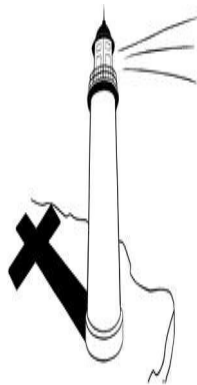


ST. PAUL'S
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

2114 Wedemeyer Street
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The Beacon



August 2016

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Closed
Tuesday-Friday:
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Other times by appointment

CHURCH WEB SITE:
www.sspucc.org

CHURCH EMAIL:
sheboyganstpaulsucc@gmail.com

CHURCH STAFF:
Rev. Jeremy Hylen, Pastor

Richard Reineking,
Consistory President
John Brown, Vice President
Lisa Flook, Organist
Leslie Ellair, Choir Director
Patricia Jaberg, Handbell Dir.
Lisa Drews, Admin. Asst.
Carol Reineking, Custodian

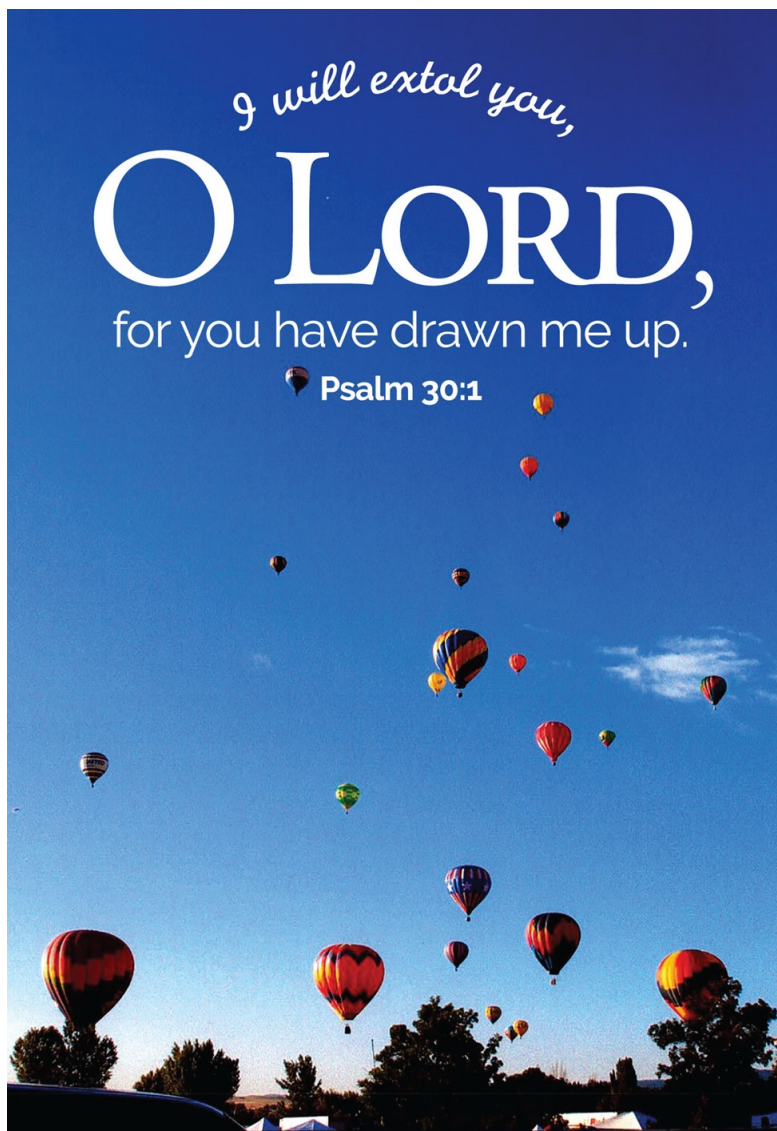
Midweek Connection
Thursday @ 6:00 p.m.

Traditional Worship
Sunday @ 10:00 a.m.

Communion -
Second Sunday of each
month

Our Mission:

We, the family of God at Saint Paul's United Church of Christ, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, strive to be a loving, caring community of faith. We seek to preach the Gospel, live the Word, and reach out to each other and those in need with friendship and love. We seek to do God's Will "on Earth as it is in Heaven."



PASTOR'S PAGE

God's grace and peace to you! August is upon us and summer is quickly coming to a close. School will start up again and things will move into another familiar routine. Before the world goes back into business mode, be sure to take some time and enjoy all of God's creation. The busy-ness of life can wait.

For my family, summer means finding ways to be outside. It means camping and kayaking and biking and time at the lake. It means precious moments with Hannah in the sprinkler or walks to get ice cream (a staple of Hannah's diet). Summer is a time for renewal and relaxation. Summer is also a time to take a break from the day to day life that can sometimes wear us down. One practice I have taken up this summer has been to find time each day to just sit and be, preferably outside. I have found that taking a couple of minutes each morning helps clear my head and gets my focus where it needs to be. It's like a nature pep talk. Somehow taking a few moments to just be in the wonder of God's creation keeps me on track. I invite you to try the same when you can. Sit outside, go to the lake, walk your dog, sit on your porch—find a way to be in the glory of God's creation.

