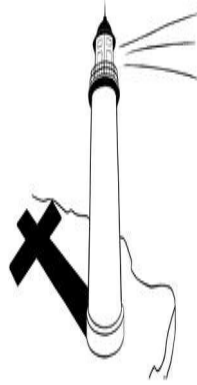


ST. PAUL'S
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

2114 Wedemeyer Street
Sheboygan, WI 53081

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The Beacon



FEBRUARY 2017

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 Worship
Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m.

Sunday School
Sunday @ 8:45 a.m.

Traditional Worship
Sunday @ 10:00 a.m.

Communion -
Second Sunday of each
month

Our Mission:

With love and compassion for
all, we guide and nurture
God's children, young and
old, on our spiritual journey
together.

R O M A N S 1 2 : 1 0 , N I V

*Be devoted
to one another
in love.
Honor
one another
above yourselves.*



Pastor's Page

It's that mid-winter time of year when I find myself torn between wanting several more snow storms and hoping spring comes early. Maybe it's just me, but the lack of sunshine and the piles of old gray snow make it hard for me to stay motivated. I am always looking for things to inspire and give me energy (other than the 3-year-old ball of energy at home). I want to share with you some exciting news. At the end of January, a new group was formed in this church that is tasked thinking about St. Paul's differently. They are tasked with looking at St. Paul's from a 30,000-foot view. The group is made up of Consistory President Richard Reineking, Consistory Vice-President John Brown, Joanne Lensink, Steve Flook, and Barb Hengst. They will be spending the next six months studying the book "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations," by Rev. Robert Schnase.

This Five Practices group will work with a facilitator from the Wisconsin Conference office once a month from February through July. Each month the group will be studying one of the fruitful practices. The practices are: Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity. As the group studies and thinks about these practices, they will be tasked with sharing their thoughts and ideas at the consistory meetings, as well as with the congregation (in worship and in the Beacon). I am energized to be a part of this group as they begin to think about how to enhance these areas in our life together.

You might ask, "How can I get involved with this process?" Keep the group in prayer. They are being asked to do some difficult work in thinking about how to help our congregation thrive even more than it already is. In addition, when the group reports to the congregation on what they are learning and thinking about, we will have a time for everyone to ask questions after church. We will be soliciting conversation and ideas from the congregation. There will also be a place that has all the pertinent information to the study. If you are interested in learning more, you can come talk with me (or even buy the book and read along with us). My hope is that the Five Practices group will help us all further celebrate the work God is already doing in our congregation.

Another part of the life of St. Paul's that is inspiring me is some coming collaboration between our sister churches in Sheboygan. As you have probably already heard, we will be presenting "The Last Supper" again on April 2. While we will be hosting this event, we have reached out to St. John's, Ebenezer, and First Congregational and they have agreed to partner with us. This collaboration not only helps us share the joys of presenting "The Last Supper," but it also strengthens the bonds between us. In that same way, Pastor Whelton (from St. John's) and I have been talking about partnering in the Lenten season. For this new partnership, Rev. Whelton offered to host us for Midweek Lenten worship this year. To that end, Mike King and I will be moving our Wednesday night Midweek worship to St. John's on Thursdays. I am excited to share worship and preaching with Rev. Whelton and some other friends. I think this partnership will remind us of how important it is to be in communion with our sisters and brother in Christ, especially from our sister congregations.

I hope that these partnerships and new explorations energize and excite you as much as they do me. I hope that in the midst of winter you can find ways to see the goodness of God, most especially in the faces of those around you. As a family of God, we are always better served living in the unity of God's love.

Consistory at Work

Consistory Meeting Minutes - St. Paul's UCC, Sheboygan, WI
Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 6:40 p.m.

Present: Jeremy Hylan (Pastor), John Brown, Jay Englebert, Charlotte Jump, Leon Jump, Mike King, Lisa McKenzie, Linda Mueller, Richard Reineking, Jaynz Stempihar, Daniel Van Straten, Mason White **Absent:** Sarah Kolb
Treasurer's Report and Stewardship Report for December, 2016 (Linda Mueller): Linda reviewed the reports. Total Income: \$16,160. Total expense: \$14,211. Net Income: \$1,949. Building Improvement Fund: \$29,292. Parsonage Fund: \$33,544. General Fund: \$-9,269. Memorial Fund Savings Account: \$95,863. Other assets: 573 shares Heartland Financial: \$27,504. Stewardship Report Weekly Giving total: \$11,188.

- Insurance expense totaled \$5,746.
- Second Mile donations totals received amounted to \$ 3,367, annual total \$4,437.
- Total donations received \$15,960.

Head Trustee Report (Jay Englebert & Mason White):

- The mail slot box at the west side entrance will be moved inside for better security at a cost of \$500.
- The fence and fence poles have been removed at a cost of \$100.
- Installing gutter guard for leaf control on the garage and the north side of the church building completed.
- The downspout in the Memorial Garden is not attached and is the probable cause of water leakage inside church and will be repaired.

