



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

# NEWSLETTER

*News & updates from our church for our community*

## Stating Our Faith in Urgent Times

by Matt Laney | published on Jul 21, 2023

One of the teachers of religious law was standing there listening to the debate. He realized that Jesus had answered well, so he asked, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" – Mark 12:28 (NLT)

During a recent memorial service, a daughter shared her deceased father's personal creed, which included maxims like: "You should not confuse your career with your life." "Nobody cares if you can't dance well; just get up and dance." "Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night."

She spoke with urgency, each word a raised fist against the heart attack that took her father, only to reveal that these pearls of wisdom were not original. He had lifted them from a sign at Jimmy Johns.

Although less flip and colloquial, religious creeds function much the same way: they are words we did not write, posted on the metaphorical walls of the church, passed down from our elders to focus our hearts on what matters most.

Some of us are suspicious of dogmatic "I believe" litanies, skeptical of any tool that might be used by the powerful to impose conformity and control. I appreciate the skepticism, but at their best, creeds and faith statements offer a collective raised fist to the machinations of death, injustice, and the empty promises of our world.

So if the dusty words of the Apostles Creed no longer ring true, or if they feel oppressive, it's time for new statements. Not new credos of personal perspective, although they are important too, but new expressions of the shared bedrocks that ground us: Creator, Christ, Spirit, Love, Liberation, Community.

In the face of our current national and global crises, freshening up our statements of faith may sound like a superfluous, low priority exercise. However, faith is critical in urgent times. Defying dysfunction and evil begins with affirming God's vision for all creation. Belief fuels action. Our actions reflect our beliefs.

Prayer: May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be faithful in action, O God my Rock.



**Prayer Families:**

August 6 LaVerne Dollert  
August 13 Kaitlyn & Brady Watry  
August 20 Mark & Nancy Gierach  
August 27 John & Penny Fransee

To protect our members' privacy we cannot publish mailing addresses. If you are in need of a family's address, please contact the church office at [saukvilleucc@att.net](mailto:saukvilleucc@att.net) or 262-284- 0588 and we can email or mail you an updated membership list with addresses.

*Faith is the road  
to the impossible*

## *Caring Ministries*

Our Prayer Team's prayer list is updated every month. Please let Gail Weigel know if you are interested in this mission. You are asked to pray for a specific portion of the list in whatever way you are comfortable. Information is sent via email so you do not need to pass it on.

Thank you for supporting Caring Ministries through the purchase of handmade cards. We are no longer included in the church budget so we appreciate your support with card sales.

To call in a prayer request, please email Gail at [saukvilleucc@att.net](mailto:saukvilleucc@att.net)





SUBMITTED BY KAITLYN BECK

Council Meeting - Tuesday, July 11, 2023 6:00p.m.

Council Members Present: President: Heather Rogge, Vice President: Sue Sarver, Treasurer: Joan Brecke, Secretary: Kaitlyn Watry, Wally Quade

Open with prayer by Heather.

Secretary Report: Motion made by Joan to accept the June meeting minutes, seconded by Wally. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Motion made by Wally to accept the June treasurer report, seconded by Sue. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:  
No reports this month.

Old Business:

Heather is finalizing kitchen incentive agreement with Carrie.

The outdoor service with Potluck is on Sunday, August 6th with Bella Musik, bring your favorite dish to pass. Church will provide the main entree.

New Business:

Brainstorm some ways to sell more script cards and plan your buy ahead.

Carrie time off approved for August 11-18, 2023.

Ed has looked at the AV system.

Updating our wedding policy to say "contact church for details".

Looking into getting security cameras for the doors, issues of doors being left unlocked.

The next council meeting on Tuesday, August 8th will be open for everyone to attend at 6:30. It will be held at the Brecke household: 216 S. Ulao in Saukville. Council will supply snacks and drinks! Please bring some visioning ideas you have for the church!!

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Wally and seconded by Joan. Motion passed.

Close with prayer.

# Happy Anniversary!

Jane & Chip Elbe

August 24, 1973

Mark & Nancy Gierach

August 12, 1995

Dan & Patty Gilbert

August 31, 1980

Bing & Chelene Golownia

August 10, 1963

Mike & Sandy Smith

August 29, 1980

# Happy Birthday

August 2

Daniel Dollert

August 4

Dave Hodgson

August 5

Baker Metz

August 5

Nancy Gierach

August 5

Nathan Golownia

August 8

Elizabeth Feith (98 years!)

August 19

Ann Murawsky (80 years!)

