

April—2021

The Tidings

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“For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.”

I am writing this newsletter article on the first official day of Spring. The house windows are open, letting in some fresh air. The smell is amazing! This time of year always makes me impatient. Impatient for the warm weather to last for more than a day. Impatient for the plants in my garden to pop through the ground. Impatient for no jackets and flip flops. Impatient for spending time outside. I find myself more impatient this year. It has been a long year of COVID 19 restrictions and precautions. So many things were cancelled last year, and I can't wait to make up for lost time. I'm just so ready for it to be over.

There is expectation that things will return to normal sooner rather than later. The vaccine is becoming available to more and more people. I got my first dose, and I can honestly say I have never been more excited to get a shot in my life! Getting the second dose will allow me to engage more in in-person ministry. I know that many of you are fully vaccinated already and have expressed how relieved you feel. Restrictions on gatherings and activities are being lifted or expanded. Care facilities are allowing visitors with guidelines. There is reason to hope.

But it isn't over yet. In early March (3/9), the number of active cases in Sheboygan County was down to 131 (lowest it has been since 8/2020), but there has been a continuous rise in active cases since then (as of 3/19 it was 172). Sheboygan County is still in the high mitigation range. Moving too quickly to return to “normal” can have the opposite effect of what we are hoping for. So, for now at Saron we will continue to follow the precautions that have been put in place to do our part to ensure the health of all of our congregation.

I know that singing has been one of the hardest things for us to give up. I reviewed the guidelines that have been shared with us about places of worship, talked to teachers about how they are handling singing in school, and looked at other materials that are out there about singing and its relationship to spreading COVID 19. I think we can safely (or as safe as anything is) resume singing one hymn each week as long as we mask up to do it. Masks will help contain the spreading of the aerosols.

I know this has been hard. I know we are ready for it to be over. I know it is hard to be patient. But as Paul wrote to those in the church in Rome, patience is necessary when we live in hope. And isn't that what being an Easter people is all about.

Blessings,

Pastor RaeAnn

Sunday School Updates

The Board of Christian Education has put together Holy Week boxes for all families with children. They will be available starting Wednesday, March 17th in the narthex on Sundays and Wednesdays or by the church office (9 am to 3 pm). Please pick up prior to or on Palm Sunday (March 28th).



Sunday School will resume this spring (April 11th to May 23rd) from 8:45-9:15 am with a "Kids Church" format. Welcome back Sunday will be held in the fellowship hall for Easter Bingo. Social distancing and masks will be required. We look forward to seeing everyone again!



Palm Sunday, March 28th

Worship at 9:30 A.M.

Maunday Thursday, April 1st

Worship at 7:00 P.M. Holy Communion will be celebrated

Good Friday, April 2nd

Worship at 7:00 P.M.

Easter Sunday, April 4th

Worship at 8:30 A.M. and 10:15 A.M. Holy Communion will be Celebrated

Please sign up for the Easter Worship Service of your choice
Use the following link to do so

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4DAAAE2EA7FA7.easter1>

Delegates for the Northeast Association

The Northeast Association Annual Meeting will be held virtually on April 10, 2021 from 9 am – 11 am. Saron is allowed 2 delegates. If you are interested in being a delegate, please contact Kathy in the church office and registration information will be sent to you. Registration deadline is April 4.

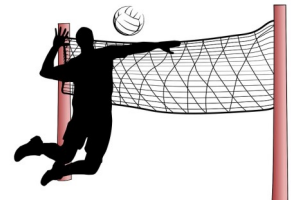
Habitat for Humanity Lakeside



Habitat for Humanity Lakeside has resumed building with volunteer groups. The current building project is a part of their Faith Build initiative. The home is located at 128 E. Prospect in Plymouth and this is house #45 for HFH Lakeside. Three dates are open for us to assist with the building of this home for a single mother of two children both diagnosed with autism. Due to COVID protocols we only need to have 3 volunteers for each day. The open dates are **Wednesday April 21, Saturday April 24, and Wednesday April 28**. You would be required to be there from 8:30 to 3:30. No special skills are needed, just enthusiasm and a willingness to try new things. I am hoping we can commit to at least two of these dates if not all three. I need to confirm our participation by April 4th. Please join me in the wonderful opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community. Email or call the church office if you are interested in volunteering.

A grant from Thrivent Financial covers half the cost of this Faith Build home and Habitat is also looking to the faith communities in our area to help fund the other half. More details on you can participate in making home ownership possible will be provided after Easter.

Rural Church Fellowship Volleyball



As of right now, we do not know if there will a volleyball league this summer or not, but we want to be ready if there is. Are you interested in playing volleyball for the Saron Team? Games are on Sunday evenings in the Summer. This league is open to those who are confirmed through age 20 before June 1.

Meet Your Pastor Parish Relations Committee

The purpose of the Pastor Parish Relations Committee is to provide support for the pastor and provide a regular channel of communication between the pastor and the congregation.

Brian Gumm (chair) – 920-334-5660

Jenny Beltran – 920-980-8963

Rita Bender – 920-980-6801

Deb Rautmann – 920-207-3521

Joanne Howe – 920-254-5967



Septic System Project Update

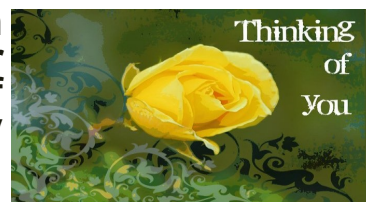
As Of February 28, 2021

As you will recall, in May 2020 we provided the congregation with a copy of the accepted bids from Schwartz Septic, Neumann Plumbing & Heating and KW Electric for replacement of the septic system. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$44,406 (which includes an additional \$5,000 above bids for unforeseen expenses). Here is an update to the congregation on the progress that has been made in funding this project.

