

The Tidings



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Why Are We Afraid? The Winds and Waves of Race and Privilege

I always enjoy the Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting. It is a time to catch up with old friends and an opportunity to make new ones. It is a time to do the business of the Conference and to be challenged by the keynote speakers and learn how to navigate the challenges in the workshops. This year was no different as a very challenging topic, one charged with emotion and deep-rooted feelings, was tackled by all who presented and attended. I am sure we did not all leave of the same mind, but we did leave with the ability to discuss hard topics and with tools to do it in a healthy way.

One of the resolutions that was brought before the Conference was a resolution to Repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery. To quote from the resolution, "The doctrine authorized the genocide of Native Peoples and the theft of Native Lands" unless they converted to Catholicism. General Synod 29 supported and passed the resolution to repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery in 2013. Churches of the WI Conference UCC are being asked to study this topic this coming year. The resolution will be voted on next year at the Conference Annual Meeting. 30% of congregations need to study the issue in order for it to be voted on. The Racial Justice Working Group and the Hocak UCC congregation, the only Native American UCC Church in the WI Conference, will assist in the engagement of this study as needed. I hope that Saron UCC will engage in this study.

Other business that took place was re-electing Rev. Franz Rigert as our Conference Minister, approving the budget and voting to approve the changes to the UCC Constitution. We were able to explore the social service agencies supported through Our Church's Wider Mission and have brought back lots of information to share. Keynote Speaker Rev. Traci Blackmon, the Executive Minister of Justice & Local Church Ministries for the UCC and Senior Pastor of Christ The King UCC in Florissant, MO, was inspiring and challenging in her talk about racial, gender, and economic justice. She shared stories not only of what has been told to her, but what she has experienced herself. The sharing of our stories is vital to our understanding of church in our society.

Judy Dumke and Barb Post were Saron's delegates and Lucas and Dawn Williams attended as well. Ask them to tell you their stories from the meeting – what was their take on the meeting, what challenged them, what inspired them.

As Rev. Blackmon said in reference to the passage she preached on Mark 4:35-41 sometimes the boat is just a boat. But it is a boat we are all in together as the church. The hardest part she said was deciding to get in the boat but remember that Jesus is already in the boat.

That is another thing about the Conference Meeting, it reminds me that we are not alone as a congregation, we have other congregations in the Association, Conference, and across the US in the boat with us. Thank goodness it is a very large boat!

Blessings,
Pastor RaeAnn

YOUTH NEWS



Some exciting things are in the works for Youth at Saron UCC!

Faith and Film

For High School Age Youth (9th - 12th Grade)

This group will meet once a month to watch movies, share snacks, and think about our faith as it relates to things happening in our lives.

Your help is needed to pick the movies and the day and time that it is best to meet. Please get your movie recommendations to Pastor RaeAnn (revraeann@saronucc.org) and if you have a preference to a day and time let her know that as well.

Breakfast Club

For Middle School Age Youth (7th and 8th Grade)

Sunday Mornings (Sunday School time)

This group will also use movies to relate our faith to our everyday lives. We will meet in the Church House and breakfast will be provided.

This group is not in place of Confirmation but is a part of Confirmation.

Adults are needed to assist with these groups. Please contact Pastor RaeAnn if this is something you feel God is calling you to participate in.

Confirmation

Mark Your Calendars - A gathering for Parents and Confirmands (both 7th and 8th grades) is planned for **Wednesday, August 22**. This will be your opportunity to hear about the Confirmation Program, get more acquainted with Pastor RaeAnn and each other, and have some fun. More information will be in the August Tidings.



A **Service of Ordination** for Saron member Lucas Williams will be held here at Saron on Sunday, July 8th at 3:00 PM. Lucas has accepted a call as Associate Pastor at St. Stephens UCC, Merrill, WI. All are invited to witness this special event in the life of our church. A meal will be served following the service.

There will be a sign-up sheet for people who plan to attend Lucas' Ordination on July 8th at 3:00. We are trying to get a count so we know how much food we will need. We will also be looking for people to bring pasta salads, fruit salads, Jello and desserts.

**These sign-up sheets will be on the kiosk.
Hope to see you there!**

The Community Life and Hospitality Committee



This year The Women's Guild will be working with an organization called "Helping Kids" and Pine Haven to collect school supplies for needy children in the Sheboygan Falls School District. What they do is provide us with a box to collect needed school supplies and then they will come and collect the items. Then they will fill the backpacks with the school supplies and food for the needy children. Before school starts the backpacks will be handed out to the children. The box will be available in the narthex for the month of July. You can also make cash donations. We will put a list of items needed in the bulletin, on the website and on the kiosk when it is available.

The Women's Guild THANKS YOU for your help in this mission project!

Vacation Bible School Is Coming!!

Dates: July 23rd, 24th, & 25th (Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday)

Theme: Son Harvest County Fair

Schedule: 6:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m. Supper
6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. VBS Activities

No Cost for VBS—Donations Only



WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH: Crafts, Games and Sign-in Table.

News From The Board Of Christian Education

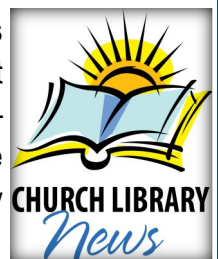
There are openings for 8 Sunday School Teachers as well as a Co-Ordinator for the Little Disciples.

