

The Tidings

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Pastor's Notes

The greening comes full swing in May. It doesn't wait until school is out or lag behind for want of what's more important. The greening comes full swing in May. Like many things, it just happens. It happens with or without our willing it so. We simply experience a feeling of being caught up in something splendid, something vital and alive. It puts a spring in our steps and fosters thoughts of what's possible not only in our world, but in the individual called "me".

A person can dream in spring. It's the time when hopes are high and things are tinged in a greening that is tasted and savored. There are days in May when wonder overwhelms us and we breathe a prayer for feeling free. It's not often that we can declare ourselves to be unencumbered, but if at any time that time comes it would seem to be in May.

It is small wonder that Mother's Day comes in May. The time we set aside to honor the mothers of the world while intimately directing our thoughts to the mothers we've experienced is of consequence to us. We not only remember how it was they touched our lives. We see the mothers of today guide and direct, love and bless the children entrusted to them. Like the month of May; it happens. Mothers are bound up with their children, and their children are bound up with their mothers. There is never an inappropriate time to drop everything and meet the critical need of a child only a mother can meet. We honor them in the month of May, when the greening is in full swing.

Other events are shared during this month of May. Semesters end in schools, lawn chairs are set about, yards are raked, and for a number of people, a recess is taken from attending church. It's the thing to do. After all, when things are greening and hopes are high we can manage by ourselves for a time. And we do, because we are of the mind that should the church need us at any time, we would be there. Saron Church is our 'mother church', and like as a mother, we tend her needs as she attends to ours.

Memorial Day comes to the fore during May. Along with the parades and picnics, the gathering times with family and friends, we set apart a time to remember the cherished ones who gave of themselves to honor this land. It seems an easy grace for us to celebrate their profound gifts, but it is not. We in truth honor them, and with reverent gratitude we speak the names that come to our lips and bow our heads.

The greening comes full swing in May, and with that promise we take to ourselves the love that sustains us, and the hope that ever leads us on. Let's be part of that greening that adds to the splendor of things vital and alive.

Rev. Huntzinger

COME LEARN ABOUT LARRS!

DATE: WEDNESDAY MAY 17TH

PLACE: THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AT SARON CHURCH

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

A FREE WILL DONATION WILL BE ACCEPTED.

LARRS WHICH STANDS FOR LAKESHORE AVIAN AND REPTILE RESCUE AND SANCTUARY. THIS IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT HAS BEEN HANDLING AND CARING FOR EXOTIC BIRDS AND REPTILES FOR YEARS. YOU WILL GET TO SEE AND LEARN ABOUT EXOTIC BIRDS AND REPTILES LIKE A BEARDED DRAGON, A TORTOISE, A MACAW AND YOU COULD EVEN GET TO TOUCH A SNAKE. COME AND JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT LARRS.



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saron's summer worship schedule begins on Memorial Sunday, May 28th, 2017, with **ONE SERVICE**

ONLY starting at 9:30 a.m. and continuing through Labor Day weekend.

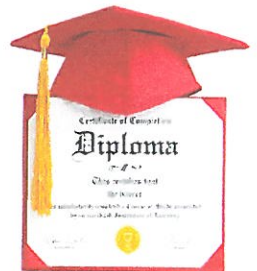


Saron Welcomes Franz Rigert, The Wisconsin Conference Minister

On Sunday, April 30th Franz Rigert the Wisconsin Conference Minister will deliver the message that day at both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. worship services. There will be a time of fellowship following the 10:15 a.m. service.

LOOKING AHEAD TO GRADUATION

On Sunday, June 11th, 2017, Saron will be honoring their high school graduates at worship at 9:30 a.m. Please let the church office know (467-6202 or 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.



Scholarship Money Available For Those Wishing To Attend Church Camp

Do you like to meet new people, learn more about God, and enjoy the beauty of the outdoors? Then perhaps you would be interested in attending one of our two UCC Church Camps, Pilgrim Center in Green Lake or Moon Beach Camp in St. Germain. There are numerous camp sessions available for all age kids during the months of June, July, and August, as well as a few sessions for adults during different times of the year. The Consistory would like to remind the Congregation that there is money budgeted for camp scholarships and will be used for anyone wishing to attend one of the camp sessions. Please watch for the brochures that will be placed in the Narthex that lists all of the camps that will be held at Pilgrim Center and Moon Beach Camp through out the coming year, and if you are interested please contact the church office at 467-6202 for more information.



