



**PARKSIDE COMMUNITY
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

DECEMBER 2022

NEWSLETTER

News & updates from our church for our community

*May the God of
Hope fill you
with Joy, Peace
and Love!*

*from your
Parkside Family*



Lighthouse Spreads Christmas Cheer!

Lighthouse Youth are assisting with the Family Promise Christmas Party on Dec. 14th 5:30-7:45 pm. Help spread Christmas cheer to some kids in our community as we partner with Family Promise of Ozaukee County for a fun family Christmas party! We'll be helping to lead crafts and other activities for the kids at the party. If you'd like to help, please come to Parkside Community United Church of Christ (166 W. Dekora St. in Saukville) at 5:30 on Wednesday, December 14th. Please let Christin Flucke know if you are able to help.

Caring Ministries

Prayer Families:

December 4 Herb Muecke

December 11 Layla Brock

December 18 Matt DeGroff
and John Patneaude

December 25 Ann Murawsky



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 or 262-284- 0588 and we can email or mail you an updated membership list with addresses.

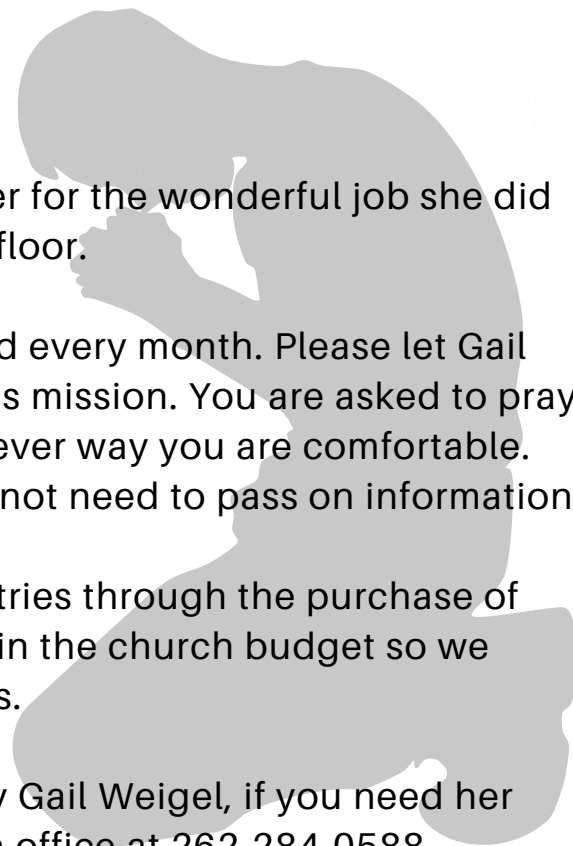
Updates

A thank you note was sent to Sue Sarver for the wonderful job she did cleaning the carpets on the entire first floor.

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 on information.

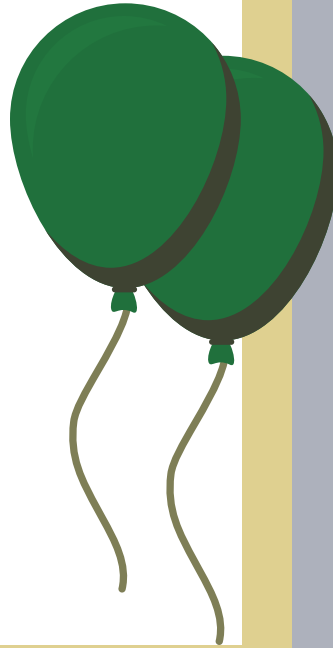
Thank you for supporting Caring Ministries through the purchase of handmade cards. We are not included in the church budget so we appreciate your support with card sales.

To call in a prayer request please notify Gail Weigel, if you need her contact information contact the church office at 262-284-0588.



Happy Birthday!

December 7 Bill Karrels
December 9 Penny Fransee
December 13 Giorgio Fuentes
December 16 Denise Golownia
December 18 Steve Beck
December 21 Garrett Steigerwald
December 21 Ian Steigerwald
December 22 Emily Roberts
December 24 Ingrid Newlin
December 26 Gloria Miller (85!)
December 28 Bethel Flynn
December 29 Jane Elbe



Happy Anniversary!

