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## WELCOME BACK SUNDAY – September 13th, 2015

Sunday School resumes at 9:05 AM (parent orientation meeting in the Sanctuary also at that time)

8:00 AM Indoor Traditional Worship Service with Communion 10:15 AM Outdoor Dixieland Worship Service (weather permitting) with Communion

Bring a lawn chair!

Sunday School teachers will be dedicated at the 10:15 a.m. service 5<sup>th</sup> Graders will receive their Bibles at the 10:15 a.m. service Social picnic immediately following worship (11:15-1:00 PM)

Sign-up sheets for food donations and helpers are on the kiosk in the narthex.







#### Pastor's Notes.....

#### **I Wonder**

It's a fact. I spend a lot of time wondering. When I was a kid and enamored by one of the fairer wonders of life a song came on the airwaves asking, "I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now?" It was as if that particular girl had nothing else to do with the exception of kissing one or more of my buddies. As I have grown older, I've taken to wonder how the other half lives. And here I am not talking about women, I'm talking about those who have it made. I wonder how they manager to scrape together the money to buy and maintain a yacht. I wonder what they eat for breakfast or where they plan to go for vacation. I wonder about other things as well, but let's pause for a minute on that wonder.

Lo and behold what to my wondering eye should appear but an article in the Huffington Post concerning the top 1%. It seems they have developed for themselves an exclusive club they call Kappa Beta Phi. It's probably non-profit so that they might be able to deduct fees and services (the 1% always have a non-profit foundation or such to save on taxes and dispense alms). Actually it's a bit sad. They seem to feel that people do not understand how hard it is to be at the top. They need time off from their heavy work-loads; from the expectations others impose on them; for the demanding schedules they have to keep. They in a word need to have some "fun".

The article has them bemoaning the fact they're misunderstood, unappreciated, and get no credit for what they've been able to put together. They're lonely at times and seek to be something more by getting more. To which I respond – welcome to the human race. You don't need to reverse Phi Beta Kappa to call attention to your plight. Those of us in the 99% categories holding you up experience the same things.

It is not a truth that when we cut ourselves off from our fellow beings and declare that we have had it rough getting to where we are that others yawn and excuse themselves from us? Who hasn't had it rough? Who hasn't gotten the support he felt he needed at one time or another? Who has not felt unappreciated or lonely at times? Sometimes I wonder why I get picked on to do a certain job like washing windows, or cleaning up the mess in the yard, or making dinner... Golly, it makes a person wonder. So, I share this poem that has been a companion of mine over the years and I wonder at the power of its message for us all - young and old, rich and poor, the bright and the not so bright, for the haves and the have nots.

### It's called **Desiderata**, and was written by Max Ehrmann.

Go placidly amid the noise and haste,

And remember what peace there can be in silence.

As far as possible, be on good terms with all persons.

Speak your truth quietly and clearly, and listen to others,

Even to the dull and ignorant, for they too have their story.

If you compare yourself with others you may become vain or bitter,

For always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Exercise caution in your business affairs for the world is full of trickery

But do not let this blind you to what virtue there is.

Many persons strive for high ideals and everywhere,

Life is full of heroism.

Be yourself.

Do not feign affection and do not be cynical about love,

For in the face of all aridity and disenchantment,

It is perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years gracefully surrendering

The things of youth.

Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune.

But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings.

Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness

And so, beyond a wholesome discipline,

Be gentle with yourself.

You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and stars,

You have a right to be here.

And whether it is clear to you or not,

The universe is unfolding as it should.

Be at peace with God,

Whatever you conceive him to be

And, whatever your labors and aspirations,

In the noisy confusion of life

Keep peace with your soul.

With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams,

It is still,

A beautiful world.

I wonder as I wander about the villages and towns, cities and plains, field and stream about many things of God in his heavens and his people on earth and I pause and I give thanks for this wonder-filled world.

Ernest Huntzinger

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## Welcome Kids!

