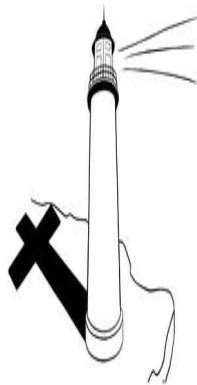


ST. PAUL'S
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

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The Beacon



MARCH 2018

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:
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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

Lenten Midweek Evenings
Thursdays at 6:45 p.m.
March 9 to 30, 2017
held at St. John's UCC

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.

I CAN
DO ALL THINGS
THROUGH
CHRIST
WHO
STRENGTHENS
ME

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

Pastor's Page

March finds us in the midst of the Lenten season. We began our journey through Lent observing our fragile nature on Ash Wednesday. We apply ashes to remind ourselves that “from dust we came, and to dust we will return.” Many find this to be a depressing idea, but I am so thankful to know that my mortality means I don’t travel this road alone. And better yet, there will be others to continue my work when I leave this life. What a freeing thought!

Lent marches onward urging us to pause and think about how God is present in our daily lives. We are called to consider the many miracles in our midst that testify to the goodness of God. Lent can be a time of contemplation and wonder, if only we give ourselves the space to explore. This Lenten season, Laurie and I are being intentional and mindful of sharing meals with Hannah. You might ask how this is a practice to bring us closer to God. Beyond the wonder of a child, the time spent intentionally with another being present is an amazing gift. Just sitting with Hannah reminds me of how amazingly loved I am in the ongoing trauma in this world. Being present with those around you is what Jesus calls us all to do. Forget about what comes next. Don’t dwell on what has happened. Just be here now. That gift of being present requires a lot of sacrifice—but comes with gifts immeasurable.

As we journey to the cross and the coming resurrection, I also find myself recognizing what a gift it is to share worship with our friends at St. Johns UCC. Over the Thursday nights of Lent Rev. Whelton, Dan Krueger (student pastor), and I will be leading a conversation and worship around the idea of Uncomfortable Grace. By looking at the stories of Moses, David, and Daniel, we will explore God’s grace in light of some tough stories of our faith. This sharing of faith with Dan and Greg enriches my Lenten journey greatly.

Soon enough we will find ourselves in waving palms and celebrate Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We will shout Hosanna and the children will lead our Palm Sunday procession. We will dedicate our abundance of peanut butter to help those who are struggling. We will end worship on a high note. Later in the week we will move into darkness with Maundy Thursday (7pm) as we remember how Jesus shared his last meal with his disciples. We further go into the darkness on Good Friday, which we will observe at Ebenezer UCC (7pm) and remember the sacrifice of Jesus. We will wait with anticipation on Saturday for the coming dawn.

How fitting that Easter falls on April Fool’s Day. The disciples, among others, were downtrodden, depressed, and devastated that the one they called Messiah had died. And what prank—what a shock, that Jesus was resurrected as he said. It was inconceivable, unbelievable, and thankfully undeniable. This Lenten season walks us towards an event that would change the course of history. We exclaim, “He is risen! He is risen indeed!” as we recognize only dimly that rules we knew about the world have changed. That death does not have the final word, and that the never-ending love of God wins.

May you find a moment of wonder and a deepening relationship with the living God this Lenten season.



Consistory at Work

Consistory Meeting Minutes - St. Paul's UCC, Sheboygan, WI Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Jeremy Hysten (Pastor), John Brown, Mike King, Joanne Lensink, Linda Mueller, Daniel Van Straten, Mason White, Deb Severns and Melody Kolb. **Absent:** Donna Rautmann and Jaymz Stempihar.

Treasurer's Report and Stewardship Report for January 2018 (Linda Mueller): Linda reviewed the reports.

Total Income: \$8,315. Total expense: \$13,349. Net Income: \$-5,035.
Building Improvement Fund: \$35,642. Parsonage Fund: \$20,223. General Fund: \$3,416
Memorial Fund Savings Account: \$69,913, plus Total Memorial Monies: \$733.
Other assets: 573 shares Heartland Financial: \$30,656. Stewardship Report Weekly Giving total: \$7,907
(attendance was slightly down from last year).

Electric bill was large this month. Richard checking into it.

Sarah Kolb closed out the VBS bank account \$218.38

Keeping track of the OCWM income has been an issue. Linda suggested making up giving envelopes that are only for OCWM. It was agreed and Pastor will let Lisa know.

Head Trustee Report (Mason White):

Lights in rear parking lot are repaired and look good.

Has blown a lot of snow - Jonette was a big help.

Pete the plumber has been busy and has not had time to come back. Mason will follow up with him.

Board of Christian Education Report (Deb Severns):

Next meeting February 20th at church 4:30.

Fayes Pizza sale starts March 1 – April 1st, doing coupons again.

Spaghetti dinner and candy bar bingo, April 15th. Looking to ask Women's Guild to do bake sale. Linda doing the sauce again.