Marla and Dan Race
Married December 3, 1983

Dan & Gail Weigel
Married on December 28, 1966

Rev. Susan Drake & Rev. Julie Jennings
Married on December 31, 1999



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 8

SUBMITTED BY SUE SARVER

Present: Heather Rogge, Sue Sarver, Kaitlyn Watry, Joan B, Kathy T, Wally Q

Open with prayer: Heather

Council Minutes: Motion made by Joan B. to accept the October minutes; second Wally Q. motion passed. Treasurer report- Motion made by Wally Q to accept the Treasure report for October, second by Kaitlyn W Motion passed.

Committees:

Faith Formation & Youth- Lighthouse Trick or Treat gathering food for the Food Pantry, had a good time. Parkside received a copy of the Lighthouse Youth Ministry 2023 Budget. Parkside will be contacting Lighthouse that Parkside would be reviewing yearly giving to the organization.

Stewardship: Stewardship Campaign – From Bread and Cup to Faith and Giving pledge cards were distributed and some have been received. Would explore for the 2024 if we would continue this process of sending them out.

Worship: November 20th potluck and Advent decorating. Tuesday Nov. 22nd Christ the King hosting Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service.

Building & Grounds: Renewed contract for snow removal held the price from the 2021-2022 season. Wally will be changing out the furnace filters at church and parsonage. Storm door needs replacing on the parsonage Brady Watry will do the work.

Caring- Prayer list being provided. Cards with gift cards sent to college kids.

Missions-Sock Drive- Collecting Men and Woman socks for Bob under the Bridge.

Old Business:

Annual Congregational Meeting – Nov. 13 following church service – Election for Church Secretary, Member at Large, and Maintenance Trust. If you are interested, please contact a church council member.

Church Parsonage- Gathering information as to what our options - will be discussing at the Annual meeting

A Place to Be agreement ending end of December – Heather has a meeting schedule with Kelly.

Received requested days from Carrie to be out of office Dec. 13, 14, 26, 28, 29 and 30th . – Dates approved



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 8 CONTINUED

SUBMITTED BY SUE SARVER

New Business: Nine Ladies Dancing will be using the fellowship hall February 18th 2023 (date change from Nov 12th) -Joan will open and close the church. Council agree to no charge for the space usage.

Underwriter for Insurance Board did a walk through – Wally Q was present.

Saukville Elementary preformed emergency test evacuation drill, they gather outside our doors -need discuss with the school best way for them to have access to enter the building. Cancelled agreement with National Elevator Inspection Services and signed agreement with WI Elevator Inspection Inc.

Discussion regarding Christmas Eve service will need to confirm with Pastor Laura and further discussion at Annual meeting for the time of service. Will also be discussing if there will be a Christmas Day service being it lands on a Sunday.

Holton Brother's provided a quote for repairs on the chimney on the church \$3,870.00. Due to the time of year Wally will check if the work can be completed in 2022 -should it be to late in the year, would they be willing to hold the price for 2023.

Review of the budget for 2023.

Motion to adjourn by sue S. second by Kaitlyn W., motion passed. Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Stewardship

An Update from the Stewardship Committee:

Thank you to everyone who sent in your pledge for 2023 church expenses. If you would still like to make a pledge, please send to the church office, either via email or snail mail. Please know that it is understood that circumstances change throughout the year. If for some reason the pledge cannot be completed, it will be ok. Also. If you would like your pledge/tithes paid automatically from your account, please contact Carrie for assistance.

The Stewardship Committee will hold its December meeting on Sunday December 11 after Worship.



MINUTES FROM ALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOVEMBER 13, 2022

SUBMITTED BY SUE SARVER

Meeting called to order: Heather Rogge

Open with Prayer: Pastor Laura

**Treasurer Report: Review of the 2023 proposed budget by Joan Brecke.
Discussions regarding the budget.**

Motion by Ron Newlin to accept the budget for 2023 as presented, second by Sandy Habersetzer. Motion passed.

Motion made by Sandy Dickmann to accept the minutes of Nov. 27, 2021 Annual Congregational meeting, second by Wally Quade. Motion passed.

Parsonage: Open discussions regarding options usage as a parsonage for a pastor, rent to another non-profit, rent as a residential pros vs cons etc. Discussion regarding the future of the parsonage.

Motion made by Ron Newlin that the church council has the option to sell the parsonage for no less than \$210,000 and that the church would tithe 10% of the profit to missions. Second by Ingrid Newlin, motion passed.

