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Pastor's Notes:

It hardly seems possible that we all too, soon will be entering the Lenten season. And, immediately there comes to mind that I should prepare myself for this time. It's part of the old refrain that one has heard from the pious from age one. Just how does one prepare for the season of Lent? Or for any season for that matter. For my ministry I know that there are certain things I must prepare for regarding Sunday services, and the special events occurring during Lent, but to prepare for the season as many people suggest well, that's something else. Do we put on a long face, set in mind that we have to fast from certain items in our diet, that we will be more caring of others, that we will attend church more frequently...? What are we to prepare ourselves for?

There is of course, no one answer that would satisfy us all. However, if the suggestion is to rededicate ourselves to being more caring of others and more concerned about fresh water and clean air, if the suggestion is to be more alert to how it is that our attitudes need some adjustment and our manners need some brushing-up, then perhaps we have some preparing to do.

Perhaps it is simply a reminder that as we make our way to Easter, that we take the time to consider our lives as they relate to the best in us. That we take the time to look at things with a wider perspective on life and living. That we take the time to listen more attentively and to respond more caringly. Perhaps it is to help us become more aware of what it means to walk in another person's shoes, or to ask ourselves in whatever situation we find ourselves in, what would Jesus do?

The forty days of Lent might be designated by us to consider various experiences we have if not neglected, simply have let pass us by. It can be something we once enjoyed but no longer take the time to ponder over. How about reading some poetry? How about reading Coleridge's, "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner". How about a trip to an art museum? How about reading Isaiah 40:21-31, or Isaiah 53:1-9? How about reading Matthew 25:31-46? What about reading a classic tale like Dana's, "Two Years Before the Mast"? Lent might well serve us to open our lives to new ventures, new avenues of thought. What about listening to some classical music? Every so often it is worth the time to move away from the same old, same old, and venture on something new and different. It can make a difference in our lives and most times, it is worth the effort.

As we journey to Easter, the imagination becomes excited by the renewing energy of the earth. It is seen in the first fruits of spring in bud and blossom, in the green, in the spring rains and a warming sun. In our imagination we visualize these things as we make our way during these forty days and welcome Easter as God's gift to the world. So, in the manner of preparing ourselves during this time, let's be alert to taking the time to consider our lives as they relate to the best in us.

Ernest Huntzinger

Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday—February 10

Worship Service at 7:00 p.m. Holy Communion and Impositions of Ashes
The Senior Choir will sing

Lenten Wednesdays—February 17th—March 16th

Lenten Suppers will begin at 6:00 p.m. Lenten Program to follow at 7:00 p.m.

Schedule of Organizations Hosting the Suppers is as follows:

February 17 - *Worship Enhancement and Prayer Shawl*

February 24 - *Senior Choir*

March 2 - *Confirmation Class*

March 9 - *Sunday School ???*

March 16 - *Women's Guild*



LOOKING AHEAD TO HOLY

March 20 - Palm Sunday - Worship at 10:15 a.m. Worship Service

8:00 a.m. Confirmation

March 24 - Maundy Thursday - One Service at 7:00 p.m. - Holy Communion - Senior Choir Sings

March 25 - Good Friday - Services at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - Music Ensemble at 7:00 p.m.

March 27 - Easter Sunday - Worship at 8:00 & 10:15 a.m. - Holy Communion
Senior Choir sings at both Services. **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Orders For Easter Flowers To Be Taken

If you would like to help beautify the sanctuary and narthex on Easter Sunday with Spring flowers **you may place your orders for them on the Sunday mornings of February 21st, February 28th, and March 6th.** To do so, please look for the



various sign-up sheets with price information located on tables in the Narthex. A member of the Women's Guild will be seated there to help you. **This year we will be offering Easter lilies, tulips, hydrangeas, hyacinths, daffodils, Reiger begonias, and Martha Washington geraniums.** You may take your flowers home following the 2nd Service on Easter Sunday.



One Great Hour of Sharing 2016

THEME: Walk the Extra Mile (Where you go, I will go...) based on scripture from Ruth 1:1-22

In a world where communities are being displaced by the catastrophes of war, famine, and natural disasters, the Church is called to reclaim the spiritual discipline of solidarity. Christians are summoned to adopt and live out a "theology of accompaniment". As natural, economic, and political forces disrupt and uproot communities, the Church is called to stand in solidarity with those who seek to move beyond the trauma of displacement toward a promise of healing and peace. The bulk of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering goes to support water, hunger, disaster relief and empowerment programs. Focusing on these four areas allows One Great Hour of Sharing to address some of the root causes of suffering in our world. Your gifts make hope possible.

Our Saron Women's Guild will create a display to track our progress and the Sunday School students will receive coin banks. We will dedicate our offering on Palm Sunday, March 20, 2016. Envelopes will be in the pews after Ash Wednesday and checks should be written to "Saron UCC" to receive credit on your giving statement.

Saron's Winter Celebration Dinner

Date: Sunday February 21st

Place: Amore in Plymouth

Social Hour: 5:30

Dinner: 6:00 (Broasted Chicken and Tenderloin Tips)

Cost: \$15.50

Musical entertainment provided by Thomas Pibal

Please sign up on the kiosk by February 7th



New Member To Be Received At Saron

Saron will receive **new members** on Sunday, February 14, 2016. If you've been attending Saron and are considering membership, there will be an informal gathering of people interested in joining on Sunday, February 7th, following the 10:15 service, at the church house. At that time, we will tell you more about Saron and answer any questions you may have about membership in our church. Please RSVP to the church office at barb@saronucc.org or 467-6202 if you wish to attend the session.