Summer is also a time to dream and plan. Through the help of so many of your thoughts and the hard work of the marketing group and the consistory, we have been working on crafting some new ideas to help enliven our church even more. I am excited for what the new school year will bring in the life of St. Paul's because I have seen the passion with which so many people have begun to shift their ideas of how we can be church together. So stay tuned to learn about some new things that are in the works.

One project we will be undertaking in September is a new church directory. Instead of having someone come in and sell you picture packages, we have a small group of folks who are going to help us do this project in house. This will not only save us time and money; it will allow us to add new members as they join. I am excited for this project because I think it will help all of us better celebrate our church family. In this same vein, we are beginning to work on our church database. Our program is several years out of date and we have folks that aren't included, information that is inaccurate, and thusly, it's not very helpful in the office.

Other than our office housekeeping, I am looking forward to see how we will be able to share the stories of God's people in Sunday School and worship together. I am excited to be able to join all of us together in the same texts each week. My hope is that we will better be able to live into our sacred calling because we have each other as partners. The stories we will be sharing and experiencing each week will be enhanced by music in worship. Not just in songs we know and love, but in anthems with voice and bells, with familiar faces both young and old. We will worship together so we might celebrate our faith even more.

So before the summer is passed, find ways to bask in the glow of God's sacred creation. Find ways to love your neighbor as yourself. Find ways to celebrate all the goodness that God has surrounded you with. Find ways to live the one precious life you have been given. Most importantly, find ways to be the person God has called you to be.

Consistory at Work

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Consistory Meeting Minutes - St. Paul's UCC, Sheboygan, WI
Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Jeremy Hylan (Pastor), John Brown, Charlotte Jump, Leon Jump, Mike King, Sarah Kolb, Linda Mueller, Richard Reineking, Daniel Van Straten, Mason White **Absent:** Lisa McKenzie, Jaymz Stempihar

Treasurer's Report and Stewardship Report for June (Linda Mueller): The June Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Budget Analysis, and the Stewardship Report reviewed.

Total Income: \$6,213.00. Total expense: \$10,115.92. Net Income: **MINUS** \$3,902.92.

Building Improvement Fund: \$40,462.83. Parsonage Fund: \$28,486.12. General Fund: **MINUS** \$8,593.07.

Memorial Fund: \$95,833.70. Other assets: 573 shares Heartland Financial: \$17,969.28.

The Stewardship Report Weekly Giving Total: \$6,093.00.

Daniel Van Straten moved to accept the treasurer's report as received, Sarah Kolb seconded. Passed.

– The feasibility of comparing treasurer's reports of the current year with the previous year under review.

Head Trustee Report (Jay Englebert & Mason White):

– Big snow blower to be delivered to Feldmann's for maintenance in mid-September to avoid delays.

– Resurfacing and restriping of both parking lots completed, but some repair remains yet on the west lot.

Board of Christian Education Report (Lisa McKenzie):

– Vacation Bible School (VBS) is going well.

– The Sunday School curriculum for the church year (September, 2016 – May, 2017) is set and ready to go.

Pastor's Report (Jeremy Hylan):

– The new computers for the Pastor's Office and the Church Office purchased and installed.

– We'll keep the ad in the Sheboygan County Business Guide.

– Shepherd's Staff (computer program): Database has no support provided and has been out of support for several years. Noticeable discrepancies in statistics and missing information. Jeremy is researching databases.

– Canvassing members on active and inactive status for inclusion in the new church directory.

– We'll carry on partnering and supporting Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization (SCIO). Mary Circle of the Women's Guild makes donations to SCIO's Bridgeway.

– Marketing: New logo and letterhead developed by Joanne Lensink now in use.

– Mission statement: Attempting to share a new mission statement with the Congregation by September emphasizing "who we are."

President's Report (Richard Reineking):

– The cost for the dumpster includes rental plus weight. Only old roofing items are allowed to be disposed of in the dumpster; any other type of refuse put in the dumpster needs to be removed before pickup.

– Fence at the west end of west parking lot: Remove the fence. If any problems result from the fence removal, a new fence is to be installed.

Other Business:

– We may need a lock on our dumpster to prevent other people from depositing refuse in it.

– Pledge tracking: We need to distribute Statements of Giving quarterly.

– Piano tuning: Needs to be done on the piano used for musical performance in the sanctuary.

– Leaking in the basement under review.

– Experimenting with a new procedure in ushering. Ushers to greet people and hand out bulletins. Consistory members to do the collection.

