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# The Tidings

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## It Could Be Indigestion

By the Rev. Mary Luti

*Suddenly from heaven came a sound like the rush of a violent wind. Divided tongues, as of fire, rested on each of them. All were filled with the Holy Spirit.—Acts 2:2-4 (NRSV, abridged)*

The Spirit made a raucous entrance that first Pentecost morning. Ever since, some Christians claim you don't have the Spirit if you don't feel the Spirit, if you're not powerfully moved. But many of the church's most magnificent saints and most of her everyday ones never had their hair set on fire by God. Plenty of churches have the Spirit, yet their neighbors never call 911 to report a disturbance.

"Powerful experiences" are a dime a dozen. Having one may or may not signify the Spirit's presence. It could be real. It could also be manufactured show, self-delusion, overwrought emotion, or indigestion. Here's a more reliable sign: a courageous, persevering life staked on God's promise and power to bring life from death. If you're looking for the Spirit, you'll find her for sure whenever someone puts everything on the line because of that blessed assurance.

What's important about Pentecost isn't the shakes, it's the courage and clarity that come from God's promise of life, true in high wind and flame. True when fire flickers and winds subside, true whether you feel it or not. So don't worry if no one's having holy hot flashes in your church. Worry if your community shrinks back into fright and small-mindedness at the first sign of challenge.

If a curious crowd ever gathers at your church's door, hope they've been attracted not by flash and din, but by your daring faith, the fruitful life you're living, and your confidence in the promises of God.

## Prayer

Holy Spirit, come to us with courage and grace. Ground our faith for witness in small things and great, day by day, unswervingly. Amen.

## Honoring Our Graduates

### Those graduating from High School are:

Colin Dulmes is a Graduate of Sheboygan Falls High School. Colin will be starting his Apprenticeship with Specht Electric.

Quinn Gumm is a Home School Graduate. Quinn will be working for Cobblestone Landscaping and pursuing a career in Interior Design and Home Staging.

Mairin Jarvis is Graduating from High School and will be attending college.

Mylee Nickle is a Graduate of Plymouth High School. She will be attending UW Stevens Point, majoring in Marketing and Administration.

Lauryn Pelnar is a Graduate of Plymouth High School. She will be attending Arizona State to study Nursing.

Zeynep Guney is an exchange student who is living with the Pelnar family and will be heading back home to Turkey.

Corin Trumm is a Sheboygan Falls High School Graduate.

Isabel Wieck is a Graduate of a Sheboygan High School.

### College Graduate:

Seth Morse Graduated on May 11th from UW Whitewater with a Biology Education Major.



## Saron UCC Endowment Fund Committee Asks: "Did you know?"

Did you know...a beneficiary is a person or entity that receives your assets by operation of law following your passing? Saron UCC Endowment Fund is an example of an entity that can be named as a beneficiary.

Please consult your tax advisor. Feel free to contact any member of Saron's Endowment Fund committee members consisting of Donna Rautmann, Jack Jarvis, Luke Kwekkeboom, Judy Dumke, or Deb Mennert.

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### A One Day Mission Opportunity in Milwaukee—Saturday, June 15, 2024

We are looking for volunteers confirmation age youth through adulthood. We will be leaving Saron at 7 a.m. sharp, returning about 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be served. We have a chance to make a difference in an area of Milwaukee that needs revitalizing. We are partnering with Bridge Builders, a non-profit neighborhood improvement organization. Work projects could include, staining, painting, landscaping, and fence building. **If you are interested in participating please contact either Carl or Joan Laack no later than June 9th.**



### Community Café

We are offering our time for the Community Café for the summer months. We are looking for volunteers 12 years old and older. Our days are Tuesday, June 11, Thursday, July 11 and Thursday, August 8. Please sign up on the kiosk.



### Immanuel Food Pantry

We are collecting Peanut Butter and Jelly for the Immanuel Food Pantry for the month of June.

### With Special Thanks!

A special thanks to everyone who donated to the Mary's Room Baby Shower! Your very generous donations will be of great help to many young families in Sheboygan County.



