



# The Tidings

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### FROM THE PASTOR:

There are instances when a minister reflects upon a sermon he has delivered and realizes that it was incomplete, or too ethereal, or that it plainly did not make sense. The sermon entitled “Reaping What’s Left” falls into the category for me, of being incomplete. The things I neglected to reflect upon, urge me to complete what I expressed in that sermon.

I neglected to include the on-going process all of us have in common when we consider a look back to former times. What we remember as a full harvest includes not only the bounty of the fields, or the success of our work, or the fulfillment of our dreams. Intricately bound up in whatever our harvest is by us named, we include the ones who mean all the world to us. Our family, including Martha who talks too much, and Uncle Josh who drinks too much. Our family brings color, imagination, love, beauty, and the myriad and one other things to the joy of a harvest we remember.

As we grow older we become aware that one harvest can be measurably different from another not only by way of the quantity we are able to garner or gather as the case may be. It is measurably different by way of those who seat themselves about our tables. People move on, children grow up, irreparable damage takes place when friendship is betrayed or a spouse leaves home. We as a people contend with such things and it is an incomplete expression of loss that refers to such events as “over and done with”. We yet bear the remembrances of the abundant harvests of the past. We remember the people. We remember our grandparents. In some instances, we remember our mothers, our fathers, our children... The ones who still and ever are part of our lives. They do not disappear. On the contrary, they reappear in every harvest we celebrate, and as in Thanksgiving when we address to God our prayers of gratitude, we pray our thanks for those who yet bless us with their presence.

In this process of “Reaping What’s Left”, we gather the essence of those lives who provided us with so much joy, so much wisdom, so much love... You name what is remembered of those you cherish, and remember to include those who even though they are no longer part of the family circle, or the embrace of true friendship. Because at one time, they too, blest our day.

So, as we reap what’s left in this season of Thanksgiving from all the previous harvests we have celebrated, let us with reverence give thanks for a merciful God who perfects the imperfections of all his children and so blesses us no matter where we reside.

Along the wayside, we gather what’s left of the abundant harvest and pause to preserve within our hearts not only what we celebrate in present time, but what was, once upon a time.

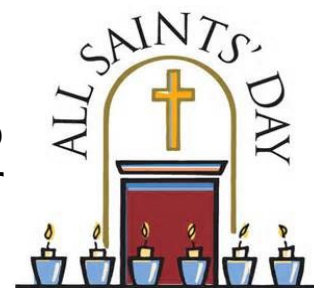
There. I think that completes what I neglected to say on the subject, “Reaping What’s Left.” I could add some other thoughts but for the present, it concludes what I intended to preach a few Sundays ago.

To you all, I express my fondest wish that you and yours will have a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Ernest Huntzinger

## All Saints Day

Sunday, November 1st is All Saints Day. We will celebrate and recognize the Saron members who have passed away during the past 2 years during our worship services.



## Thanksgiving Eve At Saron

As is Saron's tradition we will gather for worship on Wednesday evening, November 25th at 7:00 p.m. for our Thanksgiving Eve Service. Holy Communion will be served and the Senior Choir will provide the music.

**Following the worship service** that evening the Community Life & Hospitality Committee will be providing breads and beverage after the service for everyone to enjoy.



## Fall Clean-Up Day

Saturday, November 7th

8:00 a.m.—Finished



We need your help to get the inside and outside of the church into shape for the winter season. A list of what needs to be done is posted on the kiosk, if you can't make it on November 7th, but could

complete one or more of the tasks ahead of that time, **PLEASE** sign off by the task(s) that you have completed. Refreshments will be ready and waiting for you—bring your work gloves, etc. and enjoy some fellowship while we work together! (Rain date is November 14th).



## Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 1st.

Remember to turn your clocks back  
one hour on Saturday night.



While we already have a great group of volunteer readers for the weekly services, we are hoping to add more readers to the list. If you are interested in being included in the reader rotation, please contact Barb at the office (467-6202) or Donna Rabe (980-9618). If this is something that is beyond your comfort level, we certainly understand however, it is a great way to become involved, or more involved in the life of Saron Church.



### ADVENT ANGEL TREE

Christmas time will soon be upon us! This year the Women's Guild is pleased to be sponsoring families again. In addition, we will be adding gifts for senior citizens in the area who otherwise would not receive very much.



