

Heartbeat News



From the Pastor's Desk

"Silent Saturday". That's what I have taken to calling that day between the crucifixion of Jesus and the Resurrection of Christ. The Gospels say little of this Sabbath day: Matthew reports that the chief Priests and Pharisees go to Pilate on this day and ask for the tomb to be sealed and guarded to prevent the disciples from taking the body, Luke notes only that the women who followed Jesus rested on the Sabbath, Mark and John say nothing at all about this day. Of course today, our consumer culture fills it with Easter egg hunts, breakfasts and lunches with the Easter Bunny, and last minute shopping to fill those Easter baskets.

As a pastor I turned to all of those books lining my study for some word of assurance, some instruction with what to do with this discordant day adrift between the horror and hopelessness of Good Friday and the exuberance of Easter Sunday, but even the historic creeds offer little help: the Nicene ignores Saturday completely, and the Apostles' Creed only comment on Saturday is that "he descended into hell". So what are we to make of this day, this impossible "in-between" time? For the disciples and other followers of Jesus, Friday marks the seeming end of an era, this man was to be the answer to prayer, a revolutionary, a healer, a leader who would change not only their lives but would change the world. And then he died like a common criminal and it seemed like the end. The numerous resurrection accounts all point to disciples who by and large seemed lost and alone, uncertain of what to do and afraid that they might be next. Of course Christians today have the whole story, we know Easter is coming, but our response to Holy Saturday is just as baffling. We pretend it doesn't exist, we march headlong into our Easter preparations and celebrations. But what if we paused, what if we sought to live into the ambiguity of this day, if we slowed down and contemplated what difference the story really makes to our lives?

It's the expectancy and the waiting that make for the joyous celebration of Easter. For this reason, I would call us to consider an intentional observance of this day, a pausing from our usual routines to consider what God's salvific works really mean for us and this world. Many of you may recall on that last Sunday before Lent we sang out our

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FOR MARCH

At its monthly meeting held on March 12th, the St. John Church Council:

- Approved early Easter service start time of 6:45 am.
- Reviewed maintenance issues regarding new flooring, parking lot and retaining wall.
- ♦ Discussed Memorial/Endowment Association policies.

Present: Eric Hillstrom, Mary Johnson, Andy Boneski, Marilyn Boettcher, Cherie Bersch, Judy Luckow, Sharon Reeder, Donna Tess, Pastor Tetzlaff

Absent: Jim Koedinger

Next Council meeting:
April 9, 2015



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“Hallelujah’s” in preparation for those 40 days of Lent where we would abstain from such words of praise....but like Jesus’ body in the tomb on Holy Saturday, those words and songs of joyous praise lie silent in their chest, stashed away in our sanctuary. But, oh what a joyous noise we shall make on Easter morning when the stone has been rolled away, the tomb is found empty, the chest is flung open and once again we shout along and sing with delight over the miraculous salvation that we have received. We may experience a “silent Saturday”, we may have silenced our “alleluia’s” for a season, but the wondrous, mighty power of our God cannot be contained forever, come Easter Sunday we will once again fill the sanctuary with songs of joy, with shouts of praise, as we celebrate The Resurrection of our Lord. I pray that each of you may find the time to pause between Friday and Sunday, to reflect on what it means to be a people of faith in all the uncertainties and ambiguities of life. It is only in experiencing the silence of Saturday that we can come to greatest appreciation of the excitement of Easter.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Tara

Southeast Association Meeting

This year's meeting will be held on Saturday, **April 25th** at New Horizon UCC in Kewaskum. Registration starts at 8am, meeting is from 9-3pm (includes lunch). We need two delegates to represent St. John (only qualification is to be a member of the church). Church pays all expenses and carpooling with Pastor Tara and/or delegates from Our Saviour's is an option. If interested, please let Pastor Tara know by April 15th.

Visitation Volunteers Needed

Task: Visit homebound members and distribute Communion

- ♦ Visits will be done by teams of two or more
- ♦ Visits will preferably be on the first Sunday of the month
- ♦ Three or four teams would be needed per month
- ♦ When available, Pastor will go with one team
- ♦ Each team would visit 1 – 3 homebound members who live in closest proximity

Logistics: Compile list of volunteers; not limited to Elders as volunteers are working under the auspices of Spiritual Life Committee

- ♦ Volunteers will attend training (fifteen minutes after church)
- ♦ Coordinator will develop schedule for team visits
- ♦ Volunteers will receive a packet to take to homebound members. Packets will contain copies of recent bulletins/sermons, and any church communications such as newsletter, etc.
- ♦ A follow-up form will be used to communicate completion of visit and concerns/observations/requests. Contents are confidential and will be e-mailed to pastor or left in church office.
- ♦ Elements will be in sealed packet and consecrated by Pastor.

