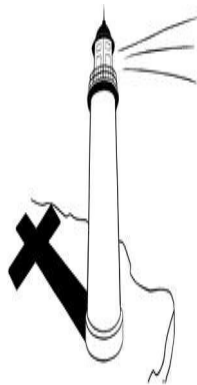


ST. PAUL'S
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

2114 Wedemeyer Street
Sheboygan, WI 53081

(920) 458-1611



The Beacon



June - July 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 Hylan, 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

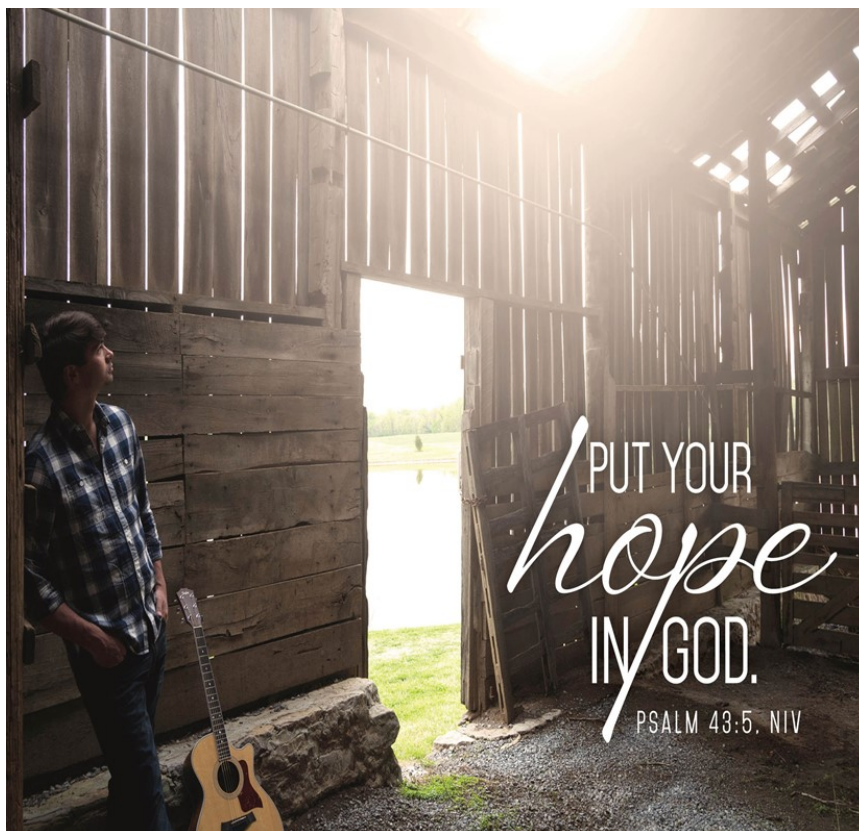
Midweek Connection
Thursday @ 6:00 p.m.

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! I have been thoroughly enjoying spring, now that it is finally here. I am excited for this summer here at St. Paul's. Included in this beacon, you will find calendars for the summer months. We will be celebrating our life together by sharing in some special fellowship and worshipping in Evergreen park too. We will have some Sundays for kids this summer where the good folks from the Christian Education board will be working on some special fun for the kids. As summer is often a time for vacations and relaxing, I encourage you to take some time to spend with your family and make some lasting memories. I hope that when you are in town that you will join with your faith family for some worship and fellowship.

On May 22, we had our end of Sunday School celebration after worship. I cannot tell you how proud I was of how well our carnival went. The Christian Education board and all of the amazing helpers made our church a welcoming place for 79 kids (more than half from the neighborhood around us and close to 100 adults. I was dunked so many times, I lost count. What a wonderful gift to our community and what a way to share the love of God with our neighbors.

Over the past few weeks, I've asked you a number of questions. I have appreciated your responses and I would like to share in summary (but on the next page, in whole) our congregation's thoughts. First and foremost, what shone through in our congregational DNA was the welcoming nature of St. Paul's. A majority of people described our faith family as loving, friendly, kind, and compassionate. I read about how St. Paul's was a family that cared for one another, that this place was safe for people to be who they are, regardless of where they are on their faith journey. I read about how St. Paul's is a place that helps people outside of this building (and that we needed to be more intentional about doing more). I read about about the well-loved traditions of the candle light Christmas Eve worship and of the Last Supper production (happening Lent 2017). I read about how important the music in this place is for worship.