Organ & Speaker

Saron recently purchased a new keyboard with many capabilities that has replaced the aging organ. Upon discussion by the Consistory it was decided to offer the old organ and speaker to anyone who would be interested in it. It can be taken as a whole unit, separate (just organ or just speaker), or for parts. If you are interested in all or part of these items please call the church office **no later than May 15th** to let them know.



New Landscaping Instore For The Church House

The discussions have begun regarding new landscaping to be put around the Church House. There will be more information forth coming so please watch for further updates.



SUMMER VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE



If you are a Saron youth of high school age (just confirmed) through the age of 20, it's time to sign up for the **summer volleyball league**. Practices begin in May with games in June and July. The sign-up sheet is on the kiosk. Any questions? Call Mary Albright 838-3086 or Devin Gardapee 207-2831.

COED SOFTBALL



A Saron co-ed softball team is forming for play in the Christian Good Fellowship League in Sheboygan from May - August. If interested and you are 14 years and up, please sign up on the kiosk. If you have any questions, please call John Giraldo at 912-7351.

Lucas Williams To Graduate From Eden Theological Seminary

The Commencement Exercises for the graduating class of 2017 at the Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri will be held on Friday, May 19th, at 7:30 P.M. Saron member Lucas Williams is a member of that graduating class. The Congregation would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Lucas and wish him well as he pursues a career in the Ministry.

Following graduation Lucas will return home and be living with his parents at:

818 Detroit St. Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085

A Message From The Cemetery Board

Roy Herzog has been named the new Sexton of the Cemetery.

They would like to thank everyone who showed interest in the job.



Jesus of Nazareth Passion Play Thanks and Thoughts

With the assistance of the church and a donor, we were blessed again this year as a confirmation class and congregation to have the opportunity to attend the *Jesus of Nazareth* Passion Play in Munster, IN. The magnitude of the production is hard to put into words. The cast and supporting crew members envelope you in the entire scene of Jesus' life by having cast and animals acting in the aisles of the auditorium as well as on stage. By visually seeing the life of Jesus with his teaching and miracles, it gives you a whole new understanding about what it must have been like to experience the life of Jesus. The stories and parables that we are so familiar with and have heard from young on come to life—it makes it easier to understand the importance and message Jesus was trying to convey while he was on Earth. Even though this is the second time I have seen this performance, it never fails to move me and makes me really connect with the passion of Christ. We all face adversity in our lives, some of which can be very traumatic, but to see what Christ endured for us is a very humbling experience. To feel the pain of those who loved Jesus and saw and experienced his torture, really makes you think about what that must have been like. It allows you to truly feel connected to the story; it becomes more than just something you read and believe. If you have seen this production, it will impact your life; if you get the opportunity in the future to see it; I would highly recommend it.

Not only is this play wonderful, but so is the time spent with members of our congregation in fellowship. It is so wonderful to hear the bus buzzing with conversation amongst the members. To see people who have never met get to know other members of our church is a wonderful thing. To see older members of our church connecting with the youth of our congregation is a great generational experience to witness. We have so many reasons to feel blessed at Saron, but one of our biggest blessings is our membership. We have so many who love and care for Saron and its members. To have this time of fellowship with one another while seeing something so powerful makes for a fulfilling day. It is one of those memories that will not fade. Thanks to everyone who made this day possible. It has left its mark on the confirmation class as well as the congregation.

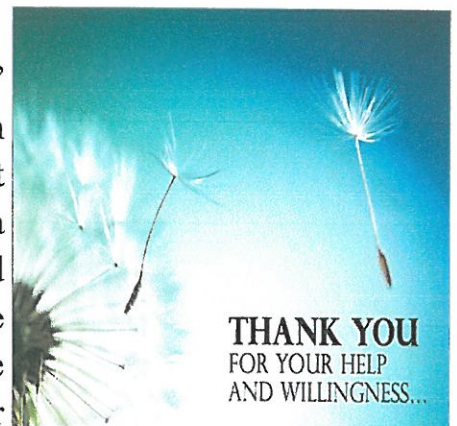
† Lori Knuth Gumm

EASTER THANK YOU

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO BOUGHT FLOWERS TO HELP DECORATE OUR CHURCH FOR EASTER. WE WERE BLESSED WITH 99 BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS. ALSO THANK YOU TO THE WORSHIP ENHANCEMENT TEAM FOR DECORATING THE CHURCH DURING HOLY WEEK.

