

Heartbeat News



From the Pastor's Desk

Do you ever wonder how pastors select the scripture passages for a given Sunday? Would you be surprised to learn that the readings you hear on Sunday are likely also being read at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Lutheran Church of the Living Christ, and thousands of other churches all over North America? Generally speaking (once or twice a year I may deviate) we follow the Revised Common Lectionary, which is a three year cycle of Bible readings set up by representatives of nineteen different denominations from throughout the United States and Canada. Denominations that follow the Revised Common Lectionary include the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA), Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, the United Methodist Church, Presbyterian Church U.S.A., Reformed Church in America, Unitarian Universalist Christian Fellowship, the Roman Catholic Church, and the United Church of Christ, to name just a few.

The purpose of the lectionary is to provide systematic readings that correspond to the church year and provide some commonality and ecumenism between the various denominations. We are currently in Year B of the lectionary cycle. A new lectionary cycle begins at the start of the church year (1st Sunday in Advent). Each week's readings generally consist of a passage from the Hebrew Bible, the Psalms, the Gospels, and an Epistle. Year A gospel readings are usually from Matthew, Year B from Mark, and Year C from Luke. The gospel of John does not have its own year but is spread throughout each year, focusing heavily around the Holy Days, such as Easter. During the Easter Season passages

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FOR APRIL

At its monthly meeting held on April 9th, the St. John Church Council:

- Discussed the Wisconsin Conference capital campaign for the church camps.
- Reviewed maintenance issues regarding new flooring, parking lot and retaining wall.
- Discussed Memorial/Endowment Association policies.

Present: Eric Hillstrom, Mary Johnson, Andy Bone-ski, Marilyn Boettcher, Sharon Reeder, Donna Tess, Jim Koedinger

Absent: Cherie Bersch, Judy Luckow, Pastor Tetzlaff

Next Council meeting: **May 14, 2015**



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from the Acts of the Apostles are usually substituted for the Hebrew Bible passages. In Ordinary Time, there are often two sets of readings from the Hebrew Bible. One of these offers a semi-continuous reading (patriarchs in year A, monarchy in Year B, and Prophets in Year C), the other is thematic to match the gospel text.

The advantages of using the Revised Common Lectionary include having readings that match up with the church year, multiple options to preach from each week, having a point of commonality with those in other denominations, etc. One of the drawbacks to using the Revised Common Lectionary is that quite a bit is left out. For example, 1 and 2 Chronicles and Numbers are rarely read in church, and many wonderful stories are left out of the Sunday readings. If you are intrigued about these passages you never hear read on Sunday, then watch for announcements regarding the Fall Bible Study opportunities. One of the gatherings will be focusing specifically on those passages that “didn’t make the cut” into the lectionary.

I hope this “fun fact” of the church helps you to better understand and appreciate the reading of our Sacred texts each Sunday. Be on the lookout for future “fun facts” articles in future editions of the Heartbeat. And if you have a question or topic you would like explained, stop by or email me and maybe your idea will be included in a future article.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Tara

EDUCATIONAL & SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Starbucks Book Club

The May selection is **Pastrix by Nadia Bolz-Weber**. Cost is \$7 and a limited number of copies are available in the lobby. Contact the office to reserve your copy. May discussion will be on Wed., **May 20th**, at 6pm at Starbucks.

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 Date: **May 9th from 10am-3pm (upstairs) at St. John.** This will be our last gathering until the fall.



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).

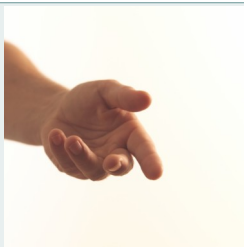


More information will be available in the coming months.



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. Registration fees are due June 10th!!



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:

May 3rd, 2015 – Constitution, Maintenance, & Mission Alive Committee's

June 7th, 2015 – Christian Education and Staff Relations Committee's

Dates available for members to sign – up for Fellowship:

May 10th, 17th, and 24th

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 TBA. We meet in the Fraederich Education room. Contact Caroline Romaine at 262-385-1327 for more information.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Report on March 15th, 2015 “One Great Hour of Sharing” – Church Pot Luck dinner. We had 30 members in attendance. Various delicious dishes were served. The Outreach Committee provided ham and rolls. The tables were decorated with a St. Patrick Day's theme. Thank you to all the members who brought a dish to pass.

Mark your calendars - Up Coming Events: 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. Date: May 3rd, 2015 at 2:00pm. 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.

June 2015

St. John U.C.C. Brat Fry Day's - Pick n' Save in Menomonee Falls—Saturday June 6th -2015 & Saturday August 1st, 2015—Time: 10:00 am – 3:00pm

*****Note location change.** Located at Pick n' Save in Menomonee Falls N.77 W.14435 Appleton Ave. (Across from Menomonee Falls High School and North of Lilly Rd.).

Volunteers needed. A sign – up sheet will be posted for those who would like to volunteer at the Brat Fry's during the summer. Brat Fry proceeds will benefit future Outreach events and 10% of our sales will be donated to Mission Alive

July 2015

The Capuchins' Run / Walk for the Hungry

5K Run or 2 mile walk. **Friday July 24th, 2015** at 7:00pm at south gate to Summerfest Grounds. More information regarding fees and sign – up in June Heart Beat newsletter.