I want to thank everyone for helping me get a better understanding of St. Paul's. The consistory and the newly formed marketing committee will be working together on putting out some ideas of a mission/vision/purpose statement for everyone to ponder. Part of our process before we begin to reach out in the community more is to be sure to know who we are inviting people to be a part of. Through all of your participation, I think we have a good starting place. If you would like to share further with me information that you feel is important for me to know, please get in touch with me so we can set up some time to chat.

While all of this is happening, the Christian Education board and the Sunday school teachers are looking at new Sunday school curriculums for the fall. As we move forward on this, we all felt it was important that the kids and the adults were sharing the same text on Sundays. Regardless of the choice of curriculum, I will be preaching on the same text as the Sunday school will be learning about. I am very excited to have all of us sharing the same stories so that we can move in faith together.

In that same vein, I very much miss spending time in study and teaching. To that end, I am hoping that we can begin thinking about how we can engage adults in study. I am hoping that we might have a few Sunday morning classes this summer, with the goal of finding times to share in study together by fall. If you are interested, please let me know!

Congregational Responses

Here is a detailed list of how the congregation responded to the six questions of the week. They have been grouped when appropriate. Please take some time and read through the thoughts of the people worshipping with you each week.

What One Word Describes St. Paul's (50 respondents)

Loving x8; Friendly x8; Caring x6; Family x6; Compassion x5; Welcoming x4

Others: Canvas-Possibilities-Able to change; Christian-Bible based; Hopeful; Supportive; Inspiring; Tidy/Modern; Beautiful; Learning; Nice; Praying

What Should St. Paul's Be Known for in the Community (30 respondents)

Friendly x5; Compassionate/Serving others x5; Welcome to all x4; Safe and caring place x3; Faithful x2; Sharing the good news (of God's love) x2; Our last supper reenactment x2

Others: Open communion; A Christ centered church; As a south side church; Raising faithful youth; For our new pastor; Sunday school for kids; A nice choir

The "Perfect" church would... (31 respondents)

Welcoming to everyone (accepts everyone/open to all) x10; Makes the world a better place (helps those in need) x4; Compassionate and kind and loving x3; Be full of people (who love each other) x3; Safe space (judgment free zone) x3

Others: Know it's not perfect; It's more than what goes on IN the building; Musical because it gives a sense of peace and comfort; A place where people want to go (not because they have to); Have space to continue their journey; Connect with members at any age; Know that we have a wonderful God

Success at St. Paul's looks like (27 respondents)

Having the pews filled X8; Being more engaged in our community/Continued outreach X5; Having more active/vibrant/thriving members X3; A place for young families to call home X3

Others: Inviting those without a church home; A place for worship and spiritual guidance; Helping members realize how blessed they are; Being taught what God expects of us; Being hopeful; Keeping it simple

Traditions at St. Paul's (15 responses)

Last supper production x4; Candle light Christmas eve x3; Great music x2; Easter breakfast x2; Movie nights x2; Picnic/worship in the park x2; Traditional hymns x2

Others: Trunk or treat; Children's Christmas production; Family worship; Mitten Tree; Lunch Bunch; Hymn sings; Friendly folks dinner; Testimonials; Accordance with the bible (not willing to change under pressure); Emmaus Meals; Confirmation; Spaghetti dinner

If We Had No Constraints in Resources, What Would We Want to Do? (10 responses)

Remodel the church (especially the gathering area) x2; Invite people who aren't here inside x2; Find ways to help our community x2

Others: Fix the carillon bells; Give more to the wider church; Build a new church; Build a school

Consistory at Work

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Consistory Meeting Minutes - St. Paul's UCC, Sheboygan, WI Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Jeremy Hylen (Pastor), John Brown, Jay Englebert, Charlotte Jump, Leon Jump, Mike King, Lisa McKenzie, Linda Mueller, Richard Reineking, Daniel Van Straten, Mason White **Absent:** Sarah Kolb, Jaymz Stempihar
Treasurer's Report and Stewardship Report for April (Linda Mueller):

Total Income: \$7,507.00. Total expense: \$8,052.31. Net Income: \$(-545.31).
Building Improvement Fund: \$41,278.78. Parsonage Fund: \$26,800.12. General Fund: \$(-3,886.15).
Memorial Fund: \$95,824.09. Other assets: 573 shares Heartland Financial: \$17,969.28.
The Stewardship Report Weekly Giving total: \$7,286.00.

Head Trustee Report (Jay Englebert & Mason White):

- The garage roof shingles repair to be done by 12 Sheboygan Falls High School students under the supervision of their teacher, costing an estimated \$1,500 - \$2,000 for materials. Work completed by October 1.
- The bushes at the west end of the parking lot facing Wedemeyer Street to be removed, cut flush.
- Resurfacing and restriping the large parking lot work in progress.
- The condition of the fence at the west end of small parking lot needs to be resolved.
- A "little library" to be placed on church grounds near the side walk.