Estimated Cost of Project	\$44,406.00
Less: Down payment for church & house holding tanks 5/21/20)	<u>(\$4,000.00)</u>
Balance of Estimated Total Cost to be Paid to Vendors	\$40,406.00
Improvement Fund (earmarked for project from fund balance)	(\$1,000.00)
(\$5,000 less \$4,000 down payment paid 5/21/20)	
Total member donations as of 2/28/2021	<u>(\$12,495.00)</u>
Balance needed for septic system project	\$26,911.00

If you would like to contribute towards this project, please note in the memo section of your check "Septic System Project". As shown above, we have earmarked \$5,000 of the funds currently held in the Improvement Fund (\$46,136) for this project and would like to keep the balance for any unforeseen expenses that may arise. However, we will allocate additional funds, if necessary, in Spring 2021 when the balance comes due for the project. We are exploring a variety of fundraising options, however, in the current environment of COVID-19, we feel it would be best to hold off on any type of event until early 2021.

Those who are homebound or in care centers: Marilyn Perronne (at home), Helen Peichl (at home) Mickey Glander (Sheboygan Senior Community, Rm 404) Eugene Weiskopf (Field of Dreams Assisted Living, Kiel) Merlin & Shirley Schmidt at home.....



Ben Lenz
(U.S. Air Force)

Christopher Kletzien
(U.S. Army)



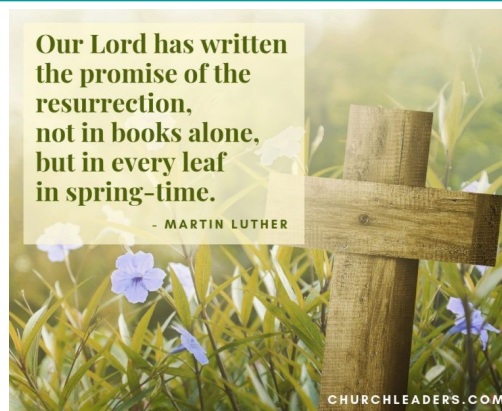
We Extend
Our Christian
Sympathy to
the family of
Bernard "Fritz

Reil, Father of Saron member
Tim Reil who passed away on
March 18th.....



Our Lord has written
the promise of the
resurrection,
not in books alone,
but in every leaf
in spring-time.

- MARTIN LUTHER





The Saron Women's Guild is hoping to sponsor a Women's Retreat from mid-afternoon Friday, October 29th—mid-afternoon Saturday, October 30th at the Cedar Valley Retreat Center, in West Bend.

If you would be interested in possibly attending please **sign-up** on the sheet posted on the kiosk in the Narthex by **NO LATER than Sunday, April 18th**, or you can call the church office at 467-6202 to have your name added to the list. This is open to Women of Saron and their friends. Below is a cost rundown for you to consider.

Cost: **A Single Room** is \$118.00 Per Person (1 Queen Bed) Cost includes your 3 meals.

A Double Room is \$103.00 Per Person (2 Queen Beds) Cost also includes your 3 meals.

If 3 people would like to share a Double Room the cost would be \$103.00 Per Person and \$65.00 extra for the 3rd person.

There are private bathrooms in each room.

There is an elevator available in the building for anyone who wishes to use it.

For more information contact Barb Post at 207-4513.

Special
THANK YOU!

To my dear friends at Saron UCC. As many of you know I have been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. My disease has been a challenge. However, as a result of the outpouring of cards and prayers and well wishes, the weight of this disease has been lifted a bit. Saron is a Church, Saron is a congregation and Saron is a community of Christians of common beliefs who truly care for one another. Thank you for all of your support as I continue to battle this disease.

Gloria Flegal

SCRIP SALES

In March a donation of \$200.00 was made to Habitat for Humanity. This donation was made possible due to the income of SCRIP sales. Thank You for your continued support.

Below is a list of SCRIP CARDS we currently have available

Amazon itunes/App Store Bath & Body Works Best Buy BP
 Cousins Subs Dairy Queen Domino's Pizza Festival Foods Fleet Farm
 Home Depot JoAnn's Fabrics Kohl's Meijers Menards
 Marcus Theatres Noodles & Co. Panera Bread Papa's Murphy's Pizza
 Pick N Save Piggly Wiggly Pizza Hut Starbuck's Subway
 Taco Bell Target Texas Roadhouse Walgreens Walmart

The Women's Guild



Happy Anniversary 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 [adminoffice @saronucc.org](mailto:adminoffice@saronucc.org)).

April 7 Brian & Debbie Feider

April 11 Ron & Dian 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

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 email [adminoffice @saronucc.org](mailto:adminoffice@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 Kara Jankus
Luke Kwekkeboom

April 5 Cindy Beitler
Gladys Bitter
Natalie Taylor

April 6 Jacob Doeber
Bryan Mauk
Chris Reichert

April 7 Don Ryan

April 8 Louis Prange

April 9 Hudson Schmidt

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
Vicky 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
Jonathan Doeber
Taylor Doeber

April 29 Sara Christy
Michael Rick
Henry Zimbal

April 30 Anthony Adamavich
Mylee Nickel

Happy Birthday!