



# The Tidings

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**JANUARY—2017**

## RESOLUTIONS

Why are we determined to make New Year Resolutions? Well, an obvious reason is that we have come to the realization that something about us is not the way we want it to be. So, we call attention to that real or perceived problem and with every good intention, we want to address our quote, "problem". Usually it has to do with cutting back. "I've got to cut back on sweets, alcohol, rushing around." However, there are things we sometimes are committed to add, like getting more sleep or taking more time to prepare or to be with the family.

On a different tact, how about resolutions to be more thoughtful, to be more caring, to be less critical and more engaging. It is being reported in actual news, that there's an increase of hurtful comments and vulgar expressions against minorities, women, other faith commitments, etc. And, justifications for such uncouth behavior is presented via of fake news. So, perhaps a resolution we might want to consider is to question fact vs. fiction and to be a little less prone to accept the preposterous sensational in favor of common sense.

It's not a political thing. It's a moral resolution.

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## A THANK YOU

A reflection that brings smiles to my face and joy to my heart – the Annual Children's Christmas Program. To our children, thank you for giving to us the gifts you bring us. And, to the Church School Teachers and parents, your dedication and loving care of our children is deeply appreciated and thankfully felt. It was wonderful!

Rev. E. Huntzinger

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SARON UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 22ND, 2017  
FOLLOWING THE 10:15 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

*The Consistory of Saron Church is made up of three Elders (who are responsible for the congregation's spiritual life), three Deacons (who are responsible for the stewardship of finances & property), the Treasurer (who oversees the financial security of the church), and the pastor.*

The nominees for Elder are: Dorene Hanke & ~~To Be Announced~~ Jay Hoogstra

The nominees for Deacon are: Becky Pelnar & John Giraldo

The nominees for Treasurer are: Debbie Meinnert & Tracy Beeck

*The Consistory requests the Trustees to carry out repair and maintenance projects around the church building and grounds.*

The nominees for trustee are: Justin Boedecker & Jason Schnicke

*The Christian Education Board chooses the Sunday School curriculum, recruits and trains teachers, and plans Vacation Bible School and the Christmas program*

The nominees for Christian Education Board are: Jackie Jarvis & Jessica Herzog

*The Cemetery Board is responsible for the maintenance of the cemetery and its funds.*

The nominees for the Cemetery Board are: Roy Herzog & Jim Rabe

*The Endowment Committee is responsible for congregational awareness for prudent investing of Saron's Endowment Funds.*

The nominees for the Endowment Committee are: Eric Rabe & Kathy Herzog

*The Pastor Parish Relations Committee meets at least quarterly with the pastor to ensure a healthy relationship between the pastor and the congregation. (2 needed)*

The nominees for the Pastor Parish Relations Committee are: ~~To Be Announced~~  
Melissa Fleck, Brian Rautmann, Sonya Yellstrom

## PROPOSED BUDGET MEETINGS

Proposed Budget Meetings will take place at the end of EACH worship service on Sunday, January 15th. Worship will be shortened to 30 to 40 minutes with a 20 minute budget meeting following.



**ATTENTION ALL GROUPS/COMMITTEES** with financial accounts you must submit a year-end report to Kari Mooney, the Financial Secretary by **JANUARY 8th, 2017**.



## Advent Angle Tree

If you attended church of Sunday, December 18th you were greeted by hundreds of gifts under the Christmas tree. It was a sight to behold! The generosity of the members of Saron UCC is truly amazing. We have brightened the lives of many children and their families in the Sheboygan County Head Start Program and some Seniors at Pine Haven this Christmas. Also thank you for the cash donations we received. We used the money to purchase gifts for the tags that were not taken from the tree. We are so thankful for your kindness during this Christmas season!!

The Women's Guild

A festive green background with a red and white striped ribbon border. Four gingerbread men are positioned at the corners of the border. The text is centered in the middle.

### Cookie Sale

The Women's Guild and the Shawl Ministry would like to send a big **THANK YOU** to all those who purchased cookies. The proceeds are being given to Saron member Lucas Williams who is in his final year of Seminary to help defray his educational expenses.

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## BIDS TO BE TAKEN FOR SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

The Consistory has decided they would like to offer two items from Saron's past as part of a Silent Auction. If you are interested in either or both of the items you can submit your bid until January 31st, 2017 to the church office.



They are an old church pew and the old coat rack that are located in the back entrance on the north side of church.

## LOOKING AHEAD TO SUNDAY, JANUARY 1ST WORSHIP

Sunday, January 1st, First Sunday of the New Year—2017. One service only at 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion will be celebrated. The Senior Choir will sing.

## CO-LEADER NEEDED FOR THE CELEBRATION SINGERS

Do you like music and enjoy working with young singers? Consider co-leading the Celebration Singers consisting of young enthusiastic members! The groups sings about 4 times during the season and practices during the 10:15 services as needed. If interested please contact the church office (467-6202) for further details.



