



The Eagle

August 2016

**THE PURPOSE
STATEMENT OF
THIS CHURCH:**

**Loving, living, and
serving faithfully
– uniting God
and our
neighbors.**



Prayer Requests

Tod	Dale
Katy	Duane
Louise	Terry
Da'Nisha	Shelly
Lorraine	Brian
Sheri	Pat
Mark	Jon
Dave & Family	David Pat
Arlene	
Joan	
Larry	

If you wish to add/remove a name to this list, please contact the office. We wish we could add last names, but since this newsletter is also published on the internet, it would not be prudent.

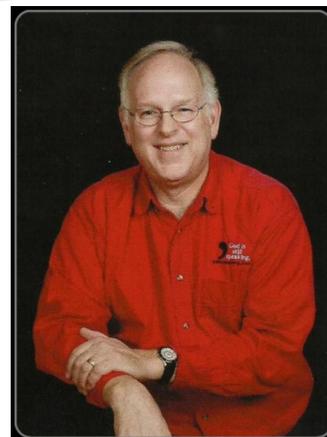
Faith in Chilton

by Rev. Michael Safford-Kennedy

Last month writing about the shooting in Orlando, I said,

“Once again we have been plunged into the abyss of horror. The name of the community is new, the death toll is shocking, and the words of blame are directed at the usual people. There is much sound and fury as some elected officials talk about enacting new laws while other officials say new laws won’t stop such violence. It is likely that not much will change and we will move on with our lives until there is another act of mass violence at which time we will repeat the cycle. With each cycle the abyss becomes deeper and darker and it seems our hope for change becomes dimmer.”

I am sad and angry that I must repeat these words. This month senseless violence has been visited on Dallas, Baton Rouge, Minneapolis and Nice. Our streets are home to nearly daily protests by regular citizens outraged by acts of violence. Many of our politicians try their best to change the subject from safety and respect in our inner



cities to email scandals and personal wealth.

The summer of 1968 held many similar ingredients as 2016. If you are old enough to remember the demonstrations frequently turned violent, the political climate was deadly, the problems before the country seemed beyond solution. Yet we survived the summer. The incendiary comments began to lessen and we found some common ground to seek solutions. We need to revisit the lessons learned during that time and turn to our faith to find a way to speak with one another.

We must remember the primary lesson of the Good Samaritan; all people are our neighbors and we are to love them as we love ourselves. To put this lesson into practice means we must be willing to risk opening ourselves to people we do not know. We must be willing to listen to and faithfully consider their words and ideas.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 Non-member wedding rehearsal 5 PM	6 Non-member wedding 1 PM
7 Worship 9:30 AM Spanish Ministry 2 PM	8	9	10	11 Men's Brkfst @ 7 Angels 8:30 AM	12	13
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21 Sherrif's Dept. Project Offering Worship 9:30 AM Council Mtg after service Spanish Ministry 2 PM	22	23	24 Campfire Worship 7 PM Behind parsonage	25	26	27
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Newsletter Articles due to the office by email on the third Tuesday of the month.

Weekly bulletin announcements are due in the office on Tuesday mornings.

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NOTES FROM THE MUSIC CORNER . . .

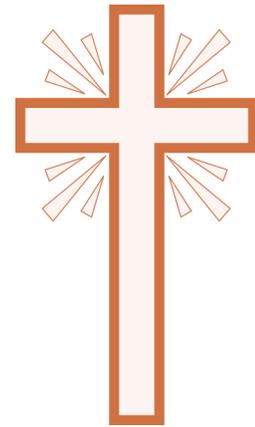
By Elaine Hessel

“Come, sing praises to the God of Glory” truly happened during the month of July when the congregation sang favorite requested hymns before worship. It was rewarding to have the variety of favorites – some traditional, some contemporary, some lively, some meditative, - all fun!!! You may recognize the beginning quotation from the banner that hangs on the east wall of the sanctuary.

Thank you to Mark Schubert for playing the alto recorder for special music and accompanying hymns on July 24. He enjoys Early Music (pre 1800) and arranged the special music for recorder & organ/piano.

