



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Blessed Past ➡ Bold Future

April 2019

A Message from Pastor Michelle

So our Lenten Journey continues as we are walking with Jesus in the Desert through 40 days of fasting, meditation and reflection. I have been engrossed in a pathway of reading some of the words of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. He was a German Pastor, theologian and anti-Nazi dissident and a founding member of the Confessing Church. As an anti-Nazi dissident, he was executed for his beliefs. Does this sound like the savior whose teachings we follow? One of Bonhoeffer's quotes is a favorite of mine. "By judging others we blind ourselves to our own evil and to the grace which others are just as entitled to as we are."

I have been meditating on the word GRACE. Grace from God is a powerful gift we receive on a daily basis from the Creator. It is a gift we receive freely with nothing expected in return although when I feel I have received God's Grace, I find immense gratitude. However, we at times blind ourselves and others to the gift of grace from the Creator when we judge others, hurt others (intentionally and unintentionally), and speak ill of others. We separate ourselves from the grace of God when we engage in these behaviors.

I invite you during your Lenten Journey to ask yourself, "What behaviors do I engage in which may separate me from the Love, Grace and Mercy of the Creator God?" As you meditate on this question, invite your spirit and soul to reach out to Jesus and ask him to help you to invite the presence of the Holy Spirit allowing it to envelop your soul and spirit so you will be able to



accept the free gift of God's Grace at all times and to stop behaviors which keep others from receiving that same free gift of Grace.

Blessings on your journey in the desert with Jesus.

Pax Christi (Peace of Christ),
Pastor Michelle

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ASK YOURSELF

"What behaviors do I engage in which may separate me from the Love, Grace and Mercy of the Creator God?"



Join us the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10am for a light hearted, creative activity and some laughs. You can bring your own craft or work on our monthly themed projects. The club and projects are free.

NOW HIRING: YOUTH DIRECTOR

Position:

Paid part-time Director of Youth Ministry for the Port Washington/ Saukville Ecumenical Youth Ministry. Flexible hours to be negotiated with Board of Directors with an average of 10-15 hours per week. Report weekly hours to the Board.

Overview / Summary:

The Port Washington/ Saukville Ecumenical Youth Ministry is a shared ministry of five congregations from three denominations in two communities. Our churches joined together in 2018 to establish an independent non-profit because we saw the need for a vibrant Christian group which welcomes youth grades 6-12 of all faith backgrounds. Together, we seek to create a welcoming and safe community where youth can grow in their relationships with God and with each other. The Youth Director will work closely with pastors, volunteers, and board members from multiple congregations to build relationships, lead events, and implement ministry programming which support the organization's purpose and mission.

General Expectations, Talents, Skills, & Qualifications:

The ideal candidate will be: A baptized Christian and active member of a congregation in partnership with either the United Methodist Church, United Church of Christ, or Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Capable of modeling Christian discipleship through words and actions. Passionate about the faith and spiritual lives of youth. Energetic, Engaging, and Creative. Comfortable building relationships with youth and adults, including parents, volunteers, and other faith leaders. Welcoming of persons from a variety of backgrounds, traditions, and identities. Able to clearly communicate the Organization's mission and vision. Regularly present in the community, seeking opportunities to interact with members of multiple congregations. Organized, responsible, dependable, honest, mature, and accessible. Willing to comply with child safety policies at all times (including regular background screening and training). Able to participate in training events and professional development opportunities as available. Maintaining safe boundaries within professional relationships. Proficient in Microsoft office and professional on social media platforms. Experienced in working with teens 6th grade and older. At least 25 years old with a high school degree. Some college preferred in a field related to ministry, counseling, teaching, or experience in camp, youth programs, recreation, working with children, or a related field.

Responsibilities:

The Director of Youth Ministry will work closely with the board of directors to determine events, goals, and specific responsibilities. Based on an agreed calendar of events and work schedule, the Director is responsible to: Be a spiritual guide and role model for youth and families throughout our community.

