

SCROLL

June 2008

From Pastor Steve:

Greetings in the name of our risen Christ! I am delighted to be serving Saron Lutheran Church as your "Intentional Interim Pastor" (please see article regarding interim ministry on the following pages). I look forward to meeting you and participating in the life of this congregation.

I wanted to introduce myself and share some details of my personal and professional life over the past 30+ years. On a personal note, Cyndi, my marriage partner of 32 years and an ordained Lutheran pastor (we met at Luther Seminary in St. Paul in 1973), and I recently moved outside of Princeton, Minnesota after living for 21 years in Madison, Wisconsin. Our relocation was prompted by the needs of our extended families, as my mother-in-law, who lives in Pine City, MN., is in the advanced stages of Alzheimer's and my mother, who resides in Anaheim, California, suffers from Parkinson's Disease and macular degeneration. We wanted a more proactive role in their lives as well as with our daughter, a physical therapist at Fairview Southdale in Minneapolis. In addition, Cyndi's sisters and their families live in the area and we are close to them. We also have a son who calls Boston home, where he recently received his MBA from Boston University after spending 3 years in the Peace Corps in Khazakstan (formerly part of the Soviet Union).

On a professional level, I was most recently the "Faith in Action Pastor" at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Middleton, WI., working for seven years with Cyndi, who served as Senior Pastor there for 15 years. Prior to that call, I was the Director of Ministerial Health and Wellness, a wellness project for clergy and their families, based at our national ELCA Church in Chicago. In 1994, I received a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and have taught a number of courses there over the past 12 years. I am a licensed psychologist and served children and adolescents in that capacity in the mid-1990's in a community mental health center. I was a Counseling Pastor and then Senior Pastor during a seven-year span, from 1986-1993, at Lakeview Lutheran Church in Madison.

Before moving to Madison, we lived and ministered in South Dakota from 1977-1986, first as co-pastors in Bison and Meadow, two small communities west of the Missouri River and followed by 7 years in Aberdeen, at Bethlehem Lutheran. I then worked from 1983-86 as the administrator and Pastoral Counselor at a Lutheran Social Services office in that community.

For leisure activities, we like building big vegetable and flower gardens, walking, biking, swimming, and completing crossword puzzles. I am also a "zebra" (high school basketball referee) as well as a baseball umpire. We have two golden retrievers and I am "sous chef" to the executive chef in the kitchen.

I hope that you experience me as someone who is approachable, as I look to serve you as Pastor, Shepherd, Counselor, and Consultant over these next months.

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Intentional Interim Ministry

Over the course of the coming months, I will share ideas regarding the role and responsibilities of an intentional interim pastor. This is an opportunity for you, the people of Saron Lutheran Church, to spend time in prayer, reflection, discussion, planning, and preparation for the calling of a “settled” pastor, which is the ultimate goal of any interim ministry.

As your intentional interim pastor, I am fully your Pastor during this time, fulfilling the fundamental tasks expected of any pastor, such as preaching the Gospel, teaching, visiting the sick, baptizing, marrying, burying the dead, staying connected to the larger Church, and providing other counseling and pastoral care ministries. In addition, intentional interim ministry provides the following appropriate goals (as adapted from the Minneapolis Synod interim ministry guidelines):

- To maintain the viability of the congregation:** Regular pastoral duties while continuing the existing programs and helping the congregation grow in its faith and hope.
- To resolve feelings of grief:** Pastoral visitation, individual contacts, and group meetings that allow for the full expression of feelings related to the experiences and events of the past.
- To reinforce the ministry of the laity:** Helping encourage, develop and grow lay involvement and leadership during this time of transition.
- To clarify the mission of the church:** Reminding congregations that of our calling to serve, not to be served, through teaching, preaching, and personal example.
- To deal with special needs of the church:** Every congregation is different and unique, so each church must identify and address specific problems, issues, and concerns that can hamper effective ministry.
- To emphasize fellowship and reconciliation:** Continuing to grow in our relationship with God, each other, and the community.
- To strengthen denominational ties:** Encouraging and enhancing Saron’s relationship with the wider Church.
- To increase the potential for a successful ministry by the next “settled” (regular) pastor:** Interim ministry is future-oriented, with a concern for the new pastor to come and assisting in creating a readiness and positive reception for the new pastor.

SUMMER WORSHIP—9:30A.M.

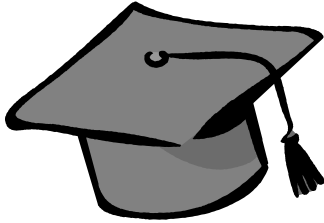
EVERY SUNDAY FROM MEMORIAL WEEKEND THROUGH LABOR DAY WEEKEND
(MAY 25 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 7)



EVERY THIRD SUNDAY (JULY 20, AUGUST 17) WE WILL MEET (RAIN OR SHINE) OUTDOORS AT 8:00A.M. FOR A RELAXED, CAMP (RETREAT) TYPE WORSHIP SERVICE.
[REGULAR WORSHIP WILL STILL BE HELD IN THE SANCTUARY AT 9:30A.M.]

