



# The Tidings

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***“Today I will not stress over things I can’t control.”***

***“Today I will do what I can and that will be enough.”***

I am a collector of quotes. When I read something that speaks to me, I write it down and keep it on a pile on my desk. Sometimes I look back at these quotes and wonder why I liked them in the first place and other times they are reminders of what I need to hear. The two listed at the top of the page are printed on stickers that I have affixed to my computer. I found these when I was in Door County last summer with my sister. Reminders that I need to hear daily. I can’t control everything, and I can’t do it all. None of us can, but we so easily forget that. We want the perfect life and to be everything to everyone.

Marcia McFee in the overview of her *Good Enough* worship series says, “We live in a culture bent on definitions of a good life as continuous upward mobility—climbing ladders of prosperity with increasingly fabulous experiences that we can post to ever-more-likable social media accounts. We may comb the shelves of the self-help section in search of just the right formula to gain success. Perhaps we even gravitate towards spiritual leaders who promise great rewards if we only do “the right thing.” But life happens, right? Most times we are not moving upward but trying to repair the rung we’ve just slipped from. So, what if we stopped climbing and started fertilizing, watering, and blooming right where we find ourselves?”

I will be using Marcia’s *Good Enough: Embracing the Imperfections of Life and Faith* series for worship on Sunday’s and for our midweek Lenten program. This series is based on Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie’s book *Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals For a Life of Imperfection*. I just received my book and haven’t had the chance to delve into it yet, but I can’t wait. I am hoping that on the Wednesday nights we will engage in discussions and sharing our own life experiences related to the questions posed in the guides that accompany the series and the book. Lent has historically been the time for not only learning about the faith, but also reflecting on our lives of faith. These discussions will give us a chance to do just that.

As Marcia concludes in her overview, “Welcome to a Lent of affirming a faith in which we are blessed, *regardless*, and where we can lean into embracing our “good enough” lives.”

Blessings,

Pastor RaeAnn

## Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Ash Wednesday worship service will be held on March 2nd, at 7:00 p.m.  
Holy Communion will be served and the Senior Choir will sing.



**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

**Put Love Into Action.**

**Give to One Great Hour of Sharing.**

***“And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.” 1 Cor. 13:13***

During the season of Lent, Saron United Church of Christ always gives generously to One Great Hour of Sharing. When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you deploy resources to people in need all around the world, and in our own communities. When man-made or natural disasters strike, love responds. Not just for the immediate future, but for the long haul. When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you are working alongside families to restore not only structures, but hope. Your giving ensures that no matter how difficult the situation, **Love remains.**

PUT THE PUZZLE TOGETHER by donating to One Great Hour of Sharing. A puzzle with the OGHS poster will come together on the bulletin board in the narthex. There are envelopes on the narthex table. Checks should be made out to Saron UCC with OGHS in the notes.

The Sunday School children will be bringing home banks and a giving calendar. They should return them to church on Palm Sunday.

### 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) or 5 (WFRV); call the church office to listen for a cancellation message (467-6202) or check the church website for a cancellation notice ([www.saronucc.org](http://www.saronucc.org)).



Those who are homebound or in care centers: Marilyn Perronne (at home), Mickey Glander (Sheboygan Senior Community, Rm 404) Eugene Weiskopf (Field of Dreams Assisted Living, Kiel) Merlin & Shirley Schmidt at home.....



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

## MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

### SOUP COOK-OFF!

March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

11 am – 1:30 pm

At Laack's Hall, Johnsonville

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!** Invite your friends!

Cost: \$10.00 per person – which entitles you to a bowl for tasting as many soups as you wish. Crackers and cheese will also be provided.

Beverages will be available to purchase!

You will vote for your favorite soup with cash!

There will also be a bake sale and a variety of raffles!

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Soups are being accepted for the Soup Cook-Off. If you would like to enter crock-pot of your favorite soup to be judged by the people attending, please sign up on the kiosk or call the church office (920-467-6202) to sign up by March 6. There is no cost to enter a soup, you just need to pay the \$10.00 admission fee, which entitles you to also taste and judge other soups – or just vote for yourself!

If you don't make soup, but like to bake, you are welcomed to donate baked goods for the bake sale. All items need to be individually packaged. We will accept a free-will offering for the baked goods. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.