Please contact Jessica Herzog at 920-838-2328 if you are interested in serving the church in this capacity.



Check Out Saron's Library

If you're looking for a convenient spot to find a book, try Saron's library located in the church basement. There are a variety of titles for children and adults, including a recent donation, **Best Loved Prayers** with illustrations by Alison Wiesenfeld. Each page has prayerful comments accompanied by a full page painting. Check it out.



Rural Church Fellowship Volleyball Tournament

Sunday, July 29, 2018 at NOON!

At Bethlehem UCC, 11608 Lax Chapel Rd, Kiel, WI.

**All are invited to come and watch and enjoy Christian Fellowship with the other Rural UCC Churches.
Food will be available to purchase.**



Congratulations To Saron Member Allen Nohl

Allen was recently named to the Plymouth High School Alumni Hall of Fame representing the Class of 1968. Here is the article that was printed in the local papers about Allen:

Shortly after graduation from PHS, Allen Nohl enlisted in the Army and was assigned to a helicopter crew in Vietnam. While there, he was the lone survivor of an accident in which two helicopters on a support mission crashed into each other.

After his Army service Allen had a long career at Johnsonville Sausage as a team leader and a foreman, but has continued to serve veterans through the Sheboygan County American Legion for more than 40 years. He has served as county commander and as a mentor for veteran's treatment court, helped set up the camo-quilt project, and serves as chairman of the Sheboygan County Veterans Memorial Committee.

Additionally, Allen has volunteered his time to support the Johnsonville Fire Department, the PHS FFA, and the Sheboygan County Fair.

From all of us here at Saron, Congratulations Allen!!!





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)....

Thinking of You



We extend our Christian Sympathy to the Family of Ruth Zittel (Mother of John) who passed away on May 26th, 2018 And **to the Family of Norman Boeldt** (Brother of Jane Hanke) who passed away on June 11th, 2018....



With Heartfelt Sympathy

We Celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism for: Dalton Jax Beebe and Parker Ryan Beebe, who were baptized on June 17, 2018. Dalton and Parker are the sons of Ryan & Carlie Beebe and the grandsons of Pastor RaeAnn & Rory Beebe....

We also Celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism for: Amelia Jill Miles, who was baptized on June 24, 2018. Amelia is the daughter of Matt & Amy Miles and the niece of Pastor RaeAnn & Rory Beebe....



Thanks You From The Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry

The families that utilize the Food Pantry are so very lucky to have such caring people in the community that are there to help in so many ways. The monetary donation will help the pantry purchase fresh vegetables and fruits for the clients and the cart full of food will feed many that utilize the pantry.

Families from Cedar Grove, Hingham, Howards Grove, Kohler, Oostburg, Sheboygan Falls, and Waldo utilize the Pantry and are grateful for your generosity.

It is wonderful to have caring members of the community, businesses and the many organizations that are willing to help so many in need.



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).

July 1 Dan & Cindy Roehrborn
 Janu 3 Chris & Tiffany Suemnicht
 July 4 Jack & Marian Jarvis
 July 5 Amanda & Dylan Bell
 July 7 Heidi & Doug Taylor
 July 8 Shaun & Jennifer Haas
 July 11 Howie & Marilyn Heiden
 July 13 Don & Nancy Collier
 Doug & Katie Van Helden



July 15 Dave & Kathy Thomas—40 yrs.
 Du Wayne & Linda Wieck
 July 16 Nicole & Jarrod Brown
 Du Wayne & Peggy Nohl—35 yrs.
 July 20 Scott & Janice Curtiss
 Rick & Mary Margenau
 July 23 Tom & Cindy Beitler—40 yrs.
 July 24 Carl & Robin Lindquist
 Eric & Kelly Rabe
 July 31 Ben & Carrie Nickel
 Kevin & Julie Wieck

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).

July 1 Dennis Nelson Stacy Wagner	July 10 Jim Karstaedt Anthony Leu Mark Schmidt	July 19 Brennan Nickel Dawn Williams Sonya Yellstrom	July 26 Alyce Beeck Steve Boll Eugene Weiskopf
July 2 Casey Schneider	July 12 Donna Rabe Harper Schmidt	July 20 Amy Kober Morgan Reichwald Tom Roth Dale Verhage	July 27 Katie Van Helden Riles Walsh
July 4 Jane Hanke	July 14 Ralph Anger Ella Baumann	July 22 Kim Abston Ethan Albsmeier Brian Feider Joyce Riviers	July 29 Kira Athorp Sue Nohl Dennis Roehrborn Heidi Taylor
July 5 Corin Trumm	July 15 Patti Boedecker Brayden Schneider	July 23 Rachel Peichl-McGee	July 30 Diane Frazier Mike Mooney
July 6 Bernice Justinger Lois Roehl	July 16 Lexi Haas Natalie Mauk	July 24 Todd Havlinek	
July 7 Heather Jankus Hallie Kaiser	July 17 Kathy Herzog	July 25 Mason Fleck Judy Prange Emily Schnicke	
July 8 Sharon Boedecker Zachary Dulmes Lauren Schneider Glenn Ubbelohde	July 18 Brittney Mauk Sara Schnicke		
July 9 Jordy Hitsmann Ethan Zimmermann			

