

The Tidings

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Several years ago, Rory and I discovered the joys of traveling. We are grateful to be in a position to do so. We have seen some beautiful and wonderful things on our travels. I always think that I have seen the most beautiful sight, but the next trip is filled with more beauty. Our latest trip to Alaska was so filled with awesome sights. The best were probably the glaciers. We saw so many and while each was different there were similarities as well. We took an excursion off our ship to get closer to the Hubbard Glacier in Disenchantment Bay. It was cold and rainy, but the Hubbard Glacier was spectacular. This huge wall of ice in front of us (Hubbard Glacier is about 40 stories tall) and such vivid blue colors. They told us the blue color was due to few air bubbles being trapped in the ice. So, when light passes through it, the red (long wavelengths) part of white light is absorbed by the ice and the blue (short wavelengths) light is transmitted and scattered. It doesn't really matter to me why they are so blue; I was just mesmerized by the color and their beauty. The glacier was actively calving (chucks breaking off and falling into the water) while we were there. You would hear a loud noise, kind of like thunder, and then see a splash in the water as the piece broke off. One of the crew members fished a piece of glacier ice out of the water and people were able to hold it. I couldn't help but wonder how old that piece of ice Rory was holding was. We saw several other glaciers in Glacier Bay National Park and also Mendenhall Glacier outside of Juneau. I don't think I have ever seen anything so beautiful, and I marvel at what God created.

But we really don't have to travel far or even leave home to see the beauty of God's creation. I often walk along the Mullet River by Riverview Middle School. The sounds of all different kinds of birds in that area. From the Redwing Blackbird that likes to dive bomb me to the geese floating in the water to the ones I have no idea what they are, but their song is beautiful to listen to as I walk along. The diversity and beauty of God's creation is all around us. I think we just have to stop and take a moment to see and appreciate it.

So, this summer as you are traveling or having a staycation, I hope you take a moment to look around you, to listen to the sounds of nature, to appreciate all that God has created. Including yourself and each other!

Blessings,

Pastor RaeAnn



Please join us on Sunday, July 16th for our next outdoor worship service and potluck. It will be hosted by The Women's Guild. We will be serving Sloppy Joes and hot dogs. There will be a sign-up sheet on the kiosk and online for items needed. This is an opportunity to get the church out of the building and enjoy the beautiful summer weather, while we can. (It will be moved indoors in the event of in climate weather.) Bring your own lawn chairs. All are welcome for worship, good food, and fellowship.

Saron UCC's Endowment Fund committee is still in the process of working on a distribution process to release funds to provide for Saron UCC programs. Christian Education, Community Services and Wider Missions. More details will be provided in future updates. If any questions, please contact any member of the Endowment committee.

ENDOWMENT FUND



Looking Ahead:

School Supply Drive

It will soon be back to school time and the Women's Guild will be conducting their annual back to school drive during the month of August.

Look for more information in the August Tidings.

LOOKING AHEAD

TO THE

SARON WOMEN'S FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT

Friday, October 20th – Saturday, October 21st, 2023

At Cedar Valley Retreat Center, West Bend, WI

“Drawn In: Living the Creative Life with God”

It's time to start thinking about the Fall Saron Women's Retreat, which is sponsored by the Saron Women's Guild. All women and their friends are invited to attend this one night retreat at the beautiful Cedar Valley Retreat Center, 5329 County Rd. D, West Bend, WI

The retreat begins with dinner at 5 PM on Friday afternoon (feel free to come early – 3 PM - and enjoy their beautiful grounds) and continues through Saturday afternoon.

Pastor RaeAnn Beebe will be the retreat leader. The central image for the retreat is the heart because then the spiritual chambers of the heart are filled or drawn in with such things as; dreaming hovering, listening, acting, reintegrating, and rest, the deepest desires of our hearts are satiated. This heart symbol of the communal nature of creativity will bring more love to the world. May we be filled with the joy and delight of creativity and community through the upcoming retreat.

The Saron Women's Guild will be subsidizing \$20.00 for each person for the retreat. The cost of a double occupancy room is \$100 each. The cost of a single occupancy room is \$115. Each room has a private bathroom. There is an elevator in the building. The cost also includes 3 meals (Fri. dinner & Sat. breakfast and lunch); and includes sheets, blanket, pillow, towels, & little toiletry bottles. Special diets can be accommodated (indicate on sign-up).

A sign-up sheet will be put up on the kiosk in August. If you have any questions before that, please feel free to call Barb Post at 920-207-4513.



Those who are home-bound or in care centers: Marilyn Perronne (at home), Eugene Weiskopf (Field of Dreams Assisted Living, Kiel) Shirley Schmidt (at Song Bird Pond), Merlin Schmidt (at home), Sally Nohl (at home) Marilyn Heiden (at The Waterford)



We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of Fritz Johanning, Father of David Johanning who died on June 10th.....



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



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 (920-467-6202 or email adminoffice@saronucc.org).

July 1 Dan & Cindy Roerborn
July 3 Chris & Tiffany Suemnicht
July 4 Jack & Marian Jarvis
July 7 Heidi & Doug Taylor
July 8 Shaun & Jennifer Haas
July 11 Howie & Marilyn Heiden
July 13 Don & Nancy Coller
Doug & Katie Van Helden



July 15 David & Kathy Thomas
DuWayne & Linda Wieck
July 16 DuWayne & Peggy Nohl
July 23 Tom & Cindy Beitler
July 24 Carl & Robin Lindquist
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 (920-467-6202 or email adminoffice@saronucc.org).

July 1 Julia Farnum
July 2 Casey Schneider
July 4 Jane Hanke
July 5 Corin Trumm
July 6 Lois Roehl
July 7 Heather Jankus
Hallie Kaiser
July 8 Sharon Boedecker
Zachary Dulmes
Lauren Schneider
Glenn Ubbelohde
July 9 Jordy Hitsman
Eathan Zimmermann
July 10 Anthony Leu
Mark Schmidt
July 12 Donna Rabe
Harper Schmidt
July 14 Ella Baumann
July 15 Patti Boedecker

July 15 Brayden Schneider
July 16 Lexi Haas
Natalie Mauk
July 17 Kathy Herzog
July 18 Brittney Mauk
July 19 Brennan Nickel
Dawn Williams
Sonya Yellstrom
July 20 Adam Post
Morgan Reichwald
Dale Verhage
July 22 Brian Feider
Kim Shaske
July 23 Rachel Peichl-McGee
July 25 Mason Fleck
Judy Prange
July 26 Alyce Beeck
Steve Boll
Eugene Weiskopf

July 27 Katie Van Helden
July 29 Kira Athorp
Sue Nohl
Dennis Roerborn
Heidi Taylor
July 30 Diane Fraizer
Mike Mooney

