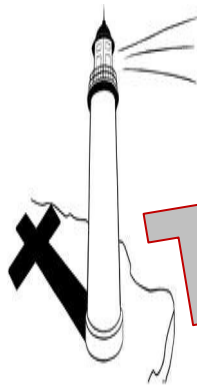


**ST. PAUL'S**  
UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

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# The Beacon

**FEBRUARY 2020**

**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)

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

**CHURCH STAFF:**

*Rev. Jeremy Hysten, Pastor*

John Brown -

Consistory President

Lisa Flook - Organist

Leslie Ellair - Choir Director

Pat Jaberg - Bell Director

Lisa Drews - Office Admin.

Carol Reineking - Custodian

Midweek Worship

Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m.

Sunday School

@ 8:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship

@ 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 know all the birds of the air,  
and all that moves in the field is mine.  
~Psalm 50

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# PASTOR'S PAGE

Lent begins fairly late this year (Ash Wednesday isn't until February 26). Lent, as you recall, is a time for preparation for the coming of Easter. It lasts roughly six weeks from Ash Wednesday through Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and ending with the celebration of Easter. During this time of preparation, we change the paraments (clothes on altar, lectern and pulpit) to purple. During this time, we tend to focus on our inward self and our personal faith journey. We tend to think of Lent as a time of deprivation with ideas of penance, fasting, more intentional prayer. It never helps that Lent takes place in the dead of winter through February and March. But I'd like to help you reimagine lent for this year.

What if instead of letting the darkness of the season guide our Christian practices, we used this winter season to build and grow our faith with something more positive in mind. Recently I read a book called *The Little Book of Hygge: Danish Secrets to Happy Living* by Meik Wiking. He details the concept and practice of **Hygge** (pronounced who-ga). Hygge is a Danish word for a quality of coziness (feeling warm, comfortable, and safe) that comes from doing simple things such as lighting candles, baking, or spending time at home with your family (this is a defining characteristic of Danish culture). What if we spent this season of preparation for the coming celebration of new life in Easter being intentional of spending time with those who bring us life.

What I am suggesting starts in this way. Set aside time each week of Lent and take some time to enjoy your loved ones. I'll be the first to admit that this can be hard if you have a busy schedule (like most of us do). I'll also be the first to tell you that if you don't start planning now for Lent, it won't happen. Doing something like this will take planning, and most of all it will take sacrifice to make the time. Let's assume that you've just agreed to this proposal and are trying to figure out what do to. Here are a few ideas:

- \* fix a meal together or gather around the table and enjoy a meal together
- \* grab some popcorn and turn your living room into a theatre and enjoy a movie
- \* take a hike in the winter air (or someplace warmer)
- \* go out for a meal at your favorite restaurant (call it a date night!)
- \* make a phone call to a loved one who isn't as close as you'd like
- \* sit and read books together or do a puzzle
- \* volunteer as a family somewhere that brings you joy

Whatever you do, do it together with those who bring you life. Leave the phones and thoughts of what comes next, and be fully present with those who remind you of the Easter message.

If we are truly preparing ourselves for Easter, the message of new life in Christ that overcomes our doubts, fears, and our own worst selves, we need to remind ourselves of all the ways Jesus led by example. And maybe we ought to try following that example this coming Lenten season.



**Consistory Meeting Minutes - St. Paul's UCC, Sheboygan, WI  
Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Pastor Jeremy Hylan, John Brown, Mike King, Greg Peterson, Mason White, Steve Flook, Rhoda Cheney, Deb Severns, Joanne Laux and Melody Kolb.

**Treasurer's Report and Stewardship Report for December 2019 (Greg Peterson):**

Total Income: \$18,568. Total expenses: \$18,620. Net Income: \$-52.

Cash Balance: General Fund: \$ -4,512. Building Improvement Fund: \$20,160. Parsonage Fund: \$109,510.

Memorial Fund: \$538,938. Sunday School \$6,313.

Stewardship Report Weekly Giving total: \$11,474.

Attendance was up from the previous year.

Some 2020 pledges were given in 2019 and will be deferred to 2020.

Second Mile giving was \$6,300. Up \$2,300 from the December budget.

Did receive \$727 for building usage from Spring Farms.

Insurance for property and Worker's Comp is down. This year \$5,864 vs \$6,350 from 2019.

Church audit completed tonight and there were no issues.

Investment discussion on making sure our money is guaranteed. Andrew spoke with their insurance company and they will get a policy to insure our money.

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

Nothing to report.

