

# Heartbeat News



*The LORD's Instruction is perfect, reviving one's very being.  
The LORD's laws are faithful, making naive people wise.  
The LORD's regulations are right, gladdening the heart.  
The LORD's commands are pure, giving light to the eyes.  
Honoring the LORD is correct, lasting forever.  
The LORD's judgments are true. All of these are righteous!  
They are more desirable than gold—than tons of pure gold!  
They are sweeter than honey—even dripping off the honey-comb!*

*No doubt about it: your servant is enlightened by them;  
there is great reward in keeping them. (Psalm 19:7-11,  
CEB)*

In this beautiful passage, the psalmist expounds upon the goodness of God's word. It brings to mind one of my favorite movies *The Book of Eli*. Some of you may recall this movie featured in our "Food, Film, and Faith" study series last winter. In this post-apocalyptic based movie, a man named Carnegie is in search of a book and goes to great lengths sending his henchmen to gather books, but none have been "the one". Now I won't give away the plot, but what I find most interesting is what is said and understood about "the book". Carnegie explains why he wants the book, saying, "IT'S A WEAPON. A weapon aimed right at the hearts and minds of the weak and the desperate. It will give us control of them. If we want to rule more than one small town, we have to have it. People will come from all over, they'll do exactly what I tell 'em if the words are from the book. It's happened before and it'll happen again. All we need is that book." This contrasts strongly to Eli, the main character, who has the book in his possession and tells Solara, "In all these years I've been carrying it and reading it every day, I got so caught up in keeping it safe that I forgot to live by what I learned from it."

We are a people of "The Book", from our roots in the

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## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FOR JULY

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

- Set the annual Board of Deacons meeting for Sunday, July 26 at 6:30 pm.
- Discussed the financial accounts of church committees and monthly financial reporting to Council.
- Discussed grounds care of the cemetery.

Present: Eric Hillstrom, Mary Johnson, Marilyn Boettcher, Cherie Bersch, Judy Luckow, Sharon Reeder, Greg Schwartz, Pastor Tetzlaff

Absent: Donna Tess, Jim Koedinger

Next Council meeting: **August 13, 2015, at 7pm**



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Christian church we claim that the Holy Bible is a sufficient rule of faith and practice. As Protestants we proclaim *sola scriptura* or “scripture alone”. By this we mean that the Bible is the ultimate authority in all matters of doctrine and practice. We acknowledge that there may be other authorities that contribute to our faith and life but, for us, are subordinate to the Word of God as made manifest to us in the Old and New Testaments.

But the Bible is just a book, in the sense that its presence there on your shelf, or in your dresser drawer, does not impart any special power, knowledge or help. It’s like my high school English teacher would say, “if you want to understand what we’re doing, it helps if you read the book”. To understand and truly participate in the life of the Church, to follow in the way of Christ, means more than possessing a Bible, it means reading and studying the Bible. It means going to Bible study and Sunday worship to learn how the contents of the Good Book spoke to the lives of people long ago and how it continues to speak to us today. The Bible’s importance in our lives comes from our interaction with it, as we prayerfully read and listen for God’s word as it speaks to us.

If you are new to reading the Bible or have read it for years but “don’t seem to get much out of it”, its ok. That is part of why the church exists, so we can read and study together. I encourage you to prayerfully consider joining one of our Bible study groups this fall, or if you want to just read on your own, contact me and I can provide you with resources to get you started.

One of the greatest joys of my life is in the reading and studying of the Bible, in understanding that these words written 2,000 years ago (and more for the Old Testament) speak to every aspect of my life today. What a joy and a privilege we have to grow closer in our walk with God...I pray for each of you on your journey.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Tara

**Just a Reminder:** Generally, Pastor Tara’s days off are **Friday and Saturday** (this may be adjusted based on church needs). Any non-emergency calls or emails will be responded to **Sunday-Thursday**. Do not hesitate to call any-time, 24/7, for any emergency, which will be responded to promptly.

## EDUCATIONAL & SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

### GARDENING WITH GOD

Come join us on Tuesday mornings, from 9:30-11:30am for Gardening with God. Devotions and refreshments are at approximately 11:15. Please join us for part or all of this activity.

### 30TH ANNUAL FALL ART AND CRAFT FAIR

The Craft Fair Committee is busy planning for our 30th anniversary this September.

Postcards and flyers/posters will be available in late June/early July to promote the fair with potential exhibitors or to post at your favorite businesses or at your place of work. Stop by the office and pick up whatever size works best for you!

