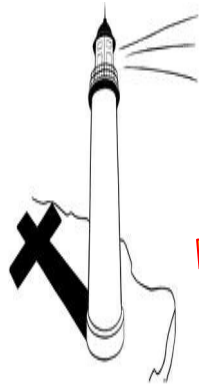


ST. PAUL'S
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

2114 Wedemeyer Street
Sheboygan, WI 53081

(920) 458-1611



The Beacon



JUNE 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 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 Worship

Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m.

Worship Service

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.



Pastor's Page

The 5 Practices group has been meeting for several months, wrestling with a lot of big concepts about how we serve God with and through our congregation and our church building. Here are some key learnings we have found. First, worship is our main point of contact for the congregation and visitors. Second, St. Paul's is already engaged in many mission opportunities (many around children/youth). Third, we could do a better job of keeping people aware of what all is happening. Fourth, we have to be more intentional and accessible to our congregation (and neighbors) so that everyone has the opportunity to serve at some level. And finally we have wrestled with this big question: In the face of changing cultural values and busy schedules, how does the church adapt to meet the needs of its members and those outside our walls?

In light of all of this, we present to you our further questions and areas we are still wrestling with. We would love your thoughts and ideas. So email or talk to anyone in the working group. Those brave souls are Richard Reineking, John Brown, Barb Hengst, Joanne Lensink, Steve Flook, and Pastor Jeremy.

Some areas we are currently working on and talking about

fresh coats of paint in the Sunday school classrooms, sanctuary, community room, and garage.

updating landscaping and the courtyard

better signage for the interior of the church

examine and redesign communication methods (pew card, bulletin, beacon)

remodel/modify the gathering area to be more inviting

creation of specific visitor point of entry area

begin reviewing sound system (system was last updated in 1991)

look at the lighting in the sanctuary

Further questions we are wrestling with (and would love your thoughts!)

Intentional Faith Development

How do we deepen relationships in the church for all its members?

Are there small group opportunities for all people in the church?

How do we foster faith outside of worship?

What are ways we might explore cross-generational experiences?

Radical Hospitality

How do we better welcome people into the church?

What does our space (outside and inside) say about who we are and what we are like?

What might we gain by adding greeters?

How do we engage with our neighborhood and community?

Passionate Worship

How do we better engage children and youth in worship?

How do we allow for people to engage in worship at different levels of participation?

How do we better utilize media in worship?

How do we better represent multiple forms of music in worship?

Risk-taking Mission and Service

How do we do a better job highlighting what we already are doing?

How do we better engage the entire family of faith with more opportunities to serve?

What are the entry points for mission and service for visitors and our community?

How do we partner with our sister churches in Sheboygan and beyond to better serve our community?



**Consistory Meeting Minutes - St. Paul's UCC, Sheboygan, WI
Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Jeremy Hulen (Pastor), John Brown, Charlotte Jump, Leon Jump, Mike King, Joanne Lensink, Linda Mueller, Richard Reineking, Daniel Van Straten, Mason White **Absent:** Donna Rautmann, Jaymz Stempihar

Treasurer's Report and Stewardship Report for April (Linda Mueller): Linda reviewed the reports.

Total Income: \$11,453. Total expense: \$9,367. Net Income: \$2,086. Building Improvement Fund: \$30,408.

Parsonage Fund: \$25,276. General Fund: \$-12,460. Memorial Fund Savings Account: \$95,876.

Other assets: 573 shares Heartland Financial: \$27,504. Stewardship Report Weekly Giving total: \$9,179.

- The General Fund deficit reduced by \$2,045 because the net income showed an amount of \$2,086 and weekly giving totals increased by \$2,106.
- Earnings from the brat fry at Miesfelds on April 22 amounted to \$997.

Head Trustee Report (Mason White):

- Work on the grounds to include new plantings and mulch, focusing on plants that grow well in the shade.

Board of Christian Education Report (Jaymz Stempihar):

- Vacation Bible School (VBS) Survey to parents. Instructions for using the dishwasher in the kitchen to be videotaped.

Pastor's Report (Jeremy Hulen):

- Summer worship at Sheboygan's Veteran's Park on July 23.
- Summer series on the "symbols of our faith" on the stained glass windows in the sanctuary.
- "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations" group study at St. Paul's is focusing on communication and getting information to the congregation on strengthening ministries, working on building on what we do.
- Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting at Green Lake Conference Center, June 8-11. Jeremy is a delegate to General Synod meeting in July.
- Making the Memorial Garden anew. Discussion on funding the project. Motion to provide up to \$1,500 for the development of the Memorial Garden seconded and passed.
- Planting flowers around the new digital sign board and vicinity.

President's Report (Richard Reineking):

- Richard said RLO Signs visited the church site and reviewed the rooms and halls for signage compliance. The name Kiddie Keep for signage is changing to Nursery, and Friendship Hall renamed Fellowship Hall.
- Reviewing fire alarms for compliance.