Last year we had a vocal quartet from Iowa participate in worship when they were here for Gospel Fest. We requested to have a group again this year but all had been reserved by the time we called. Sandy Hauman will be having the Good Shepherd ‘Gospel Singers’ here for the Sunday of Gospel Fest, August 21. Always delightful to have a new style of music added to the worship service from our neighboring church.

September is around the corner so we will be looking for returning and new bell ringers. Please let Elaine know if you are interested. No musical background is required. An ensemble (Claudia, Stephanie, Jill & Elaine) rang for the memorial program at the Relay for Life on July 15 – always a very memorable event.



Thank You

A hearty thank you to all who worked so hard to make the luncheon for Alice Horst’s funeral and the ice cream social possible on back-to-back days. Your efforts and long hours offered Alice’s family a chance to break bread in her church, grieve, celebrate, and share in God’s love. Your efforts also allowed the church to share its blessings with members and the wider community through ice cream and sandwiches.

Thank you to Ruth, Joann, Shirley, Joan and everyone who stepped up to help Alice’s family, the church and the community. May God bless all of you.

Wednesday, July 13 was a HOT day but what a wonderful afternoon and evening of great food, laughter, and fellowship as we successfully completed another ice cream social.

Those who worked so hard in the days preceding and on the day of the event deserve our loud applause for their service and never failing love for the church and its mission.

It takes teamwork and dynamic leadership to faithfully pull off such a mission project. We are thankful for the work of so many people for so many days surrounding the event. Everyone who helped is held in our prayers and we are thankful for the blessings you bring to the church and to the community of Chilton.

Be sure to help yourself to a copy of the July / August devotional guide, "The Upper Room" available in the narthex. It is available in regular and large print.

Happy Birthday

Matthew Michels	01
Ellie Papendieck	02
John Andrews	02
David Kloehn	03
Joan Woelfel	08
Duane Kandler	17
Earl Ploeckelmann	22
Julie Ditter	24
Carl Reichwald	26
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May God bless your years and may you continue to bless Ebenezer!

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To reject a person or an idea without offering the love of actually listening and trying to understand is to fail to offer love and to deny the person being a neighbor. Our faith demands we offer love.

Each day set aside time to pray. Pray for the leaders of the church, community, state and federal governments. Pray for the people protesting. Pray for police officers. Pray for our children. Pray for people who are trying to build a better life for themselves and their children. Pray for our teachers who encounter broken children and their dreams every day.

Pray.

Photographers and Writers Needed!

If you wish to write an article for the newsletter or have any photos you have taken of church related events/people that you are willing to share, please send them to Heather in the office by email (ebenezerooffice@yahoo.com). We want to hear from you!

#TheEbenezerLife

Are YOU living it?

Council Minutes: July 20, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:20 pm. Members present: Karen Cmejla, Jamie Plate, Kelly Kress, Dale Hintz, Fred Kubichka, and Pastor Mike. Kelly Brown and Stephanie Ademietz were absent. Kelly Kress made a motion to approve June's minutes and today's agenda. Jamie seconded. Motion carried.

Finances Report:

Our June revenue is \$6,695.

Our June expenditures are \$11,204.

Our general fund balance as of June, 2016 is \$68,175.

Our current balance is \$265,526.

Kelly Kress made a motion to accept the financial reports and July's bills. Pastor verified we do not owe anything for the pension boards, UCC. Dale seconded. Motion carried.

Minister's Report:

Pastor Mike shared with us a synopsis of what he has done from mid-June through mid-July including meetings, funerals, correspondence, communion, visitations, prayer, and preaching. Attendance is averaging 75 people each Sunday and financially we are averaging \$1,796 each week. Pastor Mike is working with Joan Woelfel to have youth group (grades 5-8) and adult educational opportunities for Autumn 2016. Pastor Mike will be taking vacation August 8th-August 11th--he will not be missing a Sunday.

Committee Reports:

- **Christian Ed/Music**-No new news.
- **Evangelism**-No new news.
- **Mission**-No new news.
- **Property**-No new news.
- **Stewardship**-No new news.