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

Blue Harbor event coming up. Cost \$15 per Swimmer and \$10 for non-swimmers. But CE will only be charging \$5 per person and picking up the remainder. Can have up to 100 attendees. No food will be served. Need to sign up no later than February 16. Must pay at the time of signing up.

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

License and Inspection of the kitchen passed. Water sprayer by dishwasher needs to be repaired.

Easter falls on the second Sunday in April. Moving Communion to the 19<sup>th</sup> of April.

Purchased Nest thermostat to control the heating. TJ Brown will help to install them.

Wi-Fi installed and working throughout the building.

Purchased doorbell/entry camera. Waiting for weather to be installed.

Online doodle for mission trip to go out soon.

Organ issues - Lisa Flook working on getting an organ committee together. The piano in the choir room also has a broken key. The committee will also be looking into pianos since all are in bad shape.

Investment – Looking at updating the gathering area. Richard Reineking is getting prices. New carpet cost between five and six thousand dollars. Furniture between two and three thousand.

First United Lutheran just updated their kitchen to a full commercial kitchen. Jeremy has met with them.

Our kitchen is not up to code, needs electrical, plumbing, grease traps just to name a few things. Currently we are grandfathered into a clause that if we don't make any changes, we are fine. But things are deteriorating and out of code. We need to start looking at what we want to do with the kitchen. There are two companies that deal with commercial kitchens. One out of Green Bay and one out of Milwaukee. The Pastor will get estimates and then an Ad hoc committee will be established.

**President's Report (John Brown):**

Next Communion Sunday January 12th.

Annual meeting Sunday January 26th.

Next Consistory Meeting February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

**Other Business:**

Mike King – Nominations for Consistory are April Koranda, Bruce Neils, Jim Schwarten and Vicki Radovan. Mike King has served his terms on the consistory and will be done. We thanked Mike for all he has done and continues to do for St. Paul's.

Respectfully submitted, Melody Kolb, Consistory Secretary

**Note:** The minutes for this meeting are scheduled to be reviewed and approved at the next Consistory Meeting.

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# February

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| Sun  | Mon  | Tue                                  | Wed  | Thu   | Fri       | Sat       |
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| <b>2</b><br>8:45 am Sunday School<br><b>10 am Worship with The Children's Choir</b>                                | <b>3</b><br>1 pm Dartball-Rocks @ Saints<br><br>6 pm Girl Scouts - Community Room    | <b>4</b>                             | <b>5</b><br>9 am Dartball Pr.<br>5 pm Confirmation<br><b>6 pm Midweek Worship</b><br>7 pm Handbell Pr.                         | <b>6</b><br>10:00 am Healing Hearts   | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>  |
| <b>9</b><br>8:45 am Sunday School<br><b>10 am Worship with Holy Communion, &amp; The Bell Choir</b><br>Order SCRIP | <b>10</b><br>1 pm Dartball - Sureshots @ Saints                                      | <b>11</b><br>1:45 pm Sister's Circle | <b>12</b><br>9 am Dartball Pr.<br>5 pm Confirmation<br><b>6 pm Midweek Worship</b><br>6 pm Bell Practice<br>7 pm Consist. Mtg. | <b>13</b>   | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b> |
| <b>16</b><br>8:45 am Sunday School<br><b>10:00 am Worship</b>  | <b>17</b><br>1 pm Dartball - Saints @ Darts<br><br>6 pm Girl Scouts - Community Room | <b>18</b><br>Beacon articles due     | <b>19</b><br>9 am Dartball Pr.<br>11:30 am Lunch Bunch<br>5 pm Confirmation<br><b>5 pm Messy Church</b><br>7 pm Handbell Pr.   | <b>20</b><br>10:00 am Healing Hearts  | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b> |
| <b>23</b><br>8:45 am Sunday School<br><b>10 am Worship</b>   | <b>24</b><br>1 pm Dartball - Saints@Highflyers                                       | <b>25</b><br>7 pm Handbells Rehearse | <b>26</b><br>9 am Dartball Pr.<br>5 pm Confirmation<br><b>7 pm Ash Wednesday Worship</b>                                       | <b>27</b>   | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b> |
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# February Birthdays

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| Kyle Flook        | 2/1  |
| Dylan Timm        | 2/3  |
| Megan Illig       | 2/6  |
| Cooper Damrow     | 2/7  |
| Kyle Damrow       | 2/7  |
| Lance Dassler     | 2/10 |
| June Lallemond    | 2/15 |
| Carl Hovey        | 2/16 |
| Shirley Stempihar | 2/17 |
| Bonnie Klabecek   | 2/18 |
| Travis Damrow     | 2/19 |
| Robert Cox        | 2/20 |
| Lisa Flook        | 2/25 |
| Ross Beimling     | 2/27 |

*Please call the church office with any corrections.  
Thank you!*



## Calling All Garden Enthusiasts!

Our February Messy Church on February 19th will be sharing the parable of the workers in the vineyard. With that in mind, we will be beginning our planting for the church gardens. This year we will be growing everything from seed, which means we need your help in deciding what to plant. Please bring your suggestions for vegetables and flowers and share them with Laurie Hylan.