Respectfully submitted, Daniel Van Straten, Secretary

AUGUST



2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 10:00 a.m. Healing Hearts 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship	5	6
7 10:00 a.m. Worship Service with Guest Speaker - Barb Hengst Bell Choir Duet	8	9	10 6:00 p.m. Consistory Meeting	11 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship	12	13
14 9:00 a.m. Walk up Choir Rehearsal 10:00 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion Summer Walk Up Choir Butterfly Open House Order SCRIP	15	16	17	18 10:00 a.m. Healing Hearts 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship	19	20
21 10:00 a.m. Worship at Evergreen Park, Shelter #5, Picnic with Fry-out	22	23	24	25 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship	26	27
28 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Cabinet Meeting after the service Special KIDS Sunday	29	30	31			
Pastoral Vacation: Please note Rev. Hysten will be out of the office and on vacation from August 1st through August 10th. He will be back in the office on August 11th.						

August Birthdays

Claris Gartman	8/02
Bonnie Hoppe	8/05
Stuart Stempihar	8/05
Jaymz Stempihar	8/06
David Hinze	8/07
Nicole Beimling	8/07
Chris Bliesner	8/09
Iva Endres	8/12
Ron Lohse Jr.	8/14
Tama Laux	8/19
Joann Laux	8/21
John Brown	8/25
Wendy Gruenke	8/25
Kenneth Troeger	8/27
Jeanette Schutt	8/29

If we missed anyone or made a mistake, we're sorry. Please call the church office with any corrections. Thank you!



Schedule for August

Liturgists

07—Jaymz Stempihar
14—Jacob Dassler
21—Naomi Holzwart
28—Linda Mueller

Scripture Readers

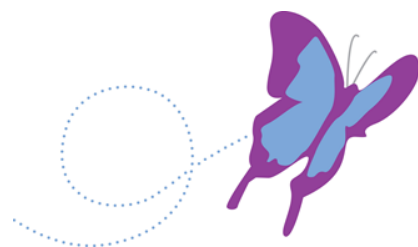
07—Mason White
14—Daniel Van Straten
21—Mike King
28—Jaymz Stempihar

Ushers

07—Iva Endres, Judy & Richard Belitz, and Jim Schwarten
14—Kathy & John Brown, Jaymz and Alexa Stempihar
21—Mike King, Steve Flook, Bonnie Klabecek, and Diana Neils
28—Daniel & Ervida Van Straten, Mary & Keith Risse

August Chancel Lady

Ervida Van Straten





I would like to thank everyone that was involved in making VBS a success this year! All of your time and hard work are very much appreciated.

Thank you Deb Severns, Charlotte Jump, Ivy Endres, Agnes Kunstmann, Jean Dickmann, Raenah Jump and Pastor Jeremy Hylan. Thank you Brian Severns for assisting with technology.

We had 9 kids in attendance this year and had a great time.

We have rescheduled the Brat Fry for November and we look forward to VBS next year! Thank you. Sarah Kolb - VBS Director

Thank you!

Project Angel Hugs 9th Annual "Be An Angel" Benefit was held Sunday June 26. I would like to say a heartfelt THANKS to all who worked behind the scenes, helped out at the office, donated baskets, items or baked goods. Thanks to the businesses and individuals who donated monetarily to make sure that our event would be a success. A huge thanks to all who came out to spend a great day with us! We cannot do what we do without the generous support of people like you. God bless you in the coming year as you have blessed Project Angel Hugs!

We Need Singers

Our Sunday singers will be singing Sunday, August 14th. This is a walk up choir. We will rehearse at 9:00 a.m. on the 14th, and sing at the service. You can sit with your loved ones before and after the song we sing. The music will be easy enough for any singer. Please consider sharing your voice. Thank you!

Choir is back on September 11th

All are welcome. Please come with your smiles, old and new members alike. Be ready to learn some new songs and sing some old gems. We rehearse at 8:30 a.m. Sunday and sing for the service. Choir members please watch your emails for updates.

SCRIP News

Monthly SCRIP orders will be taken on the following Sundays: August 14, September 11, October 9 and November 13. Thank you for your continued support!

Healing Hearts

Healing Hearts will resume the first Thursday in August. Healing Hearts meets at 10:00 a.m. in the church library.

Updates to Church Directory

Don and Kelly Dudek
2520 South 14th Street
Sheboygan, WI 53081

Baptisms to Celebrate

Aaliyah Mae Ruehr -
Baptized July 10, 2016

In Christian Sympathy

Our prayers are extended to the family of Marian Zolltheis who passed away Tuesday, June 21, 2016. We share our love and comfort with Marian's family. The funeral service was held on June 29th at Reinbold Novak Funeral Home. Pastor Jeremy Hylan officiated.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Meadow View Manor: *Luella Mueller*
Sheboygan Senior Community: *Jean Carlson*
Countryside Manor:
Elaine Rautmann
Esther Hemschemeyer
Gladys Leonard
Pine Haven: *Claris Gartman, Paul Riehl*
Prairie Crossing: *Bob Hollenbeck*
Sheboygan Shores Senior Living:
Madeline Herr, Phyllis Mueller