

# THE TIDINGS

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"How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?"

#### **Psalm 13:1**

I have found myself turning to the Psalms more and more as this time of social distancing and quarantine continues. While I do understand the reasons behind it all, I find myself resenting it all as well. What we thought would be a couple of weeks is now extended indefinitely. "How long, O Lord?" is a question that rolls off my tongue several times throughout the day. Unfortunately, we don't know the answer to that question.

This is the issue of The Tidings where normally I would have been telling you all about the special plans we have made for Holy Week and Easter celebrations. The choir would have been practicing their anthems to help us worship more fully. But that is not our reality right now. We just don't know how long it will be before we are able to worship in person.

We have put some tentative events on the April calendar, but these are all subject to change. Please be flexible and patient as we all navigate this wilderness. In some ways, I think it may be more like the experience of exile, where the Israelites were taken away from their homeland not by their own choice. None of us would have ever chosen this! Stay tuned for updates as they are available.

In the meantime, there are several ways for us to stay connected. On Saron's Facebook page, Monday-Saturday at 9 am, I host a short devotional on Facebook Live, Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6 I am also hosting a Facebook Live event. Wednesday afternoons at 3 pm I tell a Bible story on Saron's Sunday School Facebook page. All of these can be watched later if you can't be on at the times stated. I know that only people with Facebook can access these but we are working on putting them on our web page (a few are there already) and we have also created a Saron YouTube channel where you will find the Sunday worship services. We are hoping to add the Bible story time and possibly the other videos there as well. For those who do not have the technology to access either of these platforms, I am working on that too.

Psalm 13 ends this way – "But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me." Trust in the love of God and we will be together again to sing our praises to God.

I realize that many are tightening up their financial belts, but if you are able, please consider sending in your offering to the church office or signing up for on-line giving. Ministry is still happening at Saron and there are bills to be paid. Thank you.

Stay healthy and blessings,

Pastor RaeAnn



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# NEWS FROM THE CONSISTORY UPDATE

Due to the Safer at Home order which went into effect on March 25 and goes until April 24, the Consistory has determined that all in person worship will be suspended indefinitely and will resume when our communities allow groups to gather again.

## PLEASE NOTE: THESE ARE SCHUELDED BUT COULD BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

### Church Clean-Up Day

Church Clean-Up Day will be held on Saturday, April 25th from 8:00 a.m. until finished.
 Doughnuts and juice will be provided.

### Special Congregational Meeting

April 26th after the 10:15 a.m. Worship Service there will be a Congregational Meeting for the
purpose to give the Consistory the approval to accept the septic/mound proposal and proceed
with the permits that we are required to have by Spring.

#### OTHER CONSISTORY NEWS

- If anyone is still interested in donating money to replace some of the trees that were cut down, they can still do so by giving to the Improvement Fund and marking the check for trees or putting a note in the envelope that the amount should be put towards the trees.
- Due to the low attendance in the nursery we have decided to eliminate staffing the nursery for the 8:00 a.m. worship service. The room will be available for anyone who needs to use it. We will continue to staff the nursery for the 10:15 a.m. worship service.

Those who are homebound or in care centers: Janet Klemme (Pine Haven Assisted Living, Giddings Ave. Campus), Joyce Riviers (Pine Haven Assisted Living Rm 315, at the Giddings Ave. Campus) Ilene Struve (Rocky Knoll, Rm 287), Beverly Kleinhans (Rocky Knoll) Marilyn Perronne (at home), Helen Peichl (at home) Mickey Glander (Sheboygan Senior Community, Rm 404) Audrey Laack (Songbird Pond, Plymouth).....

Please remember to keep these people in your thoughts and prayers.

Ben Lenz (U.S Air Force)
Christopher Kletzien
(U.S. Army)



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<u>Happy Anniversary</u> We hope you keep the following people 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 email <u>barb@saronucc.org</u>).

- April 7 Brian & Debbie Feider
- April 11 Ron & Diane Matzdorf
- April 12 Ryan & Kathy Herzog
- April 19 Jeff & Peggy Lubach
- April 25 Merlin & Shirley Schmidt



- April 25 Brian & Emily Wagner
- April 26 Paul & Dawn Williams
- April 28 Tim & Julie Chisholm—30 yrs.
- 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 email 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
- April 4 Nicole Brown
  Kara Jankus
  Luke Kwekkeboom
- April 5 Cindy Beitler Gladys Bitter Janet Klemme Natalie Taylor
- April 6 Jacob Doebert Bryan Mauk Chris Reichert
- April 7 Don Ryan
- April 8 Louis Prange
- April 9 Hudson Schmidt
- April 10 Audrey Laack
- April 11 Tanner Gumm

- April 11 Ben Lenz
- April 12 Levi Albright
  Lilly Charbonneau
- April 13 Jacob Barthels Kaden Beltran Sue Blasel Kim Hanke
- April 14 Jeff Meinnert Therese Schmidt
- April 15 Scott Wilke
- April 16 Melissa Fleck
- April 18 Carson Anhalt Janice Morse
- April 19 Matt Dulmes Vicki Imig
- April 20 Chase Anhalt Allen Nohl Kelly Rabe Olivia 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 Virginia Feldmann Eric Rabe Rylee Reichwald
- April 26 Jackson Picard
  David Zeinemann
- April 27 Kurt Kuzulka Matt Miles
- April 28 Tammy Anhalt
  Taylor Doebert
  Jonathan Doebert
- April 29 Sara Christy Michael Rick Henry Zimbal
- April 30 Anthony Adamavich Mylee Nickel