Did you know that you have a precious gift that you can give to your church? By sharing our voice, you are bringing joy to the hearts of your Saron family! If you are between the ages of 6 and 14, come join the Junior Choir! We meet when needed, during the late service following the Children's Story. Our first practice is scheduled for September 27th. We're looking forward to another successful year!





# Do You Like To Sing? Then The Senior Choir Is Looking For You!



The Senior Choir will begin to practice for the new season on Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. beginning September 10th. If you enjoy singing and have a desire to share that, feel free to join the rest of the dedicated choir members at any one of their practices. Everyone is welcome, both men's and women's voices are needed and you don't need any special



singing experience to be a part of the group. The Senior Choir sings the 1st and 3rd Sunday's of the month at the 10:15 a.m. worship service from September thru May. They also sing for the special worship services on Thanksgiving Eve, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Ash Wednesday, Easter Sunday, and funerals upon request. Saron's choirs are an important part of our worship experience.

## **Sunday School News**

The first day of Sunday School and Parent Orientation is September 13th from 9:05 to 10:05 A.M. Parents are encouraged to attend to receive information for the year, and to complete registration materials.



#### **New Address & Phone Number**

Virginia Feldmann has moved to Plymouth and requested to have her new address and phone number published. It is as follows: Virginia Feldmann

611 Appleton Street Apt. 209

Plymouth, WI 53073

Her new phone number is: 449-5246

#### 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, Germany); Jake Meinnert (U.S. Army)....

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

**To those who grieve:** the family of Saron member Milton Meinnert, who passed away on July 27, 2015 and whose funeral was held on July 30, 2015. The family of Saron member Evelyn Depping, who passed away on July 28, 2015 and whose funeral was held on August 5th.

We celebrate the birth of: Scarlett Elizabeth Lucash, daughter of Tom and Krissie (Knowles) Lucash.



Dear Saron Church,

Thank you for the gift of money for camp at Pilgrim Center. I loved camp. My favorite part was making tie-dye shirts. I hope I can go again next year.

Makayla Van Helden

We want to give a special "thank you" for our church family. With you're cards, prayers, and visits we are doing okay. God Bless each and every one.

The Family of Milton Meinnert

#### From the Family of Evelyn Depping

Sincere gratitude is extended to the Saron Church family for their many years of support to Evelyn and her family. A special thank you to Rev. Ernie for his visits with Evelyn and for creating a lovely and meaningful service. Continued thanks to Bonnie for providing beautiful music, to Barb for organizing and completing the behind-the-scenes work, and to the band of "kitchen angels" who assisted with the fellowship time after the service. Rev. Schlundt, thank you, too, for your many visits with Mom during the past year. The smiles and greetings the Saron family extended to Evelyn when she was able to attend church services were priceless and brought her so much joy continued blessings to all of you.

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12

I would like to thank the Worship Enhancement Team for their help at the Camo Quilt Project. It was very much appreciated. Many hands made for short work and a good time.

Linda Wieck, Camo Quilt Project

I would like to thank my Saron Church Family for all of the thoughts, prayers, cards I received following my recent heart surgery. I feel very blessed to be a part of Saron.

Allen Nohl

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In Honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Jerry & Marie Henning

Invite Saron Members

to an

Open House

Sunday, September 27th, 2015

From

2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

At

Three Guys & A Pizza Pie N8350 County Road J Elkhart Lake

## **Neighbors In Need Offering**

Neighbors **in Need (NIN)** is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. NIN is one of the UCC's five-for-five offerings throughout the year, which Saron was a "five-for-five" church in 2014. Offering envelopes will be in the pews and the offering will be dedicated in early October Please make your check payable to Saron UCC and put NIN in the memo line.

