

From Pastor Moira's Desk... We are still basking in the miracle of the empty tomb, the stone rolled away, that Jesus is risen from the dead. The Easter season will take us through this month, to Pentecost (and Celebration Sunday) on May 19th, but the truth of Easter, the incredible Good News that life and love have the final word, that will live on in us through all we say and do, not just in these days, but in all our lives. As many challenges as there are in our lives, and in the life of the world (and there are more than enough), we hold this truth in our hearts, our minds, our bodies, and our spirits ~ God is with us, working in us and through us in the world that the promise of the kingdom, the promise of love, life, and abundance might come, not just for us, but for all people, and all creation. As we work our way through May and all its special Sundays (Confirmation, Mother's Day, Pentecost, Celebration Sunday, and Memorial Day), as our minds and hearts turn towards the end of another school year and the promise of the summer months ahead, as we look towards planting the garden, filling the swimming pool, camp, vacation, and all that the summer will bring (including navigating all our road construction), I pray we might remember the miracle of God's love made real in Jesus' resurrection, that together with God and with one another, we can face all that is ahead because the power that rolled the stone away is alive and at work in us. *In peace and grace, Pastor Moira*

Church Garden News...We've talked with our friends at the food pantry and know what we need to plant ~ tomatoes, beans, bell peppers, and cucumbers. We need to build two more planters and move some dirt before we can do that. Garden work days are: Saturday May 18th at 9am and Saturday May 25th at 1pm

Rummage Sale News

Thursday - Saturday June 20, 21 & 22 and June 27, 28 & 29

After Mother's Day you can bring items to the Fellowship Hall

LOOK for the signs on where to put things to make our sorting process easier!

LABEL special items if they're hard to identify so our volunteers know what we've got.

PLEASE no large furniture (sofas, dressers, etc.)

and no tech electronics (TVs, computers, keyboards, etc.).

May Focus Of Giving ~ United Church Camps, Inc. (UCCI)

In Wisconsin we are blessed with wonderful outdoor ministry facilities at Moon Beach near St. Germain and Daycholah Center near Ripon.

This month our focus will be on funds to help those facilities, particularly at Moon Beach where cabin restoration and refurbishment is underway.

Look for the offering envelopes or send checks to church with UCCI in the memo.

Readers & Greeters Schedule

If you are unable to make your date, please talk with Pastor Moira & Connie Wheeler.

On communion Sunday, greeters help serve communion.

Sunday May 5, 2024 ~ Communion

Confirmation Sunday

Reader Robin Schmidt
Greeters Pat & Steve Schomisch
Robin Schmidt
Jan Rohloff

Sunday May 12, 2024 ~ Mother's Day

Childrens choir sings

Reader Nate Seefeldt
Greeters Steve & Lindsay Seefeldt

Sunday May 19, 2024

Celebration Sunday ~ farm & garden theme

Adult choir sings

Reader Jan Rohloff
Greeters Mike & Connie Rohloff

Sunday May 26, 2024

Memorial Day Weekend

Reader Vi Brown-Luebke
Greeters Vi Brown-Luebke
Darwin Ethington

Sunday June 2, 2024 ~ Communion

Reader Audrina Bohn
Greeters Gary & Bonnie Vander Linden
Randy Miller
Lisa Waterstradt

Sunday June 9, 2024

Reader Robin Schmidt
Greeters Barry Zuleger
Steve Hanson

Sunday June 16, 2024

Reader Bob Menning
Greeters Bob & Carla Menning

Sunday June 23, 2024

Reader As Schmidt
Greeters As Schmidt & Kelly Stevens

Sunday June 30, 2024

Reader Sally Dickinson
Greeters Mike & Sally Dickinson

SCRIP News SCRIP is a wonderful way to help you with your regular expenses like gas, groceries, dining out & entertainment & you support the church with a percentage of the value of the cards you purchase (generally 2-10%). *We order on the first Sunday of the month and when we have enough other orders to offset shipping costs!* Look for the SCRIP station in the Gathering Room.