August 24

Evan Race

August 27

Daniel Golownia

August 31

Mark Gierach





# August Schedule

## Worship Volunteers

6	AUG, SUN	Accompanist: Bella Musik Service at Grady Park Altar Flowers: Jessica Lemberg AV: Bill Karrels Communion Setup & Cleanup: Sue Sarver Fellowship Time: Kathy Tauben Pulpit Supply: Rev. Laura Blanco Reader: Ingrid Newlin Record Service: ?
13	AUG, SUN	Accompanist: Mike Chapel Altar Flowers: ? AV: Bill Karrels Fellowship Time: Matt Degroff & Chelene Golownia Pulpit Supply: Rev. Laura Blanco Reader: Gail Weigel Record Service: ?
20	AUG, SUN	Accompanist: Mike Chapel Altar Flowers: Heather Rogge AV: Bill Karrels Fellowship Time: Jessica Lemberg Pulpit Supply: Rev. Laura Blanco Reader: Marla Race Record Service: ?
27	AUG, SUN	Accompanist: Mike Chapel Altar Flowers: Kathy Quade AV: Bill Karrels Fellowship Time: Ingrid Newlin Pulpit Supply: Rev. Laura Blanco Reader: Ron Newlin Record Service: ?

*We are thankful for all of our volunteers. Why not add your name to the rotation? If you would like to volunteer to help with worship services, please contact Carrie in the Church office at [saukvilleucc@att.net](mailto:saukvilleucc@att.net) 262-284-0588.*



**TEAM ♥ UP!**



### August Events



#### Talk-n-Treat Tuesdays

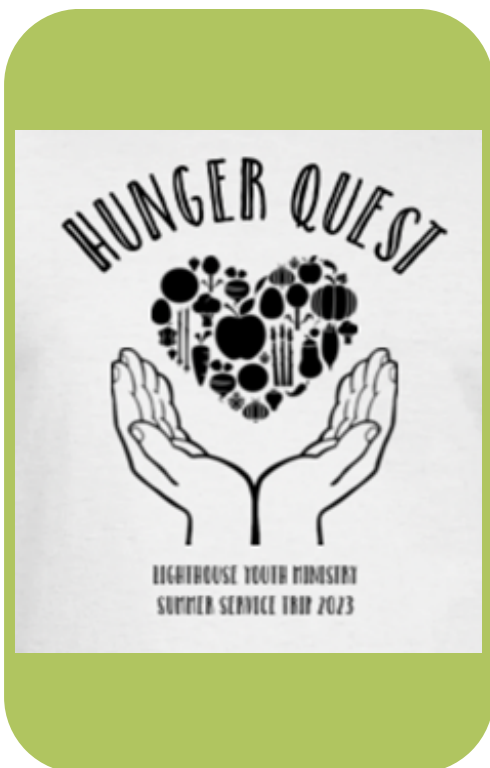
Come hang out for an informal time to chat while also enjoying a tasty treat (on us!).

This is a great opportunity to catch up with your Lighthouse pals  
or invite some new friends to join us!

August 8th, 7:00-8:00 pm\* at Toucan Custard - for any/all middle schoolers

August 15th, 7:00-8:00 pm\* at Toucan Custard - for any/all high schoolers

\*Please note the times have been changed to evening to hopefully accommodate more people. Students should be dropped off and picked up directly from Toucan Custard.



August 18th-20th – “Hunger Quest” Service Trip  
It’s estimated that more than 345 million people around the world are facing high levels of food insecurity this year. Later this month, a group of youth and adults from Lighthouse will learn more about the issue of hunger through an awesome service trip weekend which includes:

- Helping out at 3 different service organizations who are dedicated to tackling the issues of hunger and food insecurity.
- Experiencing a glimpse of what it feels like to be hungry by participating in a 24-hour famine
- Opportunities for worship and faith discussions throughout the weekend
- A bonus day at Six Flags Great America!

Please keep the youth and adults participating in this experience in your prayers!

Sunday, August 27th, 5:00-7:00 pm – Family Fall Kickoff Event

Bring your families and come enjoy some games, free food, and hear about all the exciting things we’ve got planned for the new school year together!

Lighthouse events are open to all students in grades 5-12

Have questions about Lighthouse or want to get involved?

Contact Director Christin Flucke at 262-483-9582 or [christin.flucke@lighthouseyouth.org](mailto:christin.flucke@lighthouseyouth.org)





# Worship in the Park

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 AT 10 AM  
at Grady Park, Saukville**

Potluck lunch will follow the service.  
Please bring a lawn chair and a dish to pass.  
Parkside will provide sandwiches and drinks.

*featuring music by:*

*Bella* MUSIK

*Yes, all are welcome!*



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