Please contact **Jeannie Lehmann (262-251-1756)** to help in this important ministry.

EDUCATIONAL & SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Monday Morning Bible Study

Join us for a weekly Bible Study as we explore the Psalms using the Immersion Bible Study by Pastor Tara's former professor, J. Clinton McCann Jr., using the Interpretation Bible Studies program. Meets at Our Saviour's UCC on Monday mornings, from 11am-12:30pm. Cost of book is \$8 and will run through **April 27th**. (Please note that there will be **NO Bible Study on April 6**)

Starbucks Book Club

The April selection is The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis. Cost is \$7 and a limited number of copies are available in the lobby. Contact the office to reserve your copy. April discussion will be on Wed., **April 15th**, at 6pm at Starbucks.

Fresh Looks at Old Stories

More of a traditional Bible study...will focus on passages that are often misunderstood, or that likely are read much differently as adults than how we read them as children. Our next meeting will take place on Monday, **April 27th** at 6pm. Previous sessions have covered Jonah and Ruth.

Crafters Club:

Whether you scrapbook, paint, draw, knit, etc you are welcome to bring whatever you are working on and join with other "crafters" for a day of fun. Drop in for an hour or stay for the day. Light lunch provided. Participants are asked to bring their own beverages and a snack to share. Meets one Saturday a month 10am-3pm, location rotates between St. John UCC and Our Saviour's UCC. Upcoming Dates: **April 18th, from 10am-3pm, at Our Saviour's; May 9th from 10am-3pm at St. John**

Save the Date

The theme for 2015 Vacation Bible School is "Make a Joyful Noise" and will focus on praising God through music and dance. VBS will be held **Mon.-Thurs July 13-16th from 9am-3pm** (early and/or late childcare may be available). Cost is \$10 per child and will include a t-shirt, meals, and all activities. Open to ages 2-1/2 to 12 (teens are welcome to sign up as junior leaders). More information will be available in the coming months.



Bingo

Join us at Our Saviour's UCC on **Sunday Apr. 26th** from 2-4pm for a fun afternoon of Bingo. Fun prizes and light snacks

will be provided. No registration necessary, free will offering will be received to offset costs. Invite your friends and family! All ages are welcome!





Please consider signing up for Fellowship following church services in our Fellowship Hall (a clip board with the sign - up sheet is located near the kitchen). Join us after church. All member and friends are welcome. Any question contact Sharon Reeder at 262-251-5946.

Dates Committees are serving Fellowship:

April 5th, 2015 – Easter Breakfast - Confirmands / Women's Guild
May 3rd, 2015 – Constitution, Maintenance, & Mission Alive Committee's

Dates available for members to sign – up for Fellowship:

May 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st

Volunteers needed:

Volunteers will be needed to provide rides to church members who do not have transportation to - from church. Please contact the church office or Pastor Tara Tetzlaff if interested in volunteering at 262-251-0640.

Outreach Meetings: Any members wishing to join the committee are welcome. The next Outreach Committee meeting **April 26th**, 2015 at 9:00am. We meet in the Fraederich Education room. Contact Caroline Romaine at 262-385-1327 for more information.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Thank you to all the members who helped donate items for the Valentine College – Armed Forces Care packages. The packages were put together on February 8th, 2015. 15 packages were sent out. Cost for shipping was \$ 92.79.

Report on 9th Annual Dart Ball Game night – February 21st, 2015 – The 9th Annual Dart Ball night was held on Saturday February 21st, 2015 at 6:00pm. Sloppy Joes, hot dogs, vegetable tray, desserts, snacks, milk ,coffee, and soda were served. There were three teams that played darts. We had members and friends from St. John U.C.C. and members from Our Saviour U.C.C. There were 40 in attendance. Fun was had by all. Total cost \$ 180.00.

Mark your calendars - Up Coming Events:

April 2015

Roberts Frozen Custard Fundraiser

Monday April 20th, 2015 3:00pm – 10:00pm

Join St. John U.C.C.

