



The Eagle

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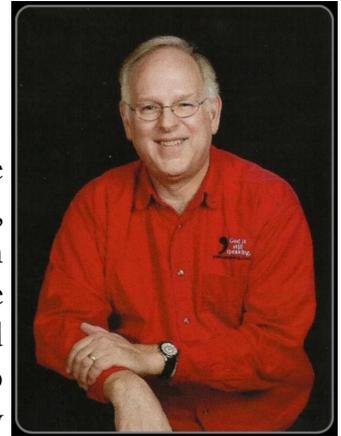
**Loving,
living, and
serving
faithfully –
uniting God
and our
neighbors.**



Faith in Chilton

by Rev. Michael Safford-Kennedy

The i's have been dotted, the t's have been crossed, the covenants have been spoken, and the food has been eaten...all is well. I am your settled minister and it's time to move forward into the bright future God has reserved for Ebenezer and its people. Before we jump into the future I am going to spend a few minutes reflecting upon Sunday's celebration.



Sunday we were blessed by the words of the Council President Karen Cmejla and Jerry Pagel representing the Search Committee. Their words touched on the joys and trials of the church from the mid 1950's to the work of the search committee ending this Spring. Ebenezer has had a wonderful series of ministers each with special gifts which have moved the church forward and allowed it to meet the challenges of a rapidly evolving society. God continues to work with and through the church calling the right people to be in leadership at the right moment to continue growing and changing the church to meet the demands of a new time in the life of the church and the community.

The purpose of Sunday's worship was not to pat each other on the back, laugh and remember all the hard work that was done by the Search Committee, though that was certainly appropriate and fun. The most important part of the installation was the spoken covenant binding the Association to the church and to the pastor, the church to the pastor and the pastor to the church.

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

addressing the pastor

Pastor Mike seeing that you are called to ordained ministry by the grace of God and that Ebenezer UCC has been led to call you as pastor and teacher, are you willing to enter this covenant with its members who are one in Christ with us in the Northeast Association?

PASTOR MIKE

I am willing, and *I promise to serve this church faithfully, preaching*

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NOTES FROM THE MUSIC CORNER . . .

By Elaine Hessil

It is good to be back into the fall schedule with hand bell practice back in session on Wednesday at 6:30. It is also delightful to have returning, dedicated ringers – Don, Dale, Lynn, Michael, Ruth, Karen, Stephanie, Claudia and Ellie. In addition to having Dale Klicka as a regular, his Mom, Janel, participates as a regular sub who plays any position and in fact will be ringing Sept. and Oct. Thank you to both since they are active members at Peace UCC in Brillion. We are so grateful for everyone's dedication!! There are three beginning ringers who rehearse at 6:00 and will eventually work into ringing with Ebenezer Brass. Thank you to Meghan Adamietz, Jorja Ninneman, and Serenity Kubichka for bringing their enthusiasm to the world of bell ringing. They will be involved when Ebenezer Brass rings on the 2nd Sunday of each month when Sunday School is involved in worship. More ringers are always welcome, so come to try it out on Wednesday if interested.

It was with Don Waldvogel's determination

that a technician was brought in to get the Ensonique keyboard wired into the sound system. The keyboard was given by the Moeschberger family in 1995 and has always been in working condition but was not included in the new sound system several years ago. It certainly will add a new dimension to the music.



Prayer Requests

Tod ~ Katy ~ Louise
 Da'Nisha ~ Lorraine
 Sheri ~ Mark ~ Leah
 Dave & Family ~ Janine
 Arlene ~ Dale ~ Duane
 Terry ~ Shelly ~ Brian
 Pat ~ Jon ~ David
 Pat ~ Larry ~ Eric & Family
 Violet ~ David
 Ryan & Family

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.

