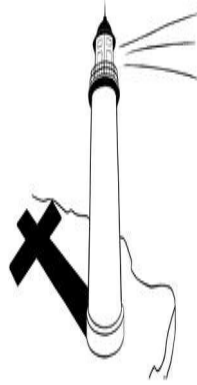


**ST. PAUL'S**  
UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

2114 Wedemeyer Street  
Sheboygan, WI 53081

(920) 458-1611



# The Beacon



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

**CHURCH EMAIL:**

[sheboyganstpaulsucc@gmail.com](mailto: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, Bell Choir Dir.  
Lisa Drews, Admin. Assist.  
Carol Reineking, Housekeeping

**Sunday School**  
Sunday @ 8:45 a.m.

**Sunday Worship**  
Sunday @ 10:00 a.m.

**Communion -**  
Second Sunday of each  
month

**Midweek Worship**  
Wednesday @ 6:00 pm

**Our Mission:**

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

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.*

*Worship the Lord with gladness;*

*Come into his presence with singing.*

*Psalm 100*



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# Pastor's Page

## **Spiritual Life**

How is your relationship with God? Is your relationship like a bonfire? A campfire? Embers? Cinders?

I have a feeling that you might be like me and go through phases where some encounter enflames your faith and it feels like a raging wildfire, and as time passes, it dwindles and gets a bit, well, dim. And then something else fires you up again. It can be a bit exhausting. One of St. Paul's high scoring areas in our 360 survey was around our spiritual intensity. Our congregation feels a vibrant relationship with God and a dedication to continue to grow that relationship with the living Christ. Knowing that we have a vibrant faith life in our community, we are led to the question of how we share that with our community. My guess is that there is not a simple solution to question. Together we will wrestle with this so that we might share our faith and love of God with our wider community.

## **Relationships**

St. Paul's has long had deep, abiding, and fulfilling relationships that span the generations. We are wonderfully friendly. We welcome outsiders with warmth and joy. We are excited and ready to invite new people into our congregation. The idea of sharing our church with other groups that align with who we are is a welcome addition to how we welcome our community within our walls. While it is clear that we are ready to welcome outsiders, we still have some work to do in integrating new members and sharing the joys and costs of being a family of faith together. I am excited to continue to build on our foundation of loving relationships so that we might continue to incorporate others and grow our family of faith.

## **Mission**

Do you know the slogan for McDonalds? Nike? Dunkin' Donuts? How about St. Paul's? The survey tells us that most know what we are about, but we all have a slightly different take on who we are. We will continue to be clear and open about who we are so when we talk with others and invite them in, they know who we are. And in case you forgot, our mission is: At St. Paul's United Church of Christ, with love and compassion for all, we guide and nurture God's children, young and old, on our spiritual journey together.

## **Community**

One of our growing edges relates to how we reach out to neighborhood and wider community. It's not that we don't already do this, but we can always do better to spread the love of God with our neighbors. We have already begun to be intentional about reaching out through our Trunk or Treat and the Sunday School Carnival. I look forward to the ways we can better care for our neighbors.

## **Final Thoughts**

After this survey and the work of the 5 Practices group, I am further encouraged and excited to build upon the solid foundation at St. Paul's. We have countless saints that have been walking the path of sharing God's love before us and I look forward to continuing their great work. I think we are all on the same page when it comes to serving others in the name of the Jesus and this is something I think we can continue to build upon.

# Consistory at Work

## Consistory Meeting Minutes - St. Paul's UCC, Sheboygan, WI Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Total Income: \$10,323 Total expense: \$12,713 Net Income: \$-2,391

Building Improvement Fund: \$36,993 Parsonage Fund: \$21,909 General Fund: \$1,742

Memorial Fund Savings Account: \$69,920, plus Total Memorial Monies: \$1,848

Other assets: 573 shares Heartland Financial: \$30,656 Stewardship Report Weekly Giving total: \$9,424

(Attendance was up from last year)

Sent payment \$365 to OCWM

General Fund at \$1,742 (Paid \$3,360 for Health Insurance)

### **Head Trustee Report (Mason White):**

Spring cleanup has been hampered due to weather.

Bathroom downstairs and the women's bathroom off nursery still needs repair. Plumber has been very busy. Mason will see if he can do repairs in the next 30 days or will look elsewhere.

### **Board of Christian Education Report (Deb Severns):**

Faye's Pizza raised \$512 ([curriculum cost was \\$300](#)).

Spaghetti dinner and candy bar bingo, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Carnival will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup>. New this year, they will have a big slide and obstacle course which we don't have to worry about the set up and take down. Also getting mini-donuts. The Board of Education is looking for help, let them know if you can assist. [Need volunteers and cupcakes.](#)

VBS is June 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9 to noon.

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

Readiness 360 report. Overview handed out. There is a lot of information to process. Does show St. Paul's is in a good spot to move forward on some things.

Confirmands Logan Severns and Meghan Flook confirmed their faith in front of the Consistory. Both did an excellent job.