GREAT NEWS FOR SARON

A few weeks ago we put ELW order forms in the church bulletins, and in that time, we had enough money to complete an order for enough new hymnals for Saron Lutheran Church. On behalf of Worship and Music Committee, and Church Counsel, we would like to thank those who donated so generously to this cause. Worship and Music is excited to start the planning of the use of these new hymnals as soon as our new interim pastor is acclimated with Saron. There will be future announcements as to when the dedication of the new hymnals will be, as well as what is happening with the old hymnals. Again, many thanks for such a quick and generous response to this mission. Saron is truly blessed.



GOOD LUCK AND GODSPEED TO
THESE GRADUATING SENIORS
(and to all 2008 graduates!):

Kerri Anderson
Colten Carlson
Troy Forsman
Michael Fridgen
Christopher Gaynor
Cory Gilbertson
Dustin Gramsey
Chantle Guthmiller
Justin Hagg
Mark Hayes
Wesley Helgeson
Kristin Hodnefield
Ryan Holt
Michael Iverson
Erik Jensen
Chad Kooiker
Brandon Kranz

Nathan Kranz
Jordan Larson
Joshua Madsen
Natasha Mann
Taylor Marholz
Cody Marohn
Zachary Osowski
Adam Pederson
Carl Peterson
Jami Prettyman
Jacob Sabel
Wade Schmidt
Bryan Shafer
Sarah Smith
Amanda Stock
Nathan Waddell
Wyatt Werner

“LISTENING SESSIONS” WITH PASTOR STEVE

Listening sessions are an opportunity for any member of Saron to gather with others to discuss together this church’s ministries: strengths, areas for improvement, future directions, and more. Pastor Steve will facilitate all of the listening sessions, utilizing a “ministry assessment survey” as a structured way to hear from you, the people of Saron. We want as many of the people to participate as possible. There are a variety of ways to join in the process:

1. The members of the church council’s executive committee will be hosting listening sessions in their homes on the following dates and places:
 - Tuesday, July 15, 6:30-8:00p.m. at Eric and Karen Nelsen’s home, 18720 114th St. SE, Big Lake.
 - Thursday, July 24, 6:30-8:00p.m. at Tom and Bonnie Stich’s home, 17232 County Road 50, Big Lake.
 - Monday, July 28, 6:30-8:00p.m. at Mike and Shelly Wallen’s home, 22532 172nd St., Big Lake.

Listening sessions are scheduled for Sunday, July 13, 20, and 27, following the 9:30 a.m. worship service in the “Shepherd’s Corner” meeting room next to the front entry.

You are also invited to make an appointment for an individual listening session with Pastor Steve by contacting him directly at 763.263.2209 or through email at <pastorsteve@izoom.net>.

Each in-home group listening session will last about 1.5 hours, with a time for refreshments and socializing as well as group interactions. The Sunday morning listening sessions will last about 1.25 hours. We ask that you sign-up for one of the sessions by registering at the “Listening Session” table in the church entry or by contacting the church office (763.263.2209). Space is limited in people’s homes so please register early. You are strongly encouraged to attend one of these listening sessions so that your voice can be heard!



Vacation Bible School—Plan Now!!

August 10—14; Complete information on the back of the yellow calendar!!

MONTHLY DONATIONS CAN BE HASSLE-FREE!

Dozens of Saron members do not write checks. They use automatic Electronic Funds Transfer or a program called: **Simply Giving. It's easy.** Our church staff can provide you with the form. All you have to do is call or stop in. **It's secure.** Simply Giving programs are processed through secure networks. Each gift will appear on your monthly bank statement. **It's convenient.** You will never again need to spend time writing a check, finding an envelope, or worrying about whether Saron Lutheran Church is receiving your support. And you save the cost of checks and postage. Call Julie at 763.263.2209 for answers to any questions you have, or to set up your automatic monthly donations and enjoy the convenience of hassle-free, life-changing gifts to Saron.

SUMMER VACATION AT AGAPE

Students and staff of Agape Christian Preschool have started summer vacation. We ended the year with a picnic on the last day of classes and sent 36 students off to Kindergarten with a Graduation Program complete with diplomas and mortar boards. We are so proud of them and may God guide them on their new school journey!

2008 Agape Christian Preschool Graduates:

<i>Tom Belde</i>	<i>Kendra Berg</i>
<i>Nicole Bengtson</i>	<i>Haleigh Boroski</i>
<i>Amelia Degen</i>	<i>Rachel Dale</i>
<i>Chloe Fisher</i>	<i>Grace Kluk</i>
<i>Grace Patnode</i>	<i>Kelsey McAlpin</i>
<i>Grant Pearson</i>	<i>Benjamin Molitor</i>
<i>Mitchell Scott</i>	<i>Samantha Shea</i>
<i>Rachel Stern</i>	<i>Conner Smith</i>

<i>Josephine Stubbs</i>	<i>Gavin Starin</i>
<i>Hattie Trulock</i>	<i>Keagan Streed</i>
<i>Wyatt Blakstvedt</i>	<i>Isaac Flicker</i>
<i>Holly Carlson</i>	<i>Carter Monson</i>
<i>Mikayla Conrady</i>	<i>Tori Olson</i>
<i>Ethan Ford</i>	<i>Titus Peters</i>
<i>Brock Knick</i>	<i>Ella Propeck</i>
<i>Chandler Nagorski</i>	<i>Nathan Stewart</i>
<i>Ryan Latterell</i>	<i>Madison Thompson</i>
<i>Kyle Saengphachan</i>	<i>Sarah Schmidt</i>



For the Record...