Plan, publicize, organize, and execute regular events for 6th – 12th grade youth which may include (but is not limited to) weekly gatherings, worship opportunities, service projects, retreats/camp/trips, and fundraisers.

Work with congregations to support special events for families with children (including but not limited to: Trunk or Treat, Christmas Program, Easter Egg Hunt, and Vacation Bible School). Communicate regularly and professionally with individuals and congregations in person, in writing, and electronically. Develop, organize, and implement a ministry which deepens, grows, and enhances the faith of youth through relevant, experiential, authentic, and life-giving experiences. Intentionally develop professional and life-giving relationships with youth, volunteers, and parents. Recruit and train adult volunteers. Ensure all volunteers follow child safety policies. Ensure that essential documents are in place, updated, and distributed in a timely fashion (included but not limited to: youth directory, calendars, registration forms, copyright licensing, budgets, etc.) Offer timely, creative solutions to concerns raised about the youth ministry

Please send resume to Ray Shupe at shuper54@yahoo.com.

CARING MINISTRIES



PRAYER

changes things

Prayer Families for the Month:

April 7 –
Roger Geib

April 14 –
Dan and Patty Gilbert

April 21 –
Fred, Kathleen, and Meghan
Learned

April 28 –
Frank and Kathy Parsons

Please sign the card in the Narthex for the weekly prayer family on Sunday and keep the family in your prayers. Your additional cards are appreciated by our prayer families.



*Please join us for Holy Communion
Served on Sunday, April 7
at the 10:00am Worship Service*



Gluten free

Gluten-free wafers are available for communion. These wafers are free not only of gluten, but also free of wheat, casein, dairy, nut, egg, corn, yeast, and soy, and are low protein. If you need to avoid any of the above, please request a gluten-free wafer from an usher. They are in a screw-top container on a separate plate.



H Please let Pastor Michelle or the church office know if you or someone in your family plans to enter the hospital. Due to the HIPAA law, information isn't available when someone is admitted.

CARING MINISTRIES

Thank you cards were sent to :

- Nancy Gierach and Lori Sanders for help with the soup making
- Pastors Susan and Julie for a wonderful service March 3rd

Soup Fund Raiser: Caring Ministries sold 75 quarts of soup. After paying for ingredients, \$505 was raised for the Missions Committee for Human Trafficking awareness.

Fair Trade items have been ordered and are for sale in the Fireside Room. Thank you for supporting Caring Ministries through this mission, card sales, and recycling.



Prayer Chain Information



To call in a prayer request
Please notify
Jean Hamilton
262-284-3734
jeanmhamilton1943@yahoo.com
or
Gail Weigel
dweigel@wi.rr.com

Soup Ministry

There are times in each of our lives when a light meal is appreciated. Caring Ministries has quarts of homemade soup available. Please see any number of Caring Ministries Team if you know a member who would appreciate a quart.

*We pray O Lord, that you would grant us a season
of peace at this time of Easter gladness.*

There will be a Good Friday Blood Drive on Friday, April 19th at Living Hope ELCA from 1pm to 5pm. Click [here](#) to schedule an appointment.



online GIVING

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No matter, how big or small of an amount you want to give, online giving and text giving is now available at Parkside Community UCC.

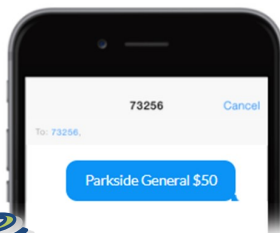
Did you forget to bring your checkbook to service? Is it more convenient for you to use your credit card? Were you not able to make it to service on Sunday? Now you can make your donation from home in your pj's.

Just visit our website and click "donate" from the top menu, or click [here](#) to be taken directly to the website. You can choose what fund your donation goes toward & the amount. Payments are made through a deduction from your bank account or with a credit or debit card. If you wish, you can setup automatic monthly deductions from your bank account by calling the church office at 262-284-0588.

For text giving, just text the word "Parkside" to the phone number 73256. You'll receive a reply with a link, then follow the simple instructions.