Board of Christian Education Report (Lisa McKenzie):

- Tentative plans are being made for events to be held during the coming months, like a pizza sale, carnival, and many others.
- Lisa read a thank you message received from the Family in Need helped through the Salvation Army's Adopt-a-Family Mission completed in December, expressing their appreciation for all the donations received from St. Paul's Church. Charlotte Jump mentioned donations were also given to another family needing help.

Pastor's Report (Jeremy Hylan):

- SH/FT of the Wisconsin Conference, UCC focuses on strengthening ministries and church renewal and is sponsoring a group study on the "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations" and members from St. Paul's will be attending.
- Work in progress on the new pictorial directory. Picture taking is taking place in the Community Room for about a month. No appointment necessary and no cost.
- "The Last Supper" drama will be held on April 2 at St. Paul's, a cooperative effort by St. Paul's, St. John's, and First Congregational UCC churches.
- Some youth causing a disturbance, banging on church entrance doors, and trying to get inside. The situation is being monitored, and a security camera will be installed.
- St. Paul's Music Sunday will occur on June 4.


President's Report (Richard Reineking):

- Richard emphasized the dates for the Sacrament of Holy Communion (February 12) and the Annual Congregational Meeting (January 22).
- Work in progress on the digital message board and removal of the flag poles located on each side of the message board.
- "The Last Supper" drama will be held on April 2 at St. Paul's, a cooperative effort by St. Paul's, St. John's, and First Congregational UCC churches, and negotiations underway with the other congregations. Seeking a director and about six more people to form the cast.

Other Business:

- Discussion on transferring monies into the General Fund. Motion made to transfer \$9,000 from the Parsonage Fund into the General Fund passed.
- Charlotte Jump said the audits have been completed by the Audit Committee.
- John Brown said nominations for elected positions on the Consistory, Board of C.C., and the Endowment Committee are being done.
- President Reineking said future Annual Congregational Meetings need to be held on the last Sunday of January to allow the paperwork to be completed on time by the church office and the Treasurer.
- Security lights on the church grounds and environs not functioning well and need to be checked.

Respectfully submitted, Daniel Van Straten, Secretary



February

2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:00 am Dartball Practice 5:00 Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Midweek Worship	2 10:00 a.m. Healing Hearts 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal	3	4
5 8:30 am Choir Practice 8:45 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service, the Children's Choir	6 1:00 p.m. Dartball Sureshots @ Saints	7	8 9:00 am Dartball Practice 6:00 pm Midweek Worship 7 pm Consistory Meeting	9 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal	10	11
12 8:45 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion Order SCRIP	13 1:00 p.m. Dartball Saints @ Darts	14 1:30 p.m. Mary Circle	15 9:00 am Dartball Practice 5:00 Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Midweek Worship 6:00 p.m. Esther Circle	16 10:00 a.m. Healing Hearts 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal	17	18
19 8:45 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service with Handbell Choir	20 1:00 p.m. Dartball Saints@Highflyers	21	22 9:00 am Dartball Practice 5:00 Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Midweek Worship	23 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal	24	25
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February Birthdays

Kyle Flook	February 1
Elaine Rautmann	February 2
Dylan Timm	February 3
Jeffrey Timm	February 3
Cooper Damrow	February 7
Kyle Damrow	February 7
Lance Dassler	February 10
June Lallemond	February 15
Carl Hovey	February 16
Shirley Stempihar	February 17
Esther Hemschemeyer	February 18
Bonnie Klabecek	February 18
Travis Damrow	February 19
Robert Cox	February 20
Lisa Flook	February 25
Ross Beimling	February 27

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

MIDWEEK LENTEN BREAKFAST SCHEDULE:

The St. Paul's Women's Guild is hosting Lenten Breakfasts the following Wednesdays:

March 8, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

March 22, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

April 5, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES:

Ash Wednesday: March 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday: April 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Midweek Evenings:

March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6, 2017 -

Services will be held at St. John's UCC at 6:45 p.m.

(More information to follow)

Schedule for February

Liturgists

5 - Linda Mueller

12 - Laurie Hysten

19 - Joanne Lensink

26 - Mason White

Scripture Readers

5 - Denise Cornell

12 - Mike King

19 - Jaymz Stempihar

26 - Barb Hengst

Ushers

5 - Kathy & John Brown, Jaymz and Corrie Stempihar

12 - Mike King, Steve Flook, Bonnie Klabecek, and Diana Neils

19 - Daniel & Ervida Van Straten, Mary & Keith Risse

26 - Richard & Carol Reineking, Linda Horn, and Harlen Voechting

Acolytes

5 - Elizabeth Passmore

12 - Jake Englebert

19 - Henry White

26 - Kyle Flook

February Chancel Lady

Patti Blindauer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIP News

Monthly SCRIP orders will be taken on the following Sundays: February 12, March 5 (please note this is the first Sunday, not the second), April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, and August 13, 2017. Thank you for your continued support.

Inclement Weather

In times of bad weather to find out about church service cancelations, please tune to TV Channel 4 WTMJ. Please note that when adverse weather conditions cause the area schools to close, our church office will be closed as well.