Elections: Church Council Member at Large: Wally Quade nominated Christian Lemberg (2 year term), second by Gail Weigel, nomination accepted. Church Council Secretary: Sue Sarver nominated Kaitlyn Watry (2 year term), second by Bill Karrels – Sue Sarver to complete Kaitlyn's 1 year term as Vice President. Nomination accepted. Maintenance Trust Fund: Sandy Habersetzer nominated Matthew Degroff as Committee Chairperson, second by Joan Brecke, nomination accepted.

New committee members is effective January 1st, 2023

We would like to say "Thank you" to Kris Schmidt for her many years as Chairwoman of the maintenance trust committee, also Kathy Tauben for her time service as member at large on the church council.

Christmas Eve Service will be at 4:00pm, no church service on Christmas Day.

Discussion for the good of the church to continue recording/live feed of our church service. Motion by Wally Quade to purchase an iPad/tablet and a tripod adapter up to \$400, second by Joan Brecke. Motion passed.

Motion by Joan Brecke to adjourn, second by Chelene Golownia, motion passed.

Concert Held by Andy Smith to Benefit Food Pantry

On October 27, Andy Smith performed a concert at Parkside. Attendees were asked to bring along a donation of canned goods to donate to the pantry.

Check our Facebook page for an announcement of another concert coming up later this winter.



Trick or Treat

On October 31, the Lighthouse Ecumenical Youth Group went trick or treating to COLLECT canned goods from neighbors to donate to the food pantry.



Scrip makes great stocking stuffers!

We have many cards in stock, but if you are looking for something we don't have, place your order and pre-pay by Dec 11 and we can have it for you on Dec 18.

CAN YOU PUSH A BUTTON?



At our November 13 All Congregationaal Meeting we collectively expressed a need for recording our services to reach those who can't join us in person. As a result, we purchased an iPad, tripod, and online streaming music licenses. Now, all we need is a volunteer to "push the record button" and do the recordings. If you can push a record button, Carrie can train you how to record the service and post it to Youtube and Facebook. The iPad is all setup to make it just a few easy steps.

DECEMBER SCHEDULE

4	DEC, SUN	Accompanist: Rev. Laura Blanco Altar Flowers: Jessica Lemberg AV: Bill Karrels Communion Setup & Cleanup: Joan Breck Fellowship Time: Matt DeGross Pulpit Supply: Rev. Laura Blanco Reader: Sue Sarver Record Service: ?
11	DEC, SUN	Accompanist: Mike Chapel Altar Flowers: Jessica Lemberg AV: Bill Karrels Fellowship Time: Jessica Lemberg Pulpit Supply: Rev. Laura Blanco Reader: Ron Newlin Record Service: ?
18	DEC, SUN	Accompanist: Mike Chapel Altar Flowers: Jessica Lemberg AV: Bill Karrels Fellowship Time: Ingrid Newlin Pulpit Supply: Rev. Laura Blanco Reader: Howard Brecke Record Service: ?
24	DEC, SAT	Accompanist: Mike Chapel Altar Flowers: Jessica Lemberg AV: Bill Karrels (confirmed) Christmas Eve Service at 4pm Fellowship Time: No fellowship on Dec 24 Pulpit Supply: Rev. Laura Blanco Reader: Sue Sarver Record Service: ?
25	DEC, SUN	Christmas Day - No Service

To help keep track of who is scheduled on any given Sunday, we have created a public calendar on the Parkside website so anyone can access it at anytime to see when an individual is scheduled. To view the calendar go to parksideucc.com and click on the "About" menu and look for "Worship Volunteers". A direct link to the calendar is [here](#).

Whether you want to volunteer just the one time or you want to be placed on the regular rotation we would love to have you participate! Email saukvilleucc@att if you are interested or have questions.

We are so thankful to all of those who have opened their heart to serve as volunteers for our weekly worship services!





UPDATES

We Need Your Help!

As the opening of Portlight, the new emergency shelter in Ozaukee County, approaches, Family Promise needs your help furnishing the facility. You can help out by purchasing as many items as you would like, through our SignUp Genius or Amazon Smile pages.

Below there are two links, one to the SignUp Genius and the other to the Amazon Smile page. Double dip by using Amazon Scrip from Parkside!

