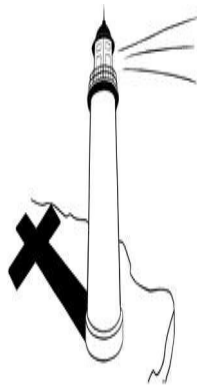


**ST. PAUL'S**  
UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

2114 Wedemeyer  
Street  
Sheboygan, WI 53081



# The Beacon



**April 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](http://www.sspucc.org)

**CHURCH EMAIL:**

[sheboyganstpaulsucc@gmail.com](mailto:sheboyganstpaulsucc@gmail.com)

**CHURCH STAFF:**

*Rev. Jeremy Hysten, 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

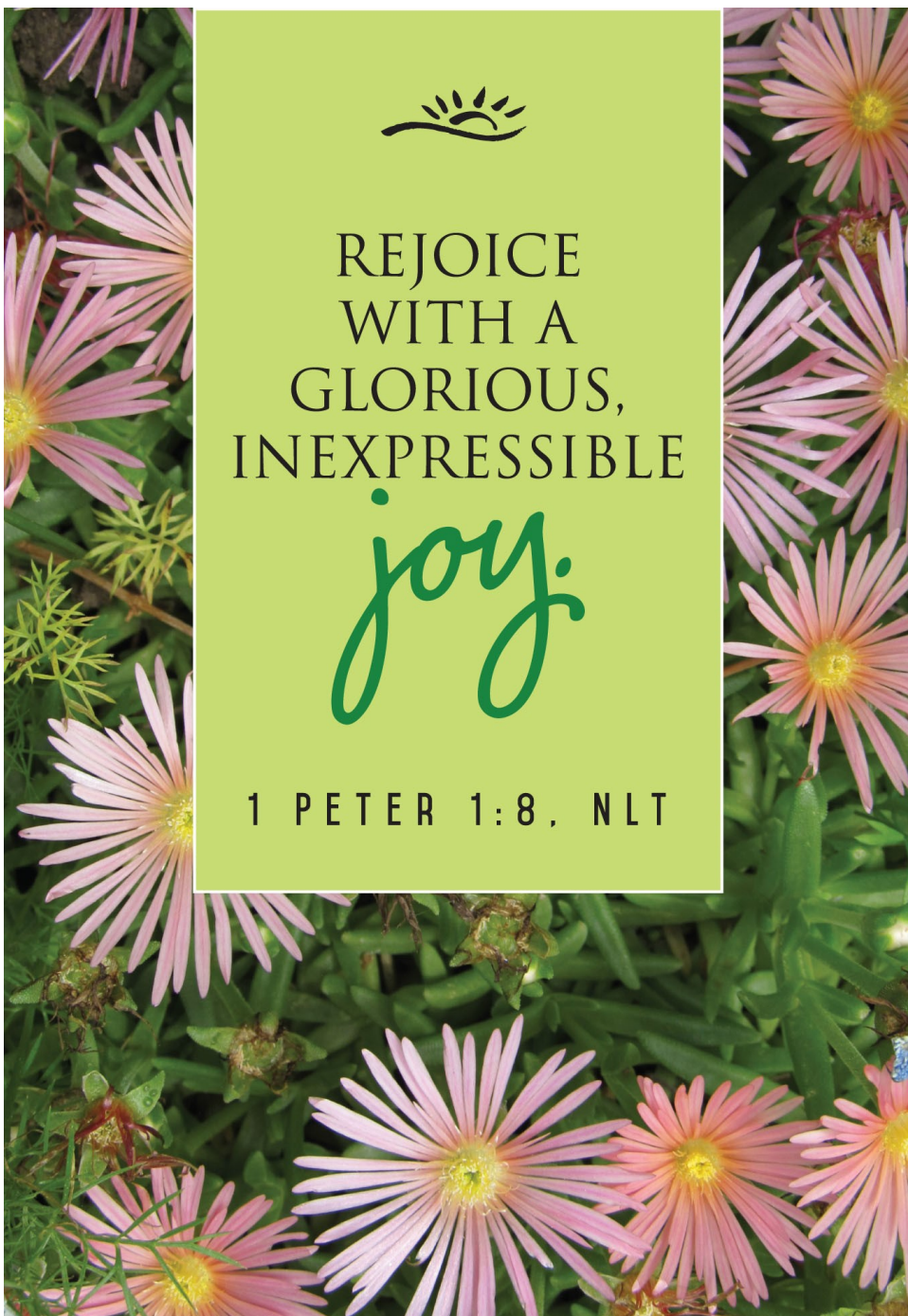
Midweek Connection  
Thursday @ 6:00 p.m.

