

The Tidings

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***“Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.”
Psalm 149:3***

My dad loved to dance. His favorite dance was The Twist. I remember so many wedding receptions when that song would be played, and he would grab one of us to dance with him. Of course, we resisted. What teenager wants to dance with their dad? But he would not be deterred, and we would find ourselves out there dancing The Twist. More accurately watching him dance because there was no keeping up with him. His tongue sticking out the side of his mouth (the Grabow trait of concentration), arms out to his side, his hips twisting back and forth as he danced away, “up and down, around and around”. Oblivious of others around him or what they thought of his dancing.

On the altar I placed a plaque that reads in part, “Dance like no one is looking.” It reminds me of my dad, and it reminds me of the theme of our worship services this Eastertide – Dare to Dance Again. Dr. Marcia McFee designed this series as a sequel to our Lenten theme of Holy Vessels and a season of recovery from all that we have been through as individuals and as a worldwide community this past year. After recovery comes joy and dancing. In many ways we have to figure out how to do things all over again.

The Bible is filled with stories of dancing. Two popped into my head right away. After safely crossing the Red Sea, Miriam, Moses’ sister grabs a tambourine and celebrates with dancing (Exodus 15:20). And the other is King David dancing as the ark of the Lord is brought into the city of Jerusalem for the first time (2 Samuel 6:16, 1 Chronicles 15:29). I imagine them dancing like my dad. I imagine them dancing as if no one, but God is looking.

One of the questions asked early in this series was, what does it take to dance together? I think this is a good question for us to ponder and reflect on together. As more people are vaccinated, as rates of COVID 19 in our community decreases, how can we return to worship in ways that respect one another and still fill our own needs? What things are we willing to compromise on for the sake of the community? What does it take to dance together at Saron UCC?

The Consistory continues to review the guidelines and recommendations from Public Health and the Wisconsin Council of Churches. Please know that they have the health and safety of all in mind as they make decisions about activities and worship at Saron UCC.

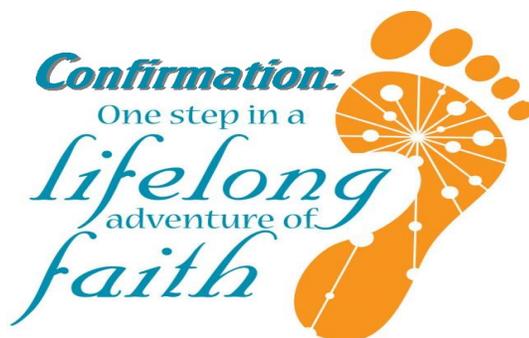
I am not a good dancer, but I always remember my dad’s advice to not be a wallflower, to get out there and have a good time, to dance like no one is looking. Let us dance together into the future, confident in God’s presence and the Spirit’s guidance.

Blessings,

Pastor RaeAnn

Confirmation

A Service of Confirmation will be held on May 2 at 10:30 am. This year's confirmands are Anthony Adamavich, Cole Anhalt, Paige Baumann, Campbell Booth, Paxton Fleck, Wyatt Herzog, Mairin Jarvis, and Makayla VanHelden. Please join me in congratulating them on this step on their faith journey.



Strengthen the Church Offering

The Strengthen the Church Offering furthers the work of our conference and the national UCC as we work together to strengthen and renew existing congregations, fund leadership development, and provide exciting new programs for youth and young adults. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will support the work of the Holy Spirit. The birth of the Church is celebrated on Pentecost Sunday. This year Pentecost is May 23. What better day to receive and dedicate an offering that assists the Holy Spirit in enlivening and enriching the Church? Please prayerfully consider your sport of the special mission offering of the UCC. Envelopes are available in the Narthex or you can send your donation to Saron. Checks should be made out to Saron UCC with Strengthen the Church in the memo line. Thank you for you support.

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Saron Softball League

If playing on the Saron Softball League is something you would like to do here is some information you will need to know. The games will be played starting the end of May and will run through August on Monday nights. The game times are between 5:45 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. We are in need of someone to be in charge of the team, if this would interest you please call Devin Gardapee at 920-207-2831 for more information.