Easter breakfast – April 1st, Kids to help. Breakfast at 8:30am

May 6th – Confirmation – have two this year getting confirmed.

Carnival will be held on May 20th. Looking at roping off parking lot to be able to direct attendees.

May 20th will be the last day of Sunday School.

VBS – June 18th – 22nd from 9am to noon. Charlotte Jump will help again this year.

Looking at doing tiles that kids decorate and congregation bids on for raising money to get kids involved.

Pastor's Report (Jeremy Hysten):

New paper folder is here. Saves Lisa a lot of time.

Jaymz Stempihar sent e-mail requesting he be removed from consistory and CE. He will be missed.

Lenten season (bible study, worship with St. John's) Maundy Thursday, March 29th at 7 p.m. @ St. Paul's, Good Friday, March 30th at 7 p.m. @ Ebenezer UCC. Lenten Thursday evenings @ St. John's UCC at 6:45 p.m. on February 22nd, March 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd. Joanne will be doing Lenten bulletins.

Easter Worship, breakfast: 1st service at 7:30 a.m. (with communion) and 10 a.m. Hoping the 7:30 a.m. will be better for breakfast that follows that service.

360 Survey – We need at least 30. Only 11 so far. Will work on computer access for those that don't have one at home. Pastor will mention the need for the congregation to do this survey on Sunday.

Meeting with Manning Lighting & Camera Corner for sound. Lighting: Retro fitting – quotes coming in around \$12,000. Sound guy gave an estimate of \$15,000 - \$20,000. Looking at ideas for funding. Brian Severns may have contacts for sound and lighting for us to check out.

Scout (boys and girls) Sunday – Pastor will look at scheduling that this year.

President's Report (Richard Reineking):

Consistory Meeting – Wednesday March 14th

Boiler is fixed.

Other Business:

Looking at this year regarding the parsonage to have them buy the house or we take it back. We will give them a heads up.

Respectfully submitted by Consistory Secretary Melody Kolb



2018

MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9 am Dartball Pr. 10 am Healing Heart 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal 6:45 pm Lenten Worship @ St. John's UCC	2	3
4 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Children's Choir	5 1:00 p.m. Dartball Saints@ Creamers	6 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Lenten Bible Study	7 9:00 a.m. Women's Guild Lenten Breakfast 5 pm Confirmation Class	8 9:00 am Dartball Practice 5:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal 6:45 pm Lenten Worship @ St. John's UCC	9	10
11 Daylight Savings Time Begins 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship with the Sacrament of Holy Communion Order SCRIP	12 1:00 p.m. Dartball Rookies @ Saints	13 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Lenten Bible Study 1:30 p.m. Sisters Circle	14 5 pm Confirmation Class 6 pm Consistory Meeting	15 9 am Dartball Pract. 10 am Healing Hearts 6:45 pm Lenten Worship @ St. John's UCC	16	17 Board of CE Movie Night
18 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	19 1:00 p.m. Dartball Saints @ Rocks	20 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Lenten Bible Study Beacon articles due	21 9:00 a.m. Women's Guild Lenten Breakfast 5 pm Confirmation Class	22 9:00 am Dartball Practice 5:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal 6:45 pm Lenten Worship @ St. John's UCC	23	24
25 Palm Sunday 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	26 1:00 p.m. Dartball Saints@Sureshots	27 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Lenten Bible Study	28	29 9:00 am Dartball Practice 7:00 Maundy Thursday Worship	30 Good Friday 7 pm Worship Service @ Ebenezer UCC	31

March Birthdays

Elaine Born	March 1
James Kolb	March 2
Susan Walter	March 5
Doug Blindauer	March 5
Ken Holzer	March 8
Lisa Drews	March 12
Joanne Lensink	March 13
Karen Troeger	March 14
Susan Heesacker	March 15
Richard Endres	March 20
Charlie White	March 21
Julie Englebert	March 27
Richard Reineking	March 30
Logan Severns	March 30

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 Breakfast the following Wednesdays at 9:00 am:

March 7, 2018 - Barb Hengst
March 21, 2018 - Rev. Jeremy Hylan

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES:

Maundy Thursday: March 29 at 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday: March 30 at 7:00 p.m. @ Ebenezer UCC

LENTEN THURSDAY MIDWEEK EVENINGS:

March 1, 8, 15, and 22 at
St. John's UCC at 6:45 p.m.

Schedule for March

Liturgists

4 - Joanne Lensink
11 - Mason White
18 - Allye Ritt
25 - Vicki Radovan

Scripture Readers

4 - Jim Schwarten
11 - Ken Cornell
18 - Steve Flook
25 - Charlotte Jump

Ushers

4 - Mason White, Laurie Hylan, Jaymz and Corrie Stempihar
11 - John & Kathy Brown, T. J. Brown and Steve Flook
18 - Daniel & Ervida Van Straten, Mary and Keith Risse
25 - Jay Englebert, Judy & Richard Belitz, Jim Schwarten
29 - Richard & Carol Reineking, Linda Horn, Harlen Voechting

Acolytes

4 - Ethan Entringer
11 - Henry White
18 - Elizabeth Passmore
25 - Tessa Englebert

March Chancel Lady
Ervida Van Straten

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIP News

Monthly SCRIP orders will be taken on Sunday, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10 and July 8, 2018.