Reviewed some of the committees based on the Time and Talents book.

Church and Ministry Committee: Going to be established. Pastor hopes to have a group committee by next month. (this is appointed by the Consistory and the Pastor).

Evangelism/Membership Committee. This committee needs to do more.

Sound and Light proposals - [Sound proposal from NSV roughly \\$25,000](#). Additional review will be done for possible cost savings. Looking to put to a consistory vote next month. Then will have to have a church vote before proceeding. Lighting will have to be put on the back burner for now due to cost.

Keys for church – Pastor is ordering more.

Pastor is looking at a 12-week course "Spiritual The Church Today". Cost \$400.

### **President's Report (Richard):**

Communion Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup> with confirmands.

Boiler is fixed again, TJ will look at it more this summer. Also found another furnace for heating Sarah's old room and the two rooms across from it. No cooling is connected to this furnace and appears not to be working.

Elevator Contract has an automatic five-year renewal. Next renewal date is 2022. Consistory looking at options to get out of renewal without paying a penalty. Having Lisa look for renewal notifications and Consistory looking at the new law in Wisconsin "evergreen" clause for options St. Paul's may have regarding the contract.

City of Sheboygan is replacing water main which the Union Ave. to 12<sup>th</sup> Street butts up against the church property.

Richard is attending a meeting tomorrow and will find out when this will start and what expense the church may expect.

### **Other Business:**

Graduation Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion on "letting others know" what St. Paul's may have to offer and what events are going on at our church. Talked about better using our space at St. Paul's for additional donation income.

Pastor spoke about his taxes which are complex. Looking to put more on paper with housing and less for salary.


Can this be done and if so when. Linda will review this with Greg Peterson and report back to the Consistory.

Pastor will look at what he proposes and let us know.

Respectfully submitted by Consistory Secretary Melody Kolb



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 5:00 pm Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Midweek Worship	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 10 am Visitation - 12 pm Memorial Service for Florence Hamilton
<b>6</b> 8:45 am Sunday School <b>10:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion and Confirmation</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 1:45 pm Sisters Circle	<b>9</b> 6:00 pm Midweek Worship 7:00 pm Consistory Meeting	<b>10</b> 7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13 Music Sunday</b> 8:45 am Sunday School <b>10:00 am Worship</b> Order SCRIP	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 5:00 to 7:00 pm Messy Church 6:00 pm Midweek Worship	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20 Pentecost</b> 8:45 am Sunday School <b>10:00 am Worship w/Christian Educt. Recognition</b> <b>SS Carnival after the worship service</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Newsletter articles due for June Beacon	<b>23</b> 6:00 pm Midweek Worship	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <b>10:00 am Worship</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6:00 pm Midweek Worship	<b>31</b>		
						

# May Birthdays

Michael Groh	5/1
Dawn Peterson	5/1
Laurie Hylan	5/2
Linda Mueller	5/4
Barbara Schmitt	5/9
Cindy Vogel	5/9
Karen Kober	5/11
Jeanette Carlson	5/18
Kurt Klessig	5/18
Gladys Leonard	5/18
Emerson Huberty	5/21
Richard Laux	5/21
Jim Schwarten	5/22
Charles Hemschemeyer	5/24
Raenah Jump	5/30

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

## BRAT FRY RESCHEDULED - JUNE 2

St. Paul's will be sponsoring a brat fry and bake sale at Festival Foods on Saturday, June 2, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Volunteers will be needed for set up, frying, sales and cleanup, as well as making and selling baked goods. If you can help, please add your name to the sign up sheets in the Gathering Area. Thank you.

MAY 13,  
2018



# Schedule for May

## Liturgists

- 6 - Allye Ritt
- 13 - Jaymz Stempihar
- 20 - Joanne Lensink
- 27 - Mason White

## Scripture Readers

- 6 - Mason White
- 13 - Joanne Lensink
- 20 - Ervida Van Straten
- 27 - Keith Risse

## Ushers

- 6 - Jay Englebort, Judy & Richard Belitz, and Jim Schwarten
- 13 - Mason White, Jaymz and Corrie Stempihar, and Laurie Hylan
- 20 - John & Kathy Brown, T. J. Brown, and Steve Flook
- 27 - Mike King, Jeff & Allison Ritt, and Carol Reineking

## Acolytes

- 6 - Tessa Englebort
- 13 - Charlie White
- 20 - Shawn Peterson

## May Chancel Lady

Patti Blindauer



# Thank You

## FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### SPAGHETTI DINNER

Carol, Deb, Lynda, and Julie would like to express our thanks to everyone that participated in the Spaghetti Dinner last Sunday. Everyone enjoyed Betsy's secret spaghetti sauce made by Lynda, salad and homemade garlic rolls made by the youth. The Sundae Bar was supplied by the Women's Guild and served by Linda Horn. Thank you ladies. Pastor Jeremy made several road trips for us to both Green Bay and Grafton for food. Thanks to the youth for helping with set-up. Daniel and Ervida for helping with clean-up and especially our husbands (Richard, Brian, Travis and Jay). They continually help out whenever we ask (which turns out to be more often than not).