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



We extend our Sympathy to the family of Thomas Hailer, husband of Susan who died on March 31, 2021. He was the Son-in-law to passed away Saron members Roland and Verna Groene.....



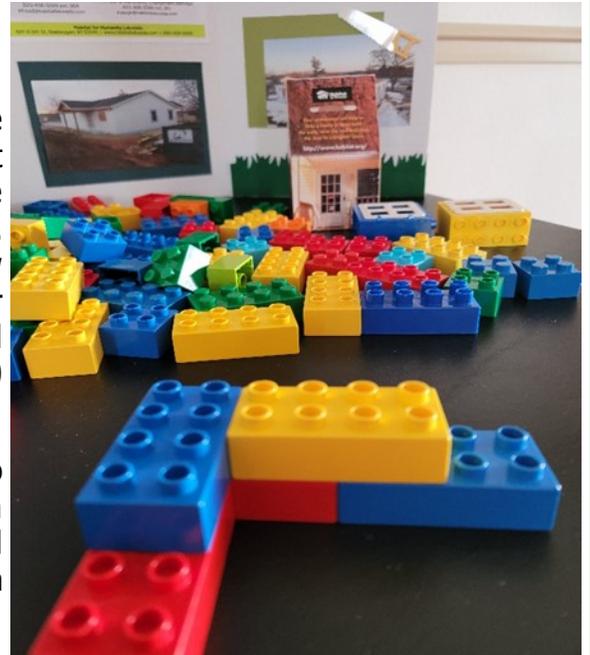
Ben Lenz
(U.S. Air Force)
Christopher Kletzien
(U.S. Army)

Habitat for Humanity Lakeside—Faith Build Let's Help the Viebaum's Build a Home!

As you may already know, Habitat for Humanity Lakeside was awarded a \$65,000 challenge grant from Thrivent Financial as a part of their nationwide faith build initiative with Habitat for Humanity affiliates across the country. The grant covers about 50% of the cost for a new construction home. Over the past year, Habitat for Humanity Lakeside has been working with local faith-based organizations to raise the other 50%. \$30,000 is still needed. You can help to make this happen.

The Viebaum family is made up of Kitti and her two children Blade and DeJa. Their home is being built in Plymouth (128 Prospect Street). Saron members helped construct the home in April. You can help by making a donation to Saron's Faith Build Fundraiser.

In the Narthex you will find a display with pictures and other information about the project. For every donation you can add to the Lego house that is part of the display. The Women's Guild provided the foundation of the Lego house with their donation. Let's see how fast we can build that house!



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 (467-6202 or email adminoffice@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

May 19 Tom & Melissa Roth

May 21 Terry Provencher & Diane Kaestner

May 24 Larry & Darlene Gumm
Ron & Lois Roehl
Ted & Lisa Zak

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

May 26 Brian & Becky Charbonneau
Ryan & Deann Harper
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 email adminoffice@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 Hitsmann
Michael Leu

May 10 Daniel Leu

May 11 Grace Baumann
Sara Feldmann
Lois Rick Knowles

May 12 Donna Kaat
Judy Ryan

May 13 Shar Meyer

May 14 Doug Daun
Nathan Doebert
Jeremy Guell

May 15 Jack Hanke
Jim Hanke

May 16 Terry Boeldt
Koralyn Kuzulka
Jim Rabe

May 17 Brandon Beeck

May 17 Laura Bunke
Jackson Imig
Wally Knopp

May 18 Mitchell Schmidt

May 20 Paxton Fleck
Helen Peichl

May 21 Abby Charbonneau
Skeeter De Groff

May 22 Deb Meinnert

May 24 Dalton Beebe
Harper Kaiser
Wendy Mauk

May 26 Steve Milz
Deanna Milz
David Thomas

May 27 Alex Nyhof

May 28 Jay Grosshuesch
Braxton Mauk

May 29 Tyler Kober

May 30 Ashley Schmidt

May 31 Erlinda Beebe
Art Lammers
Wade Sebald