You will be able to shop for all the necessities for Family Promise to operate a 24/7 shelter program to meet the needs of the most vulnerable individuals and families in Ozaukee County. Donations can be dropped off at the Family Promise office during regular business hours.

We thank you for your support of this project. We could not do this without the dedicated community members like you!

If you would like to volunteer to bring meals or help with Christmas celebrations, please contact Joana Hemschemeyer, MSW at (262) 268-2723 or joanafpoz@gmail.com.



USE THE AMAZON SMILE LINK TO ORDER THE MUCH NEEDED ITEMS AND SHIP DIRECTLY TO THE FAMILY PROMISE OFFICE!



IF YOU DON'T HAVE AN AMAZON ACCOUNT, SIGN UP WITH SIGN UP GENIUS TO PURCHASE ANY ITEM(S) FROM YOUR STORE OF CHOICE!



In this season full of reminders to give thanks and celebrate all that 2022 has brought us, I wanted to take a moment and say THANK YOU on behalf of all members of the Lighthouse board as well as all of the students we were able to serve this year!

- Thank you for your prayers and your financial support!
- Thank you for encouraging the middle and high school youth in your families and congregations to participate in Lighthouse programming (and know that we ALWAYS welcome new faces)!
- Thank you for your warm welcome as I stepped into my role as Lighthouse's new Director!

Our vision for Lighthouse Youth Ministry is to be a safe and affirming community where all youth are:

- *WELCOMED regardless of religious affiliation or beliefs,
- *EMPOWERED to explore questions of faith and life, and
- *EQUIPPED to serve their community and the world.

We've been able to accomplish these goals this year in new and exciting ways as we have resumed regular youth programming, meeting roughly twice a month for a variety of fellowship and service activities. We have been getting anywhere from 7-15 students participating in these activities this fall. Participants have enjoyed getting to know one another through events such as a bonfire and a trip to Spieker's Pumpkin Farm. They've also had fun serving their neighbors by packing sack lunches for Milwaukee Rescue Mission, holding a "Trick-or-Treat So Others Can Eat" food drive for the Saukville Food Pantry, and serving dinner at two different meal sites in Milwaukee.

Later this month, we will be helping to host a Christmas party for the children housed by Family Promise, and we look forward to partnering with them again in the spring to put together Easter baskets for the children as well. Other things on the horizon for 2023 include a skiing/tubing outing, a youth conference in the WI Dells, and a multi-day mission trip this summer (stay tuned for more info on these events coming soon!)

Lighthouse, like all of us, has been on quite a journey over the last few years. It has not always been easy, but as we look back at 2022, we are thankful for the many hands and hearts that have shaped this ministry and are very excited about where God will lead us in the year(s) to come!

If you would like to learn more about Lighthouse, get involved, or offer additional support, please do not hesitate to contact me or any members of the Lighthouse board.

Thank you, and may God continue to bless our work together as we serve God's beloved children!

Christin Flucke - Lighthouse Youth Director

DECEMBER MISSION: THE CHRISTMAS FUND



Year after Year, Your Gift Brings Joy

The Advent season of waiting and watching is also a season of preparing. Our generosity prepares the way for hope, peace, justice, and community. United Church of Christ retired clergy, servants of the church, have spent lifetimes baptizing and blessing, teaching and preaching, marrying and burying, comforting and empowering God's people. Now, through the Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross, we have the opportunity to sustain and empower them.

Our gifts of gratitude and love bring hope to the hopeless, joy to the sorrowful, and deep love to those who have ministered in God's love for so long. By giving generously to the Christmas Fund, we will help retired clergy, church staff, and their families to pay bills, maintain health insurance, and meet emergency needs. Year after year, our gifts make a difference, easing the anxiety of constant financial worries.

Last year, the Christmas Fund, administered by the Pension Boards of the United Church of Christ, provided over \$1.6 million in pension and health benefits supplementation, emergency grants, and thank-you checks to retired servants of the church and their families. Every cent of that money came from the pockets of people like you. Please give as generously as you are able this year!

In 2021, gifts to the Christmas Fund enabled:

- Monthly pension supplementation for 231 retired clergy and lay employees (\$1,104,479)
- Health benefits supplementation for 87 retired clergy and lay employees (\$177,600)
- Emergency grants for 53 individuals and families (\$150,338)
- Christmas "Thank You" gift checks to 509 retired clergy and lay employees (\$254,000)

The Christmas Fund

For the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund



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