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# The Tidings

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## **Pastor's Notes**

As of the 4<sup>th</sup> of June, I will have served you as your interim minister for two years. In that span of time any number of changes have taken place in our lives. Some have been significantly more important changes than the usual things we experience. We focus on the unusual because they have contributed to the more desirable or the less desirable outcomes we would like to either embrace or avoid.

I think from the attitude of the church family, things are going well. The changes we have experienced for the most part, are embraced and received with joy. That result is exceedingly important. It translates into trust and hope and confidence among and within us. It brings us together Sunday after Sunday and inspires within us a love for Saron and a commitment to the essence of Christ's presence here. That Presence glorifies what is true; it magnifies what is hoped for; it honors trust, and it exemplifies God's love. It becomes a model for our lives and ever elevates the values we share.

These values can never be compromised. They can never be treated with indifference or taken for granted. They provide us with strength and assure us that we with a will, walk Christ's way in our world.

I so enjoy my life and time with you and express deep thanks in celebrating our two years together. Blessings upon you.

Rev. Ernie

### Search Committee News

The search committee has submitted the Local Church Profile to the UCC conference office to continue the search process. This month we will be meeting with Rev. Franz Rigert to review candidate profiles. At that time we will have a better understanding of what candidates are available as well as the overall interest in Saron. If there are any questions please reach out to any of the members of the search committee.

**PASTOR  
SEARCH**

### Summer Worship Schedule

Saron's summer worship schedule begins on Memorial Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017, with **ONE SERVICE ONLY** starting at 9:30 a.m. and continuing through Labor Day weekend.



### Church Office Summer Hours

**Monday—Thursday 8:00 AM—Noon  
1:00 PM—3:30 PM**

**Friday 8:00 AM—Noon  
No Afternoon Hours**



### SARON HONORING IT'S HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES

On Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Saron will be honoring their high school graduates at worship at 9:30 a.m. Graduates: Please let the church office know (467-6202 or [barb@saronucc.org](mailto:barb@saronucc.org)) if you will be attending. Also, if you or a member of your family will be receiving (or has received within the past year) a degree from an institution of higher learning, please let the office know so that you too can be recognized for your achievement.

**High School Graduates:** Abigail Albright, Joshua Beeck, Raechel Grunewald, Brandon Gumm, Melanie Roehrborn, Rachel Wilke.

**College Graduates that we are aware of:** Lucas Williams, Masters of Divinity, Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, MO; Kathy Herzog, Master of Arts: Community Counseling, Lakeland University; Katie Ann Steiger, Bachelor of Science-Nursing (Oct. 2016) from Bellin College, Green Bay; Emily Grunewald, Lakeland University; and Saron's Haiti student we sponsor, Elaine Dorean, graduated from Nursing School; and any others we are not aware of.



### SCRIP News

Chester's SCRIP is here in \$10.00 increments. Did you know that if you have a Kohl's credit card, the Kohl's gift card that says, "Kohl's Cares" can be used to pay off your balance? In this time of vacation, remember you can buy gas cards and restaurant cards. Don't forget, too, that SCRIP gift cards make great wedding and graduation gifts. But, please note: If you need to order any special cards that we don't normally carry, please plan ahead. We incur shipping costs with each SCRIP order, so we like to combine special order cards with our regular stock cards. Thank you for your participation in the SCRIP program.

## News From The Board Of Christian Education

**There are openings for several Sunday School Teacher positions for next year they are as follows:**

- ◆ One teacher is needed for the 1st Grade
- ◆ Two teachers are needed for the 3rd Grade



## Looking Ahead To Vacation Bible School

**Dates:** July 24th, 25th, & 26th (Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday)

**Theme:** "God's Bible VBS Bible Camp"

**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**

**A Registration Form is included with your copy of the Tidings**



### BUTTONS NEEDED!

The Women's Guild is looking for buttons. We need all sizes and colors for a project we are planning. There will be a basket in the Narthex for your donations.

We will be collecting through the month of June.

The ladies of the Guild thank you for your support.



## You're Invited to an Open House Honoring Reverend William Kesting

**Where:** St. Mark's United Church of Christ, N9286 Dairyland Dr., Cleveland, WI

**When:** Sunday, June 25, 2017, 1-4 p.m.

Join in fellowship and snacks to celebrate one of God's faithful servants as he enters "retirement" from his Ministry at St. James and St. Mark's UCCs. Thank you for sharing in this special event.

**In Our Thoughts & Prayers**

**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)....

**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)....

**Elaine, the student we sponsor in Haiti....**

**We extend our Christian sympathy to the:** family of Harold Meinnert (Alice Thomas' brother and Lou Meinnert's brother-in-law who died on May 11, 2017)....

**We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism of:** Maverick Jeffrey Feldmann, son of Joseph and Nicole Feldmann, who was baptized on May 14, 2017; and Madison Ivy Goetsch, daughter of Brittani & John Goetsch, who was baptized on May 21, 2017....