Peanut Butter Drive

St. Paul's Spring Peanut Butter Drive continues through March. The peanut butter collected will be dedicated on Palm Sunday, March 25th, and then delivered to the Salvation Army. Donations can be placed in the shopping cart in the Gathering Area. Thank you for your continued generosity in donating this much needed protein source.

Lenten Bible Study

Our Lenten Bible Study continues on Tuesdays during Lent (March 6, 13, 20, 27) from 9:30-11 am. We will be looking at stories of God's uncomfortable grace. All are invited to attend.

Easter Lilies

Orders for Easter lilies to adorn the Sanctuary this Easter can be placed through the church office or by placing an envelope in the offering plate. Please include your name, payment, and if you wish to have this in memory or in honor of your special someone. The cost is \$10.00 per plant and it is recommended orders be placed by March 5th.

Church Membership Update Forms

Update forms are located in the Gathering Area. Please take a moment to pick up and update your contact information for our church records. Thank you so much for helping us maintain accurate information.

Red Star Express Concert - March 17

Red Star Express gospel concert with special guest Pete Scheurman. An evening of musical entertainment and inspiration. Proceeds will help support Christian Education programs. Saturday, March 17, 7:00 pm at St. Peter's United Church of Christ. 424 Fremont St. Kiel. Tickets \$10 in advance/ \$15 at the door. Advance tickets are available at St. Peter's UCC and Delta Publications in Kiel. Open to the public. All are welcome!



Thank You

The Ladies of St. Paul's United Church of Christ Women's Guild would like to thank the workers who participated in making and selling the guild fundraiser chili sold on January 28, 2018. They are Jean Dickmann, Linda Horn, Jim Brost, Linda Mueller, and Ervida and Dan Van Straten.

A special thank you to all our church's faith family for their purchases. Each sale helped the project.

To GOD be the GLORY for all the things HE has done and continues to do. Thank you one and all.

Church Directory Updates

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232 Auburn Drive
Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085

Minnett Suscha
The Waterford, Room #8
2581 Valley Road
Plymouth, WI 53073
1-866-895-5020

New Members

We welcome Rev. Barb Loose into our faith family here at St. Paul's United Church of Christ.

Sympathy

Our prayers and condolences are extended to the family of Elaine Rautmann who passed away February 25, 2018. We share our love and comfort with Elaine's family. A funeral service was held at St. Paul's United Church of Christ on February 28, 2018. Reverend Jeremy Hylen officiated.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sheboygan Senior Community: *Jean Carlson*
Countryside Manor: *Gladys Leonard*
Sheboygan Health Services: *Harlen Voechting*
The Waterford: *Minnett Suscha*
Pine Haven: *Madeline Herr*
Prairie Crossing: *Bob Hollenbeck*
The Shores of Sheboygan Senior Living:
Elaine Born, Florence Hamilton, Luella Mueller

Christian Education Upcoming Events

MARCH 1 - APRIL 1		QUANTITY	PRICE	
Sunday School		_____	_____	\$6 Cheese
Fays Pizza Fundraiser		_____	_____	\$6 Sausage
Pizzas will be delivered in the form of coupons to be redeemed at Fayes Pizza • 1821 Calumet Drive		_____	_____	\$6 Pepperoni
NAME _____		_____	_____	\$7 Sausage/Pepperoni
PHONE _____		_____	_____	\$7 Sausage/Mushroom
		_____	_____	\$7 Pepperoni/Mushroom
		_____	_____	\$8 Deluxe
		_____	_____	\$8 Bacon Cheeseburger
		QUANTITY TOTAL	PRICE TOTAL	
<p>Please return this form with your payment to any Christian Education Board Member</p>		<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	EXPECTED DELIVERY SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH

Dinner & Movie
5-8pm
Saturday, March 17th

SPECIAL DATE NIGHT
 Drop your kids off to enjoy a fun night of food, crafts and a special movie while you enjoy the time off.

Don't miss this special movie about a boy trying to get home after being transported to the land of the dead.

Food & Craft Begins at 5:00pm
Movie Begins at 6:15pm

Easter Breakfast

April 1 • 8:30am

Presented by our Sunday School children.

Spaghetti Lunch

April 15 • Following Service

Served by our Sunday School children.

Purchase your tickets from any CE Board Member.

Adults \$5 / Children (4-12) \$3

Carnival

May 20 • Following Service

We are looking for help creating new games.

If you are handy, creative. good at woodworking or just want to help, please call Carol at 920-467-2206.

--SAVE THE DATE--

Vacation Bible School

June 18-22 • 9:00am - Noon