

# The Tidings

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## Pastor's Notes

In some remarkable way the Beatitudes remind me of spring. Perhaps it's because of the wide spectrum they embrace along with the newness they project. There is an emerging energy they invoke to move from a lesser state to a greater one. They are flowing and dynamic, rich in content and fertile to the soul. They move one from a static and unproductive rut into the arena of promise and achievement. Consider the first beatitude: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matt. 5:3)

Jesus does not stop with the opening sentence in a simple declaration. "Blessed are the poor in spirit." He adds the words, "for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Jesus could have said that he felt sorry for "the poor in spirit" and not said anything else. The difference is that he did not stop there; he added, "for theirs is the kingdom of heaven". That addition causes us to consider more clearly what the beatitude is declaring. It's a promise, and it comes from a frame of mind that is mired in helplessness and lifts up a promise. Let's look at it a little more closely.

To be "poor in spirit" is to be adrift in the feelings of not having the resources to lay claim to a sense of worthiness. I lack the means; I lack the strength; I lack the faith; I lack the worth of being a person alive to the possibilities and promises of life. And the words come to the fore; "you are promise." "Yours is the kingdom of heaven." Look around you. Do you see buds on trees? Do you see the birds? Do you see the lilies of the field? Do you really feel that God cares more about buds on trees, or birds of the air, or the lilies of the field? No my friend. The Lord speaks to you. It is the newness in you that he calls forth. It is your ability to fly, to transcend your present distress. It is the hair on your head that he counts. And, while that "poorness in spirit" holds you down, the Lord says; "Blessed are you; you who are poor in spirit, because I give to you a way out of your helplessness. I make a promise. Yours is the kingdom of heaven."

The Beatitudes declare that we are not only promised a resolution to present troubles. He refers to us as being in whatever state we find ourselves in, one of his very own. And when that feeling passes over us, do we not also feel – blest?

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Ernest Huntzinger

# **Friends and families come and join Fox and Branch for a fun filled evening on Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup>!**



A Fox and Branch family show is all about audience participation. We are just a big group of people having fun. The kids get to sing, clap, dance and play rhythm instruments. Adults get to enjoy the music, clap and sing along. Anchored in American roots music,

the duo also plays traditional music from other countries around the world.

Based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the nationally known duo has toured the Midwest, the East Coast and the South.

They are the winners of four Parent's Choice recommended awards. Dave Fox is a retired elementary school teacher. Will Branch teaches music at a Montessori school and gives private guitar lessons to children.

**Place: Saron Church in the Fellowship Hall (downstairs)**

**Time: 6:30 Snacks will be provided after.**

**There will be some door prizes for the children.**

**Fox and Branch will be selling CDs after the show.**

**A free will offering will collected.**

**Sponsored by The Women's Guild**



## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saron's summer worship schedule begins on **Memorial Sunday, May 29th**, with **ONE SERVICE ONLY starting at 9:30 a.m.** and this will continue through Labor Day weekend.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

- \* The Sunday School Children will sing for the 10:15 a.m. worship service on May 8th.
- \* The last day of Sunday School will be May 22nd.

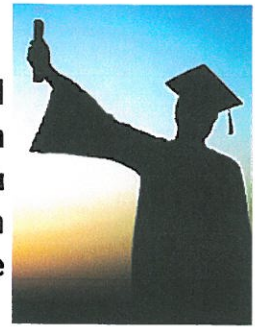
## SPECIAL MUSIC NEEDED FOR SUMMER

Becky Charbonneau, Saron's Special Music Coordinator, is currently scheduling **special music** for the summer worship services. If you (or someone you know) are interested in providing music for Saron's summer worship, please contact Becky at 920-946-8345. Thank you!

**SHARE  
THE  
MUSIC**

## LOOKING AHEAD TO GRADUATION

On Sunday, May 15th, Saron will be honoring their High School Graduates during the 10:15 a.m. worship service. Please let the church office know (467-6202) if you will be attending. Also if you or a member of your family will be receiving a degree from an Institution of Higher Learning please let the office know so that you too can be recognized for your achievement.