## 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), 5 (WFRV); call the church office to listen for a cancellation message (467-6202) or check the church website for a cancellation notice



## FOUNDERS' DAY LECTURE AT LAKELAND UNIVERSITY

Lakeland University invites all to a Founders' Day Lecture on Wednesday, January 25th, 2017, at 7 PM with the theme of "Muslims as a Force for Good and Healing in America" which is being presented by Dr. Rami Nashashibi, Executive Director of the Inner-City Muslim Action Network (IMAN) and a visiting Professor of Sociology of Religion and Muslim Studies at the Chicago Theological Seminary. More information and details will be available soon.



## 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) Ilene Struve (Rocky Knoll), Marilyn Perronne (at home), Mae Schmidt (at home), Beverly Kleinhans (at home) Harold (Pinky) Grunewald (Terrace Estates) Shirley Jacoby (Rocky Knoll) Gordon Feldmann (Rocky Knoll for continued medical treatment)...  
Pine Haven

**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:** of Mary Ellen McGuire (Peggy Lubach's mother) who passed away on December 1st, 2016 and to the family of Humberto "Herbie" Enriquez (Ashley Schmidt's grandfather) who passed away on November 26, 2016....

**We Celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism of:** Alexis Irene Abston who was baptized on December 4, 2016. Alexis was born on October 30th and is the daughter of Kim (Mauk) and Ryan Abston and sister to Evritt....

**Lucas Williams** is a Member of Discernment for the UCC, attending seminary at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, MO. Lucas is in his 3rd (and last) year of seminary. His address at school is: 47 North Bompert #32, St. Louis MO 53119.

### With Special Thanks

A special thanks to Rev. Ernie for his visit at the hospital. Also a sincere thanks to all Saron members who remembered me with cards and phone calls following my recent hip replacement surgery.

Sincerely,  
Jerry Henning

### A Heartfelt Thank You

I would like to express a heartfelt thank you to Pastor Ernie for his visits and to everyone who remembered me in any way while I was rehabilitating at Rocky Knoll following my accident. It is truly a blessing to be a part of such a caring and loving church family.

Thanks Again,  
Audrey Laack

Dear Friends at Saron,

Thank you for your continued support of Church World Service and the work we do around the world. Your generosity is an inspiration.

**NEW MEMBERS TO BE RECEIVED**

New members will be received at Saron on Sunday, January 29th. If you have been attending worship or know of someone who would be interested in becoming a member please contact the church office at 920-467-6202 or e-mail [barb@saronucc.org](mailto:barb@saronucc.org).

**NO YOUTH GROUP UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

There will be **NO** Sunday morning Senior High Youth Group until new leadership can be secured.

**AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE** that phone messages and e-mails that come into the church office during regular business hours from 8:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m. Monday — Friday will be answered in a timely fashion. **Any phone messages or e-mails placed during the weekend will be answered on Monday morning.** If you have a pastoral emergency or are in need of pastoral care during the non-office hours please contact Pastor Ernie by calling him at his home phone: 920-803-6519 or his cell: 630-632-1274.

**PLEASE LET US KNOW**

Please contact the church office or Pastor Ernie if you or a family member will be or are hospitalized. The hospitals do not contact the church with that information so we are relying on our members to let us know so that Pastoral care can be provided.

**HAPPY★NEW★YEAR**



**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)).

January 11 Glenn &amp; Linda Ubbelohde

January 12 Art &amp; Janet Lammers

January 19 Jay &amp; Jill Grosshuesch



January 23 Mark &amp; Linda Shaw

January 24 Doug &amp; Jill Daun—30 yrs.

January 26 Don &amp; Judy Ryan—25 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 date please let us know by calling the church office at (467-6202 or e-mail [barb@saronucc.org](mailto:barb@saronucc.org)).

January 2 Kris Nohl

January 3 Carrie Nickel

January 4 Milton Braun

January 6 Elise Casadonte  
Craig Grosshuesch

January 7 Matt Meinnert

January 8 Randy Sixel

January 9 Ed Schmidt

January 10 Marcus Dumke

January 11 Dorene Hanke  
Waylon KwekkeboomJanuary 12 Tim Feldmann  
Jay PikeJanuary 13 DuWayne Nohl  
Emma Pike  
Haley Rautmann  
Lois SchlichtingJanuary 14 Kari DeHart  
Glenn Nohl  
Coleson Trumm

January 15 Lily Bohn



January 17 Nathan Roehl

January 18 Katie Haas

January 19 Roberta Coppersmith  
David Oostdyk  
Russell Reichert

January 20 Dan Roehrborn

January 21 Karla Kletzien  
Matt Wilke

January 24 Shirley Schmidt

January 28 Carleigh Milz

January 29 Matt Boedecker  
Ryan Herzog

January 30 Virginia Braun

January 31 Katelyn DeHart