## Grilled Smoked Pork Chop Dinner

Forget the planning, buying ingredients, cooking and dishes! Instead, consider a drive-through, pick-up, complete dinner, at Saron. The Senior Choir will serve as hosts to this Saron event on Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. The dinner will include a large grilled smoked pork chop, potatoes, vegetable and dessert for \$12.00. Pick up will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Reservations will be required to allow more precise planning. To keep this first-time event manageable, we are limiting the number of reservations that will be taken. This event will be open to interested people from Saron as well as the surrounding areas.



We're bringing back an old favorite at Saron by including the traditional Apple Dessert. Using a provided recipe, we are asking people of Saron to sign up if you are willing to make the apple dessert in a 9" x- 13" pan.

Reservations can be made by calling Joan Laack (920) 946-4652 or Judy Glander (920) 980-0748 beginning February 6<sup>th</sup>. At the same time, people that are willing to assist the choir by making the Apple Dessert, a sign-up sheet along with a copy of the recipe is posted in the Narthex or informing Joan or Judy when making reservations.

## Brat Fry & Cornhole Tournament

### A Time Of Fun & Fellowship

**Saturday, April 9th Starting at 11:00 A. M. at Laack's Hall**

On April 9, Saron will be hosting a brat fry and cornhole tournament at Laack's Hall. We are hoping all members of Saron will attend to enjoy some food and fellowship and perhaps form a team for the tournament. There is also an opportunity to help by volunteering to serve food, work with the raffles or bake some bars or cookies to sell. There are sign up sheets on the kiosk in the narthex for these jobs. We also are asking some members to donate a basket of items to be raffled off. Similar to the advent angel tree, we have placed slips with suggested items for the baskets on the kiosk. Please take a slip and return the items for the basket to the church by Sunday, April 3. We also have a donation jar in the narthex to help offset the costs of the event. All proceeds from the event will go toward Saron's building improvements. Contact Devin Gardapee, Carl Laack, Dave Rautmann, Micah Rautmann or Jay Grosshuesch with any questions or suggestions.



Saron Annual Meeting  
January 23, 2022

Call to Order:

The Annual Meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m. By Nathan Dassow, with 87 congregational members casting a ballot.

Consistory Members Present: Nathan Dassow, Jay Grosscheusch, David Rautmann, Jason Bitter, Ryan Herzog, Tracy Beeck, Douglas VanHelden, and Pastor RaeAnn Beebe.

Opening Prayer of Invocation:

Pastor RaeAnn opened the meeting with a prayer.

Appointment of a Moderator and Secretary:

Moderator: Nathan Dassow

Secretary: Ryan Herzog

2022 Nominations and Election of Officers (candidates listed on screen)

**Elder:** Jeff Meinnert

Justin Boedecker

**Deacon:** Barb Post

Judy Glander

**Trustee:** Keith Beeck

Micah Rautmann

**Christian Board of Education:**

**Cemetery Board:** Kurt Mauk (Incumbent)

Jay Flegal

**Endowment Committee:** Jack Jarvis

**Pastor Parish Relations Committee:** Jerry Henning

Judy Knuth

The moderator opened the floor for additional candidate nominations. No further nominees were made.

A motion was made by Jay Hoogstra to close the floor for any additional nominations.

The motion was 2nd by Lee Post.

Review/Approve Minutes from 2021 Congregational Meeting

Nathan asked the congregation if there were any objections to the 2021 minutes and if so, they could be addressed at this time.

A motion was made by Allen Nohl to approve the 2021 minutes. The motion was 2nd by Judy Glander.

Motion carried.



Pastor's Report:

Pastor RaeAnn addressed the congregation and thanked them, along with the consistory members for coming together during this difficult year. There were new challenges this past year and we were able to adapt and overcome everything that came our way.

Ballots Collected:

All the ballots were distributed and the 5 ballot counters were as follows: Amanda Boedecker, Makayla VanHelden, Carl Laack, Jacob Barthels, and Heather Zimbal.

President's Report:

President Nathan Dassow addressed the congregation and thanked Pastor RaeAnn as well as the rest of the consistory. Nathan then listed off some of the highlights from the past year.