Other Business:

- A request made of the Endowment Committee to cover a Last Supper Dramatization expense of \$499 from the Endowment Fund approved.
- The hand bells need to be refurbished. Hand Bell Director Pat Jaberg is reviewing firms doing refurbishing. The hand bell tables are in poor condition (loose nuts and bolts). John Brown and Richard Reineking will attempt to repair the tables.
- Discussion on WELCOME signage "invitation to church".
- Emmaus Meals on June 17 at Salvation Army from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Brat fry fundraiser on August 5 at Miesfelds from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Thank you cards received from the Sheboygan SAINTS and SURESHOTS dart ball teams for the use of the church as a home team dart ball location. Also, a donation to the church from the SAINTS team's fund.

Respectfully submitted, Daniel Van Straten, Secretary

June

2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal	2	3
4 Pentecost, Music & Member Recognition Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship Bell Choir, Children's Choir, Chancel Choir and Men's Choir	5	6 11:30 a.m. Mary Circle Meeting at Majerle's	7	8	9	10
11 Graduation and Christian Education Recognition Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion Carnival, Order SCRIP, Faye's Pizza orders due	12	13	14 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship 7:00 p.m. Consistory Meeting	15	16	17 Emmaus Meal at Salvation Army from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
18 10:00 a.m. Worship  Father's Day	19	20 Beacon Newsletter - deadline for July	21 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship	22	23	24
25 10:00 a.m. Worship	26	27	28 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship	29	30	

June Birthdays

Mary Risse	6/02
Shawn Peterson	6/06
Linda Horn	6/06
Keith Risse	6/06
Barb Trautman	6/06
Karen Hinze	6/07
Deb Severns	6/07
David Schmitt	6/08
Steven Lohse	6/11
Minnett Suscha	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
please call the church office.
Thank you!*

Schedule for June

Liturgists

- 4—Allison Ritt
11—Laurie Hysten
18—Mike King
25—Jaymz Stempihar

Scripture Readers

- 4—Barb Hengst
11—Daniel Van Straten
18—Linda Mueller
25—Naomi Holzwart

Ushers

- 4—Mike King, Jeff and Allison Ritt, and
Bonnie Klabecek
11—Daniel and Ervida Van Straten, Mary and
Keith Risse
18—Richard and Carol Reineking, Linda Horn,
Harlen Voechting
25—Jay Englebert, Judy and Richard Belitz,
Jim Schwarten

June Chancel Lady

Carol Reineking



SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:



*Dawn Peterson
Barb Trautman
Deb Severns
Laurie Hylan*

*Jaymz Stempíhar
Tina Entringer
Pastor Jeremy*

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, Boomwhacker and Sunday School Choirs.

Fellowship Time Sponsors

The Ladies of St. Paul's United Church of Christ Women's Guild would like to thank all those who sponsored snacks and refreshments for Fellowship Time enjoyed in the Gathering Area following Sunday church services.

"Thank you to Linda Horn, Linda Mueller, Luella Mueller, Lisa and Doug Drews, Rev. Jeremy, Laurie and Hannah Hylan; Jay, Julie, Tessa and Jake Englebert; Tim Bersch, Robin and Elizabeth Passmore, and Naomi Holzwart."

All of your choices of generous treats were very much enjoyed and appreciated by all sharing precious time and conversation together.

Thank you again, for your generosity and special attention for Fellowship Time.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU THANK YOU!!!

- * A big thank you to everyone who helped make our April 22nd brat fry and bake sale at Miesfelds a huge success. A profit of \$997.00 was made on the brat fry for the church. The Women's Guild made \$351.00 on the bake sale. This money will be used for service project of the Guild.
- * The Friday night workers were: Jim and Gloria Schwarten, Daniel & Ervida Van Straten, Jean Dickmann, Agnes Kunstmann, Mary Ann Hovey and Linda Horn.
- * Saturday workers were: Jim Schwarten, Daniel & Ervida Van Straten, Greg & Shawn Peterson, Barb Hengst, Donna Rautman, Agnes Kunstmann, Lance Dassler, Jim Kolb, Mason & Jonette White, Carol Drews, Linda Horn and Leon Jump.
- The bakers were: Agnes Kunstmann, Laurie Hylan, Julie Englebert, Barb Schmitt, Jean Dickmann, Bonnie Klabecek, Jonette White, Ervida VanStraten, June Lallemon, Mary Ann Hovey, Gloria Schwarten, Pam Driscoll, Linda Horn, Naomi Holzwart, and Linda Mueller. Thanks to anyone I might have missed as well as all those who supported us by buying a brat, burger, or baked goods.

Next Miesfeld brat fry will be August 5th.

Hope to see you there.