Adopt A Family Thank You

"Our family is so grateful for your generosity this Christmas. It was a big help and much appreciated. God truly works wonders and does good. I can't wait till next year when we can pay this forward."

- Adopt a Family recipient

Your kindness this holiday season meant more than just presents to open. By adopting a family through The Salvation Army, you showed struggling parents that there are selfless people who care about neighbors they've never even met. Your gifts offered their children a sense of wonder and cheer this Christmas. And, above all, your generosity provided a family in need with hope and gratitude that will extend well beyond one December morning.

Thank you! Because of your generosity, and that of others like you, 1,134 parents and children enjoyed a merry Christmas in 2016. I can't express how much this gift is appreciated. Please know how grateful we are for your willingness to share your blessings with those who would have otherwise gone without.

On behalf of Lts. Daryl and Cherie Mangeri, our staff, Advisory Board, volunteers, and the families we serve, thank you for your support. We couldn't do it without you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



New books for our younger readers:

The Action Bible - bible stories told in a "graphic novel" format (comic book style), is more than just exciting stories of the past. It inspires us to be difference-makers now and in generations to come.

The Middle School Rules of Charles Tillman - it tells of the experiences of his growing up and how it molded him and helped him deal with the struggles of life by relying on his faith. He became an NFL superstar.

The Chronicles of Narnia, by C.S. Lewis - Lewis found himself re-embracing Christianity after having become disillusioned with the faith as a youth. This seven-book series focuses on four siblings who, during wartime, walk through an armoire to enter the magical world of Narnia. Throughout the series, a variety of Biblical themes are presented one of which is Aslan, a lion and the ruler of Narnia.

There are many more books in the library for our youthful readers of all ages!! Enjoy

Salvation Army Peanut Butter Drives

"Gloria and I would like to start collecting peanut butter Sunday, February 12 and dedicate the collected peanut butter on Sunday, March 12.

We would like to consider our second collection to start Sunday, September 10 and finish on Sunday, October 8." Gloria and Jim

Save the Date Notice for Lakeland University

Thursday, February 16, 9 am - 2:30 pm: Lenten Lectionary Workshop: "Hearing Our Ancestors' Words Anew" presented by Dr. Clint McCann. Evangelical Professor of Biblical Interpretation at Eden Theological Seminary.

With Deepest Sympathy

Our prayers are extended to the family of Rev. Vernon E. Jaberg who passed away Sunday, January 22, 2017. We share our love and comfort with his family, especially his son, Rev. Mark Jaberg and his daughter, Laurie Mauss and their families. The Funeral Service was held on Friday, January 27 at St. John's United Church of Christ.

Please Edit Your Church Directory

The zip code for Tama & Richard Laux is 53083
and
Gladys Leonard is currently in Room B4

St. Paul's Members for Installation:

2017 Consistory

Reineking, Richard	President
Brown, John	Vice-President
Mueller, Linda	Treasurer
Van Straten, Daniel	Secretary
White, Mason	Head Trustee
Jump, Charlotte	
Jump, Leon	
King, Michael	
Lensink, Joanne	
Rautmann, Donna	
Stempihar, Jaymz	

2017 Consistory Liaisons

Stempihar, Jaymz	Board of Christian Education
Jump, Charlotte	Endowment Committee

2017 Board of Christian Education

Damrow, Lynda
Englebert, Julie
Hengst, Barb
Peterson, Dawn
Reineking, Carol

2017 Endowment Committee

Jump, Charlotte
Jump, Leon
Lensink, Joanne
Peterson, Greg
Schwarten, Gloria
Schwarten, Jim

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Meals On Wheels' Annual Love Bowls Event

Love Bowls is being held 10 am—3 pm on **Sunday, February 12**, in the Commons at Sheboygan South High School.

This benefit features nearly 70 different soups from throughout Sheboygan County, breads and cookies, as well as musical entertainment and a silent auction. Each person gets to take home a Talavera bowl or plate. The plates are made in central Mexico.

Tickets are \$25 per person ages 2 and up, and are available at the door the day of the event only. Call 920-451-7011 or visit freshmealsonwheels.org for additional information.

Rainbow Kids Free Winter/Spring Program

Thursdays @ Redeemer Lutheran Church located at 1808 Eastern Ave., Plymouth, WI 53073. Peer support for children and adults grieving a loss (death of a loved one, divorce, separation, incarceration, or abandonment). The program will begin on **February 16th**. Times of sessions are 6:15-7:15 p.m. Please call Michele @ (920) 452-2838 to register.

Love makes a family

Have you ever considered being a foster parent? Foster parents are needed in Sheboygan County! Interested? Curious?

Come and check out one of the following foster care informational meetings:

Monday, February 13th, 5:30 pm—6:30 pm
Thursday, February 16th, 10 am—11 am

Meetings will be held at the Mead Public Library in the Rocca Meeting Room: 710 North 8th Street, Sheboygan, WI 53081

For more information, contact Beth Jensema, Foster Care Coordinator, Sheboygan County Department of Health & Human Services at 920-459-3236.