Sunday School  
Sun. 8:45 a.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

A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped collect well over 200 jars of peanut butter. This much needed protein is a wonderful gift from St. Paul's for the Salvation Army. Your generosity ensures that many people will have some healthier options when they are most in need.

Help us celebrate our soon to be graduates. If you have a high school or college graduate soon to finish their degree, please let us know so we can recognize them as a congregation. Please contact us via email at [sheboyganstpaulsucc@gmail.com](mailto:sheboyganstpaulsucc@gmail.com) and let us know the details.

Interested in bible study? Pastor Jeremy is hoping to start a bible study or two in the near future. If you are interested in study, please be in touch with him or with Lisa in the office.

God's grace and peace to you all as we begin our Eastertide. As we are a people of the resurrection, we are also a people of new life. In my short time here at St. Paul's I have seen many signs of new life. The support of the food pantry and the peanut butter collection offers food to folks in need. Rainbow Kids offers hope and care for kids (and their families) in troubling times. The care that the congregation offers to those who are struggling is precisely what Jesus calls us to do. We are a congregation that embraces the resurrection. There are many people who have taken a step back from church in the past who are rekindling their relationship with St. Paul's. This a cause for celebration—a resurrection in our own congregation. Whether you are a regular fixture at St. Paul's, a sometimes attender, someone who's taken a break, or still trying to decide if a church community is right for you, please know that you are welcome here, no matter what.

We read in the Gospel of Matthew "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Our faith and our worship of God is made stronger when we invite others to join us. We have been called to be that light and share the message of hope and wholeness to a broken world. We are going to boldly step out in faith and together we are going to start to let our light shine. Starting in May, the first Sunday of each month is going to be an intentional time to reach out to others. They could be friends that don't have a church home, those who have been away from St. Paul's a while, or maybe just someone that needs a safe place to know God's love.

I don't know when the last time you visited another church, but when I visit with friends and colleagues I am always a bit on edge. Especially when in worship, I like to know what is going on, and I really don't like being confused about what to do. I am always a bit nervous about communion when I'm not on my home turf. Will I be able to participate? Is it juice or wine? Is it gluten free or regular? Wafers or bread? Individual cups or intinction? Can kids participate? It can be exhausting when you are faced with so many questions. To that end, the consistory and I thought it would be best to move communion to the second Sundays (from the first), so that as we invite people to join us, it's one less thing for visitors to think about. With that in mind, let's think a bit about our own celebration of the Lord's Supper.

You may have noticed that our celebration of the Lord's Supper was different than it has been in the recent past. There is something about physically coming to the table that has been set for us that says something different about who we are as a people of God. Because this congregation values its kids and youth so much, coming to the table is an opportunity for them to participate with a special blessing as we partake in the bread and cup. My hope is that through this adjustment, our kids and youth will feel more engaged and embraced by our congregation. My hope is that by this small change we will be able to celebrate being the body of Christ in a more inclusive way.

I hope that as we continue to live into our calling as people of God, we live as resurrection people, full of hope and joy. I hope we live knowing how good God is. I hope we continue to work towards being the hands and feet of Christ in this world. It is my hope and prayer that we continue to be a light on the hill for those who find darkness in their lives.

# Consistory at Work

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### February Special Consistory Meeting

St. Paul's UCC, Sheboygan, WI, Consistory Minutes - Sunday, February 28, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

#### **SPECIAL CONSISTORY MEETING DIRECTLY FOLLOWING 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE**

**Present:** Jay Englebert (Co-Head Trustee), Charlotte Jump, Michael King, Lisa McKenzie, Linda Mueller (Treasurer), Daniel Van Straten (Secretary), and Mason White (Co-Head Trustee) **Absent:** Jeremy Hylen (Pastor), John Brown (Vice-President), Leon Jump, Sarah Kolb, Richard Reineking (President), and Jaymz Stempihar

1. Daniel Van Straten led the Consistory in a moment of prayer and called the meeting to order and conducted the meeting. The President and Vice-President didn't attend the meeting, but the President had given permission to proceed with the meeting.