**at Robert's Frozen Custard Restaurant
N.112 W.16040 Mequon Rd. Germantown**

We will be having a Fundraiser from 3:00pm – 10:00pm. Invite members , friends, neighbors, co-workers and relatives to join you at Robert's Frozen Custard. **St. John U.C.C. will receive 10% of all sales** , dining in or at the drive up window. **No coupon is necessary.** More information at www.stjohnuccgermantown.org . All proceeds from this sale will benefit future Outreach events at St. John U.C.C. See Caroline Romaine for more information on the Robert's Fundraiser.

May 2015

**~Weed and Feed ~ Annual church Spring Clean - up ~Saturday
May 2nd, 2015 ~ 9:00am – 12:00pm**

This is an annual clean – up day for our church. We will need as many members and friends as possible to help with cleaning inside and outside the church. We will be sprucing up our Community Prayer Garden.

The Outreach Committee will provide donuts, coffee, and juice followed by a light lunch after the clean - up.

We will have a drawing for Brewer Tickets for the August 17th, 2015 game; 1 child and one adult will be chosen for those who volunteer at the Weed and Feed.

May 3rd, 2015

Adult Fellowship is planning an outing to the **Menomonee Falls Patio Players production of the Musical "Hair Spray" Sunday May 3rd, 2015 at 2:00pm**. 28 tickets are reserved for this event. Following the play we will meet back at St. John U.C.C. for dinner.

Ticket prices: \$ 15.00 for the ticket and \$ 20.00 for meal, including beverages. A sign-up sheet will be posted. **Pay in advance by April 12, 2015.**

For more information contact Jeannie Lehmann at 262-251-1756.

August 2015 -

Mark your calendars-

Miller Brewer's Game is scheduled Monday August 17th, 2015.

Brewers vs Miami Marlins – 50 tickets are on reserve. We will have a sign-up sheet posted for St. John U.C.C. Cost of the ticket is \$10.00 which includes tail gate food / snacks and \$ 5.00 toward parking. We will tail gate at 4:45pm from St. John U.C.C. Game time is 7:10pm.

Recipe Corner

St. John U.C.C. has some wonderful cooks and bakers and during Fellowship, Potluck Dinners or Vacation Bible School we have had requests for some of the recipes. Each month in the Heart Beat Newsletter the Outreach Committee will enter a new recipe. If you have one you would like to submit, please drop it off in the church office, clearly labeled and we will put it in the Recipe Corner.



Sweet chicken bacon wraps

Recipe donated by: Ashley Skrober

- 1 1/4 lb. skinless boneless chicken breast (about 4 breasts)
 - 1 lb. sliced bacon
 - 2/3 cup brown sugar
 - 2 tbsp. chili powder
 - 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper (optional)
 - Cooking spray
 - Toothpicks
 - Aluminum foil
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
 2. Cut chicken into cubes. Cut each bacon strip into thirds and wrap each chicken cube with the bacon and secure with a toothpick
 3. In a medium bowl stir together the brown sugar, chili powder and cayenne pepper (optional). Dredge wrapped chicken in mixture. Line 9x13 pan with aluminum foil and spray with cooking spray.
 4. Bake for 30-35 minutes or until the bacon is crisp. ENJOY!!

CALL YOUR PASTOR!!!



Just a reminder that to protect your privacy federal HIPAA laws prevent doctors, hospitals, and nursing homes from contacting or sharing information with anyone (including your church or pastor!) when you are a patient. If you or a loved one is hospitalized or needs pastoral care PLEASE call the church office or Pastor Tara directly (or request the hospital to do so). If you don't call, we have no way of knowing of your situation. By informing us of these events, you are helping us to provide you with the spiritual care needed in these often difficult times. Business cards with Pastor Tara's contact information are available in the church lobby or can be obtained from the church office, a handy way for you to have the numbers you need in an emergency.



Noah's Ark Outing

The snow is gone! Time to start thinking about summer, and what better way to celebrate the start of summer than a trip to a waterpark?! Mark your calendars for Thursday **June 18th** as the 2nd Annual Our Saviour's UCC/ St. John UCC Noah's Ark trip. \$18 per person will get you admission to the waterpark and a hot dog lunch. Transportation will be provided. Open to all ages, however anyone under 13 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Adults willing to chaperone are also needed. Sign up forms will be posted at each church.



WOMEN'S GUILD

The Easter Breakfast was planned at our March meeting. Due to the busy first week of April there will be no meeting in April. Communion Bread is set thru June. Thanks to all for the help with Women's Worship Service and lunch. Shady Lane Nursery Coupons will be sold again. They are \$10.00 each and need to be used by June 30, 2015. Our next meeting is **May 6, 2015**.