On Monday, May 15th, Verna Groene moved to Prairie Crossing in Sheboygan Falls. Her new contact information will be:

**Verna Groene  
Prairie Crossing, Apt. 103  
1280 Pine Haven Lane  
Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085  
Her new Phone Number is 920-550-5645**

Keep Verna in your thoughts and prayers as she makes this transition.



**PLEASE NOTE THE  
NEW ADDRESS &  
PHONE NUMBER**

**Dear Members & Friends of Saron Church**

I thank you so very much for all of your prayers and good wishes. I am thankfully recovering well and have very much appreciated your kind and caring support. All good wishes to you each one!

Nancy Huntzinger

**Thanks For The Plant**

Thank you for to whoever is responsible for the beautiful plant given to me at Easter. It sure did brighten up my room.

It is wonderful to belong to such a loving and caring church family. Thanks again.

Norb Meyer

**Thanks For Caring So Much**

Thanks so very much to Pastor Ernie for his caring ways and to everyone who sent a card, said a prayer, visited me, or made inquiries as to how I was doing. It is truly a blessing to know how much my church family cares for it's members, your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

Helen Rautmann



## Schedule for the Rural Church Volleyball League

The Saron youth (confirmed through age 20) participate in a rural church Volleyball League. Practices are at 6:30 p.m. on Sundays and Wednesdays with games begin in mid-June, culminating with a tournament at the end of the season.



All games begin at 6:30 p.m. Saron members and friends are encouraged to come and cheer on the wonderful youth of Saron and the surrounding churches. **All games are on Sundays.**

### The schedule for the games is as follows:

- June 11 – 6:30 p.m. Bethlehem UCC @ Saron
- June 18 – 6:30 p.m. Saron @ Immanuel/Bethel (with play being at Immanuel UCC)
- June 25 – 6:30 p.m. St. Marks/St. James @ Saron
- July 9 – 6:30 p.m. Saron @ Bethlehem UCC
- July 16 – 6:30 p.m. Immanuel/Bethel @ Saron
- July 23 – 6:30 p.m. Saron @ St. Marks/St. James (with play being at St. James UCC)
- July 30 – Noon – Tournament at Immanuel UCC

## Schedule for the Christian Fellowship Coed Softball League

The following is the schedule of the Saron UCC softball games in the Christian Good Fellowship Coed Softball League. Come and cheer on the team! Most of the games are played at Veteran's park which is located on Union Avenue & South 24th St. in Sheboygan. One game is being played at Roosevelt Park, which is located on 12th & Mead in Sheboygan.

### SOFTBALL SCHEDULE – all games are on Mondays in Sheboygan

- June 5 – 5:45 p.m. @ Veterans Park SW
- June 12 – 5:45 & 6:55 p.m. @ Veterans Park NW
- June 19 – 6:55 p.m. @ Veterans Park SW
- June 26 – 5:45 @ Veterans Park NW
- July 10 – 6:55 p.m. @ Veterans Park NW
- July 17 – 5:45 p.m. @ Veterans Park NW & 8:05 p.m. @ Roosevelt Park SW
- July 24 – 5:45 p.m. @ Veterans Park NW
- July 31 – 5:45 p.m. @ Veterans Park NW
- August 7 – 5:45 p.m. @ Veterans Park SW
- August 14 – Tournament – time and place TBA



## **A Recap Of The Annual Meeting Of The Northeast Association**

The annual meeting of the Northeast Association (NEA) of the UCC was held Saturday, April 22, 2017 at First Congregational UCC in Ripon. Allen Nohl and Judy Dumke represented Saron as delegates, Rev. Arlan and Sharon Schlundt attended as retired clergy/visitor.

After an opening worship service with communion, the business meeting commenced with the various committees updating everyone of their respective meetings and activities during the past year. It was announced that this would be the last year Technology Grants would be given out after approximately seven years of assisting churches to add/upgrade their auto visual needs.

Rev. Nathan Athorp, Pilgrim Center Camp Chaplin, gave an update on the Capital Campaign to improve and repair facilities at Moon Beach and Pilgrim Center camps. To date the campaign has pledges of 3.5 million dollars. This has allowed Moon Beach to rehab 2 cabins to have amenities for year round usage including handicap accessibility as well as making other repairs. Pilgrim Center is currently working on major repairs and expansion to a number of buildings, with the hopes of more buildings receiving needed fixes in the future.

It was announced with great sadness, that with the retirement of Rev Karen Gyax-Rodriguez, Green Lake Federated Church made the decision to close their doors.

This year's theme was "Celebrate the Local Church: Living Out the Command 'Do Not Be Afraid' in an Era of SHIFT". Representatives from 3 churches gave testimonials to how their churches are shifting to being the church beyond their own building. First Congregational UCC in New London created a Camp Scholarship program to fund raise money to cover 100% of the cost for their members to attend camp. This successful fund raising allowed them to expand the scholarships to non-church members who expressed an interest in attending church camps, at the same scholarship level.