2. The meeting was called to approve the Technology Grant application to the Northeast Wisconsin Association of the United Church of Christ—to improve St. Paul's office secretary and pastoral desktop computers and website maintenance, church sign, and the building's Carillons. The items in the grant application proposal were discussed, including total costs of expenditures apportioned to be paid by the church and those requested from the NEA Grant. It was noted that some complaints had been made about the sound coming out of the Carillons in the neighborhood. A concern was mentioned as to whether three items was too much to request funding for in the grant. A motion was made by Mason White to request 25% funding by St. Paul's Church and 75% from the NEA Grant and to remove Carillons from the grant request. Mike King seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** A second motion was made by Mason White to approve the whole grant application with 25% funding by St. Paul's Church and 75% from the NEA Grant for two items (St. Paul's office secretary and pastoral desktop computers and website maintenance; and church sign). Mike King seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** Lisa McKenzie mentioned that spending funds received must follow the directions as listed in the grant.

3. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Lisa McKenzie and seconded by Jay Englebert. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted, Daniel Van Straten, Secretary

**Note:** The minutes for this meeting were reviewed and approved at the March 9, 2016 Consistory meeting.

# Consistory at Work

March Consistory Meeting— Page 1 of 2

## **Consistory Meeting Minutes - St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Sheboygan, WI Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Jeremy Hylan (Pastor); John Brown, Vice-President; Linda Mueller, Treasurer; Daniel Van Straten, Secretary; Jay Englebert, Co-Head Trustee; Mason White, Co-Head Trustee; Charlotte Jump; Leon Jump; Mike King; Lisa McKenzie **Absent:** Sarah Kolb; Richard Reineking, President; Jaymz Stempihar **Guests:** Dawn and Molly Peterson

**Call to Order:** John Brown called the meeting to order and conducted the meeting.

**Opening Prayer:** Jeremy Hylan (Pastor)

**Confirmand Presentation:** The Pastor introduced confirmand Molly Peterson and stated Molly had prepared a paper on her feelings of God, the Church, and her faith after which Molly read her paper. Molly has met all the requirements of the confirmation program and has been approved to receive confirmation. Molly plans to join the Chancel Choir, attend church regularly, and help with Vacation Bible School during the summer of 2016. Molly is to be confirmed on Palm Sunday, March 20 and also participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

**Review/approval of Secretary's Consistory Minutes:** Copies of the minutes of the February 10 Consistory Meeting and the February 28 Special Consistory Meeting to approve a Northeast Wisconsin Association technology grant application were distributed online by the Secretary (Daniel Van Straten) prior to the meeting. Lisa McKenzie moved to accept the minutes, Mason White seconded. All voted aye, **MINUTES APPROVED**. The technology grant is applied for to fund the cost of the church office and pastoral office desktop computers, website maintenance, and a digitized church sign.

### **Treasurer's Report (Linda Mueller):**

– Linda provided copies of the February Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Budget Analysis, and the Stewardship Report and reviewed the Treasurer's Report.

Total Income: \$15,089.75. Total Donations: \$15,089.75. Total expense: \$12,673.67.

Net Income: \$2,416.08.

Building Improvement Fund: \$40,013.78. Parsonage Fund: \$25,114.12. General Fund: \$131.46.

Memorial Fund: \$95,814.48. Other assets: 573 shares Heartland Financial: \$17,969.28.

The Stewardship Report Weekly Giving total: \$14,543.00.

Daniel Van Straten moved to accept the treasurer's report as received, Mike King seconded. After discussion, all voted aye to approve the report, motion carried. **TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED**.

– Our elevator maintenance cost amounted to \$3,943.98 (budgeted at \$4,000) and the cost for the exterminator amounted to \$340.00.

– Our phone service switch to Charter has been done with a savings of \$70 monthly during the first year of service. At the end of the year, the phone service **TO BE REVIEWED**.

### **Head Trustee Report (Jay Englebert & Mason White):**

– The mystery of the lost key to the furnace room door is solved. They key is found.

– Replacing the overhead garage door. **WORK IN PROGRESS**.

– Resurface and restripe the large parking lot adjacent to Wedemeyer Street and Union Avenue. **WORK IN PROGRESS**.

– Big snow blower needs maintenance. To be done at Feldmann's at the end of winter.

### **Board of Christian Education Report (Lisa McKenzie):**

– A "big" movie night is planned for April. **MORE INFORMATION TO BE ANNOUNCED**.

– Sunday School Easter breakfast on Sunday, March 27 at 8:00 a.m.

– Faye's Pizza Fundraiser begins Sunday, March 20. **MORE INFORMATION TO BE ANNOUNCED**.

– Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, April 17. **MORE INFORMATION TO BE ANNOUNCED**.

– Carnival at the end of Sunday School. **MORE INFORMATION TO BE ANNOUNCED**.