Happy Birthday

Casey Lisowe	1
Donna Pingel	1
Elaine Hessil	4
Christopher Zipperer	6
Kay Hertel	8
Susan Verrier	11
Shirley Ramey	15
Delmar Riesterer	18
Eric Buechel	23
Kurt Knoespel	24
Leo Van Hoorn	24
Ann Gasch	26
Kelly Kloehn	31

May God bless your years and may you continue to bless Ebenezer!

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and teaching the word of God, administering the sacraments, and fulfilling the pastoral office, according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

addressing the congregation

Members of Ebenezer UCC, will those who are able rise and affirm your covenant with your pastor and teacher?

EBENEZER MEMBERS

We, the members of Ebenezer UCC, receive Pastor Mike as our pastor and teacher, *promising to labor with him in the ministry of the gospel and to give him due honor and support. We gather with him and with the United Church of Christ as a sign of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.*

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

addressing the association members

Members of the Northeast Association, will those who are able rise and affirm your covenant with Ebenezer UCC and its pastor and teacher?

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

We, the members of the Northeast Association of the United Church of Christ, *gather with you, the people and the pastor and teacher of Ebenezer UCC, as a sign of our covenant and in celebration of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.*

The covenant to support one another, to work together in ministry to spread the word and bring grace, comfort, and justice to members of Ebenezer and to the surrounding community, when nurtured will make Ebenezer a welcoming place throughout our time of shared ministry.

I promise to each member of Ebenezer, its friends, and to the new members we will receive in the future that I will strive to serve you in the name of Christ, to support you in difficult times showing you how the faithful in Biblical times turned to God for strength, and to join with you in all the times of joy and transition in your lives.



Sunday School Corner

The Sunday School year got off to a great start on the 11th and we should be looking forward to a fantastic year. We've registered 33 students, which includes 5 in the confirmation class. Returning teachers are Tiffany Porsche, who will be teaching 1st grade, Shirley Lisowe, teaching 3rd and 4th grade, Kristi Schnell, teaching 5th and 6th grade, and we are so happy to welcome Krysta Roehrig, who will be teaching our pre-k/kindergarten class. Krysta was one of our confirmands last spring and she worked as a teacher's aide in our Sunday School department last year.

Meghan Adamietz and Alex Greuel each gave a presentation about their time at summer camp and we played a game, which helped us learn a few more things about some of our students that we didn't know before. We ended the rally with refreshments.

We will be throwing a

Trunk-or-Treat party on October 30 immediately after the worship service and will also be planning an end of year family event in May.

Our mission project this year will be for the Make-A-Wish foundation. Weekly offerings will be used to grant a life-affirming wish for a medically qualified child in Calumet County. 95% of Wish parents say their child's wish marks a turning point in the fight against their illness. Make-A-Wish has seen a 21% increase in qualified wish referrals and they are on track to grant at least 365 wishes for children this year—that's a wish a day! We are excited to be part of this amazing organization.

Let's welcome our kids back and encourage them as they learn God's word and grow in our church family.

Thank you

The Mission Education Committee would like to thank everyone who donated to our recent collection of school supplies. Four large boxes of supplies went to Chilton and New Holstein Elementary Schools to be distributed to children in need, and was very much appreciated by the staff at the schools. Some of the items donated were: 11 backpacks, 19 notebooks, 28 folders, 19 packs of crayons, 6 boxes of markers, 1 binder, 2 sets of binder dividers, 10 scissors, 2 multi subject notebooks, 8 pink erasers, 3 bottles of school glue, 3 packs of colored pencils, 33 glue sticks, 3 packs of loose-leaf paper, 1 pencil sharpener, 5 pencil pouches, 5 pencil boxes, 1 pack of notecards, 1 ruler, 10 packs of pencils, 5 highlighters, 4 packs of dry erase markers, 6 packs of red and blue pens, 4 packs of post it notes, 5 containers of Clorox wipes, and 5 boxes of tissues. Thank you!!