EASTER BREAKFAST

You are invited to attend the Easter Breakfast sponsored by the Women's Guild. The breakfast will be served at 7:45 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. on Easter morning. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. This will help us prepare for the meal. Bring your family and friends!

USHER SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

April

- 5 6:45 am—Confirmands (Sunrise Service)**
- 10:30 am— Andy Boneskui & John Schaetzel**
- 12— Carol VanderLois & Marge Wundrock**
- 19— Confirmands**
- 26— Matt & Merry Lison**

"Delicious on a Dime" Freezer Meal FUNdraiser

We are once again offering a Tastefully Simple meal preparation fundraiser to benefit our youth program. The event will be held in the St. John Fellowship Hall on Sunday **April 26**, starting at 5pm.



The ten meals we will be making at the event include: Asian Pork Roast, Creamy Bayou Bourbon Chicken, Easy Baked Mac & Cheese, Easy London Broil, Perfectly Tender Pulled Pork, Savory Grilled Chicken, Scrumptious Stromboli, Simple Beef Stroganoff, Slow-Cooker Lasagna, and Slow-Cooker Mama Mia Turkey.

Cost for the 6 products to make these 10 meals is \$58. 17. Or you can upgrade and get 24 products PLUS a FREE Smoky Bacon BBQ Sauce, Delicious on a Dime recipe Sheet and a FREE Season Favorites Meal Planner for just \$149.99. If you purchase the large package you will have the items for the 10 meals at the workshop plus the products and recipes needed for 18 more meals you can make on your own at home. As before, once you register you will receive a shopping list for your meats, vegetables, etc. to bring to the event. If you would like the large package there is a limit of 1 per household, and must be ordered online...call our Tastefully Simply Consultant Danielle Veierstahler at 414-698-3105 for assistance. Also any other products you order through our party page count towards the youth fundraiser.

CELEBRATIONS: BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

5 Scott Passineau	17 Erik Johnson
6 Walter Krueger, Jr.	19 Jason Lietzau
7 Melissa Luckow	23 Jodi Schneider
8 Kay Wendt	25 Mark Luckow
9 Meadow Lietzau	28 Jeff Lehmann
11 Jill Lemke	Pastor Tara
14 Janet Robinson	Genny Vriesen
Joe Toth	29 Stacie Delain

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

3 Brian & Connie Ellingson
5 Rollie & Suzanne Pieper
22 Matt & Merry Lison
23 Jay & Carrie Schaetzel



APRIL EVENTS

2nd—Maundy Thurs.

Serv.—7pm—St. John

3rd—Good Friday Serv.—
7pm—OSC

4th—9am Women's Guild
Easter Breakfast Prep.

5th—EASTER SUNDAY

6:45 & 10:30 Serv.—St John

7:45 & 9:15 Women's Guild
Bkfst.

8:30am—OSC Worship

6th—NO Bible Study

9th—7pm Church Council

13th—11am-12:30pm—Bible
Study—OSC

- 4pm—St. Ben's

-4:30pm—Christian Bd.
Of Education Mtg.

15th—6pm Bookclub—
Starbucks

18th—10am-3pm Craft Day—
OSC

19th—Noon-3pm Confirma-
tion Class

- 3-5pm Youth Group

20th—11am-12:30pm—Bible
Study

-3-10pm Robert's Cus-
tard Fundraiser

23rd—10am Spiritual Life
Mtg.

25th—Southeast Assoc. Mtg.

26th—9am—Outreach Mtg.

-2-4pm Bingo—OSC

- 5pm Tastefully Sim-
ple Fundraiser

27th—11am-12:30pm—Bible
Study—OSC

- 6pm Fresh Looks at
Old Stories

- 6:30pm Craft Fair
Mtg.



OUT OF THE OFFICE:

Pastor Tara will be out
of the office from:

April 6—April 13th.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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Out, Enrich, and Welcome in the
name of Jesus Christ.

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OF CHRIST**

WORSHIP SERVICES

*Sunday Worship Service at St. John UCC—
10:30am*

Sunday School at 11:15-Noon at St. John UCC

*Sunday Worship Service at Our Saviour's UCC—
8:30am*

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thurs.—7pm—St. John UCC

Good Friday—7pm—Our Saviour's UCC

*Easter Sunday—**St. John, UCC**-Service: 6:45 & 10:30am*

Women's Guild Bkfst.—7:45 & 9:15am

***Our Saviour's UCC**-Service: 8:30am*