United Church Men and Women's 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Banquet – at Lakeland College—Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. The keynote speaker will be our Wisconsin Conference Minister, The Reverend Franz Rigert. Music will be provided by Ebenezer UCC, Sheboygan musicians Alan Dodds, Kathy McGinley, and Charles Tiede. Tickets cost \$15.00 each and are available in the Saron Church office through Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Join other church men and women for a time of food, fellowship, and celebration as we gather to honor our college and seminary students!

## A Pilgrim Center Opportunity

Come-Down-to-the-Lakeshore is a Christian writing retreat to be held October 16-18, 2015 at Pilgrim Center of Ripon, Wisconsin. This is an invitation to your congregation and others to come down to the shores of Wisconsin's Green Lake for a weekend of writing in a relaxed and Spirit-filled setting.

- Whether you are just starting out or have been writing for year, you are welcome.
- Whether you are writing a magazine article, mystery novel, newsletter, poem, devotion, journal, blog or Christmas letter, you are welcome.
- No matter where you are on your writing and faith journeys, you are welcome to Come-Down-to-the-Lakeshore.
- Come-Down-to-the-Lakeshore Writer's Retreat is where everyone's muse will come alive through the community's binding ties of writing and faith!

Visit www.comedowntothelakeshore.com for more information and registration.



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<u>Happy Anniversary</u> 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 <u>barb@saronucc.org</u>).

September 1 Troy & Kate Holzmann—25 yrs. September 14 Matt & Julie Dulmes Zak & Amy Rick Shauna & Rick Kretschmann Don & Danielle Zimmermann Michael & Lindsay Rick September 7 Todd & Kim Havlinek September 15 Ralph & Barb Sebald Corby & Jessica Trumm September 8 Pete & Sara Christy Linda & Doug Grimes September 16 Tom & Gloria Kanzelberger Wade & Abby Sebald September 18 Jody & Steve Biederwolf September 9 Jay & Gloria Flegal Jaime & Jason McCov September 10 Randy & Connie Sixel September 19 Al & Susan Blasel Don & Lois Herzog September 11 Kristi & Willy Belcher Norb & Shar Meyer Ray & Judy Glander Eugene & Helen Rautmann Eric & Katie Haas—5 yrs. September 20 Michael & Renee Curtiss September 12 Scott & Tracy Wilke Chuck & Brittany Kaiser September 13 Carl & Joan Laack—40 yrs.

September 23 Ken & Jan Ebbott Lisa & Brian Schneider

September 24 Lloyd & Sharon Feldmann Duane & Jamie Hitsman

September 25 Jerry & Marie Henning-50 yrs.

September 27 Bryan & Brittney Mauk Scott & Jeanna Milz



**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).

September 21 Claude & Sarah Gonzales

September 1	Lydia Albright Janice Hartman	September 13	Verna Groene Brittany Kaiser	September 22	Melissa Reichwald Elsa Schuette	
September 2	Elicia Wagner	September 14	Merlin Schmidt Judy Schmitz Diana Schukow		Haley Zimmermann	
September 3	Devin Gardapee April Scheinoha			September 23	Marie Henning Carol Scheinoha	
	Teri Strub			September 25	Jamie Hitsman	
September 4	Keith Beeck	September 15	Norb Meyer		Scott Milz	
September 5	Steve Casadonte	September 16	Nicki Decker	September 27	Mike Beeck Brian Kaat Shelly Hollingsworth Paul Williams	
September 6	Nick Jetzer	September 17	Alissa Justinger Ben Steiger Vicky Verhage			
September 7	Matt Kapellen					
	Tyler Pike	September 18	Courtney Booth Don Herzog Josh Imig Septem	·	Jeremy Hanke Ben Nickel Kaylee Quilling	
September 8	Gordon Feldmann Kathy Roehl	September 19				
September 9	Julie Dulmes					
September 10	Derek Kaat Ashley Schukow	September 20		·	Cameron McGee	
September 11	Austin Bender Alisha Coppersmith			POOF!		
September 12	Dawn Giraldo			7	2003 (25) Yes	
·		September 21	Don Coller			