee Sue Reichwald** is the daughter of Melissa & Randy Reichwald. She is a student in Howards Grove Middle School. She plans to help with clean-up day and go to worship. Rylee would like to be a dentist. Her hobbies are playing basketball, soccer, and running. She also likes to snowboard and help her dad in the garden. Rylee says to enjoy your time in confirmation and have fun telling stories about your life. Also, pay attention in class because it's worth it and it's a good experience.

**Brock Allan Roehrborn** is the son of Daniel & Cindy Roehrborn. He attends Howards Grove Middle School. Brock likes to read in his free time during school and when he is finished with all his homework. He wants to be a photographer. Brock tells younger students: "I would say: don't miss the lock in at church, it was so fun." As a Saron member Brock would see himself working the audio/visual at Saron.

Lauren Elizabeth Schneider is the daughter of Brian & Lisa Schneider. She attends school in Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah and enjoys playing volleyball, drawing, and skateboarding. She would like to be a marine biologist. Lauren might be involved in worship and/or volleyball. Some advice she would give younger students about confirmation is to pay attention and just have fun.

**Andrew John Schnicke** is the son of Jason & Sara Schnicke. He attends school at Howards Grove Middle School and enjoys basketball and the video game Fortnite. He wants to be a business owner like his uncle. His advice to the younger students about Confirmation is to do good on your Faith Statement.

**Bryak Elijah Slaton** is the son of April Decker and Dustin Slaton. He attends school at Riverview Middle School in Plymouth. Bryak likes the video game Kendama, adventuring, snowboarding, school, music, wrestling, and fishing and hunting. He will be a Sunday School and Little Disciples helper and attend services. His advice for younger students: "Pay attention. Get homework done!"

**Jayden Douglas VanHelden** is the son of Doug and Katie VanHelden. He is a student at Howards Grove Middle School and enjoys drawing, track, and showing pigs for 4-H. Jayden plans to go help with Sunday School and clean-up day and usher and would like to have a job that is involves math; like an architect or engineer. His advice is to "take notes and pay attention because it helps with the Faith Statement – also, have fun!"

# SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY Saturday, April 21st, 2018 8:00 A.M.—Until Finished!

We need your help at the Spring Clean-up Day scheduled for Saturday, April 21st, to get the inside and outside of the church in shape for the upcoming 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 21st,

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 28th).



### The Pine Haven Men's Chorus Coming To Saron

The Pine Haven Men's Chorus will be performing at Saron for both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. worship services on Sunday, April 22nd. Please plan to attend one of these special services.





There will be a farewell party for Pastor Ernie

on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018, from noon-2 p.m.

At Klemme's Wagon Wheel Restaurant, Howards Grove.

A light lunch will be served.

Please sign up on the kiosk by Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>,

if you plan on attending.

## News From The Board of Christian Education

The Sunday School children will be singing for the 10:15 a.m. worship service on May 20th.

#### Save The Date:

Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, July 23 through Wednesday, July 25th. There will be a supper at 6:00 p.m. with the Bible School running from 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. This years these will be County Fair—Fruits of the Spirit. Registration sheets will be going home with the kids in May and will be due back to the church office by early July.



The members and friends of Saron United Church of Christ are cordially invited to attend a Service of Installation for

# Rev. RaeAnn Beebe

as pastor and teacher at Saron United Church of Christ on Sunday, April 15, 2018 Service at 3:00pm

Clergy are invited to robe and the stole color is red.

Refreshments will be available after the service.

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)....



Rayah Renee & Rori Jean Mauk, were baptized on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Rayah & Rori were born on November 3, 2017 and are the twin daughters of Bryan and Brittney Mauk



and the sisters of Natalie, Braxton, & Jayden. Rayah's sponsors are David Oberreich and Ashley Oberreich and Rori's sponsors are Kyle Mauk and Holly Oberreich.

We extend our Christian Sympathy to the family

**of** Elaine Rautmann, (Don Herzog's sister) who passed away on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 **to the family** 



**of** Marilyn Brickbauer (Lois Roehl's sister-in-law) who passed away on February 25, 2018.

We extend our Christian Sympathy to the family of Saron member, Verna Groene, who died on March 4th, 2018 and whose funeral was held here at Saron on March 10th, 2018.



Jordon Rick (U.S. Marine Corps)

Christopher Kletzien (U.S. Army)

Brandon Gumm (U.S. Army)





You are cordially invited to attend the 56th Annual Meeting of the Northeast Association of the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ

#### Being the Church

Saturday, April 28, 2018 - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm First Congregational Church, 220 Ransom Street, Ripon, Wisconsin 54971

Join us for a day of worship, fellowship and business with our brothers and sisters of the Northeast Association. Our day will highlight the local church and the variety of ministries we find there. We will hear from local congregations as they continue to find new and innovative ways to proclaim the gospel and "Be the Church."

Registration begins at **8:30 am** and our day of assembly begins at **9:00 am**. Lunch will be provided by our host church. The day will conclude at approximately **2:00 pm**. Childcare will be available for infants through sixth grade. Advanced registration is **\$10 per person** and **\$12 per person** at the door. Costs include refreshments and lunch. We are pleased again to offer this registration fee waived for retired clergy and their spouses and Members –In-Discernment.

Saron has two delegates, but if you would like to attend as a guest, you can register and pay in the Saron office by April 8th.

**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 <a href="mailto:barb@saronucc.org">barb@saronucc.org</a>).

- April 7 Brian & Debbie Feider—20 yrs.
- April 12 Ryan & Kathy Herzog—10 yrs.
- April 25 Merlin & Shirley Schmidt—65 yrs. Brian & Emily Wagner



April 26 Paul & Dawn Williams

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- April 28 Tim & Julie Chisholm
  Dave & Shelly Oostdyk
- April 29 Terry & Karen Boeldt

<u>Happy Birthday</u> 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 Dedering
- April 4 Nicole Brown
  Kara Jankus
  Luke Kwekkeboom
- April 5 Cindy Beitler
  Gladys Bitter
  Janet Klemme
  Penny Nicolous
- April 6 Jacob Doebert Bryan Mauk Chris Reichert
- April 7 Don Ryan
- April 8 Louis Prange
- April 9 Hudson Schmidt
- April 10 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 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
- **April 22 Scott Curtiss**
- April 23 Owen Post Ralph Sebald

- April 24 Lois Herzog Jack Jarvis
- 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 Doebert Taylor Doebert
- April 29 Sara Christy Michael Rick Henry Zimbal
- April 30 Anthony Adamavich Mylee Nickel