With online giving and text giving, Parkside Community UCC will incur standard processing fees, but if it's more convenient for you to give this way, please do so!

*Give
Online*



NEW! SCRIP



New Cards Available and New Ordering Procedures!

We have some new cards in stock, including [Petsmart](#), [Great Clips](#), [Caribou Coffee](#), [Dairy Queen](#), [Dick's Sporting Goods](#), [Pap Murphy's](#), [Ulta Beauty](#), and more!

We are placing orders on a twice monthly scheduled basis for any cards not in stock, after the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

To keep it simple for you, we will be marking these dates on the Parkside church calendar, which you can view [here](#).

Yes, we will still have plenty of cards in stock, but if you are looking for something special — just place your order and we should receive the order within 5 to 10 days from the 2nd & 4th Sundays.

REMEMBER —

Scrip is a great way to support Parkside and profits from this fundraiser will go to providing financial support to our Missions and Caring Ministries!



Mission Meeting March 12, 2019

Present: Sandy Dickmann, Kathy Tauben, Pastor Michelle, Joan Brecke

Guest: Mary Knetter, Sexual Violence Services Director, [Advocates of Ozaukee](#)

We welcomed our guest, Mary Knetter, who had contacted us regarding working together on the issue of Human Trafficking. We are planning on showing the movie "I Am Jane Doe" in May. Mary has agreed to attend this and help Pastor Michelle with the question and answer part of the evening. This will be open to the general public. We also talked about events

that we might get involved in locally that would help the women & men who are affected by some type of sexual abuse. Mary suggesting collecting supplies (cleaning supplies, dish towels, soap, toothpaste, laundry detergent, etc.) that could be given to clients as they are ready to leave the temporary housing that was provided to them through Advocates and are ready to start a fresh life in a new apartment. We will be purchasing a couple of laundry baskets and start collecting these items. Also the idea of promoting scrip purchases to local stores and then giving to Advocates to include in baskets was brought up. The reality is that Food Share cards do not cover a lot of items that are needed when you are "starting over". Most clients leave their former house without taking anything with them and they have none of the basic supplies needed.

We also talked about our upcoming hosting of [Family Promise](#) the week of March 17th. There's presently 7 people in the program with a good possibility of 2 additional families entering the program this week!

You're Invited...

Join the Washington County Anti-Trafficking Advocates on Thursday, April 25th, 6:30pm at Jack Russell Memorial Library in Hartford (100 Park Ave). For car pooling, call the Parkside office at 262-284-0588.

GUEST SPEAKER: Tracy Scheffler of 5-Stones (Dodge County).
FOCUS TOPIC: Educating Educators (School Curriculum Initiative)

We are working to encourage implementation of sex trafficking education, and the grooming process, into school curriculums. **EDUCATING THE EDUCATORS** is the first step in this process, so that those working with youth understand the many layers of the topic, learn identifying indicators, understand the grooming process and have the resources available if a situation does present.

These free monthly meetings are open to the public and offer education, networking opportunities (connection to resources), and advocacy for victims/survivors and their families.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE 1-888-3737-888
PLEASE ENTER THIS NUMBER IN YOUR PHONE TODAY!

Education=Prevention.

Faith Formation – March Meeting

Faith Formation: Sundays at 9:00 AM
Youth on lower level
Adult Coffee & Conversation in the Council Room: UCC Seeds

Children: Current theme: Lent and Easter
Spring blanket making for the Linus Project

PWSEYM/Lighthouse Youth:
Marla was asked and has created a video about Lighthouse to be shared at the WI Conference.
With additional funds available, the youth leader position has been increased to 30 hours at \$20/hour
Activity and meeting dates are below.

Adults: Bible Study will resume in May. Pastor Michelle is planning a book study for summer. Lenten devotionals are available in the Fireside Room.

Libraries: Children's –Used regularly by the YMCA after-school program children.
Adult – Feel free to browse and check out books and materials.