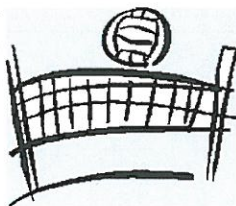
## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

VBS will be held on July 25th—July 27th from 5:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Please stay tuned for more information and registration.



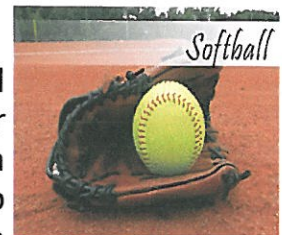
## SUMMER VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

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 will 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 207-28731.



## 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.





## STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH SPECIAL OFFERING

Saron is participating in the Wisconsin Conference UCC's "Strengthen the Church." This offering funds new congregations and renews existing ones. It supports programs for youth and young adults and nurtures current and future leaders. Half of the funds collected through "Strengthen the Church" remain in our own conference; the rest are forwarded on for national programs for programs like the National Youth Event, which Saron youth have attended over the past years. Envelopes are in the pews. The offering will be dedicated on Sunday, May 15th. Please make your check payable to Saron UCC!

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### A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU

A very special "Thank You" to everyone who helped with the Spring clean-up day at Saron. Thanks to the large crew who participated, 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!

Thank You!

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### In Our Thoughts and Prayers:

**Those who are homebound or in care centers:** Janice Hartmann (Pine Haven, Haven Drive Campus), Eleanore Herzog (Pine Haven, Haven Drive Campus) Norb Meyer (Pine Haven, Haven Drive Campus) Ilene Struve (Kindred Hearts, Plymouth), 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....

**To those who grieve:** We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of Renee Oberreich (Brittany Mauk's Grandmother) who died on April 11, 2016.....

**We celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism:** on April 3, 2016 for Calvin Vincent and Kendrick Nicolai the twin sons of Kurt and Julianna Kuzulka and brothers to sister Koraly and brother Kurt.....

PRAYER  
*changes things*

**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)).

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

May 13 Mike & Jill Adamavich

May 14 Ed & Jessica Schmidt—5 yrs

May 17 David & Shawna Wehmeier

May 19 Tom & Melissa Roth



May 21 Dennis & Amy Nelson

Terry & Diane Kaestner Provencher

May 24 Larry & Darlene Gumm  
Ron & Lois Roehl

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

May 26 Brian & Becky Charbonneau  
Richard & Sandy Herzog

May 30 Dan & Mary Albright

**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)).

May 1 Lauren Rabe

May 2 Chuck Kaiser  
Doug Van Helden

May 3 Royce Booth

May 4 Lola Kober

May 5 Brenda Bruton  
Scott Greger  
Hayden Hanke  
Jason Schnicke

May 6 Chris Booth

May 7 Susie Hahn  
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 Daun  
Nathan Doeber

May 15 Briana Adamavich  
Jack Hanke  
Jim Hanke

May 16 Terry Boeldt  
Koralyn Kuzulka  
Jim Rabe

May 17 Brandon Beeck  
Laura Bunke  
Eleanore Herzog  
Wally Knopp

May 20 Chris Daun  
Paxton Fleck  
Helen Peichl  
Lisa Wagner

May 21 Abigail Charbonneau  
Skeeter DeGross

May 22 Debbie Meinnert

May 24 Harper Kaiser  
Wendy Mauk

May 25 Rylee Curtiss

May 25 Rev. Ernie Huntzinger  
Shirley Jacoby  
Jack Travis

May 26 Nancy Huntzinger  
Steve Milz  
Deanna Milz  
David Thomas

May 27 Alex Nyhof

May 28 Jay Grosshuesch  
Braxton Mauk

May 29 Tyler Kober

May 30 Joyce Kruse

May 31 Erlinda Beebe  
Art Lammers  
Wade Sebald