Sunday School News

The children will be singing during worship on February 14th at the 10:15 a.m. worship Service.



Forms are available in the narthex to order copies of the Sunday School Christmas Program on DVD. The cost is \$5.00 each.



Attention Musicians—We Need You!

The music is being planned for the Spring season and we need your help. If you sing, play an instrument, or have an ensemble in mind that you would like to see in worship, please contact Becky Charbonneau at 946-8345 or by e-mail at charb.becky@gmail.com. Help plan Saron's wonderful music.



Mark Your Calendar—Pizza Sale

THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP PIZZA SALE WILL BE SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH. WATCH FOR THE ORDER FORMS IN MARCH!



Thanks to Saron Family

I want to thank my Saron Family for your cards, prayers and encouragement during my recent surgery. I especially want to Thank Pastor Ernie for his visits and prayers during my recovery. It gave me such a good feeling that so many people care.

Chris Herzog

Saron Women's Guild

Thank you so much for the gas card, it will make my commute home easier for sure. Also, a special thanks for your support during my time here at Eden Theological Seminary.

Blessings,
Lucas Williams



**Saron's Youth will be collecting for the
Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7th
Watch for them standing in the narthex with their
"bowls" to collect donations**

Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement of young people working to fight hunger and poverty in their own communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game. In the weeks leading up to or on Super Bowl Sunday, young people take up a collection (many use a soup pot), asking for one dollar or one item of food for people in need. They give 100% of their donation directly to the local hunger-relief charity of their choice.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers:

Those who are homebound or in care centers: Elvera Dassow (Harvest Home), Janice Hartmann (Pine Haven), Eleanore Herzog (Pine Haven Assisted Living), Norb Meyer (Pine Haven, (Haven Drive Campus), for rehab) Ilene Struve (Kindred Hearts, Plymouth), 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....

To those who grieve: We extend our sympathy to the family of Otto Hartwig (Jane Hanke's brother-in-law who passed away on December 26, 2015; to the family of Ken Freitag (Kevin Fleck's step-dad) who passed away on December 30, 2015; to the family of Gerald Athorp (Kurt Athorp's grandfather) who passed away on December 30, 2015; and to the family of Gordon Novinska (Doug Van Helden's grandfather) who passed away on January 22, 2016....

We celebrate the birth of twin boys to Julianna and Kurt Kuzulka. Calvin Vincent and Kendrick Nicolai were born on Thursday, January 21st, 2016. The twins join sister Koralyn and brother Kurt....

WHAT TO DO IF WE ARE HAVING BAD WEATHER

Winter is here! We hate to cancel worship, but if we need to, Tune in to WHBL 1330 AM (Sheboygan), Milwaukee TV Stations 4 (WTMJ), FOX 6, 12 (WISN), 58 (CBS 58) or Green Bay TV Stations 2 (WBAY), 5 (WFRV), or 11 (WLUK); call the church office to listen for a cancellation message (467-6202) or check the church website for a cancellation notice (www.saronucc.org).



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).

February 6 Jeff & Kim Hanke
 February 11 Glenn & Maureen Schnicke
 February 17 Russ & Erlinda Beebe
 February 24 Jim & Peggy Leu
 February 27 Randy & Verla Peichl—45 yrs.
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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).

February 1 Jill Imig
 Michelle Johanning
 Kristy Mulder
 Bryan Rick
 Arwin Zimbal
 February 2 Al Blasel
 Chloe Bohn
 February 3 Hartley Bell
 Haley Post
 Rachel Rautmann
 February 4 Brandon Gumm
 Jada Lorenz
 February 5 Lisa Schneider
 February 6 Lloyd Feldmann
 Mairin Jarvis
 Ilene Struve
 Kevin Wieck
 February 7 Adam Knoz
 February 8 Collin Dulmes
 February 9 Julie Wieck
 February 10 Brian Wagner
 February 12 Anna Depping Herzog
 Sue Kleinhans
 Julianna Kuzulka
 February 13 Lauren Andrews
 Tyler Chisholm
 Jaiden Haack
 Ava Imig
 Calob Rautmann
 Katie Steiger
 February 15 Ann Boll
 Sara Rautmann
 February 16 Anna Kleinhans
 Heather Zimbal

February 17 Colin Bruton
 Eugene Rautmann
 February 18 Matt Andrews
 February 19 Judy Glander
 Max Prange
 Jerry Quilling
 Mary Jo Quilling
 February 20 Jonah Albsmeier
 Judy Dumke
 February 21 Jan Ebbott
 Roy Herzog
 Brynn Oppeneer
 Barb Sebald
 February 22 Kristi Belcher
 Bonnie Hanke
 February 23 Gretchen Herzog
 February 24 Lana Jankus
 Peggy Nohl
 February 25 Dan Doeberst
 Karl Fasse
 February 27 Debbie Rautmann
 Alisha Wield
 February 28 Gloria Kanzelberger
 Nathan Kleinhans
 Ronald Nicolaus

