



June 2017 Newsletter

St. John's UCC Monroe WI

Photo taken by David Deininger of the flower bed south side of the church



- 8:00am The Word at St. John's
- 9:00am Traditional Worship Service at St. John's
- 9:00am Summer Faith Zone/Nursery
- 10:30am Worship at

St. Clare Friedensheim Chapel

Sunday, June 4th ~ Pentecost Sunday
Please wear Red to church.

Church Office Announcements

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8:00am – 4:00pm

Friday: 8am – Noon

St. John's Prayer Tree

The following are the Prayer Tree Team Leaders for the month of June.

- June 4 Gloria Rieder 325.6854
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- June 11 Denise Riese 325.2691
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- June 18 Kathy Bartelt 325.1068
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- June 25 Kris Winkler 325.9326
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Senior High Work Trip

Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota will be the destination of the Senior High Youth from June 18th – 24th. Our thoughts and prayers go with them.

Congregational Meeting



Sunday, June 11th at 10am

The Church Council is calling a Congregational Meeting to be held on June 11, 2017 immediately following the 9:00am worship service. The agenda item will be Stage 1 of the Campital Campaign which will include action on a multi-media system.

In preparation for the meeting, there will be a Question & Answer session held on Sunday, June 4 following the 9:00am worship service. St. John's members are encouraged to attend both events.

Relay for Life



St. John's Relay for Life team is having the following fundraisers.

Papa Murphy's Wednesday, June 7th

Papa Murphy's Monday, June 26th

Please remember to mention this is for St. John's Relay for Life Team when paying so the team can get a percentage of the sales. We'd appreciate your support.

Appreciation Breakfast Recipe

We had many requests for this at our Appreciation breakfast.

Baked Oatmeal

Servings: 6

Prep Time: 10 Minutes

Cook Time: 40 Minutes

Total Time: 50 Minutes

Ingredients

2 cups old-fashioned rolled oats (not instant)

3/4 cup light brown sugar

1 cup walnuts or pecans, divided

1/2 cup raisins

1 teaspoon baking powder

2 teaspoons cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon salt

2 large eggs

2 cups milk

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted, plus more for greasing the dish

2 tart yet sweet baking apples, such as Honey Crisp, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch chunks (about 2 cups)

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 325°F. Grease an 8 or 9-inch baking dish with butter.

2. In a medium bowl, combine the oats, brown sugar, 1/2 cup of the nuts, raisins, baking powder, cinnamon and salt. Mix well.

3. In another bowl, break up the eggs with a whisk; then whisk in the milk and vanilla until well combined.

4. Add the milk mixture to the oat mixture, along with the melted butter.

5. Scatter the apples evenly on the bottom of the prepared baking dish. Pour the oatmeal mixture over top and spread evenly. Sprinkle remaining 1/2 cup nuts on top.

Bake for 40-45 minutes, until the top is golden and the oats are set. Serve warm or at room temperature.

You can substitute cranberries or fresh blueberries for the apples; stir in the batter rather than layering at the bottom.

Invest in the Vision: Strengthen the Church!

In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Acts:1:17

On the original day of Pentecost, Peter spoke of future dreams and visions. Today, these visions and dreams are created in the hearts of many in the United Church of Christ.

Through the *Strengthen the Church* offering, which we will receive on **Pentecost Sunday, June 4th**, these visions and dreams can become a life-giving reality.

Your gift will help plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop spiritual life in our youth and young adults—in our local churches, in our state, and across the nation.

As God calls us to find new ways to “be church” for the 21st Century, our prayer is that you will invest generously in God’s future.

Offering envelopes will be in the pews and in the racks at each entrance.

Our Peanut Butter Collection Continues.

By June 15th we hope to have collected 200 jars of peanut butter. A jar will be given to each family at the June Second Harvest Food Pantry as a small gift from our congregation. We encourage **YOU** to be a part of this mission outreach for members of our community. Boxes for your contribution are near the front entrance, CE entrance and the office.

Thank you.



Second Harvest Food Pantry – We need YOUR help!!

This mobile food pantry comes to the Monroe St. Vincent de Paul Store, the third Thursday of each month. It will be there on **June 15th with food being distributed from 3-4pm**. A voucher system is used so call the store for details if you don't have one. Organizers of this mission project are St. Vincent de Paul and St. Victor Catholic Church. They are supported by various local groups and churches. It is a privilege to be a part of this mission outreach that helps to improve the life of

residents in our community. **St. John's is responsible for volunteers for June. If you are able to help from 2-4:30pm, please call Gloria Rieder, 325-6854 or the church office, 325.2165.**



Thank you to all the members of St. John's UCC for your very generous donations for our Relay for Life bake sale. Thank you to all who baked.