**Those who are homebound or in care centers: Marilyn Perronne** (at home), **Eugene Weiskopf** (Field of Dreams Assisted Living, Kiel) **Shirley Schmidt** (at Song Bird Pond), **Arlene Heckmann** (at home), **Sally Nohl** (at Rocky Knoll) **Ruby Feldmann** (Rocky Knoll), **Vernon Reichert** (Magnolia Trails at the Waterford), **Gail Federwisch** .....



We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of **Merlin Schmidt** who died on May 14, 2024. He is the husband of **Shirley**, father of **Mark Schmidt**, and **Cindy Kwekkeboom**, and grandfather to **Mitchell** and **Eddie Schmidt** and **Luke Kwekkeboom**..... **AND** to the family of **Mark DeRuyter** who died on May 21, 2024. He is the father of **Kathy Schwartz**, Saron's Administrative Assistant .....



**Ben Lenz**  
**(U.S. Air Force)**

**Christopher Kletzien**  
**(U.S. Army)**



## Treasurer's Update

**As of April 30, 2024**

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 insurance (the items that are included in our line-item budget).

YTD income \$58,450      YTD expenses \$63,628      YTD Deficit \$5,178

**Please prayerfully consider your support of the daily and weekly vital functions of Saron Church as we go through the year.**

The **Improvement Fund** supports all maintenance of the buildings and property that is not covered under General Fund expenses. Monies in this fund can be carried over from year to year.

YTD income \$10,729      YTD expenditures \$22

Total Available Fund Balance \$63,587

The parking lot maintenance project has a budgeted amount of \$25,000 which will be paid through the Improvement Fund. A contract has been signed for this project.

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

YTD income \$5,250

Designated Disbursements:

OCWM (\$20,500 commitment; \$3,357 designated, = 16% of commitment)

OGHS (\$1,412 paid out in April)

Souper Bowl of Caring (\$142 received, and sent to the Sheboygan Food Bank)

Other pass-throughs for special mission offerings and projects are distributed as they are collected throughout the 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 Treasurer Linda Barthels or any Consistory member.

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

June 2 Kurt & Wendy Mauk

June 6 Dennis & Shirley Roehrborn

June 7 Scott & Renee Greger

June 8 Julie & Zeke Fitzgerald

June 11 Larry & Patti Boedecker

June 13 David & Laura Rautmann

June 19 Jim & Bonnie Hanke

June 20 Roger & Alice Wagner



June 21 Justin & Amanda Boedecker

June 23 Keith & Tracy Beeck  
Anthony & Heather Leu  
Jim & Donna Rabe

June 24 Kurt & Cindy Kwekkeboom  
John & Kathy Zittel

June 25 David & Michelle Johanning  
Luke & Tracy Kwekkeboom

June 26 Steve & Deborah Boll

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

June 1 Jody Biederwolf

June 2 John Zittel

June 3 Greg Herzog  
Bryak Slaton  
Lisa Zak

June 4 Brian Barthels  
Avery Beltran  
Darlene Gumm

June 5 Gail Federwisch  
Jenna Hahn

June 6 Eric Haas

June 8 Jessica Trumm

June 9 Heather Leu

June 10 Heidi Baumann

June 11 Jim Leu  
Harrison Miller

June 13 Cole Anhalt  
Janine Gardapee  
Tate Hollingsworth

June 14 Amanda Boedecker  
Ron Matzdof

June 15 Sadie Beltran

June 16 Russ Beebe  
Jordan Hanke

June 17 Nathan Chisholm  
Brian Gumm

June 19 Layton Albright  
Chris Herzog  
April Opitz  
Corby Trumm

June 20 Autumn Christy  
Hannah Gumm

June 21 Sawyer Gumm

June 22 Mike Holzmann

June 23 Mike Adamavich  
Gary Hanke  
Judy Knuth

June 24 Michelle Stache

June 26 Carter Suemnicht

June 29 Rachel Wilke

June 30 Erika Kaat  
Teri Morden-Sengbusch  
Terry Provencher  
Carl Suemnicht