– Planning is being done for the graduate recognition on Sunday, June 5.

– The Sunday School Shepherd Program to help aide the Sunday School teachers and connect with the children of our congregation is up and running. The Shepherd's role is to casually move from room to room during Sunday School, assisting teachers as needed, observing but not disturbing.

# Consistory at Work - Page 2

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### March Consistory Meeting

#### **Pastor's Report (Jeremy Hylan):**

- Jeremy talked about the new website. **WORK IN PROGRESS.** Taking pictures of groups in the church.
- The Northeast Wisconsin Association Annual Meeting is scheduled to be held on Saturday, April 16 at Bethlehem UCC in Kiel, WI. Jeremy is a mentor for SHIFT, working with change in the church, how to approach it, how to help congregations work through change.
- Starting in April of 2016 the Sacrament of Holy Communion is going to be held on the second Sunday of the month, except for October when World Wide Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday (October 2).
- Donations received for the Maki Family are going to be donated to the Crossroads Community Church.
- On the Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service, Jeremy is going to ask several members to do speaking parts.
- Good Friday services are not held at St. Paul's, but a communal Good Friday service with combined choirs is planned at First Congregational Church, UCC, Sheboygan.
- Marketing- John Brown and Joanne Lensink, in cooperation with Jeremy, are advertising what's going on at St. Paul's to the local community and former and inactive members no longer associated with the church. A "matching campaign" is planned to encourage others to "match" the \$1,000 grant received with donations.

#### **President's Report (John Brown for Richard Reineking):**

- John emphasized the dates for the next Consistory Meeting and Sacrament of Holy Communion.

#### **Other Business:**

- Jim Schwarten and Linda Mueller are working on setting up another brat fry fund raiser in the fall. **MORE INFORMATION TO BE ANNOUNCED.**
- Lisa McKenzie announced more work to be done on the Wedding pamphlet at an upcoming Consistory Meeting.
- Hilarie Mukavitz's performance as an organist has been deemed unsatisfactory and has turned down requests to help improve her performance. Her services are to be terminated after Sunday, March 13. Substitute organist Lisa Flook has confirmed willingness to perform the organist duties during the interim of hiring a new organist. Linda Mueller moved to put Lisa Flook on the payroll as interim organist at regular organist salary, starting Sunday, March 20, seconded by Mike King. All said aye. **MOTION APPROVED.**
- Daniel Van Straten representing Community Concerns and OUTREACH asked for confirmation on a suggested list of missions for the year of September, 2016 through June, 2017. Do we want to continue next year as we did this year (sponsoring only UCC missions)? After discussion, it was decided more thought needed to be done on this issue, and it was tabled until the next Consistory Meeting of April 13.

#### **Scheduled events:**

- Wednesday, March 16 – Lenten Breakfast w/Devotions at 9:00 a.m./Lenten Worship at 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, March 20 – Palm Sunday w/Sacrament of Holy Communion / Molly Peterson confirmed
- Thursday, March 24 – Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service w/Sacrament of Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, March 27 – Easter Sunday w/ 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Worship Service and 10:00 Worship Service. Sunday School breakfast at 8:00 a.m.
- **Wednesday, April 6 – Cabinet Meeting at 5:30 p.m.**
- Saturday, April 9 – Emmaus Meals at Salvation Army, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Sunday, April 10 – Sacrament of Holy Communion
- **Wednesday, April 13 – Consistory Meeting at 6:00 p.m.**
- Sunday, April 17 – Spaghetti Dinner

#### **Adjournment:**

Daniel Van Straten moved to adjourn the meeting, Lisa McKenzie seconded. All voted aye. **MEETING ADJOURNED,** followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Daniel Van Straten, Secretary