Unfortunately, we haven't been able to secure a quilt for the Quilt Raffle this year. We're evaluating other options but will likely replace that raffle with jewelry with diamonds and/or pearls. (Diamonds and pearls are the gemstones for 30<sup>th</sup> anniversaries.) If you have any leads for a quilt donation or know someone in the jewelry business who might be willing to donate or discount items, please let a craft fair committee member know.

Always a big draw at the Fair is the theme basket raffle. This year, we have a goal of having 30 baskets to raffle in celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We ask that you please help us by signing up to make one. Remember, they don't have to be large; small, practical or creative are all appealing!

We also want to thank those of you who have already donated cash or prizes to the Raffle. For those of you still considering it, we need your help! While the cash raffle has been extremely popular, we also gladly accept other raffle items as well. Gift cards for gas, restaurants, fast food, grocery stores and bookstores are popular items but we welcome any donations of new items for this raffle. If you opt for gift cards, remember to order them through Script and the church benefits twice!

If you are interested in donating cash for the youth raffle, there are envelopes on the bulletin board on the landing. We would like to purchase a savings bond or two for the youth raffle. As far as other donations for the youth raffle, gift certificates are always popular. Again, we welcome any item.

Raffle ticket packets will be available in the Narthex in late June/early July. Please pick your packets of tickets up in person and save us the cost of postage we'd have to pay if we mail them.

If you are attending other craft fairs or know someone who would like to exhibit at our fair, please help spread the word to these crafters. Applications can be picked up or e-mailed from the church office or even downloaded from the St. John web site! Don't forget flyers and post cards advertising our fair to vendors are also available.

### LAWN CUTTING

It is lawn cutting time again. We have contracted with a lawn service. As in the past year we would encourage our members to contribute to this service to help defray this expense. Please place your contribution in the offering plate and indicate that it is for the lawn service. Thank you.



### Summer Bingo Bash

The Women's Guild will host their Summer Bingo Bash on **Wednesday, August 12**. We will begin with dessert at 12:30 p.m. and then on to the games! There is no charge for this activity but we do ask that you sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. Invite your friends and neighbors as this is a great way to spend a lazy summer afternoon in fellowship. Prizes galore!!

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### BOOK CLUB

Books for Starbucks book club for the Fall (dates to be determined):

•**September**---Traveling Mercies by Anne LaMott (available for \$8.50 in church lobby)

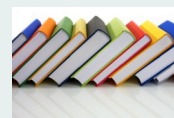
•**October**-Take This Bread by Sara Miles

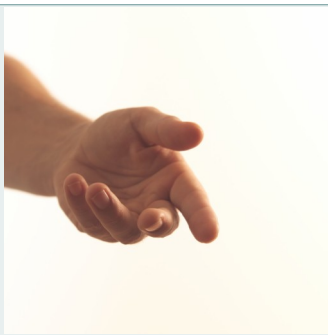
•**November**—A Christianity Worth Believing by Doug Pagitt

•**December**—Mudhouse Sabbath by Lauren F. Winner

•**January**—The Shack by Wm. Paul Young

If you would like to reserve a copy of any of these books, please contact the church office.





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 members and friends are welcome. Any question contact Sharon Reeder at 262-251-5946.

#### **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 Ruby Tuesday – Ruby Tuesday Fundraiser was held on May 5<sup>th</sup>, May 12<sup>th</sup>, May 19<sup>th</sup>, and May 26<sup>th</sup>. The profit from the fundraiser was \$73.60. Thank you to Karen Becker for organizing the event.

### **August 2015**

**St. John U.C.C. Brat Fry Day's - Pick n' Save in Menomonee Falls**

**Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 & Sunday August 16<sup>th</sup>, 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***

### **August 2015 -**

Mark your calendars-

**Miller Brewer's Game is scheduled Monday August 17<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **September 2015 –**

**Fall Celebration Sunday / Rally Day – September 13<sup>th</sup> – Tailgate Theme following Sunday service. More information TBA.**

### **October 2015**

**Crop Walk – More information TBA**

## 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.

### Cream Cheese and Blueberry Graham Cracker Torte Recipe by Cheryl Matic

#### Crust:

14 graham crackers (single squares, rolled fine)  
1/4 pound butter (melted)  
1/3 cup sugar

Pat above mixture into a 12" x 17" oblong pan.

#### Filling:

8 oz. package Cream cheese  
3 eggs (beaten)  
1/3 cup sugar  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla



#### Topping:

14oz. can blueberry or cherry pie filling or use (homemade).  
Whip cream

Mix together Cream cheese, beaten eggs, sugar, and vanilla until smooth; pour into crust. Bake in 350 degree oven for 20 minutes (no longer). Remove and cool.

Top Cheese cake with thickened blueberry or cherry pie filling (14oz. can).

Serve with whip cream if desired. Delicious!!!