Bake Sale: Faith Formation is sponsoring a bake sale during the Vendor and Craft Fair on March 30. Proceeds will go toward our church budget. Please help out by baking! Plan to stop in to the Craft Fair.
Hours are 10—3. Even a walk- through will encourage our vendors to come back again.

Friday Fun Nights: Gathering is at 5:30 with a potluck at 6:00. Games and activities follow. Join in the fun! Bring a friend or two or even more.

Save the Dates:

March 30 – Craft Fair and Bake Sale 10:00 – 3:00
April 7 – LIGHTHOUSE Meeting at Family Activity Center in Port; Information about Wildfire Camp in July
April 12 – Family Fun Night: April Fools Fun - 5:30 gathering, 6:00 potluck
April 20 – Egg decorating – 9:00 with Heather
April 21 – Easter egg hunt and activities on lower level – 8:30
April 25, 26, 27 – LIGHTHOUSE – Feed My Starving Children: Meal packaging at Grafton Portal Industries
May 10 – Family Fun Night - Cinco de Mayo with tacos - 5:30 gathering, 6:00 potluck
June 15 – VBS with Living Hope, at Living Hope

BOWLING

Lighthouse Youth Group at Harbor Hills on March 17



SAVE THE DATES!

Lighthouse Upcoming Events!

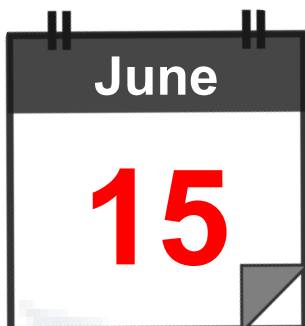
Port Washington Saukville Ecumenical Youth Ministry



6pm to 8pm - Spring Into Summer with us as the Youth Group gathers at the Family Activity Center and shares in some renovation projects and dinner.



Cinco de Mayo Mini Golf Outing and a taco bar



9am to 3pm - Vacation Bible School at Living Hope ELCA in Saukville.



"Wildfire" Summer Camp mission trip.
Pre-registration is required.

Join us for Friday Fun Night!



We invite you to join us the 2nd Friday of every month for a FREE night of games, food and fun!

At 5:30pm we gather for fellowship and at 6pm we all enjoy a potluck dinner together followed by games for all ages to enjoy. If you don't have a dish to pass, don't worry— just bring YOURSELF!

Friday Fun Nights are open to the whole community, not just Parkside members.....

Dates and Themes for 2019:

April 12 — April Fools Fun!

May 10 — Cinco de Mayo Fiesta!

June 14 — Patriotic Flag Day Party!

July 12 — Summer Picnic!

August 9 — Fun at the Fair!

September 13 — Apple Fest with Carmel Apple Bar!

October 11 — Pumpkin Carving & Games!

November 8 — Movie Night with Popcorn & Pizza!

December 13 — White Elephant Gift Exchange!



Present: Mark Gierach, Joan Brecke, Kathy Tauben, Kaitlyn Beck, Sue Sarver, Pastor Michelle

Pastor Michelle opened with prayer

Motion made by Joan Brecke, second Kathy Tauben to approve January minutes. Motion passed
Treasurer report-Transfer Brat Fry, Pass through, Vendor Show monies to be moved to the General Fund. It was noted that the Parkside's commitment for lower level flooring would be paid out of the general fund. Correction 2019 Budget approved 2/17/19 Missions and Caring to be zero on the budget. Motion made by Kaitlyn Beck, second Kathy Tauben to approve January & February financials.

Pastor Report: Lenten service preparation. Further discussion with potential new members.

Committees:

Faith Formation and Youth Group: Beck- Meeting scheduled for Thursday working on Ruth, friendship, Easter and Lent

Stewardship: No meeting

Worship: Pastor –Lenten services, flowers, soup & salad

Building and Grounds: Gierach- Lower level flooring schedule pending cost shared with YMCA

Caring: Monthly prayer list provided, visits being made.