A Very Special Thank You!

A very special "Thank You" to everyone who helped with the Spring clean-up day at Saron. Thanks to your help a lot of work was accomplished sprucing up both the inside and outside of Saron to make it look fresh and inviting for the spring and upcoming summer season!



Meet Saron's 2017 Confirmation Class

Seth Aaron Conery attends school in Plymouth and is the son of Nicki Decker. He enjoys sports, hunting, & fishing. He would like to be a vet and plans to participate in ushering, volleyball, & mission trips. Some advice Seth would give younger students would be "listen in class and take notes".

Jonathan Daniel Doeber is the son Dan & Cindy Doeber. He is a student in Howards Grove Middle School. He plans to help with clean-up day. Jonathan would like to go into car mechanics or into robotics. His hobbies are hunting, hanging out with friends, and driving snowmobiles in the winter. Jonathan says to really pay attention about the story of God, and Jesus, and have fun.

Taylor James Doeber is the son of Dan & Cindy Doeber. He attends Howards Grove Middle School. Taylor enjoys playing sports and hanging out with friends. Taylor tells younger students: "is to listen to whoever teaches you because those lessons they teach can help you out later in life." As a Saron member Taylor may help with ushering and be involved with the church in worship.

Mason Paul Fleck is the son of Kevin & Melissa Fleck. He attends school in Howards Grove and enjoys building models, camping, working on anything with a motor, & snowmobiling. He would like to be a diesel technician. Mason will usher, and help with clean-up day. His advice to incoming students: "pay attention in class".

Sawyer Grady Gumm is the son of Duane & Lori Gumm. He is home schooled and enjoys raising animals, hunting, & snowmobiling. He will help with ushering and clean-up day. His advice to the younger students about Confirmation: "It is fun."

Tyler James Hanke is the son of Jeffrey & Kimberly Hanke and attends school at Howards Grove Middle School. Tyler enjoys football, baseball, & four wheeling. He would like to be a mechanical engineer and plans to be involved in Little Disciples and a VBS helper. His advice for younger students: "Keep going and don't give up."

Jada Angela Grace Lorenz is the daughter of Abby & Wade Sebald and Jay Pike. She is a student at Howards Grove Middle School and enjoys welding, drawing, music, hanging out with friends & family, and watching her little sister. Jada plans to go help with ushering and would like to be an underwater welder. Her advice is to "do your best in everything you do! Follow your heart! Believe in yourself!"

Gracianne M. Nohl is the daughter of Glenn & Kristine Nohl. She is a student at Plymouth Riverview Middle School. Gracianne enjoys volleyball, drawing & painting, and singing in the Lakeshore Chorale. She plans to play church volleyball and be in the choir with Abi. When she grows up, she would like to be a veterinarian. The advice Gracianne would give younger students about Confirmation is "It's more fun than you think".

Alex Keno Nyhof attends school in Plymouth and is the son of Any & Kari Nyhof. He enjoys sitting around, watching YouTube, and playing computer games. He would like to do something "scienc-y" when he grows up and to help in the nursery and with audio/visual. Some advice Alex would give younger students: "You came this far, might as well finish".

Kennidy Raye Pelnar is the daughter of Derek Pelnar & Rebecca Pelnar. She is a student in Riverview Middle School, Plymouth. She plans to help with nursery and Sunday School and would like to be a doctor. Her hobbies are drawing, playing sports, and being outdoors. Kennidy says "to listen closely. It will help you understand more about your beliefs."

Miranda Jo Rautmann is the daughter of David & Laura Rautmann. She attends Riverview Middle School in Plymouth. Miranda enjoys swimming. She tells younger students: "to listen and take notes (it helps with the Faith Statement)". As a Saron member Miranda would like to help in the nursery and Sunday School.