**PLEASE NOTE:** There was an error in the May, 2015 Heartbeat "Recipe of the Month" for Hillcrest Mandarin Orange Cake. It listed 1 3/4 oz. instant vanilla pudding. **The correct amount is 1 3.4 oz. instant vanilla pudding. Please make this correction to your recipe.**

## 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 beauty and glory of nature's creation praises you. Your people praise you. The vast expanse of the galaxies praise you. Your people know your awesome power and the mercy you bestow upon our sinful selves. Blessed be the presence and name of our Lord.

## Historical Association

Last year St. John United Church of Church and the cemetery just west of the church were designated as historical properties in the Village of Germantown. The official plaque has now been installed at the cemetery thanks to the village Historical Commission. So drive by and take a look. The plaque is affixed to a large rock and enhances the property. At the time of this writing the plaque for the church has not been installed but it will be shortly.

## AUGUST

### USHERS

**2 Andy Boneski & John Schaetzel**  
**9 Matt & Merry Lison**  
**16 Donna Tess & Carol VanderLois**  
**23 Carol & Gregg Schwartz**  
**30 Bob & Jeannie Lehmann**

### LITURGISTS

**Pending**  
**Merry Lison**  
**Joan Schaetzel**  
**Matt Lison**  
**Caroline Romaine**

## CELEBRATING CREATION AT THE ZOO

Due to popular request we are planning a group outing to the Milwaukee County Zoo on August 26th. Outing will include a tour of the zoo, opportunity to view the special summer exhibit "Expedition Dinosaur" and

more! Cost is \$15 for adults, \$12 for ages 3-12, under 3yrs is free. Cost includes admission, one voucher for use on train, zomobile, carousel, sea lion show, OR Expedition Dinosaur, and money towards parking (we will be car-pooling, so any vehicle with 4 or more will receive money to cover parking fee). Sign up sheet available in the lobby.



## THE SUMMER OF DAVID

This year we will be running a 9 week sermon series on stories of David from 1st and 2nd Samuel. Stories will include: David and Goliath, Dancing King, David and Bathsheba, Abigail the Peacemaker, Absalom's Rebellion, and more! Special surprises in store for worshippers of all ages! This is a sermon series you won't want to miss!

## CELEBRATIONS: BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

<b>4 Isabella Delain</b>	<b>20 Corrine Szymik</b>
<b>5 Jackson Hintz</b>	<b>21 Stephanie Toth</b>
<b>6 ElNor Goeckerman</b>	<b>24 Amy Wallschlaeger</b>
<b>9 Jim Toth</b>	<b>26 Ashley Skrober</b>
<b>12 Carol Vanderlois</b>	<b>27 Donna Tess</b>
<b>16 Kevin Andrae</b>	<b>28 Elliot Romaine</b>
<b>18 Kathy Maly</b>	
<b>19 Jay Schaetzel</b>	
<b>David Reeder</b>	



### AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

**2 Jason & Janelle Lietzau**  
**10 David & Sharon Reeder**  
**20 Jeff & Kay Wendt**

### AUGUST EVENTS

<b>1st—10am-3pm</b> Brat Fry (Men. Falls Pick 'n Save)	<b>17th—4:45pm</b> Brewers Game
<b>4th—9:30-11:30am</b> Gar- dening with God	<b>18th—9:30-11:30am</b> Gar- dening with God
<b>10th—4pm</b> St. Ben's - <b>4:30pm</b> Christian Bd. Of Education Mtg.	<b>25th—9:30-11:30am</b> Gar- dening with God
<b>11th— 9:30-11:30am</b> Gar- dening with God	<b>26th</b> Milwaukee County Zoo
<b>12th—12:30pm</b> Bingo Bash	<b>29th—9am</b> Church Cleaning
<b>13th—10am</b> Spiritual Life - <b>7pm</b> Council Mtg.	
<b>16th—10am-3pm</b> Brat Fry (Men. Falls Pick 'n Save)	

**PLEASE NOTE: Pastor Tara will be out of the of-  
fice from August 2  
(following Worship) thru  
August 8th.**



### FALL CELEBRA- TION SUNDAY— SEPT.13TH

Join us for a fun  
kick off to the fall  
season AND watch  
the Packers kick-off  
against the Bears.  
Tailgate-style pot-  
luck after church.  
The game will be on  
TV and there will be  
some fun games  
and activities for  
the kids.



**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS**

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Our Mission is to Celebrate, Reach  
Out, Enrich, and Welcome in the  
name of Jesus Christ.

PLEASE  
PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE



*God is still speaking,*  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**

### **WORSHIP SERVICES**

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

***Sunday School: 11:15-Noon at St. John  
UCC, starting September 20th.***

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