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.



Hillcrest Mandarin Orange Cake

Recipe donated by: Cheryl Matic

Served at the March 15th, 2015 – “One Great Hour of Sharing” Pot luck dinner

Ingredients for Step # 1:

- 1 package plain yellow cake mix (15.25oz.)
- 4 eggs
- 1 11oz. can Mandarin Oranges (with juice)
- 1 cup oil

Ingredients for Step # 2:

- 1 20 oz. can crushed pineapple (with juice)
- 1 ¾ oz. instant vanilla pudding
- 1 8 oz. whipped topping or cool whip

Step one : (use mixer) - Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix dry cake mix, oil, eggs, and Mandarin Oranges with juice. Pour into a greased, floured 9” x 13” pan. Bake for 40 minutes. Cool completely.

Step two: After cake has completely cooled. By hand; mix together 20oz. crushed pineapple (with juice), ¾ oz. instant vanilla pudding, and 8 oz. whipped topping. Mix all three ingredients well. Spread on top of cooled cake. Put in refrigerator for 1 hour before serving or overnight.

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.

Writers in our Midst!

In the Monday morning Psalms class we have been studying the various types of psalms and their styles. The book of Psalms is one of the most beloved books of the Bible precisely because it offers such heartfelt expressions from ordinary everyday people of God sharing their praise, their complaints, their cries for justice, their expressions of faith and trust, hopes, fears, angers, and more. In our last few sessions, participants have begun writing their own psalms and they are just great! Each month for the remainder of the year we will be sharing one or two of these psalms in the newsletter in the hopes that they will be a source of inspiration. If you would like to try your hand at writing one too, just talk to Pastor Tara!

A Psalm of Praise

"The Lord has created for all senses – the smell of the rose, the tastes of the fruit of the trees and vines, the sight of the blue skies, the beauty of a sunset and the soft touch of a mother's hand. How magnificent is the Lord who provided for all our needs. Thanks and Praise be unto Him forever."

WOMEN'S GUILD



A big thank you for donating paper products for our Woman's Sunday service project. We collected 84 rolls of toilet paper, 61 rolls of paper towels, 1 box of Kleenex and 2 pkgs. of napkins.

Thank you to everyone who brought items to stock the kitchen.

Shady Lane coupons are available from Judy Luckow....cost is \$10.

Our next meeting is **May 13th**, 2015, at 7pm.

USHER SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

May

3—Karen Becker & Chris Pickett

10—Joan & Ken Schaetzel

17—Sharon Reeder & Polly Weber

24—Confirmands

31—Carol & Greg Schwartz



Germantown Community Blood Drive

Hosted By

Lutheran Church of the Living Christ

Where: W156 N10660 Pilgrim Rd

When: June 1st 2015 1:00-6:00PM

For an Appointment Contact: Tim @ 262-361-2447

OUR SAVIOUR'S/ST JOHN ONE DAY TRIP

Come join us Tuesday, **June 16, from 7:30am—5:30pm** for a bus trip to Manitowoc, stopping at Natural Ovens Outlet, West of the Lake Gardens, Rahr-West Art Museum & Mansion, with final stop at Cedar Crest Ice Cream Shop. A complete itinerary for this trip can be found on the table in the lobby. A sign-up sheet can also be found in the lobby. Deadline to sign up is May 30th. Cost for bus is \$26 (does not include lunch). Please make checks payable to Our Saviour's UCC.

CELEBRATIONS: BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Mary Ann Toth | 14 Connie Ellingson |
| Matt Luckow | 17 Virginia Wendt |
| 2 Christine Toth | |
| 3 Andy Hintze | 18 Cherie Bersch |
| 5 John Delain | 22 Justin Dettmering |
| 9 Jennifer Pickett | 23 Robert Lehmann |
| Jeff Reeder | 31 Jeannie Lehmann |
| 12 Joan Schaetzel | Andrea Thomas |

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Jay & Christine Toth
16 David & Dawn Taylor
17 Kevin & Jennifer Andrae
18 Ned & Caroline Romaine
31 Gary & Mary Johnson



MAY EVENTS

2nd—9am-Noon Spring Clean-up Weed & Feed

3rd—2pm Patio Players “Hairspray”

5th—**Ruby Tuesday**

9th—10am-3pm Crafter’s Day(upstairs)

11th—4pm St. Ben’s

12th—**Ruby Tuesday**

13th—7pm Women’s Guild

14th—7pm Parish Council Mtg.

17th—Worship Cmtee. Mtg. (following Worship)

Noon-3pm Confirmation Class

3-5pm Youth Group
6:30pm Bd. Of Elders Mtg.

18th—10am-Noon— Gardening with God

19th—**Office Closed**
—**Ruby Tuesday**

20th—**Office Closed**
6pm Book Club— Starbucks

21st—**9-Noon Office Open**

22nd—**9-Noon Office Open**

24th—**10:30am Outdoor Memorial Service** (weather permitting)

26th—**Ruby Tuesday**

30th— 6:30pm Confirmation Dinner

31st—**10:30am Confirmation**



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

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**UNITED CHURCH
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*

*Sunday, May 24th—10:30am—Outdoor Memorial
Service (weather permitting)*

*Sunday, May 31st—10:30am—Confirmation of
Davis Lemke*