Always a wide variety of delicious baked goods. We can't thank you enough for your wonderful support.

St. John's UCC Relay for Life Team



Thank you to De Paulson and family for the donation of "Jesus in the Garden" artwork now hanging in the Friedensheim Chapel. It is a lovely memorial given in honor of her parents Doran and Belva Zwygart.

Also thank you to the Zwygart and Paulson families for planting Rev. Schuh's urn at the cemetery. They have done this for numerous years.

Thank you to the Bernet family for donating flowers for the Christian Education flowerbed.

Keep in Mind the Following Dates

July 2nd and July 30th will be Communion Sundays
August 6 Outdoor Workshop at Pleasant View Park
August 9th, 10th, 11th Camp Creation
August 12th Golf outing in Brodhead

At St. John's, our hospitality is.....



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

St. John's United Church of Christ "Hospitality Sunday" Coming in September

We will celebrate "Hospitality Sunday" on **Sunday September 24th** at 9:00am worship. This special event will feature wonderful music, a stirring message, a bit of fun and lots of fellowship. Be sure to stay afterwards for a spectacular PIE SOCIAL!

This is a great opportunity to introduce a friend, relative, neighbor or colleague to our "St John's style of hospitality": warm, friendly and accepting.

Please join us Sunday, September 24th at 9:00am, plan on a great time, and be sure to bring a friend!

I don't believe you can ever say thank you enough! I would personally like to thank everyone who played a role in our hosting of the Southwest Association meeting on May 6th! We received many compliments on our hospitality--so whether you greeted guests, baked a pie, made a salad, set up chairs, helped in the kitchen, sang in the choir, played bells or piano, ushered, or answered emails... Thank you, one and all! Ann Prohett

A Note of Thanks

from Rev. Dr. Mark E. Yurs, Pastor, Salem UCC

Thank you very much for everything you did to host the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Southwest Wisconsin Association of the United Church of Christ. The hospitality you provided was second to none, and the service you rendered to us all was warm and generous. From the greetings already in the parking lot!-to the first sips of coffee, to the marvelous lunch, and, I am sure, to the locking of the door after the last of us left, you outdid yourselves to make for a wonderful day in the life of our Association. I give God Thanks for you.

Creative Women's Circle

On Thursday, May 3, Creative Christian Women's Circle met in the library. Cheri Benson led the Bible study lesson from the book *Living Beyond the Daily Grind* by Charles Swindall, "The Grind of Laziness." After the lesson a discussion was held about lessons and programs for next year, as this was our last meeting until we meet for our annual family picnic in August, with regular meetings starting September 7th. A motion was also made to make a donation to the campital campaign fund and The New Glarus Home, which carried. The circle members extend a welcome to anyone who would like to come and join them. Cheri Benson



Stewardship Report

April Income	Year to Date Income
\$25,673.26	\$142,937.93
April Expense	Year to Date Expense
\$35,139.31	\$152,664.04
April Offering	Year to Date Offering
\$22,934.00	\$102,790.50

Adopt a Bill

Another way to help St. John's financially. Located on the bulletin boards by the library, in Fellowship Hall, and at the entrance of the Christian Education Wing, you will find a series of cards stapled to the "Adopt a Bill" explanation sheet. These cards represent many everyday expenses and future bills that we have at St. John's. Please remember any amount you contribute to any bill is a great help to St. John's finances.

Thank you to Terry & Laura Hughes for adopting organ repair, emergency fund, advertising, and popcorn and juice for the Faith Zone.

BUY SCRIP!

Scrip! We have the perfect gift for dad; a Scrip card!!! You will find something to please him if you look over our blue order form. There are endless choices, especially if you go online at glscrip.com. We hope you will continue your support of the Scrip program throughout the summer months. Someone will be in the Library after the 9am service each Sunday morning. Yvonne and Judy will also help you during the week in the church office. **Your support of this program is needed and appreciated. Thank you.**



Green County Food Pantry

Green County Food Pantry in Monroe is now open Wednesday morning from 9am to 11am and Monday afternoon 2pm to 4:30pm. Between Christie and Stewart Strait and Keith Ginner the food is delivered to the Green County Food Pantry on the first Monday of the month. The next delivery of food items to the Food Pantry will be Monday morning, June 5th. Items the pantry could use; macaroni/cheese, tuna, can meals, pork and beans, soups, canned fruit, canned vegetables, jello/pudding, cake/brownie mixes, pasta, crackers, peanut butter, cereal, oatmeal, box potatoes, pancake mix, flour, sugar, pancake syrup, and personal care items. Food containers are in the entrance of the Christian Education Wing during the week and each entrance on Sunday morning.



