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Pastor's Notes

Apparently Saron United Church of Christ has been chosen as a 2019 Best of Sheboygan Falls Award Recipient in the category of Church. I received an email from the Sheboygan Falls Award Program telling me this. I have no idea what it means to be chosen as “Best of Sheboygan Falls” so I followed the links and discovered it is an annual award given to small businesses in a variety of categories, mostly ones that provide great customer service and are involved in the community. I guess this can describe a church. They have a page on their website to nominate a business, so I don’t know if that is the way Saron came to their attention or not. I did click on the “Claim your Award” button and found out that we can purchase a plaque, a crystal award or both stating we are a recipient for \$149.99 to \$229.98 depending on what we want. I have read the press release they included, but I am still not sure the criteria used to determine a “Best of Sheboygan Falls” church.

I have been thinking about this question, of what it means to be the best church, since I received the email. There are many different ways of answering it. Not all of us would answer it in the same way. Our own experiences with church influence our ideas of what it means to be church. Some of us understand it in very personal, private ways and for others it is much more public, how we interact with the world around us. For some it is about salvation in the future and others salvation here and now. I don’t think any of these are wrong or mutually exclusive. They are just different. That is why it is so hard for me to know what being “best” is.

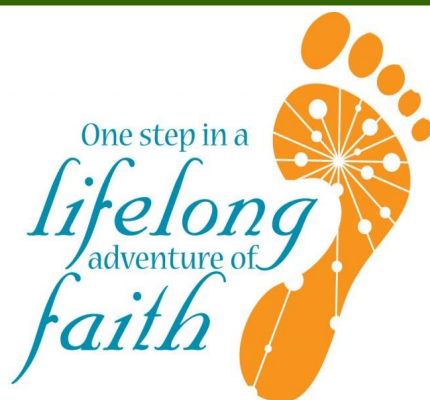
Maybe being best is understanding this. Knowing that we all don’t think and understand church in the same way. Maybe being best is being willing to listen to those with differing opinions and being open to changing our own. Maybe being the best is allowing the Holy Spirit to work in and through all of us.

While not talking about the church specifically, Jesus gives us a clue as to how to be our best: love God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind and love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:37-39, and many other places). If we follow these two commandments, we can’t help but be our best.

If you are the one who nominated Saron for this award, thank you. I hope that we can live up to your expectation of us. If anyone feels the need for us to display this award and would like to make the purchase let me know. Otherwise let us display the award by the way Saron loves God and loves our neighbors.

Blessings,

Pastor RaeAnn



Confirmation Orientation Family Get Together

When: Tuesday, August 21

Time: 5:30 – 7:30

Where: Church Yard

Who: Students entering 7th and 8th grade, their parents, and siblings

Food and beverages will be provided. Bring lawn chairs

Be ready to get wet!

Treasurer's Update

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 of course insurances (the items that are included in our line-item budget).

YTD income \$81,502.00

YTD expenses \$104,534.00

Saron currently has a surplus in our General Fund of \$81,352.00. This is being used to offset any difference between our income and expenses.

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

YTD income \$11,069.55

which is 57% of our commitment.

Monies in this fund must be spent each year.

The **Improvement Fund** supports all maintenance of the buildings and property that is not covered under General Fund expenses.

Current amount in the fund \$28,214.15

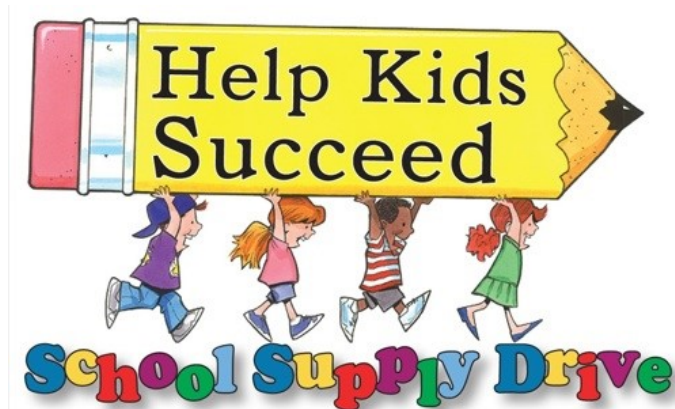
YTD expenditures \$2,241.00

Monies in this fund can be carried over from year to 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 Deb Meinnert, Treasurer or any Consistory member.