Board of Christian Education Report (Lisa McKenzie):

- New curriculum to connect Scripture passages readings to class work.
- Technology Grant \$1,000 received is enough to cover one computer. Motion passed to purchase one computer for the Pastor and one for Admin. Asst. Lisa Drews.
- Carnival at the end of Sunday School on Sunday, May 22.
- Second Saturday movie night on June 11.
- Graduation Sunday at St. Paul's on June 12.

Pastor's Report (Jeremy Hylen):

- Jeremy presented the survey results for the questions asked of church members attending worship.
- Jeremy passed out a sheet titled "What does it take to run the church?" on how the budget is spent, why money is needed, how much the church spends on each member, and average weekly giving percentages.
- Jeremy is attending the Wisconsin Conference UCC Annual Meeting at Green Lake on June 9-11.

President's Report (Richard Reineking):

- Otis needs to fix the phone in the elevator for outgoing emergency calling.
- Richard shared a letter from custodian Carol Reineking expressing satisfaction with the purchase of the new vacuum by Vickie King.
- The review of the leaking problem from the flat rubber roof (over the Gathering Room) indicated major heat loss and an ice jam at least two feet high. It needs replacing, and an estimate from the Duro-Last firm estimates the cost at \$11,000. Vents to be installed up along the roof line to cool it down. Motion passed to replace the rubber roof. [Projects costing more than \$10,000 need to be approved by the Congregation.]
- Ross Beimling will replace the overhead door and improve the opening mechanism.

Other Business:

- A new wish list is needed for memorials. Members need ideas of what things to donate.
- The message board on the church grounds needs to be improved. Estimated to cost \$10,000. Motion passed to purchase a new digital sign. [Projects costing more than \$10,000 need to be approved by the Congregation.]
- A security camera is needed at the entrance door off the alley. A camera costing approx. \$100 will be accessible to a cell phone. Motion passed to purchase and install the camera.

Respectfully submitted, Daniel Van Straten, Secretary



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 10:00 a.m. Healing Hearts 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship	3	4
5 8:30 am Choir Practice 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Sunday Fellowship following the service	6	7	8 6:00 p.m. Consistory Meeting	9 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship	10 WI Conf. Annual Mtg 6/10 - 6/12	11 Wisconsin Conference Annual Mtg 6:00 pm 2nd Saturday Movie Night
12 Graduation Sunday 8:30 am Choir Practice 10:00 a.m. Worship Service w/ Communion	13 1:30 p.m. Women's Guild Executive Board Meeting	14 1:30 pm Mary Circle	15 7:00 p.m. Esther Circle	16 10:00 a.m. Healing Hearts 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship	17	18
19 Father's Day 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Special KIDS Sunday	20	21	22	23 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship	24	25
26 10:00 a.m. Worship Service with Guest Speaker	27	28	29	30 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship		



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3 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Ice Cream Sundaes	4	5	6	7 10:00 a.m. Healing Hearts 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship	8	9
10 10:00 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion Summer Walk Up Choir Special KIDS Sunday	11 Vacation Bible School 9:00 a.m. to noon	12 Vacation Bible School 9:00 a.m. to noon	13 Vacation Bible School 9 am to noon 6:00 p.m. Consistory Meeting	14 Vacation Bible School 9 am to noon 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship	15 VBS 9 am to noon	16
17 10:00 a.m. Worship Service - VBS Celebration VBS brat fry and raffle 11 am - 2 pm	18	19	20	21 10:00 a.m. Healing Hearts Westward Ho Camping 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship	22 Westward Ho Camping	23 Westward Ho Camping
24 10:00 a.m. Worship at Evergreen Park Shelter #5, Picnic with Fry-out	25	26	27	28 6:00 p.m. Midweek Connection	29	30
31 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Root Beer Floats						

AUGUST



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	1	2	3	4 10:00 a.m. Healing Hearts 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship	5	6
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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			

June Birthdays

Mary Risse	6/02
Linda Horn	6/06
Keith Risse	6/06
Barb Trautman	6/06
Shawn Peterson	6/06
Karen Hinze	6/07
David Schmitt	6/08
Minnett Suscha	6/11
Steven Lohse	6/11
Gerilyn Hiebing	6/13
Molly Peterson	6/16
Thomas Brown	6/17
Carol Reineking	6/17
Charlotte Jump	6/22
Ervida Van Straten	6/22
Agnes Kunstmann	6/23
Jonette White	6/28