Other Community Events

Parent Support Group

Meeting Monday, June 12th at 5:30pm -7pm at St. John's United Church of Christ.

Topic: Internet Safety

The topic is an important one for everyone that raises or works with any youth, particularly pre-teens and teens. SARP-WI will be joining us to discuss Internet Safety for Youth! Please pass this information on to anyone that may benefit from it. This is an important topic and we would like to reach as many people as possible.

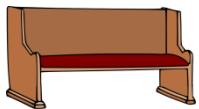
Childcare: If you are in need of childcare, please contact Danielle Ewing by **noon on June 5th**.

To RSVP for this meeting or for additional information on this or future Parent Support Group meetings, please contact Danielle Ewing by phone 608.328.9315 or dewing@gchsd.org
Find us on facebook @Green County WI Parent Support Group

HEAL Grief Support Group

HEAL grief and education group offers sessions open to anyone 18 years and older who has experienced the death of someone special. Learn about the grieving process and ideas for coping and healing in a safe and a supportive setting. Six week sessions Wednesdays, June 7th – July 12th
6:00pm – 7:30pm

Meetings are held at the Monroe Clinic Hospice St. Camillus Center at 2101 Sixth Street
There is no cost to attend. Space is limited. To register or express interest in attending this program, please call 608-324-1230 or 800.367.8406. You may also visit www.monroeclinic.org to learn more.



A Place In the Pew

Thursday, June 15th
1:00pm – 3:30pm

Barneveld UCC 104 South Jones Street
Barneveld, WI

Dementia Workshop for Faith Community Leaders
We invite Faith Community Leaders to learn about strategies, services, and programs to better support members of their communities who have Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and their families.

RSVP to Whitney Thompson, Dementia Care Specialist at the ADRC at 608.426.4295 or wthompson@gchsd.org.

For more information, contact Whitney or Pastor Carolyn Kennedy at 608.712.6142.

Zwingli Summer Supper

Zwingli UCC in Monticello, WI
Friday, June 9th 5:00pm – 7:30pm
Fellowship Hall (handicapped accessible)
Menu: Items priced separately
Barbecues, Brats, Potato Salad, Deviled Eggs, Angel Food or Chocolate Cake, Ice Cream, Fruit Pies, Coffee, Milk, Lemonade
7:00pm Crowning Monticello's Dairy Queen

Loaves and Fishes Community Meal

will be Sunday, June 25th from 4:00-6:00pm at the Grace Lutheran Church. This community meal is always the fourth Sunday, always at Grace Lutheran Church and always no charge, everyone is welcome. Volunteers are needed to cook, serve, welcome and clean up. If you are available to volunteer contact Donna Phillips at 608.325.3738.



Church Records

Baptized January – May 2017

Owen Edwin Schenk son of
Matthew and Tara Olson Schenk
Clara Lyn Beach daughter of
Andrew and Lisa Ziltner Beach
Grayson Paul Schmid son of
Ronald and Stacy Crackenberger Schmid
Ethan Michael Williams son of
Mike and Carrie Williams
Sarah Jane Prien
Pavel Tris Shouse

Weddings

May 20 Ryan Genn and Alicia Foulker

Our Sympathy to the family and friends of

Violetta Baumgartner
Zee Bauman

Memorial gifts given to St. John's

In loving memory of

Violetta Baumgartner from

Gloria Rieder for Endowment

Dar Schwarzenberger

Faye Gordon

Marilyn McElhaney

Lois Kaster

Kathy Collins

Kevin & Kris Winkler

Dave & Jan Wartenweiler

Randy & Sue Armstrong

Richard Gratz

De Paulson

Roger & Joan Goepfert

John & Donna Glynn

Dee Olson

Richard Feller

Charles & Ruth Ingold

Richard & Margaret Wyss

Bill & Joan Schmid

Marilyn McArdle

Hedy Swiggum

Nancy Studer

Fred & Letty Studer

Larry & Dianne Kundert

Ron & Rondi Smith

David & Lorraine Deininger

Jane Paradowski

Dave & Janeen Babler for Endowment

Jean Tullett

Brian & Cindy Zimmerman

Henry & Melva Tschanz

Judy Frazier

Family & Friends

Dennis & Jane Ganshart

Bub & Lori Zwygart

Zee Bauman from

Gloria Rieder for Endowment

Lois Kaster

Dave & Jan Wartenweiler

Dar Schwarzenberger

Ross Hamilton & Cynthia Babler

for Sewing Ladies

Stewart & Christie Strait

Henry & Melva Tschanz

Mike & Mary Ann Krebs for Sewing Ladies

Family and Friends

June Anniversaries



This anniversary list consists of church members, celebrating at least 50 years of marriage and more.