2024 Church Council Members

Sally Dickinson ~ President, 920-525-2137
Trevor Rohloff ~ Vice-President, 920-228-0950
Lizzie Tesch - financial secretary, 920-370-8692
Lisa Waterstradt - treasurer, 920-422-0933

Connie Rohloff ~ 920-228-0940
Brian Holz ~ 920-585-0078
Pastor Moira ~ 715-851-3080

St. John's UCC Black Creek ~ Council Meeting Minutes ~ April 8, 2024

- Present were Sally Dickinson, Trevor Rohloff, Lizzie Tesch, Lisa Waterstradt, Brian Holz, and Pastor Moira; absent was Connie Rohloff
- Sally Dickinson called the meeting to order and Pastor Moira led us in prayer.
- The minutes of the March 2024 meeting were reviewed; motion to approve by Lisa, second by Trevor, motion passed.
- The financial secretary and treasurer's reports were reviewed; we noted a few increases in bills (church software and phone/internet); motion to approve by Trevor, second by Brian, motion passed.
- Pastor Moira presented her report including the mid-week Lenten series, Holy Week, and Easter plus upcoming events including baptisms, wider church meetings, and confirmation; there was also discussion of her planned vacation Sundays (June 6th – conference annual meeting, will use a video service & need assistance leading worship; and July 21st ~ vacation, will look into pulpit supply in cooperation with Trinity);
- Christian Education ~ discussed confirmation and the older students' class with Gary, plus the Christian Family Home day and having a kick-off day in the fall since there won't be a traditional rally day; next meeting is Wednesday August 14th at 6:30pm
- Worship & Music ~ need to resume the search for a new musician; discussed the altar candles (the old ones are being used again as they don't seem to be leaking now);
- Building & Grounds
 - Clock winding & grab bars ~ many thanks to Mark Hooyman who winds when no one has signed up; need to get grab bars installed (Pastor will purchase); discussed the proposal for a mechanized winder (\$15,000) and will tell them that we will not be pursuing it at this time;
 - Banner Hanger for upstairs storage ~ we need to find someone who can make this as Denis Shepard has many projects on his plate at present;
 - Plastering ~ still waiting
 - Lawnmowing ~ discussed a sign-up sheet to begin in mid-May and for instructions on care of our equipment;
 - Doorbell ~ the outside bell on the west entrance fell and shattered, we decided we don't currently need this;
 - Electrician ~ Steve Mullens was here and did several projects
 - Sanctuary clock ~ moved for easier access for time change and batteries
- Cemetery ~ they have hired Jacob Court to mow; discussed the possibility of putting in a columbarium;
- Endowment ~ nothing to report
- Stewardship ~ May United Church Camps (focus will be cabin restoration at Moon Beach) and food pantry SPAM and tuna; June focus is Strengthen the Church (a UCC offering) and

food pantry is spaghetti sauce; discussed the need for a quarterly disbursement system for funds; Lizzie, Lisa and Moira will work on this

- Women's Guild ~ rummage sale work day on Wednesday May 15th at 9am with lunch provided; worker sign-ups for more preparations and the sale will be available soon;
- Garden Project ~ will be growing two kinds of beans (bush & pole), cucumbers, two kinds of tomatoes, and bell peppers this year; working on a rock border project for the side near the church and some perennials;
- SCRIP ~ need to work on publicity;
- Parish Relations ~ needs to meet in May 2024 to discuss staff salaries;
- Old Business ~ Sassman Memorial; all memorial tags are done;
- Old Business ~ Easter Breakfast; reviewed the changes which were well received, considered adding hardboiled eggs for next year as well as a few other changes; disbursed \$228 collected for the Good Shepherd Bus Fund;
- Old Business ~ Church Insurance; we will continue with the policy as it is;
- Old Business ~ Changing banks; after discussion there was a motion to move all church accounts (savings, checking, youth & Sunday school) from BMO to Fox Communities Credit Union with authorized signatures for Sally Dickinson, Trevor Rohloff, and Lisa Waterstradt on the general church accounts (savings & checking), Sue Biese on youth group, and Robin Schmidt on Sunday school; motion by Lisa, second by Sally, motion passed.
- Old Business ~ Dartball Trophy Case; in progress
- Thanks & Prayers ~ Trevor & Sarah are expecting;
- Motion to adjourn by Lisa, second by Lizzie, motion passed
- The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer
- Next meetings ~ May ~ because of schedules, reports will be circulated by email
 June 12th (Wednesday) at 6pm
 July 10th (Wednesday) at 6pm (may need to reschedule)
 August 7th (Wednesday) at 6pm

Respectfully submitted, Pastor Moira

May 19th ~ Celebration Sunday

Worship at the usual times to celebrate everyone who makes our parish so incredibly special.

