



JULY 2020



A Message from Pastor Susan

Greetings! This is my first newsletter article as your settled pastor. I can't tell you how excited I am to be here at PCUCC. There is some energy and excitement that comes with a new pastor and I would really like to ride that wave. I am hoping that God will do something new with us while at the same time help us honor the old. Our church is steeped in a rich history of service to the community and I fully support our continuing to be that church.

I also want to hear from you. I want to hear your ideas, what you think will work, where you want the church to be in five years, and I just want to get to know each of you better. I am in the office Tuesdays from 1-4 p.m. and Fridays from 10 to Noon. Please call me anytime if that works better for you, and I will call you back. My office is big enough to keep us socially distant and I would love to talk with you over a cup of tea or coffee.

One thing that I love about the UCC is that our polity is one of complete equality. Leadership of the church rests with its members and the way the Holy Spirit moves through us as a gathered body. I want us all to think "This is Our Church and we all have a voice and a part to play". I want us to be so proud of our church, so excited about our worship that we don't hesitate to invite people to come or encourage them to come back. Let's get energized with the Holy Spirit and see where she leads us!

Peace, Your Pastor, Susan

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PRAYER

changes things

Prayer Families for the Month:

July 5 Matthew, Michelle, Evan, Brodie, Hannah Brecke

July 12 Sandy Dickmann

July 19 Betty Salli

July 26 Tom, Heather, Jade, Henry Rogge

The Caring Ministry group will be sending a card to each prayer family, but your additional cards are appreciated. If you are in need of a family's address, please contact the church office at saukvilleucc@att.net or 262-284-0588.



Lighthouse Youth Ministry Board representative needed. One evening meeting a month in Port Washington. Great ecumenical group. Marla Race is in a leadership role on the Board, you would be serving with her to learn the ropes. Please call Marla at (262) 483-9528 with questions or if you are interested in representing Parkside in this important non-profit role.



RETURNING TO CHURCH

Parkside has resumed in-person worship services. The following precautions will be taken for the indefinite future:

- shortened service
- masks will be supplied and will be mandatory and hand sanitizer will be available
- we will separate people among all the pews to spread out
- no coffee fellowship following the service and no communion
- offering plate will be set outside the sanctuary in the narthex and will not be passed around, but available for members to drop off donations

Please know that if you are in a high risk group and/or are just not comfortable returning to in-person worship services, we understand and encourage you to stay at home. We will be recording the services and making them available on our Facebook page for you to view and join us virtually. The Parkside church council takes this decision to return to in-person worship services very seriously and reserves the right to cancel service should we experience a surge in cases.

| July | 4 | John | Fransee |
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| July | 7 | Kyle | Heimerl |
| July | 8 | Paul | Saler |
| July | 12 | Dan | Gilbert |
| July | 13 | Henry | Rogge |
| July | 14 | Chelene | Golownia |
| July | 23 | James | Brown (88 years!) |
| July | 28 | Mary | Kiepert |

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 9, 2020

Present: Mark Gierach, Kathy Tauben, Sue Sarver, Joan Brecke, Kaitlyn Beck, Heather Rogge, Pastor Susan Drake

Open with prayer: Pastor Susan

Council Minutes: Motion made by Joan B. to accept the May minutes, second by Kaitlyn B, motion passed.

Treasurer report- Motion made by Heather R to accept the Treasure report for May, second by Kaitlyn B. Motion passed.

Pastor Report – Continue pastoral calls, attended Annual WI Conference, by virtual means, preparing for in person church service.

Committees:

Faith Formation & Youth- Celebrate graduates June 28th, Lighthouse is starting back with activities.

Stewardship-No meeting held

Worship- No meeting held

Building & Grounds-Need to replace the stove in the church house.

Yard clean-up is complete church and church house— privacy fence removed, Thank you Wally, Sue, Michael, Maggie Sarver, Holly and Ryan Skelton.

6-Faded parking lot signs replaced- donated by Michael and Maggie Sarver

Carpeting in fellowship hall, hallway by restroom, fireside room, up to narthex have been professional clean – Thank you, Mark and Nancy

Cost for painting of the canopy \$475.

Caring-No meeting held; prayer list continues to be circulated.

Missions-Further discussions as we open up.

Old Business:

Awaiting additional information for repairs to the steeple to proceed.

Rental of the church house-further discussions continue

Rummage Sale- We are looking at August – with safe guidelines

New Business:

Mark met with other congregations and future cooperative efforts, Living Hope, Christ the King & St. Paul ELCA in Random Lake.