# Schedule for February

## Liturgists

2 - Joanne Lensink  
9 - Keith Risse  
16 - YOUTH  
23 - Allye Ritt

## Ushers

2 - Richard & Carol Reineking, Linda Horn, Becky Huberty  
9 - Jay & Julie Englebert, Judy & Richard Belitz  
16 - YOUTH  
23 - John & Kathy Brown, and T. J. Brown

## Acolytes

2 - Tessa Englebert  
9 - Shawn Peterson  
16 - Jake Englebert  
23 - Wyatt Radloff

## February Chancel Lady

Tina Entringer

## Remember In Your Prayers

**The Waterford:** Minnett Suscha

**Pine Haven:** Madeline Herr

**The Shores of Sheboygan:** Luella Mueller

**Members at Home:** Wendy Bohannon,

Violet Kuitert, James Schuh,

Caroline Rodewald, Shirley Schilling,

Jeanette Schutt, Cindy Vogel



## CHURCH NEWS

### Welcome to New Members

We welcome Larry & Bonnie Kairys to the faith family here at St. Paul's. Please update your church directory with the Kairys and their mailing address of 1622 Maple Lane, Sheboygan 53081.

### Church Directory Changes

Please revise your church directory to include a new address for Jeffrey & Allye Ritt. They are now at 1611 Sunnyside Avenue, Sheboygan, 53081.

### Water Park - February 16

The Board of CE is hosting a waterpark outing at Blue Harbor in Sheboygan on Sunday, February 16 from 12:30-5:30. The cost is only \$5 per person (swimmers and spectators). There is a sign-up sheet along with envelopes, FlowRider waiver forms, and a payment box on the table in the Gathering Area. **In order to go, you must sign up and make payment prior to Sunday, February 9.** Attendees please remember to bring your own towel! If you have any questions, feel free to call Becky 920-627-3631 or Pastor Jeremy.

### SCRIP News

Monthly SCRIP orders will be taken on February 9, March 8, April 12, May 10 and June 14.

### Lunch Bunch - February 19

The Lunch Bunch will meet on February 19th at 11:30 am at Judi's (in Oostburg). Please sign up on the yellow sheet in the Community Room. Hope you will join us.

### Giving Statements for 2019

Year-end giving statements for 2019 have been placed in the Gathering Area. Please pick these up at your convenience and thank you so much for your support of St. Paul's U.C.C.

### Inclement Weather

In times of bad weather to find out about church service cancelations, please tune to TV Channel 4 WTMJ. Please note that when adverse weather conditions cause the area schools to close, our church office will be closed as well.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Rainbow Kids Winter/Spring Program

Peer support for children and adults grieving a loss from a difficult life event. Program is FREE.

Mondays - February 10th to April 20th  
from 6:15 to 7:15 pm at  
Bethany Reformed Church  
1315 Washington Avenue, Sheboygan

If you have questions please contact Michele Hemb at 920-452-2838 or email: rainbowkids@excel.net

### City of Sheboygan Survey

Please help shape Sheboygan by taking the City of Sheboygan's annual Community Survey. This brief online survey will help the city staff and officials improve the quality of life and services we provide to our community. The survey takes less than 10 minutes to complete and participants have an opportunity to win \$100 in Sheboygan County Chamber cash. The survey is available until Sunday, February 23 and can be accessed by visiting the city website [www.sheboyganwi.gov](http://www.sheboyganwi.gov).

### Casino Night 2020- February 8

SCIO invites you to Casino Night, Saturday, Feb. 8 from 6 - 10 pm at the Elks Lodge. A \$25 ticket (\$35 at the door) includes \$2,000 casino cash to play games & party hors d'oeuvres. This fundraiser supports SCIO programs: Bridgeway and Beyond Transitional Living, Family Pathways visitation and the Farmers Market. For more information call 920-457-7272.

### Weill Center Family Series

The Weill Center Family Series performances are built with your family in mind and incorporate music, storytelling and the excitement of live theater.

**February 18, 6 p.m.**

**The Very Hungry Caterpillar and  
other Eric Carle Favourites**

Ticket office is open noon to 5 pm, Monday-Friday.  
Ticket office number: 920-208-3243.