Another testimonial dealt with the involvement of local churches in bringing and supporting a Syrian family to Sheboygan. Finding housing, supplying everything needed for the family, tutors for English as a Second Language (ESL), assistance in getting a driver's license so members can get to their new jobs and move about the community, were only a few of the challenges they worked through.

A third testimonial shared how their church established a food pantry, partnering with other organizations in sourcing the food needed to meet the increasing demands they are experiencing. Often times if a major employer reduces their employment pool, this puts a crushing demand on the need for food for families.

In the afternoon session, Rev Judine Duerwaechter, pastor of 1st Reformed UCC & St John's UCC, and Rev Matt Sauer, pastor of 1st Presbyterian Church, all in Manitowoc, told us how their respective congregations came together to form a partnership they've titled 'The Manitowoc Cooperative Ministry'. After lengthy discussion, much soul searching and countless prayers they came together in relationship to the benefit of their respective churches in sharing their talents, gifts and support of each other.

Saron was again recognized as one of many of the 5 for 5 churches. These are churches that during the past year, gave financial support to 5 special funds - One Great Hour of Sharing; the Blanket Fund; Strengthen the Church; Neighbors in Need and the Christmas Fund.

The day ended with the installation of new officers and committee members followed by a closing worship service.

We would like to thank the consistory for the privilege of allowing us to attend as delegates on behalf of Saron.

**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](mailto:barb@saronucc.org)).

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| June 2 Kurt & Wendy Mauk  | June 20 Jim & Virginia Karstaedt<br>Roger & Alice Wagner                                |
| June 3 Milton & Virginia Braun<br>Richard & Elicia Wagner                 | June 21 Justin & Amanda Boedecker<br>Duane & Lori Knuth Gumm—20 yrs.                    |
| June 4 Dan & Joy Grunewald  | June 23 Keith & Tracy Beeck<br>Anthony & Heather Leu<br>Jim & Donna Rabe                |
| June 6 John & Dawn Giraldo<br>Dennis & Shirley Roehrborn                  | June 24 Kurt & Cindy Kwekkeboom<br>Lynn & Elaine Rettig—50 yrs.<br>John & Kathie Zittel |
| June 7 Scott & Renee Greger   | June 25 David & Michelle Johanning<br>Luke & Tracy Kwekkeboom                           |
| June 8 Julie & Zeke Fitzgerald<br>Joel Schuler & Rebecca Johnston—15 yrs. | June 26 Steve & Debbie Boll   |
| June 10 Dave & Lisa Bunke<br>John & Sonya Yellstrom—50 yrs.               | June 27 Chris & Courtney Booth<br>Steve & Deanna Milz—25 yrs.<br>Andy & Kari Nyhof      |
| June 11 Larry & Patti Boedecker—40 yrs.<br>Matt & Nikki Kapellen          | June 29 Richard & Jodi Koller   |
| June 13 David & Laura Rautmann  |   |
| June 16 Jay & Lexann Hoogstra—5 yrs.                                      |   |
| June 19 Jim & Bonnie Hanke  |   |



**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](mailto:barb@saronucc.org)).

June 1 Jody Biederwolf  
Lori Knuth Gumm

June 2 John Zittel

June 3 Greg Herzog  
Amy Kwekkeboom  
Bryak Slaton  
Lisa Zak

June 4 Brian Barthels  
Avery Beltran  
Darlene Gumm

June 5 Gail Federwisch  
Jenna Rautmann

June 6 Eric Haas

June 8 Jessica Trumm

June 9 Heather Leu

June 10 Heidi Baumann  
Melissa Roth

June 11 David Laack  
Jim Leu

June 12 Kim Havlinek

June 13 Cole Anhalt  
Janine Gardapee  
Tate Hollingsworth  
Peter Laack  
Kirsten Roethel

June 14 Amanda Boedecker  
Ron Matzdorf

June 15 Sadie Beltran  
Carol Mooney

June 16 Bonnie Adamavich

June 16 Russ Beebe  
Jordan Hanke  
Glenn Schnicke

June 17 Nathan Chisholm  
John Giraldo  
Brian Gumm  
Carla Ross

June 18 Reese Kapellen

June 19 Layton Albright  
April Decker  
Chris Herzog  
Corby Trumm

June 20 Autumn Christy

June 21 Sawyer Gumm

June 22 Mike Holzmann  
Brady Koller  
Sydney Theobald

June 23 Mike Adamavich  
Gary Hanke  
Judy Knuth

June 24 Emily Koller  
Warren Mitchell  
Michelle Stache

June 26 Anthony Jetzer  
Allison Jetzer  
Matthew Nelson  
Carter Suemnicht

June 27 Karissa Kaminski

June 28 Greg Bohn

June 29 Rachel Wilke  
Kathy Zimbal

June 30 Jacob Albright  
Ereka Kaat  
Megan Knopp  
Teri Morden  
Terry Provencher  
Carl Suemnicht