Council received notice from Nancy effective June 30, 2020 that she will be giving up the custodial duties of the main level, she will continue custodial duties in the lower level on a volunteer basis. She would also clean up after the community meal once they start again. Council was updated that all wood work in the sanctuary has been cleaned and cushions vacuumed. Thank you, Nancy for all your hard work.

Motion made by Heather R, second Joan B. to adjourn. Motion passed Closed with the Lord's prayer

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

The July meeting will be held on Monday, July 6 at 6PM at church.

Coming up: RUMMAGE SALE!! Plans are going forward for the 2020 sale.

Drop off dates are: Sunday August 9 (after church); Monday August 10- 5-8pm; Tuesday August 11 5- 8 pm; Wednesday August 12 - 9-5 (also set up day).

SALE DATES ARE: Thursday August 13 - 8AM - 8 PM; Friday August 14 8AM - 5PM; Saturday 8am - Noon; Saturday will be a \$5/bag day.

Please let Chelene, Joan, or Kathy P know if you are able to set up and/or work and the times you are available. Also, the sale will be held in the lower level this year as the YMCA is not using the area this summer. Please enter with your donations through the ramp door.

If any of these plans need to be changed because of the virus situation, Carrie will send a notice. Thank you for your support. Remember these funds all go to the General Fund of our church.

Thank you for your support!

UPDATED CONTACT INFO

If you have moved or changed phone numbers, email addresses, or physical addresses, please send a an email to the church office at saukvilleucc@att.net to ensure that we have your current contact information. Also, if you are not getting occasional updates from Parkside via email, please make sure we have your current email address and check your gmail "updates" folder or spam folders.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

- Waiting to get on schedule for carport paint.
- Rebidding steeple shingling.
- Big shout out to Sue Sarver for all her efforts and donations in the church and parsonage yard. THANKS SUE!!!



Oliva Metz Marla Race Henry Rogge

Congratulations to our Graduates!

Oliva Metz

Olivia Metz graduating from Port Washington High School. She will be attending Bradley University in Peoria Illinois, a medium size selective private school. She will be majoring in Journalism and minoring in Political Science. Olivia is hoping to be able to join their basketball band (a pep band) and the school newspaper there as well. She will be joining a Jobs Daughters Bethel down in Peoria.

Henry Rogge

Henry Rogge is graduating from West Bend High School. He will be attending UW-Stevens Point in the Fall. He is interested in Environmental Science and Physics, German and Cello as possible minors.

Nathan Golownia

Nathan is graduating from Lakeland College.

Jacob Maechtle

Jacob is graduating from Lakeland College.

Marla Race

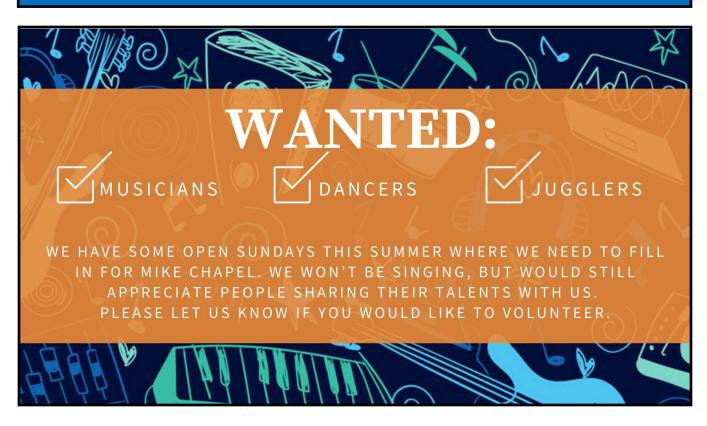
Marla is graduating from Lay Academy.