We have FARM & GARDEN theme this year so break out your bib overalls, straw hats, gardening gloves, and sheep and cow costumes (no live animals please!), and drive your tractors to church too!

May 12th ~ Celebrating The

Christian Family Home

Crafts, Games & Snacks at 9am in the fellowship hall.

Worship at 10:15am with the children singing & prayers to celebrate our homes & all the women of our lives.

St. John's United Church of Christ Financial Secretary's Report ~ MARCH 2024

	3/3/2024	3/10/2024	3/17/2024	3/24/2024	3/31/2024	Direct Deposit	TOTAL
Checking deposit	1,711.00	1,506.00	687.00	3,320.00	2,959.00	300.00	10,483.00
General Fund	1,601.00	1,481.00	667.00	3,019.00	2,696.00	300.00	9,764.00
Operating Funds							
Building Fund	10.00	20.00		220.00	30.00		280.00
Endowment		5.00		5.00	5.00		15.00
Total Operating Funds	10.00	25.00	0.00	225.00	35.00	0.00	295.00
Special Funds							
Food Pantry	50.00						50.00
OGHS	50.00		20.00				70.00
Plastering Project				76.00			76.00
TOTAL SPECIAL FUNDS	100.00	0.00	20.00	76.00	0.00	0.00	196.00
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP GIVING	1,711.00	1,506.00	687.00	3,320.00	2,731.00	300.00	10,255.00
Other Income							
Easter Breakfast (Good Shepherd Bus Fund)					228.00		228.00
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	228.00	0.00	228.00
TOTAL CHECKING DEPOSIT	1,711.00	1,506.00	687.00	3,320.00	2,959.00	300.00	10,483.00

Note: Wednesday mid-week offerings and Holy Week offerings are included in the following Sunday deposits

St. John's United Church of Christ Treasurer's Report ~ APRIL 2024

Building Fund	Beginning Balance	\$19,992.27
	Deposits	\$280.00
	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>(\$4,968.00)</u>
	Ending Balance	\$15,304.27
Memorial Fund	Beginning Balance	\$11,390.47
	Deposits	\$0.00
	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	Ending Balance	\$11,390.47
Organ Fund	Beginning Balance	\$4,455.00
	Deposits	\$0.00
	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	Ending Balance	\$4,455.00
General Fund	Beginning Balance	\$23,764.82
	Interest	\$0.54
	Deposits	\$10,127.00
	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>(\$9,327.96)</u>
	Ending Balance	\$23,765.90
Boiler/Furnace Fund	Beginning Balance	\$1,800.00
	Deposits	\$0.00
	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	Ending Balance	\$1,800.00
Plastering Fund	Beginning Balance	\$6,923.72
	Deposits	\$76.00
	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	Ending Balance	\$6,999.72
Gardening Project	Beginning Balance	\$4,728.71
	Deposits	\$0.00
	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>(\$0.00)</u>
	Ending Balance	\$4,728.71

**We appreciate your continuing
to send contributions by mail
as you are able:
St. John's UCC
PO Box 264
Black Creek, WI 54106
If you have questions,
please be in touch with
a member of the Council**

YTD Membership Giving	\$24,661.00
YTD Expenses	(\$27,096.86)
Net Amount*	(\$2,435.86)
* excludes contributions and disbursements for special offerings	

FUND TOTALS	
Beginning Balance	\$76,054.99
Deposits	\$10,483.00
Interest	\$0.54
<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>(\$14,295.96)</u>
Ending Balance	\$69,272.57

Scripture Readings

Sunday May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Confirmation Sunday at Black Creek

Work Day at Trinity

Isaiah 43.1-7

John 15.9-17

Sermon ~ Friends

Sunday May 12, 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter

*Mother's Day & Celebration
of the Christian Family Home*

Psalm 8

John 17.6-11, 20-26

Sermon ~ One

Sunday May 19, 2024

Pentecost

Celebration Sunday

Acts 2.1-21

Sermon ~ Seeds & Sparks

Sunday May 25, 2024

Memorial Day Weekend

Isaiah 6.1-8

Romans 8.12-17

Sermon ~ My eyes have seen

Sunday June 2, 2024

Communion

2 Corinthians 4.5-12

Mark 2.23-3.6

Sermon ~ Life At Work

Youth Group Outings

We had a full and wonderful April with two outings together.