Morgan Sue Reichwald is the daughter of Melissa Reichwald and Randy Reichwald. She attends Howards Grove Middle School. Some her hobbies are crafting, listening to music, and watching movies. She also loves to spend time with her family. When she grows up, she wants to have a job that lets her be creative and lets her design things. Morgan will usher and be a nursery volunteer. The advice she would give to younger students about Confirmation is: "find the fun in going to church and get involved with your church".

Carley Marie Reil is the daughter of Tim & Diane Reil and attends school at Plymouth Riverview Middle School. In her free time, Carley plays soccer, clarinet, & piano. She would like to be an attorney. As a Saron member, she will play volleyball, be a Sunday School, Little Disciple, & VBS helper, and provide special music. Her advice for younger students is "Don't be afraid to ask questions; there aren't any 'stupid' questions."

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); Jake Meinnert (U.S. Army)....

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

We extend our Christian sympathy to the: family of Saron member Jay Grosshuesch, whose father, Edward Grosshuesch, passed away on March 29, 2017 and to the family of Florence Harvey, sister of Palmer (& Ruby) Feldmann, who passed away on April 9, 2017

A Heartfelt Thank You

Dear Brothers & Sisters of Saron Church,

Thank you so much for remembering our mother's birthday. I counted at least 50 signatures! Our family was blown away by your amazing expression of love! Sometimes it feels like those with memory loss are forgotten and forsaken before they are gone but not our friends at Saron. My father Don Klemme, my husband Joe and my brother and sister-in-law Scott & Barb Klemme join me in expressing our heartfelt gratitude. What an awesome way to express and share God's love!

May the Lord bless and keep you all!

Carolyn Klemme Gerwin & Don Klemme



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).

May 1 Tyler & Nicole Pike

May 2 Michelle & Scott Stache

May 10 Heidi & Dave Baumann
Ricky & Nancy Decker
Josh & Jill Imig

May 12 Jason & Erin Hanke—10 yrs.

May 13 Mike & Jill Adamavich

May 14 Ed & Jessica Schmidt

May 17 Ben & Kari Steiger
David & Shawna Wehmeier



May 19 Tom & Melissa Roth

May 21 Dennis & Amy Nelson
Terry & Diane Kaestner Provencher—40 yrs.

May 24 Larry & Darlene Gumm
Ron & Lois Roehl

May 25 David & Roberta Coppersmith
Karla & Chris Kletzien—5 yrs.
Nicole Nohl & Kevin Ress
Jerry & Mary Jo Quilling

May 26 Brian & Becky Charbonneau
Richard & Sandy Herzog

May 30 Dan & Mary Albright—30 yrs.

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 day or reported a wrong date please let us know by calling the church office at (467-6202 or e-mail barb@saronucc.org).

May 1 Lauren Rabe

May 2 Chuck Kaiser
Doug Van Helden

May 3 Royce Booth

May 4 Lola Kober

May 5 Scott Greger
Hayden Hanke
Jason Schnicke

May 6 Chris Booth

May 7 Ben Holzmann

May 8 Connie Sixel
Keith Steiger

May 9 Bryce Hitsman
Michael Leu

May 10 Daniel Leu

May 11 Grace Baumann
Sara Feldmann
Lois Rick Knowles
Richard Wagner

May 12 Donna Kaat
Judy Ryan

May 13 Shar Meyer
John Ringelstetter

May 14 Doug Dawn
Nathan Doeber

May 15 Jim Hanke
Jack Hanke

May 16 Terry Boeldt
Koralyn Kuzulka
Jim Rabe

May 17 Brandon Beeck
Laura Bunke
Wally Knopp

May 18 Mitchell Schmidt

May 20 Paxton Fleck
Helen Peichl
Lisa Wagner

May 21 Abigail Charbonneau
Sketter DeGross

May 22 Debbie Meinnert

May 24 Harper Kaiser
Wendy Mauk

May 25 Rylee Curtiss
Rev. Ernest Huntzinger
Jack Travis

May 26 Nancy Huntzinger
Deanna Milz
Steve Milz
Dave Thomas

May 27 Alex Nyhof

May 28 Jay Grosshuesch
Braxton Mauk

May 29 Tyler Kober

May 30 Joyce Kruse
Ashley Schmidt

May 31 Erlinda Beebe
Art Lammers
Wade Sebald