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE



**Help ensure that children are equipped to learn,
by getting them the supplies they need to succeed!**

The Women's Guild will be sponsoring a "Back to school supplies drive". From now until August 25, 2019, we will be collecting NEW school supplies to be distributed to children in need the Plymouth and Sheboygan Falls School District. There will be a box in the Narthex for you put your donations in. We will also accept cash donations or gift cards to stores that sell school supplies and the Women's Guild will purchase items needed. Please help us with this drive, every child deserves to start the school year right, with the tools they need to succeed.

SUGGESTED SUPPLIES NEEDED:

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| -Box of 24 Regular Crayons | -Vinyl Resting mat |
| -Crayola Washable Markers-Wide and Thin | -Kleenex |
| -Colored Pencils | -Yellow 3x3 Post It Notes |
| -Washable Watercolor Paint Set | -3-ring binder (1") |
| -Fiskars Scissors | -12" Ruler |
| -Ticonderoga #2 Pencils | -Clipboard (Letter size) |
| -Pink Erasers | -Notebooks (wide ruled) |
| -Erasers (Pencil top) | -Loose Leaf Paper (wide ruled) |
| -Highlighters | -2 Pocket Folders |
| -Pens (Red, blue or black) | -3 Prong Plastic Folders |
| -Sharpie Black Markers | -Pencil case or box |
| -Expo Dry Erase Markers (Low Odor) | -Band-Aids (Latex Free) |
| -Glue Sticks | -Ziploc bags (all sizes) |
| -Glue bottles | -Disinfectant Wipes |
| -Headphones (No Ear Buds) | -Backpacks (No Wheels) |

Thank you for helping children in need succeed.

SARON FAMILY CAMP

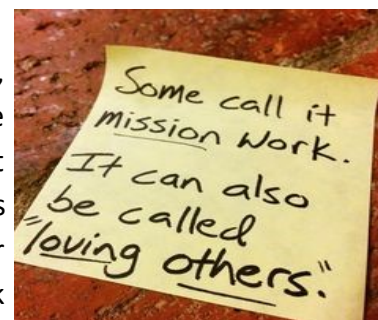
Saron Family Camp 2019 will be held August 8-11th, 2019 at Shawano County Park, Shawano, WI. This is a beautiful campground (each site has electric and water hookups) with amenities galore. Saron family campers have been getting together for over 25 years. We enjoy great Christian Fellowship and fun family activities.

Reservations for the following year need to be made one year in advance; therefore, if you are interested in joining other Saron families at Shawano County Park, **August 6-9, 2020**, please contact Wendy Mauk (207-9471) prior to August 5th, 2019. We will be making our reservations on August 6th of this year for 2020 camping.



Thank You Saron!

During July three members of Saron UCC went on a mission trip to Rushville, Indiana. In Rushville we stayed at an elementary school for our lodging, ate cafeteria food, worshiped, and got down! Throughout the week we got split up and assigned to one resident's house. What we had to do at the site was many different projects. Some of the projects included building a wheelchair ramp or a porch, paint, repair fences and roofs, and basic yard work. All week we were grateful of what we had back home. In Rushville some houses were abandoned or in poor shape. Some residents that we served had no plumbing, electricity, or even sinks in their homes. All the residents were grateful what we all accomplished! The three participants would like to thank Saron UCC members for their support and funding for this trip. If you are interested on going on a mission trip or have any questions about mission trips please contact Kayla Bender at (920) 334-5288.



A huge thank you from the Board of Christian Ed. to all who volunteered and made VBS 2019 possible. All the boy and girls who participated in our *Survivor* inspired VBS this year completed three days of obstacle courses, crafts and learning new music. Each obstacle course was designed to interact with the stories told each day.

Boys and girls who participated in VBS learned about the Fiery Furnace, Escape to Egypt, and Jonah and The Whale this year at VBS. The new music was shared during the church service at Saron UCC on July 21st.



Thank you to all of those who donating their time and other items to help out the volleyball team for the tournament held here at Saron on Sunday July 28.

Saron's Women's Retreat

October 18-19, 2019 at Pilgrim Center, Green Lake WI



Our theme will be Feasting with God: Feast of the Foremothers. We will enjoy meals together and celebrate those women who have had an impact on our lives and our faith journeys. Mark your calendars and plan on attending. More details will be available late Summer or early Fall.