For the early bird shoppers, look for the Angel display in the Narthex on Sunday, November 22nd. The Advent Angel Tree will be decorated with ornaments to pick from beginning on Sunday November 29th.

We invite you to take an ornament, purchase the item, wrap it or bag it, attach the ornament to the gift and bring it back to church. **All gifts need to be returned by Sunday, December 20th.** The gifts will be delivered on Monday, December 21st.

If you would like to participate in this mission, but do not care to shop, there will be a donation box located next to the display. The Guild will then purchase items still needed.

The Women's Guild wants to thank the members of Saron UCC for your participation in this Christmas project.

### BLANKET FUND - "HEART WARMING. LIFE CHANGING"

We here at Saron UCC can help in so many ways with your donation to the Church World Service Blanket Fund. This year's theme is "Heart Warming. Life Changing".



Some 8,000 congregations and groups across the U.S. hold CWS Blankets events, providing funds to help people in need around the world. For over 60 years, CWS has worked in partnership with local communities to identify their needs and access the resources they need to build the foundation for a more viable future, including:

Blankets, tents, food, and other emergency supplies in the wake of a disaster.

Tools and seeds for refugees returning home to replant their fields.

Wells for families living in drought prone areas to provide clean, safe water to drink and to irrigate crops and gardens.

Literacy training and microcredit for women struggling to realize their potential.

Where did some of CWS Blankets go to in 2014? To the homeless and economically disadvantaged and to natural disaster victims in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Montana, New York, along with other areas in the U.S. and internationally.

Contributions to CWS Blankets and CWS Tools mean Church World Service will be ready to help families around the world recover from disasters and displacement.

Church World Service Blankets not only offer protection and warmth but a sense of COMFORT. Every \$10.00 donation for a blanket will be felt where disaster happens, helping communities respond to the situation, far away or here in the United States.

Please give generously throughout November and know that YOU are making a difference around the world.

To receive credit on your Saron giving statement, please make your check out to Saron UCC.

Sponsored by the Women's Guild of Saron.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

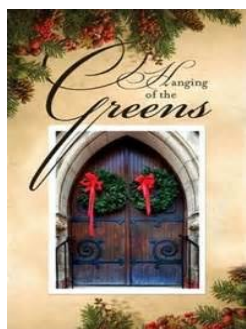
-The Christmas program will be Sunday, December 20th at 10:15 AM. Rehearsals will be Saturday, December 12th and Saturday, December 19th, from 8:00 to 10:00 AM and Wednesday, December 16th with time to be determined.

-Parents, please consider volunteering to help with the program. Help is needed with costumes, set up and take down, filling goody bags, and providing snacks for practices. Please sign up on the kiosk in the narthex.

-Stay tuned for this years Sunday School Christmas Mission Project.



## Looking Ahead To The Hanging Of The Greens



The Community Life and Hospitality Committee has set December 6th following the 10:15 AM worship service for the Hanging of the Greens (or Decorating the Church for the Christmas Season). A lunch of Chili and Saron's Chicken Soup will be served. Any and everyone, young and old alike, are invited to join in this time of fellowship and fun as we add a special warmth and beauty to Saron while we prepare for the birth of Jesus our Savior. *There is no Packers game that day.*

## United Church Men & Women's Scholarships Awarded At Banquet

On October 15th, three UCC Scholarships were awarded to three deserving students at the 78th Annual Scholarship Banquet sponsored by the United Church Men and Women. The event was held at Lakeland College. Rev. Franz S. Rigert, our Wisconsin Conference Minister gave the keynote address to those attending.

The Delmar Meyer Pre-Seminary Scholarship was presented to Christopher Guy, a senior student at Silver Lake College in Manitowoc. He plans to begin seminary studies in 2016.

Two Donald Lorfeld Seminary Scholarships were presented to two deserving students: Pamela Hodgson who is a seminary student at Chicago Theological Seminary and is an active member of Immanuel United Church of Christ in rural Plymouth and David Heckman of St. James UCC of Spring Valley who recently graduated from Eden Theological Seminary and is currently seeking a call to a church and eventually the rite of ordination within the United Church of Christ.