Looking for a gift for the person who has everything? Consider sponsoring an issue of the Eagle (suggested \$25), or the week's bulletin (suggested \$10) or sign up to provide altar flowers/plants. There are Eagle or bulletin slips and a flower chart on the bulletin board outside the office. Be sure to give the slips and flower information to Heather so recognition is properly acknowledged in the bulletin for that week.

Christian Ed / Worship Committee

August 28, 2016

Comments were reflected about the summer worship season. Voices of Peace have been contacted to possibly schedule a visiting gospel group when Gospel Fest is held next year. Sponsoring a group adds a different dimension to worship as well as a community outreach opportunity. The campfire gathering held on August 24 was enjoyed by those that attended and would like to have repeated. Some mention was made of conducting a service at the Calumet County worship site.

The upcoming installation of Pastor Mike on Sept 18 was discussed. Several Association representatives will participate and the public is invited. Diane and Shirley will plan and organize the reception to follow the 9:30 service. Elaine will submit news releases before and possibly after so the public will be informed and invited.

Shirley gave an overview of the upcoming Sunday School season. The staff is as follows: Krysta Roehrig – Kindergarten; Tiffany Porche – 1st grade; Shirley Lisowe – 2nd – 4th grade; Kristi Schnell – 5th – 6th grade; Pastor Mike – Confirmation. The mission project for the year is Make a Wish . Good luck for a very ambitious year!

Thought was given to Thanksgiving Eve ecumenical worship, however, Pastor Mike plans were not yet made. Mention was made about the offering from these ecumenical services are given for community assistance. Would this be of any help for the discretionary assistance Pastor Mike had discussed with the council?

Some other worship thoughts included the incorporation of a creed during service, especially during communion; also – during communion, as a symbol of our unity hold one communion element (bread) to take together and the other element (wine) take individually as spiritually ready.

Continued thanks to Mary Thompson for weekly care of the plants. It is so good to have them green and growing!

Members present: Karen Cmejla; Shirley Lisowe; Bea Pingel; Jamie Plate; Don & Diane Sattler; Mary Thompson; Pastor Mike; Elaine Hessil

#TheEbenezerLife

Are YOU living it?

Check out the questionnaire sheets at the end of this newsletter.

Sunday School Returns

What happiness and excitement were present on the morning of September 11 as we welcomed back our students and teachers for another year of discovering God's blessings!

Mrs. Lisowe had yet another creative way of helping everyone to get to know each other by using a roll of toilet paper and storytelling! She is a true gift to Ebenezer.

After introductions, teachers and students had pictures taken and then it was time to dive into the snacks.

The Confirmands headed off to Pastor Mike's study where they and their parents had a brief introduction to the Confirmation program.

It was great to have a Fellowship Hall filled with parents and students sharing stories, meeting new friends and happily looking forward to a year of fun and discovery.



Grandfather, Ken Lisowe, and grandson, Owen Brown, ushering at Pastor Mike's Installation service.

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

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 (ebenezeroffice@yahoo.com). We want to hear from you!

Council Minutes – August 23, 2016

Several council members went to St. Paul's UCC to see a demo on how their IT system works. After that we went back to Ebenezer UCC for the council meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm. Members present were Karen Cmejla, Kelly Kress, Stephanie Ademietz, Fred Kubichka, and Pastor Mike. Kelly Brown, Dale Hintz, and Jamie Plate were absent. Fred Kubichka made a motion to approve July's minutes and today's agenda. Stephanie Ademietz seconded. Motion carried.

Finances Report:

- July revenue is \$10,317.00
- July expenditures are \$7,125.00
- General fund balance as of July 31, 2016 is \$74,705.00
- Current balance is \$270,678.00

Fred made a motion to accept the financial reports and August's bills. Kelly Kress seconded. Motion carried.