On Saturday April 13th we met at church to go to Cup of Joy Music House in Green Bay for a night of faith, fun & music.



On Sunday April 21st we shared a delicious lunch at church (pizza & chicken) and then went to Wally's Bowling in Seymour to see how many strikes, spares & gutter balls we could get!



Parish Celebrations

If your special day is incorrect please let Pastor Moira know.

May Birthdays

1st ...	Michael Holz	19th ...	Scott Holz
3rd ...	Gloria Dalke		Katie Holz
5th ...	Connie Shannon		Alyiah Kruse
	Leisha (Abel) Schumacher	24th ...	Dale Gregorious
7th ...	Barb Flaherty	25th ...	Carol Henke
	Todd Arnold	26th ...	Eli Biese
8th ...	Stephanie Julius	30th ...	Brenda Holz
	Ryan Julius		Daniel Pynenberg
9th ...	Nancy Noack		Caitlyn Pingel
11th ...	Kris Vande Corput		Jordan Schmidt
	Shannon Volkman	31st ...	Donald Peotter
12th ...	Cailey Wheeler		Randall Hooyman
13th ...	Faye Veldt		Greggory Holz
15th ...	Jan Rohloff		
16th ...	Gary Lathrop		

May Anniversaries

May 9th ~ Ryan & Stephanie Julius

May 15th ~ John & Connie Sheeler

May 17th ~ Denis & Berniece Shepard

May 19th ~ Brandon & Melissa Rohloff

May 30th ~ Joe & Sue Biese

May 31st ~ Brandon & Melissa Rohloff

Women's Guild News

We met on April 3rd and Pastor Moira led us through some chair yoga before our meeting where we discussed the rummage sale and much more and shared a delicious dessert from Vi Brown Luebke.

Please join us on Wednesday May 15th at 9am
as we begin rummage sale preparations
with lunch provided (soup, sandwiches, salad, and cake!).

Sign-up sheets for rummage sale workers will be available very soon!

May 2024


How to reach Pastor Moira: phone 715-851-3080
email pastormoira73@gmail.com

Pastor's In The Office
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays
Please call/text to make sure

Sunday Schedule: Trinity ~ 8:45am Worship

Black Creek ~ Sunday School 9am (through May 19th) & Worship 10:15am

Cecil ~ 4pm Worship through May 19th; then 7pm through September 1st

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Key to locations: BC = St. John's Black Creek T = Trinity C = St. John's Cecil ALC = Ascension Lutheran			1 6:30pm BC Choir	2	3	4
5 ♥ Communion ♥ SCRIP ♥ Work Day at T ♥ Confirmation at BC	6 <i>Yom HaShoah</i> <i>(Holocaust</i> <i>Remembrance</i> <i>Day)</i>	7 9am ALC Pantry Board	8 NO Choir practice	9 5:30pm T Council	10	11
12 Mother's Day BC Children sing	13	14 2pm T Circle	15 9am BC Guild Rummage Sale Work Day 6:30pm BC Choir 4-6pm ALC Pantry	16	17	18 9-11am ALC Pantry 9am BC Garden Work Day
19 <i>Pentecost</i> Celebration Sunday Farm & Garden Theme	20	21	22	23 9am C Closet work day	24	25 1pm BC Garden Work Day
26 Cecil begins 7pm worship for the summer	27 <i>Memorial</i> <i>Day</i> 	28	29	30	31	June 1 <i>Tomorrow...</i> <i>Communion</i> <i>SCRIP Order</i>

May
2024

"The purpose of this congregation is to be a faith community promoting the kingdom of God through worship, teaching, and action ... get ready!"

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Stock The Pantry Shelves

"When I was hungry, you fed me."

Matthew 25.35

May Focus Items SPAM and TUNA

Help our pantry families with these shelf-stable proteins (canned chicken is good too).



Remember, it never needs to be name brand & you can always send a monetary contribution as well with "food pantry" in the memo.

US Mass Shootings

1/1 - 4/25/2024

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*According to the
Gun Violence
Archive*