### YOUTH SERVING SUNDAYS

We would also like to thank the youth (Meghan, Logan, Cooper, Kyle, Brendan, Kyle and Caleb) for serving food the first Sundays of each month. They have done an outstanding job of preparing and serving you some of their favorite snacks.

### EASTER BREAKFAST

And finally, an extra special thank you to everyone that helped out during the Easter Breakfast. Our Sunday School kids did a great job of setting up and serving food. We had plenty of wonderful baked goods, thanks to your generous donations. And...we all managed to get to an Easter service thanks to extra help from Vicki King and our wonderful husbands.

**Many Thanks To You All!**

Many new and exciting things are planned for our 3rd Annual



# CARNIVAL

But...we need your help!

Sign up in the gathering area or see a CE Board Member

- WAYS TO HELP**
- GAME OPERATOR
  - FOOD PREPARATION
  - CONCESSIONS
  - GIANT SLIDE MONITOR
  - SET-UP / TEAR-DOWN
  - CUPCAKE DONATION
  - SPREAD THE WORD



Messy Church happens the third Wednesday night of each month. We share in fellowship, creative projects, a shared meal, and worship. It's not just for kids. It's for parents, grandparents, seniors, and anyone else you can think of. Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 16 at 5:00 pm in fellowship hall. We would love for you to come check it out and celebrate our church family with us.

### Dart Ball Thank You

The Sheboygan Saints Dart Ball Team (of the Sheboygan County Senior Dart Ball League) extends a heart-warming thank you to St. Paul's UCC Church for providing Fellowship Hall for our practice times on Wednesdays and Thursdays and home team games on Mondays during the past year (September, 2017 to April, 2018)

Daniel Van Straten, Captain  
Charles Hemschemeyer, Co-captain

The Sheboygan SureShots Dart Ball Team (of the Sheboygan County Senior Dart Ball League) thanks St. Paul's UCC Church for allowing us to play dart ball in the hall in the basement this past year 2017-2018 for our home games on Mondays. We appreciate it and hope for permission to use it again next season.

Fred Foshag, Captain  
Kush DeKarske, Co-captain

## FREE Vacation Bible School



**June 18-22**  
**9am - Noon**  
**AGES 3-12**

St. Paul's UCC  
2114 Wedemeyer St.  
(Corner of Union & 13th Street)

## Imagine and Build with God

Discover just how the ordinary becomes the extraordinary through Jesus. Meet people from the bible who used what they had do produce something amazing with God. Experiment with science, play games, enjoy snacks, listen to music and see how God works WONDERS everyday!

CHILD NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT OR GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to:

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### SCRIP News

Monthly SCRIP orders will be taken on the following Sundays: May 13, June 10 and July 8, 2018

### Bell Choir Invites You

The Bell Choir invites you to join them as they perform on Tuesday, May 15th at Sheboygan Shores (on Superior Avenue, West of Taylor). The performance will begin at 6:30 pm. Please come and enjoy the music!

### Save The Dates

**May 13 - Music Sunday.** We will be celebrating the birth of the church through music.

**May 20 - Pentecost, Sunday School Carnival, and Christian Education Recognition.** We will be recognizing our Christian Educators. After worship we will have our annual Sunday School Carnival for our whole neighborhood (including lots of food)!

**June 10 - Graduation Recognition.** We will be recognizing our recent graduates. 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 10.

### May is National Foster Care Month

Sheboygan County Department of Health and Human Services salutes the group of committed foster parents who share their hearts and homes with children whose families are unable to care for them on a temporary basis. These foster families provide safe and nurturing homes, and help children reunite with their birth families, or in some cases, help foster children become a permanent part of their own or other families.

Foster families are needed for children of all ages. Training and support are provided for parents who join the program. If you have a desire to learn more about becoming a foster home, please contact Elizabeth Jensema at 920-459-3236. **Change the Lifetime of a Child!**



Our prayers and condolences are extended to the family of Florence Hamilton who passed on April 25, 2018. We share our love and comfort with Florence's family. A service of remembrance will take place on Saturday, May 5 at 12 pm in the sanctuary. Visitation will be from 10 am until the time of service. Reverend Jeremy Hylan will officiate.

Our prayers and condolences are also extended to the family of Robert Hollenbeck who went to be with his Lord on April 22, 2018. We share our love and comfort with Bob's family. A memorial service was held on April 30, 2018 at St. Paul's United Church of Christ. Reverend Jeremy Hylan officiated.

We offer our sympathy to Jay Englebert and family, following the death of his father, Henry "Hank" Englebert, on April 4, 2018.

And we offer our sympathy to Jerry Timm and family, following the death of his father, Kenneth Timm, on March 23, 2018.

### 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*

**The Shores of Sheboygan Senior Living:**

*Elaine Born, Luella Mueller*