Those who are homebound or in care centers: Janice Hartmann (Pine Haven, Haven Drive Campus), Janet Klemme (Pine Haven Assisted Living, Giddings Ave. Campus), Ilene Struve (Rocky Knoll), Marilyn Perronne (at home), Beverly Kleinhans (at Prairie Crossing), Mae Schmidt (Meadow View Health Service), Mickey Glander (Sheboygan Community Senior Center)...



We extend our Christian Sympathy to the family of Debra Klosterman (Marci Post's mother) who passed away on July 9, 2019...



Jordon Rick
(U.S. Marine Corps)

Ben Lenz
(U.S. Air Force)

Christopher Kletzien
(U.S. Army)

Anthony Herzog
(U.S. Army)

He is the Grandson of Richard & Sandy Herzog.
He is deployed to Syria for 6 months.



**NO ONE EVER
INJURED THEIR
EYESIGHT BY
LOOKING ON THE
BRIGHT SIDE.**

Looking Ahead To Welcome Back Sunday Sunday, September 8th, 2019



8:00 a.m. Indoor Traditional Worship Service

10:15 a.m. Outdoor Dixieland Worship Service (Weather Permitting)

Holy Communion will be served at both Services

Bring a Lawn Chair

Social Picnic immediately following the Worship Service (11:15 a.m.—1:00 p.m.)

Watch for sign-up sheets on the kiosk for food donations and help

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 e-mail barb@saronucc.org).

August 1 Eric & Lori Albsmeier
Roger & Alice Thomas—55 yrs.

August 3 Lee & Barb Post—45 yrs.

August 4 Brian & Debbie Rautmann

August 5 Heather & Adam Jankus
Dave & Janice Morse

August 6 Steve & Amber Casadonte

August 10 Dale & Vicky Verhage—45 yrs.

August 12 Katie & Travis Christenson
Amy & Tyler Kober
Bryan & Lois Rick Knowles

August 14 Mike & Cheryl Walsh

August 16 Arlan & Sharon Schlundt

August 17 Bill & Janine Gardapee



August 19 Mitchell & Ashley Schmidt

August 21 Brian & Laura Gumm—10 yrs.
Mark & Marci Post—15 yrs.
Eugene & Vickie Schaap

August 22 Allen & Alyce Beeck—60 yrs.
Ashley & Jeremy Guell

August 25 Courtney & Tyler Amborn

August 26 Ron & Vicki Imig

August 27 Nathan & Sara Dassow

August 28 Gary & Jane Hanke

August 29 Amber & Jacob Meyer

August 31 Adam & Stephanie Konz

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).

August 1 Cody Pike

August 2 Andrew Boll
Ruby Feldmann
Cindy Schuler

August 3 Dan Albright
Verla Peichl
Sharon Schlundt

August 4 Vernon Boedecker
Gloria Flegal
Sandy Herzog
Mitchell Nelson
Kari Nyhof
Cheryl Walsh

August 5 Miranda Boll
Lou Meinnert
Roger Thomas

August 6 Janice Curtiss

August 6 Chris Frazier

August 7 Nancy Fritz
Loretta Kwekkeboom

August 9 David Johanning
Brian Rautmann
Eric Roehl

August 10 Julie Fitzgerald
Peral McCraw

August 11 Jenny Beltran
Amber Meyer

August 12 Tim Chisholm

August 13 Sharon Feldmann
Peggy Lubach
Ann Mitchell-Fessler

August 14 Liam Kober

August 15 Reed Miler

August 15 Bonnie Post
Heath Taylor

August 16 Don Klemme

August 17 Max Post
Walter Zimbal

August 19 Jill Adamavich
Tom Beitler

August 21 Elizabeth Barthels
Kyle Pennell
Linda Schuler

August 23 Linda Barthels
Tracy Beeck
Marvin Boedecker
Miles Hanke
Kaedin Roethel

August 25 Kyle Mauk
Ben Nyhof

August 25 Justin Schneider
Cole Suemnicht

August 27 Donna Rautmann

August 28 Xander Dassow
Jeff Hanke
Sally Nohl

August 29 Bryce Holzmann

August 30 Eric Albsmeier
Justin Boedecker
Tom Kanzelberger
Diane Voelker

August 31 Joan Laack
Scott Reichert