Old news

- The house next door is for sale and we have been approached to purchase. The property committee has not yet been able to look into it. This is tabled until the August meeting.
- Ruth Aebisher and Shirley Lisowe have been working on the membership list and will be sending out a form to obtain updated information. The completed list will be published into a booklet that will be available to the congregation. The church membership form was submitted to the council for approval.
- Heather's annual review will be held at the end of July.
- Ushering duties for funerals was discussed and the Men's Breakfast Club will be approached by Pastor Mike at their next meeting in August.
- We will be having an outdoor service Wednesday, August 24th at 7:00. Hot dogs and smores will be available for roasting after service.
- The west fellowship hall entrance doors have been installed and look beautiful.
- Annual review of parsonage costs—tabled until September meeting.
- Quorum of 35% and definition of "member in good standing" tabled until the November meeting.

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- Rotation of council members again tabled.
- Bake sale for church camp was a big success.
- A \$2000 grant was received for the technology grant committee of the NE Association of the WI conference, UCC. The grant money must be used within 2 years. This topic was briefly discussed and was tabled for further discussion until the August meeting.
- A brief review of the ice cream social was discussed.

New Business:

- An installation date for Pastor Mike was set for Sunday, September 18th, and will be done during service.
- A Discretionary Fund for Pastor Mike was brought up by Pastor Mike. Pastor Mike has had to turn away several people who have come to the church requesting help. Pastor Mike would like the church to purchase, fuel-only gift cards for him to give at his discretion. These would be small denominations and would be kept in the church office. An accounting would be made each month in the Pastor's Report showing if any were given out during the previous month. In the long term, Pastor would like a line added to next year's budget for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. This will allow Pastor to give help and when the fund is exhausted, and then he can turn people away if necessary with a truthful statement that we have exhausted our funds. Kelly Kress discussed resources available in our community--especially at the Court House. Pastor Mike stated he has referred people to the Court House, Salvation Army, and St. Vincent DePaul for assistance with rent, food, etc. The council approved the purchase of \$100 of fuel-only cards. Money will be taken from the general fund. Dale also mentioned having a fundraiser to keep the fund going in the future. The council will be looking into this. Dale made a motion to approve the Discretionary Fund. Kelly Kress seconded. Motion carried.
- The Calumet County Sheriff's Dept. is looking for financial help with providing child safety and drug prevention educational material for children, preschool and older, including materials on Bullies, ID Theft, Internet Safety and safety for our senior citizens. These material have been designed exclusively by the National Child Safety Council, a 501 © (3) tax-exempt, nonprofit organization. This vital program will assist us in teaching our children and our community to life safely. The cost is \$3/child. The council decided to hold a 2nd offering during the August 21st service. The goal is \$100 and the council agreed to use money from the Advertising Fund to fulfill goal not met from the 2nd offering. Jamie made a motion to approve assisting the Calumet County Sheriff's Department with educational materials. Dale seconded. Motion carried.

**The next council meeting will be Sunday, August 21st.

Kelly made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Fred seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Council Secretary,
Jamie Plate

Ebenezer United Church of Christ
Treasurer's Report
30-Jun-16

31-May-16		\$ 269,919	
<i>June Revenue:</i>		\$ 6,695	
	General Fund Balance 6/30/16		\$ 68,175
	Offering	\$ 5,920	
	OCWM- United Community Card	\$ 1	
	Rent	\$ 600	
	Total revenues Per Reintl	\$ 6,521	
	Restricted Funds Difference	\$ (26)	Balance \$ 87,284
	Unrestricted Funds Difference	\$ 200	Balance \$ 109,015
	Total Revenues	\$ 6,695	
June Expenses & Adjustments Per Reintl	****	\$ (11,204)	
Payroll Taxes Paid in June (May)		\$ (936)	
Payroll Taxes to be Paid in July (June)		\$ 1,052	\$ 1,052
Balance as of June 30, 2016		\$ 265,526	\$ 265,526
** Balance of the stocks we received as a donation (as of May 20, 2016)			\$ 12,941.03

Offerings consists of Envelopes, Loose Coins, Electronic Offerings. Rent includes the Spanish Ministry Rent, Parsonage Rental. **** I adjusted \$250 off this total due to a Food for the Poor payment that was Voided on the June financial statement.