June 10

Ron and Joyce Anderson

June 13

Ronald and Barbara Thurston

June 16

Dennis and Sharon Hetland

June 17

Dennis and Beverly Stuckey

June 20

Ernest and Joyce Steinmann

June 21

Wilbert and Leona Klassey

June 23

Frederick and Phyllis Blanc

June 24

Charles and Diane Phillips

June 25

William and Marilyn Hartwig

June 26

Wilson and Tamara Bloom

June 26

William and Joan Schmid

June 27

Harlow and Ila Duerst

June Birthdays

To make our special birthday list you will need to reach the young age of 75. The names with the * are members who have reached the young age of 90.

June 1

Jean Goepfert

June 2

Helen Miller

June 3

June Gruenberg

June 4

Viola Nafzger*

June 4

Nancy Spoerry

June 6

Carla Hartwig

June 6

Lois Tearman

June 8

Donna Hoesly

June 8

Werner Vogel

June 9

Norman Gruenewald*

June 12

Stewart Strait

June 14

Merle Robertson

June 17

Ann Stuessy

June 18

Albert Buri

June 18

Marilyn Hartwig

June 20

David Riese

June 21

Bert Tschanz*

June 22

Henry Schmid

June 27

Henry Tschanz





Those Serving at St. Clare Friedensheim Chapel

June 4 De Paulson, Dr. Merlin Olson,
Ruth Ellen Putnam

June 11 Al and Shirley Buri

June 18 Marlea Steiner

June 25 Royletta Moon

July 2 Harlow and Ila Duerst, Lois Kaster

Those Serving at St. John's

June 4 8:00am Communion Team 6

Dennis Stoneback, Rosemary Forcade, Jack Oostdik, Peggy Meier, Leslie Rasmussen, Kirstin Rood, Marlea Steiner, Ryan Stoneback, Michael and Angie Werth, Kevin and Kris Winkler

June 4 9:00am Usher Team 7

Tim Binger, Jim and Cathy Crubaugh, Sharon Drews, Glenda Fritsch, Joan Miller, Keith and Peggy Riese, Kimberly Wilhite

June 4 9:00am Communion Team 7

David and Holly Schmid, Rita Benkert, David and Mary Deininger, Shelly Isely, Randall Ninmer, Gloria Rieder, Athleen Schenk, Shawn Steinmann, Henry Tschanz

June 11 9:00am Usher Team 1

John A. Kundert, Ron Anderson, Greg Boll, Pete Koch, James Kundert, Jeffrey Kundert, Pauline Phillips, Bill Riese

June 18 9:00am Usher Team 2

Henry and Melva Tschanz, Lee Binkley, Dave Engerman, Gene Hilfiker, Roger and Donna Hoesly, Helen Miller

June 25 9:00am Usher Team 3

David and Holly Schmid, Bryan Buri, Shelly Isely, Walter Rufener, Jodee Stamm, Marlea Steiner, Kevin and Kris Winkler

July 2 8:00am Communion Team 8

Brian and Donna Geissbuhler, Randy and Sue Armstrong, Marlene Bergemann, Ann Bush, Barbara French, Dave and Lana Haffele, Walter Rufener, Mark Steinmann

July 2 9:00am Usher Team 4

David Wartenweiler, Brian and Donna Geissbuhler, Daniel Hager, Richard Hager, Ross Hamilton, Gerald Karlen, Frederick Kelley, Kenneth Klassey, Jeffrey and Kathy Rufer

July 2 9:00am Communion Team 1

Dan and Debra Kattiger, Paul Beach, Lee Binkley, Chandra Deprez, Paula Elmer, Stuart and Terri Grossen, James Kundert, Jeffrey Kundert, Diane Phillips, Mark Witke

Hospital: If you or a loved one is admitted to the hospital, please contact the church office (325-2165). This will insure your pastoral care needs are met in a timely manner.

Do You Need a Ride to Church? The Monroe Cab is willing to bring you to the 9am or 10:30am service. Please call the Monroe Cab at 325-6993 well before the service to arrange for a ride. When you mention that you are going to or from St. John's or Friedensheim, your fare will be paid by the church.

Need to Be in Touch?

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See U in Church!