**Note:** The minutes for this meeting are scheduled to be reviewed and approved



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> 8:30 am Choir Practice 8:45 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service Children's Choir Choir Practice after the Worship Service	<b>4</b> 1 p.m. Dartball— Highflyers @ Saints	<b>5</b> 10 am SilverSneakers 6:15 pm Rainbow Kids	<b>6</b> 5:30 pm Cabinet Meeting	<b>7</b> 10 am SilverSneakers & Healing Hearts 6:00 pm Midweek Connection 7pm Handbell Rehearsal	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Emmaus Meal at Salvation Army 6:00 p.m. 2nd Saturday Series
<b>10</b> 8:30 am Choir Practice 8:45 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion Order SCRIP Choir Practice after the Worship Service	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 10 am SilverSneakers 1:30 pm Mary Circle 6:15 pm Rainbow Kids	<b>13</b> 6:00 pm Consistory Meeting	<b>14</b> 10 am SilverSneakers 6:00 pm Midweek Connection 7pm Handbell Rehearsal	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 8:30 am Choir Practice 8:45 am Sunday School 9:15 am Bell Rehearsal 10 am Worship Service Bell Choir Faye's Money/Forms due CE Spagetti Dinner after Worship Service	<b>18</b> Beacon articles due	<b>19</b> 10 am SilverSneakers 6:15 pm Rainbow Kids	<b>20</b> 7:00 pm Esther Circle	<b>21</b> 10 am SilverSneakers & Healing Hearts 6:00 pm Midweek Connection 7pm Handbell Rehearsal	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 8:30 am Choir Practice 8:45 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10 am SilverSneakers	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10 am SilverSneakers 6 pm Midweek Connection 7pm Handbell Rehearsal	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>



# April Birthdays

Miles McKenzie	4/3
Stephen Blindauer	4/4
Gary Jump	4/4
Jacob Risse	4/5
David Hinze	4/8
Julie Dassler	4/11
Gloria Schwarten	4/13
Daniel Van Straten	4/16
Jessica Kolb	4/17
Bryan Dickmann	4/26
Marian Zolltheis	4/29
Kelly Dudek	4/30

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



# Schedule for April

## Liturgists

3—Vicki Radovan  
10—Linda Mueller  
17—Jacob Dassler  
24—Joanne Lensink

## Scripture Readers

3—Denise Cornell  
10—Mike King  
17—Jaymz Stempihar  
24—Linda Mueller

## Ushers

3—Mike King, Steve Flook, Bonnie Klabecek, and Diana Neils  
10—Daniel & Ervida Van Straten, Keith & Mary Risse  
17—Richard & Carol Reineking, Linda Horn, and Harlen Voechting  
24—Iva Endres, Judy & Richard Belitz, and Jim Schwarten

## Acolytes

3—Brendan Severns  
10—Kyle Damrow  
17—Charlie White  
24—Henry White

April Chancel Lady  
Carol Reineking

### Note from Choir Director

Dear Congregation and Choir of St. Paul's UCC,

It has been a busy 3 months. I would like to offer my sincere gratitude to the Choir and Congregation. During these past months the Chancel and Men's Choir have worked hard to perfect songs, new and old. The choirs have gone above and beyond their normal rehearsal times to help bring their gift of music to the congregation. We have been joined by various soloists and instrumentalists (and will be joined by more in the coming months). I am honored to work with both the Chancel and Men's Choir and the unique opportunities and challenges both provide.

Do you have a favorite song you would love to hear the choir sing?? Let me or one of our members know.

All are welcome, if you have a musical talent, singing, or instrumental, please stop by the choir room after service some time for a chat.

We will soon be looking for parishioners and/or friends of parish to help provide special music over the summer. Please consider sharing your time and talent to enhance worship at St. Paul's.

Thank you,  
Leslie Ellair

### Fayes Pizza Fundraiser

Our Sunday School is holding a Fayes Pizza Fundraiser this year! Students started taking orders or filling out individual forms in the gathering area on Sunday, March 20th. Orders and payments are due Sunday, April 17th, and pick up your pizzas or vouchers on Sunday, May 1st. This year we have the option of purchasing a paper voucher for your pizza instead of the actual pizza. All funds will go toward our Christian Education programs.

### Spaghetti Dinner

Join us after the service for a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, April 17th. Tickets can be purchased from a CE Board member and are \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids ages 4-12. All proceeds will go toward our Christian Education programs.

### Emmaus Meal

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 9th. This is our only date in 2016, so it's your only opportunity to volunteer. Sign up sheets for set up, serving and cleanup are in the Gathering Area. Please consider spending an hour or two of your Saturday helping to provide a meal for those neighbors in the community who are struggling. Thanks. Linda Mueller

### SCRIP News

SCRIP orders will be taken once a month, on the second Sunday. The Sundays will be April 10, May 8 and June 12. Thank you for your continued support!

### Congratulations to:

Molly Peterson on her  
confirmation March 20th, 2016.

### Address Change

Susan Walter  
724 Woodview Avenue, Unit #4  
Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085

### With Sympathy

Our prayers are extended to the family of Donald Mueller who passed away March 24, 2016. We share our love and comfort with Donald's family. A Memorial Service was held on Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at Reinbold-Novak Funeral Home. Pastor Jeremy Hylan officiated.

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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: *Madeline Herr,*  
*and Phyllis Mueller*