Minister's Report:

Pastor Mike shared with us a synopsis of what he has done from mid-July through mid-August that includes a meeting, visitations, communion, correspondence, prayer, and preaching. We continue to average 75 people each Sunday and averaging \$1,796 each week. The confirmation class will meet on September 11, 2016 for orientation. There will be approximately five confirmands. Pastor Mike and Joan Woelfel will launch a bible studies program. Pastor Mike will be taking vacation September 5 through September 8. He will not miss a Sunday.

Committee Reports:

Christian Ed/Music-The committee will be meeting on August 28th. Sunday School will begin on September 8th.

Evangelism-No new news.

Mission-The committee is organizing a church wide collection of school supplies to be donated. All supplies should be placed in the narthex.

Property-The second air conditioner will be completed soon. Still researching the property next door.

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Stewardship- No New News.

Old New:

Heather's review was completed in July.

Details were discussed for the outdoor service that will be held on Wednesday, August 24th at 7:00. Members are to bring their own chairs. Hot dogs, s'mores, and water will be provided by the council.

Annual review of parsonage costs—tabled until September meeting.

Quorum of 35% and definition of “member in good standing” tabled until the November meeting.

Rotation of council members tabled.

New Business:

Plans were discussed for Pastor Mike's installation ceremony which will be held on Sunday, September 18th during the service with a reception to be held afterwards.

Happy Hour Contract will be addressed.

Pastor Mike reported the 411 Listing phone calls are continuing. We feel this is a scam.

We will be checking into an exterminator to service our church. Several members of the church suggested that there needs to be something done regarding spiders.

Our website domain expiration is coming up and we will need to verify the cost and decide if we will continue with what we currently have.

Joan Woelfel and Pastor Mike are working together to start the youth group up.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, September 13th.

Stephanie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kelly seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Submitted by, Kelly Kress *Council Vice President*

Christian Education (Bible Studies) for Adults

This fall we are offering several options for Christian education for adults and youth. Please choose which ones interest you.

Confirmation for Adults: Remember confirmation as a youth? Interested in getting re-acquainted with the basics? We'll use the confirmation book and talk about the themes from an adult point of view.

Are you interested in attending? Yes_____ No_____

The Wired Word: We'll look at a current news story from the biblical point of view. The class materials will be e-mailed to you a few days before class so you have time to review.

Are you interested in attending? Yes_____ No_____

How to Live a Joy Filled Life: Finding it tough to find joy in your personal life? Would you like to know where the Bible talks about being joyful? Living joyfully is a practice, so let's practice. Are you interested in attending? Yes_____ No_____

The Book of Job: The Book of Job is 40+ chapters which tells us the problem of suffering is real and difficult. Job and his friends try to understand the meaning of suffering. Let's listen in as they talk about suffering and add our own wisdom to their conversation.

Are you interested in attending? Yes_____ No_____

Finding God in the Popular Culture: Is the popular culture (TV shows, movies, books, etc.) a cesspool of anti-Christian messages? Is God speaking to us through the culture? Let's discover God in the culture.

Are you interested in attending? Yes_____ No_____

Violence in the Scriptures and Righteous Anger: There is violence all around us, what are we to make of it? Is the Bible violent? Is God violent?

Are you interested in attending? Yes_____ No_____

Any ideas?

Name: _____ **Please return to the office or to Pastor.**

Bible Studies for *Youth (13-18 yrs)*

What is the faith all-about? Is the church bigoted, anti-science, anti-LGBTQ? How does the church fit into a teenager's life?

Are you interested in attending? Yes _____ No _____

Dating: Girlfriends, Boyfriends, Parents, and the Faithful Life: It is tough being a teenager trying to understand dating and how your parents react to who you like. What is going on here?

Are you interested in attending? Yes _____ No _____

Daily Living: How the church can help you live a happy, exciting, interesting life.

Are you interested in attending? Yes _____ No _____

What Is Going On In Those Other Religions? Ever wonder about people in other religions? What do they do and how am I to feel about them? Are they my friends or enemies?

Are you interested in attending? Yes _____ No _____

Any Ideas?

Name: _____ Please return to the office or to Pastor.