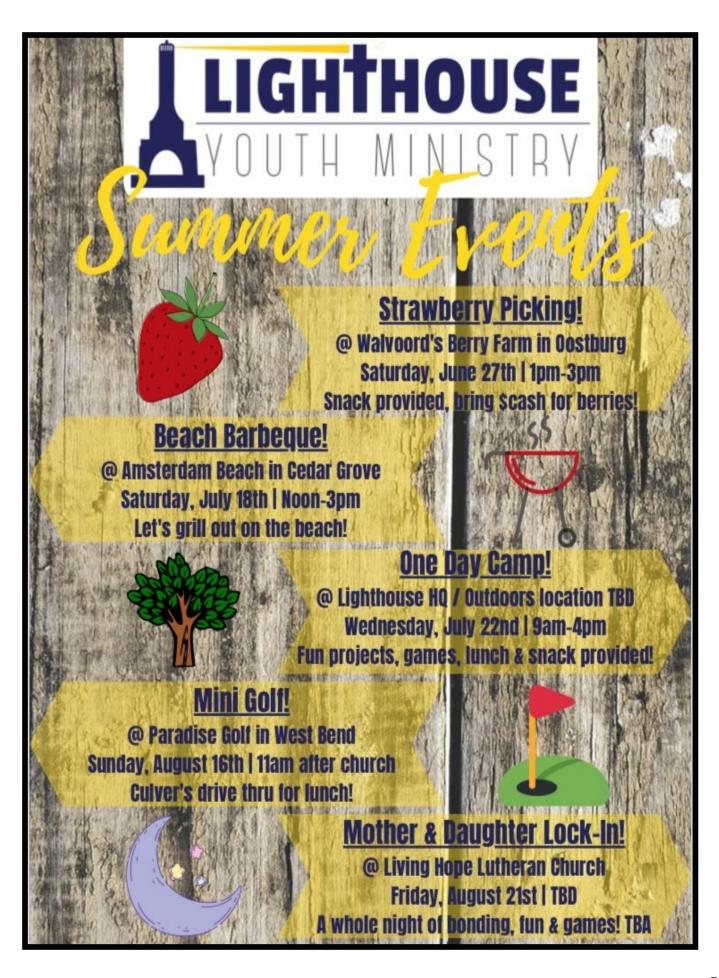




VENDOR SHOW

If you are interested in helping raise funds for Parkside by heading up a Vendor Show, please contact the church office at saukvilleucc@att.net.







PARKSIDE REPS AT WI UCC ANNUAL MEETING

Thank you to Sue Sarver and Pastor Susan for attending the June 6 Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting. If you are interssted in seeing the updates on what is going on in the United Church of Christ, please visit: https://vimeo.com/427813603?fbclid=IwAR1n39nTou62zj-

THERE ARE 4 WAYS TO GIVE TO PARKSIDE:

1. CHECK: To deliver 100% of your donation to Parkside Community UCC, mail your tax deductible donation to: Parkside Community UCC, PO Box 80304, Saukville, WI 53080.



- 2. ACH / AUTOMATIC MONTHLY WITHDRAWALS: An easy way to give and ensure that 100% of your donation goes to Parkside Community UCC. Just fill out a form and turn it into the church office with your voided check and the amount you designate is taken out of your checking account on the first business day of every month. Please email the church office at saukvilleucc@att.net to setup monthly withdrawals.
- 3. TEXT: Text the word "Parkside" to 73256 to give using your text messaging. Standard text message rates do apply. Please be aware that Parkside Community UCC will incur a small, standard credit card processing fee.
- 4. ONLINE: If it is more convenient for you to give online, we encourage you to click <u>here</u> to give a one time donation.

Note: Please note that when making a donation with a credit card, there is a 2.65% fee for using Visa, Mastercard, or Discover and a 3.5% fee for American Express. In addition, each transaction has a 35 cents per transaction fee.



INTERESTED IN CONTINUING RECYCLE PROGRAM?

Effective July 31, Mark Gierach will no longer be collecting aluminum or tin scrap metal for recycling. These funds in the past have gone toward the support of the Caring committee, if anyone else wishes to continue the program, please let the church office know otherwise Mark will remove the collection containers on the 31st of July.



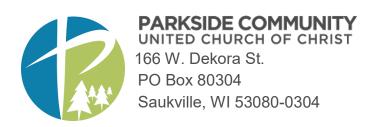


On June 28, Pastor Susan delivered a great sermon about welcome. Sermons by Rev. Susan Drake are available to read on our website at http://www.parksideucc.com/sermons.html. Here is a snapshot of her eye-opening message:

"Everybody that is anybody outside of the norm can tell heartbreaking stories about thinking they were welcome when really they weren't (the man battling mental illness, the mom with a disabled son, the twenty year old with tattoos and piercings, those of different races, and sexu-

al identities -- anyone who is different than the norm). The key to being welcoming is accepting those initial impulses in yourself (that make you uncomfortable) as human, ancient protection mechanisms that encounter "other" as a possible threat and to override them in the moment with internal prayer. "God this person makes me uncomfortable so can you take it from here? Can you bring down my walls and create in me a welcoming space"? And to accept that we are wired to resist differences welcomes God's love and acceptance for us even deeper into our souls and when we do that-- change happens, growth happens, true transformation happens, true welcome happens. Our ability to accept others is directly proportional to our ability to accept ourselves." -- Rev. Susan Drake





Return Service Requested

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