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



Schedule for June

Liturgists

- 05—Jacob Dassler
- 12—Naomi Holzwart
- 19—Daniel Van Straten
- 26—Linda Mueller

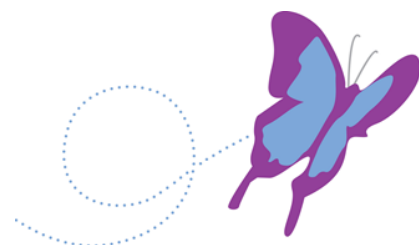
Scripture Readers

- 05—Keith Risse
- 12—Jim Schwarten
- 19—Steve Flook
- 26—Ken Cornell

Ushers

- 05—Kathy & John Brown, Jaymz and Alexa Stemipihar
- 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

Chancel Lady
Patti Blindauer



July Birthdays

Joyce Holzer	7/04
Donald Dudek	7/05
Lisa McKenzie	7/09
Lynn Lax	7/11
Carol Drews	7/14
Tanner Klessig	7/15
Alexander Holland	7/15
Mason White	7/15
Clarence Lallemond	7/16
Nicholas Western	7/17
Olivia Beimling	7/22
Anthony Lax	7/23
Elliott McKenzie	7/27
Phyllis Mueller	7/27

Happening in July:

VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL
2016
EGYPT

JOSEPH'S JOURNEY
FROM PRISON
TO PALACE
JULY 11th to 15th
9am to 12pm

Schedule for July

Liturgists

- 03—Joanne Lensink
- 10—Mason White
- 17—Ervida Van Straten
- 24—Carol Drews
- 31—Mike King

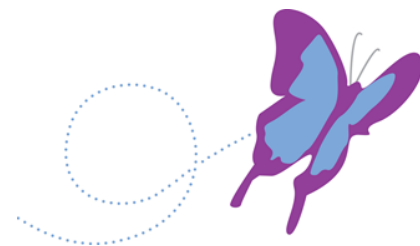
Scripture Readers

- 03—Bob Hollenbeck
- 10—Charlotte Jump
- 17—Denise Cornell
- 24—Naomi Holzward
- 31—Linda Mueller

Ushers

- 03—Iva Endres, Judy & Richard Belitz, and Jim Schwarten
- 10—Kathy & John Brown, Jaymz and Alexa Stempihar
- 17—Mike King, Steve Flook, Bonnie Klabecek, and Diana Neils
- 24—Daniel & Ervida Van Straten, Mary & Keith Risse
- 31—Richard & Carol Reineking, Linda Horn, and Harlen Voechting

Chancel Lady
Jonette White





**Dawn Peterson
Jaymz Stempihar
Alexa Stempihar
Deb Severns
Sarah Kolb
Barb Trautmann
Tina Entringer**

A special thank you to our Sunday School teachers and helpers, for your dedication this year. We appreciated all of your time and talents in guiding our children's spiritual growth.

Also a very special thank you to Lisa Flook, our Children's Music Director, for providing our worship services with special music from the Children's Handbell and Sunday School Choir.

Fellowship Time Sponsors

A special thank you to the following members for sponsoring St. Paul's Fellowship Time over the past several months:

**Iva Endres
Mason and Jonette White
Leon and Charlotte Jump**

Thank you so much!

Summer Musical Openings

We still have some open Sundays for singers/ musicians this summer. Please stop in the choir room and see Leslie or stop in the office and talk to Jeremy about a day that would work for you.



A Huge Thank You

A huge thank you to all our volunteers and all that put their time and hard work into the end of Sunday School Carnival. St. Paul's came alive in our community and that is thanks to all who worked hard to make the carnival a success.

Thank you to all!

SCRIP News

Monthly SCRIP orders will be taken on the following Sundays: June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9 and November 13.

Thank you for your continued support!

Address Change

Please note that the new correct address for the Wisconsin Conference UCC no longer uses the PO Box number.

**Wisconsin Conference UCC
4459 Gray Road
DeForest, WI 53532**

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Sheboygan Senior Community: Jean Carlson
Countryside Manor:**

*Elaine Rautmann, Esther Hemschemeyer,
and Gladys Leonard*

Pine Haven: Claris Gartman, Paul Riehl

Prairie Crossing: Bob Hollenbeck

Sheboygan Shores Senior Living:

Madeline Herr, Phyllis Mueller

Meadow View Manor: Florence Hamilton