Missions: Upcoming Guest speakers, Collection of household & personal items baskets in April for advocates sexual violence. Hosting Family Promise

Old Business:

Call Agreement – Discussion set for April

Membership status –Reviewed and made recommendation to send a letter regarding continuing membership.

New Business:

A \$100 contribution to 2019 General Synod approved and paid out of the Script Fund

Motion made by Joan Brecke, second Kaitlyn Beck to approve agreement for YMCA. Motion passed
Change position title of church Secretary to Office Administrator

Motion made by Joan Brecke, second Kaitlyn Beck, to adjourn. Motion passed

Thank you to our Parkside Community UCC Leadership Council for keeping us moving forward!



Personal Care Items Collection

Advocates of Ozaukee needs household and personal care items to help their sheltered clients establish a home of their own. Missions Ministries will have 2 clothes baskets in the Narthex for collecting donations of household cleaners, newly purchased kitchen or bathroom towels, personal hygiene items, laundry detergent, or scrip cards to Target or Walmart. We will be collecting during the month of April and presenting these donations to Mary Knetter of Advocates on May 7 at the anti-trafficking education event we are hosting where we will be showing the movie "I Am Jane Doe". Please consider bringing in some items to help these victims of domestic and sexual violence get back on their feet and build a better future.

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The smallest things can mean so much to those who have so little.



Lighthouse Youth Ministry Packing Meals For Feed My Starving Children

The Lighthouse Port Washington Saukville Ecumenical Youth Ministry team, along with Living Hope ELCA are raising funds and packing meals for [Feed My Starving Children](#) on Saturday, April 27. Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is a Christian nonprofit dedicated to providing nutritious meals to children worldwide. FMSC meals are hand-packed by volunteers and sent to an incredible network of partner organizations who distribute them to those in need.

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Our goal is to fill 66 packing positions and to raise \$3,300 in funds for FMSC! What does this mean? Meeting our goal for funding would equate to 44 children receiving meals for one year! Having 66 people volunteer through Lighthouse/Living Hope is a significant investment in both the local and global communities.

If you would like to donate, you can do so via credit/debit card [here](#). Please credit the organization "LIGHTHOUSE/LIVING HOPE ELCA". Or, a check can be written out to "FMSC" and dropped off at the Parkside church office through Sunday, April 21, 2019.

If you would like to volunteer to pack meals, please sign up [here](#).

Please, ask your friends and family to join us! There is a job for ages 5 years on up for every ability.

Any questions, please reach out to Marla Race at Marla Race mraceiphone@gmail.com or Jeff Irish at jeffrey.irish@gmail.com.



LENT & easter

April 3 – at Parkside, 6pm meal and 6:30pm service

April 10 – at Parkside, 6pm meal and 6:30pm service

April 18 – Maundy Thursday – 6:30 – Parkside Community – Fireside Room

April 21 – Easter Sunday Sunrise Service @ 7:00 A.M. w/Communion – Lite Easter Breakfast served after (If someone offers to organize, serve, clean up)

Faith Formation Egg Hunt and Faith Formation Discussion @ 8:30 A.M.

Easter 9:30 A.M. Service with Holy Communion

Please pick up a couple of Easter service invitations to give to neighbors and friends to invite them to Easter Worship. We are asking each member to hand out just two!

HE IS ALIVE
celebrate our Savior

Easter Sunday, April 21st
7am Easter Sunrise Service
8am Easter Breakfast
9:30am Easter Service

THANK YOU, THANK YOU – EASTER SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Ginny Brown and Penny Fransee will be working together to take orders for Easter Plants to be displayed on Easter morning. We are waiting for the nursery to give us a price for this year. At that time Ginny will be taking orders.

Heather Rogge and family has volunteered to organize, prepare, serve and clean up our Easter Breakfast. This will be served after the early service (7:00 a.m.) on Easter morning.

The last volunteer or volunteers needed is to set up communion for both services on Easter morning. We also will need ushers for both services.

We wish you a very Blessed Easter Journey from your Parkside Community UCC Worship Committee



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for the May 2019 Newsletter.

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