Baptisms

Ava Belle Manion, daughter of Kristy and Ryan Manion on May 4, 2008.
 Brynn Joella Scheer, daughter of Kirby and Denise Scheer on May 4, 2008.
 Mason Jeremy Swanson, son of Holly and Jeremy Swanson, on May 4, 2008.
 Dawson Adam Veldhuizen, son of Jennifer and David Veldhuizen on May 4, 2008.
 Tatum Garnet Nevala, daughter of Kristin and Travis Nevala on May 18, 2008.
 Maximus Michael Danielzuk, son of Amber and Kevin Danielzuk on June 1, 2008.
 AnnaLee Kay Anderson, daughter of Karl and Jillian Anderson on June 1, 2008.



Shelby Lee Petrich, daughter of Jennifer and Brian Petrich on June 29, 2008.

Weddings

Mandy Schroeder and Adam Jarnot on May 31, 2008
 Heather Niklaus and Michael Norgren on June 7, 2008.
 Stephanie Tabor and Brandon Timmins on June 14, 2008

Funerals

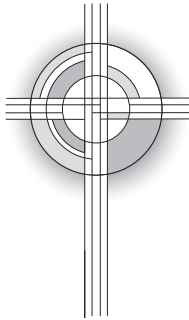
Marjorie Moey on May 17, 2008

Living Memorial Fund Given By:

Denny and Betty Wold— In memory of Steve Anthony.
 Carl Aubol—In memory of Don Asher for sound system
 Travis and Andrea Weitgenant—In honor of AnnaLee Anderson’s baptism and in loving memory of Olivia and Julia Weitgenant for paraments

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Please join us for worship: 9:30 a.m.

Holy Baptisms are celebrated at Saron on the First and Third Sundays of each month at both services. Holy Communion is celebrated at Saron on the Second and Fourth Sundays of each month at both services.

Congregational Council

Tom Stich, President
Mike Wallen, Vice-President
Eric Nelsen, Treasurer
Charlie West, Secretary
Elaine Bergquist
Scott Carlson
Bill Cummings
Tony Klapperick
Darlene Lanz

The deadline for information to be included in the Scroll is the 15th of the month at 4:00p.m.!

Names will remain on our prayer list for 2 months. We are happy to reinstate a name anytime, but we request that you call the office asking us to do so. Those serving in the armed forces will remain on the list until they come home.

MEMBERS of the ARMED FORCES: Josh Berger, Bernie Boone, Jesse and Justin Hattesohl, Daniel Humphrey, Kyle Kevelin, Kimberley Knopik, Clint Eklund, Jack Pegg, Jesse Mastley, Matthew Pollock, Nicole & Jake Pishney, Brian Wiltsey, Jeff Sandgren, Tyler Holmquist, SFC. Harold Kramer, Jessica Walker & their families.

SICK & RECOVERING: Loyd Law (Rose Peterson's father); Sharlene Mitchell; Fred Olson (Sandy Olson's brother-in-law); Cheryl Huehn; Carole Groustra; Doloris Breske; Bob Kara (Friends of Richard Helms); Susan Jacobs (friend of Dee & Norm Leslie); Conrad Gamsey; Scott Nocton (friend of Tim Hayes family); Taylor Tenhoff (Mona Morrisette's nephew), Kris Welsey (friend of Heidi Domyahn), Carlos Kelley (son of Cliff and Burdell Kelley), Charlene Hayes, Kristi Hauschild (Kevin Phillippe's sister), Jeanne Springer, Tom Klapperick (son of Judy and Tony Klapperick, George Nustad (Terri Madsen's

uncle), Agner Kelsch (great-grandma to Kayla, Cole, Natalie Johnson), Boden Fromm (grandson of Pastor Jim and Sandy Lindekugel), Betty Lund (Lynn Karls' mother), George Liefert (Michael Klatt's Uncle), Jim Bergquist, Lorraine Beduhn, Karen Smiley, Donna Eddy, Evelyn Sorenson, Art Wuroisak (friend of Bud and Jan Tomlinson), Beth Smith (acquaintance of Judy Klapperick)

Please remember Saron in your prayers during this time of transition, and as we search for our new pastor.

IF YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST please fill out a prayer request in the Welcome Sheet, found in the bulletin.

IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD BENEFIT from receiving a prayer shawl from church please call the church office 763-263-2209.