Emmaus Meal

St Paul's will be serving the Emmaus Meal at The Salvation Army on Saturday, June 17th. The menu will be hot dogs, baked beans, pasta salad, cake, milk, coffee and juice. Volunteers will be needed for the set up and serving at The Salvation Army on the 17th, as well as making cakes. If you can help or make a cake, please sign up on the sheets found on the table in the Gathering Area.

SCRIP News

Monthly SCRIP orders will be taken on the following Sundays: June 11, July 9, and August 13, 2017. Thank you.

Save The Dates

June 4 - Pentecost, Music Sunday, Member Recognition Sunday. We will be celebrating the birth of the church through music. We will also be celebrating all our members in a special way.

June 11 - Graduation Recognition, Christian Education Recognition, Sunday School Carnival. We will be recognizing our recent graduates, as well as our Christian Educators. After worship we will have our annual Sunday School Carnival for our whole neighborhood (including lots of food)!

Graduate Recognition - If you have someone graduating from high school, college, or otherwise, please contact Lisa in the office so we might be able to celebrate them on June 11.



Faye's Pizza Fundraiser

Through **June 11th** the Christian Education Board will be holding a pizza voucher fundraiser for our programming. This year we will be selling vouchers (that do not expire) for frozen pizzas that can be picked up at Faye's at your convenience.

Orders are due **Sunday June 11th**. Pick up will begin **Sunday June 18th**. You may pay when you order or when you pick up your vouchers. Checks should be made out to St. Paul's UCC.

Order forms are available on the table in the Gathering Area. Please put your order form in the provided box in the Gathering Area.

Sympathy

Our prayers and condolences are extended to the family of Paul Riehl who passed away Tuesday, May 16, 2017. We share our love and comfort with Paul's family. Following Paul's wishes there was no funeral.

Members in Our Thoughts and Prayers

Our sympathies are extended to Lance Dassler on the loss of his sister Christina. Our sympathies are also extended to John Hermann on the loss of his mother Frieda, and his brother Kenneth.

Change to Church Directory:

*Luella Mueller,
Sheboygan Shores Senior Living — Room #6
3315 Superior Avenue, Sheboygan, 53081
920-980-0994*

Annual Meeting

The Wisconsin Conference annual meeting takes place June 9-11 in Green Lake. This gathering of all the churches of the conference is an amazing time to celebrate how the Spirit is working among our sister churches. In addition to all the business that must be dealt with, the annual meeting is a fantastic way to hear what others are doing to share their faith and love with their communities. This meeting will feature the General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ, Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer, as the keynote. More to follow after the meeting.

General Synod

From June 30 to July 4, Pastor Jeremy will be representing St. Paul's, the Northeast Association, and the Wisconsin Conference for the 2017 General Synod of the United Church of Christ. This every other year gathering of the entire church, invites all 5,400+ churches to gather in worship and praise, to hear witness and testimony, and to care for the nuts and bolts of the wider church. I have had the privilege of going to synod before and it is an amazing and uplifting experience. I look forward to sharing a lot more about this event when I return. If you would like to learn more about the issues the gathered church will discuss, you can go to <http://synod.uccpages.org/> to learn more.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sheboygan Senior Community:

Jean Carlson

Countryside Manor:

*Elaine Rautmann, Esther Hemschemeyer,
 Gladys Leonard*

Pine Haven: *Claris Gartman, Madeline Herr*

Prairie Crossing: *Bob Hollenbeck*

Sheboygan Shores Senior Living:

*Phyllis Mueller, Elaine Born,
 Florence Hamilton, Luella Mueller*

COMMUNITY EVENTS

**The 30th annual
 Campus Life Benefit Auction & Brat Fry**

Thursday, June 1st, 2017

Campus Life Family Center

6426 S. Business Drive

Sheboygan, WI 53081

Brat Fry	5:00 - 7:30 pm
Silent Auction	4:30 - 6:30 pm
Live Auction	6:30 - 8:00 pm

No reservations are needed.

To pre-register or for more details visit the website at www.GoCampusLife.com, or call (920) 457-2381.

Riders Wanted!

The 4th Annual Salvation Ride will take place on Saturday, July 8th. A ride, not a race, the event benefits the Sheboygan Area Salvation Army and the thousands of men, women and children they serve each year. Already hailed as one of Wisconsin's best cycling events, the Ride features five beautiful routes ranging from 10 to 100 miles.

The Ride includes a host of ride-enhancing features including SAG support, well stocked rest stops, a post-ride meal, and goodie bag for all riders. Regardless of age or skill level, the Salvation Ride has a route for everyone.

Sign up to ride as an individual or family. Or, get together with other members of our congregation to form a team.

For more info, and to register grab a brochure or head to www.thesalvationride.org.

Questions? Please call The Salvation Army at 920-694-1268.