Saron members attending the Scholarship Banquet this year were Lee and Barb Post and Rev. Arlan Schlundt.

Saron UCC is an annual donor to the Scholarship Fund.



**In Our Thoughts and Prayers:**

**Those who are homebound or in care centers:** Elvera Dassow (Harvest Home), Janice Hartmann (Pine Haven), Eleanore Herzog (Pine Haven Assisted Living), 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:** to the family of Kathie Zittel whose father William Altmann died on September 26th; to the family of Virginia Braun whose Great Niece Addison Emily Nye died on September 30th; to the family of Alyce Beeck whose brother Allen Truttschel died on October 17th....

**We celebrate the birth of:** Brayden Les Schneider was born to Casey Schneider and Jackie Brendel on July 15th and **Baptized** at Saron on Sunday, October 11th; Joleen Lily Kwekkeboom was born to Luke and Tracy Kwekkeboom on September 15th and was **Baptized** at Saron on Sunday, October 25th; Jayden Joseph Mauk was born to Bryan and Brittney Mauk on September 22nd....

**Lucas Williams** is a Member in Discernment for the UCC, attending seminary at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, MO. Lucas is in his second year. **His address at school is:** 47 North Bompert #32, St. Louis, MO 53119.


**Lucas** now has a **facebook page** for anyone interested in what is going on with him when at seminary. **It is Lucas' Ministries.**

**With Very Special Thanks**

I would like to say a very special "Thank You" to Pastor Ernie and everyone who expressed concern for me with your prayers, cards, and visits during and following my hospitalization due to heart issues. I continue to feel your warmth and support surround me and am so very blessed to be part of Saron's beautiful Congregation! Thanks Again.

Barb Post

**Thanks For The Lock-In**

The Confirmation Classes would like to thank Donna  Rabe and her helpers, Patti Boedecker and Michelle Johanning for organizing the evening. We had great food, fun games and an all around GREAT TIME.

"THANK YOU!"

**MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE**

**If you have had a Phone Number or Address Change please let the church office know so that we can keep our records current.**

**Also, please let us know if you or a family member will be hospitalized as they no longer notify the church.**



**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)).

November 1 Stan & Teri Strub—40 yrs.  
Mark & Heather Zimbal

November 2 Scott & Debbie Reichert—25 yrs.

November 8 Linda & Carl Suemnicht

November 10 Roy & Chris Herzog

November 15 Randy & Donna Rautmann—40 yrs.



November 19 Jim & Nancy Fritz

November 24 Jack & Dorene Hanke  
Don & Janet Klemme—55 yrs.

November 28 Mark & Therese Schmidt

November 29 Harold & Dorothy Grunewald

**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)).

November 1 Bob Clouston

November 2 Dave Bunke  
Tim Reil

November 3 Kevin Fleck

November 4 Quinn Gumm

November 5 Sadie Adamavich  
Sarah Schuette

November 6 Marci Post

November 7 Mark Zimbal

November 9 Logan Christy

November 11 Laura Gumm  
Hermine Kwekkeboom  
Debbie Reichert

November 14 Daniel Braun  
Brian Charonneau  
Jeanna Milz  
Mark Post

November 15 Lori Albsmeier  
Marian Jarvis  
Shirley Roehrborn

November 16 Julie Tayloe

November 17 Natalie Fitzgerald

November 18 Bailey Nickel

Miranda Rautmann  
Arlan Schlundt  
Betty Steiger

November 19 Palmer Feldmann

November 20 Katchen Ringelstetter

November 21 Breanna Anderson  
Megan Anderson  
Becky Charbonneau

November 22 Debbie Feider  
Diane Reil

November 23 Corey Albright  
Ken Ebbott  
Vernon Reichert  
Roseann Sargent

November 24 Laura Albright  
Allen Beeck  
Suzi Boedecker  
Rebecca Johnston  
Brynlee Sebald

November 25 Wyatt Haas  
Howie Heiden  
Helen Rautmann

November 26 Hannah Morse

November 28 Peggy Leu

Shelly Oostdyk  
Vincent Wieck

November 29 Brent DeHart

November 30 Ron Imig  
Nicky Oppeneer  
Tom Uraynar  
Tracy Wilke