- Brought back singing during worship, bulletins, hymnals, and Bibles.
- Communion is distributed to congregation using regular bread and wine in the pews.
- Single repair to narthex roof.
- Deep carpet cleaning of Sunday School rooms.
- Made a new trustee list for the trustees.
- The custodian, Connie, retired and Pete Christy was hired.
- Worked on making opportunities for fellowship time within the church again.
- Fall cleanup was completed.
- Consistory set goals for Pastor RaeAnn.
- Strategic Planning goals were set up by the consistory.
- New sand added to volleyball courts.
- Permits were obtained for the new septic system.

Review of Treasurer's Report:

Tracy explained why consistory decided not to give a 6% raise to church employees.

Consistory will pay half of Pastor RaeAnn's health insurance since she had to get her own insurance due to Rory retiring.

Endowment committee was given money to make a plaque in the narthex.

An extra \$4,000 was added to the budget as the books must be audited this year.

Pastor RaeAnn made some comments about the OCWM because a few things were brought up at the budget meeting.

Review/Approve the 2022 Budget:

A motion was made by Allen Nohl to approve the 2022 budget. The motion was 2nd by Jay Hoogstra. The motion carried.

Septic System:

Nathan Dassow and Jason Bitter met with Howie from Schwartz Septic. Currently we are waiting until the ground warms up in order to start working on the septic system. Lee Post asked if the cost of the project was going to increase in price. Nathan responded "we are still going off the price of the bid and the price will not increase."

Other Business:

Judy Knuth inquired about going back to one church service with the idea that singing would be louder and church fellowship would increase each Sunday. Nathan responded that that we will continue with 2 services currently due to Sunday School already having a set schedule for this year.

Allen Nohl asked about putting a metal roof on the narthex. Nathan reported that the consistory will be further investigating that. Jerry Henning asked how long the shingles have been on the roof. Nathan responded that they are the original shingles from 1998.

Lee Post asked about having a fund raiser to help pay for some of these projects. Nathan replied that we are having a cornhole tournament in April. Barb Post talked about the mission trip fundraiser which is a Soup Cook-off sometime in February or March.

Announcement of New Officers:

There was a revote for the office of Elder between Jeff Meinnert and Justin Boedecker.

Election results were:

Elder: Jeff Meinnert

Deacon: Judy Glander

Trustee: Micah Rautmann

Cemetery Board: Jay Flegal

Endowment: Jack Jarvis

Pastor Parish Relations Committee: Jerry Henning & Judy Knuth

A motion was made to destroy the ballots by Lee Post. A 2nd was made Susan Nohl. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Bill Gardapee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. A 2nd was made by Micah Rautmann.

Motion carried.

Respectfully,

Ryan Herzog

**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 (920-467-6202 or email [adminoffice@saronucc.org](mailto:adminoffice@saronucc.org)).

March 4 Brian & Kelly Kaat

March 20 Cameron & Rachel Peichl-McGee

March 24 Corey & Jennifer Albright



March 24 Karl & Deb Fasse

March 27 Palmer & Ruby Feldmann—74 yrs.  
Ralph & Judy Knuth

**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)).

March 2 Joan Baganz  
Kayla Bender  
Kurt Kwekkeboom  
Courtland Suemnicht

March 3 Alice Glander

March 6 Emily Birenbaum  
Nancy Coller  
Linda Ubbelohde

March 7 Ron Roehl

March 8 Claude Gonzales

March 9 Roger Wagner

March 10 Pete Christy  
Jill Daun  
DuWayne Grunewald  
Marilyn Heiden

March 11 Amy Roehl

March 13 Tim De Groff  
Amelia Miles  
Brock Roehrborn  
Robert Theune

March 15 Avia Athorp  
Riley Casadonte

March 16 Mary Albright  
Sean Beitler  
Kelly Grosshuesch  
Tyler Hanke



March 16 David Rautmann

March 17 Josh Beeck  
Gage Fleck  
Jessica Herzog  
Micah Rautmann  
Cindy Roeborn

March 18 Russ Schuette

March 19 Andrew Schnicke

March 20 Wyatt Herzog

March 21 Mattison Milz

March 23 James Albright

March 24 Morgan Johanning

March 25 Diane Kaestner

March 27 Jason Hanke  
Deann Harper  
Cindy Knopp

March 28 Case Schmidt

March 29 Paige Baumann  
Kenjay Fiedler  
Becky Pelnar  
Abby Sebald

March 30 Nicole Nohl  
Rich Specht