

## *Seward United Methodist Church News Stream October 17th*

### *Laity Sunday*

One of the things I treasure about the United Methodist denomination is the shared leadership of clergy and laity. This Sunday, October 17th is set aside to celebrate the ministry, service, and witness of laity in our churches. We will have several folks speaking this Sunday about why they love our church and why they believe it is important to support our church. Thank you to Leanne Josoff, Carla and JB Ketner, and Dixie and Greg Zabka for their leadership this Sunday and in our congregation year round. Thank you to each of you for your service and hard work in making Seward United Methodist Church all that it is! Thanks be.

Grace, peace, Mary Kay

### *BBCDC Notes from Jo Ellen*

Fall has arrived! Today I found the children enjoying various ways of learning. The babies were exploring new toys and books. We also had a new little one start today in the infant room... so sweet! I found toddlers ready to have their picture taken as they played and explored their classroom. When I peeked out the south doors, I could hear laughter!

I found the Pre-K students exploring with a fun game out under the trees in the sound side of the yard. It was a day full of learning and fun with glorious weather!

Thank you to all who continue to support and encourage the love of Jesus Christ in this valuable ministry to families in our area. These young ones continue to learn and grow! What joy they have in the fall and what joy they find outside!



Love and prayers,  
Pastor Jo Ellen

### *One Sunday School*

One Room Sunday School on Sunday, October 17th for all ages and stages. We will meet in the Sanctuary to pray together and then head to the large room 200 downstairs. Jaci will lead the story time, Karen is bringing a cool craft, Evelyn has a dramatic play, and we are all sure to have fun learning together!

## *Weekly Activities and Meetings*

- October 17th - Administrative Council Meeting - 12:00pm
- October 18th - Lay Leadership Committee Meeting - 7:30pm
- October 19th - Empty Soup Bowl Luncheon - 11:00am
- October 19th - Team Bazaar Planning - 10:00am
- October 19th - Bright Beginnings CDC Board - 6:00pm - Parlor
- October 19th - Trustees - 7:00pm
- October 19th - SPRC - 7:00pm - Zoom
- October 20th - Holy Scrappers - 9:00am - Fellowship Hall
- October 20th - FOCUS - 3:45pm
- October 20th - UMW Reading Group - 5:00pm - Maxine Moore's Home
- October 21st - Bible Study - 10:30am - Parlor
- October 21st - UMW Evening Circle - 7:00pm - Fellowship Hall
- October 21st - FoodNet - 5:00pm
- October 23rd - UMW Sewing Saturday - 9:00am - 12:00pm - Fellowship Hall
- October 24th - Bell-issimo Fall Concert - 4:00pm - Sanctuary

## *2021 CROP Walk Ending hunger ... one step at a time*



Join us out on the front lawn of Seward United Methodist Church at 1:00pm Sunday, October 10th for a fun walk to support hunger awareness... give to this cause as you are able as an extension of generous love for others!

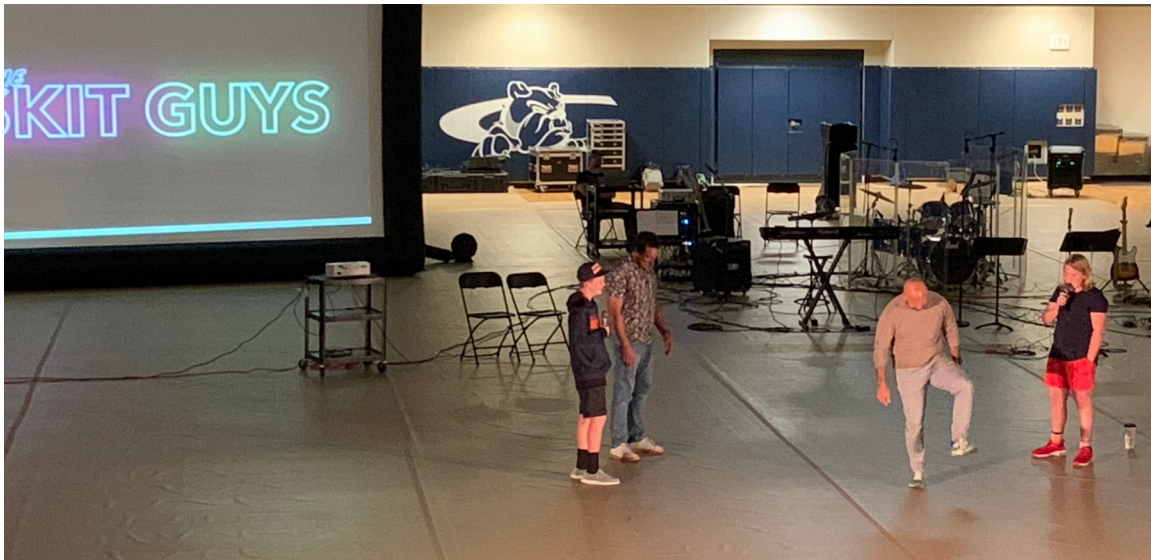
## *John and Beth Samuelson Wedding*

This weekend, Saturday the 16th of October, we will celebrate the Marriage Worship and Union of the John and Beth Samuelson family. John is the son of Daina Sain. We pray God's blessing and love upon their marriage and family in the coming years together. We invite you to say a prayer for them this weekend as they begin their new journey of marriage.

## *Save the Date – Welcome Pastor Mary Kay Totty Dinner*

Save the date! Following the second service, you are invited to join in the noon meal on Sunday, October 31st. The SPRC Committee is hosting this "Welcome, Pastor Totty!" event. Officially, she has been leading our congregation since July 1st, 2020. With your participation, SPRC wants to honor Pastor Mary Kay's appointment and commitment to Seward United Methodist Church. It will be a catered meal.

## *The Skit Guys at Concordia*



This past Wednesday, October 13th, we were able to go to see the Skit Guys which was partially hosted by our SUMC family, along with other congregations and held at CUNE. We took this year's confirmation class and the UMYF group. Several of the Godparents group folks also attended with us. What a good way to see humor and hear more about God in relation to hard topics.

## *Empty Soup Bowl Luncheon*

Our Seward United Methodist Church family and friends have hosted a soup booth for the past several years. This year we thank Deb Moberly, Wess Robotham, and Mary Kay Totty for cooking, decorating, and hosting this year!!! The soup is Vegan Black Bean and Ginger Chili!!! Yum... come out to support this community fundraiser sponsored by the Noon Kiwanis on Tuesday, October 19th from 11:00am - 1:00pm at the Harvest Hall in the Seward Fairgrounds. We hope to see you there!

## *Trunk or Treat 2021 is Sunday, October 31st*

Trunk or Treat will be in the parking lot on Sunday, October 31st from 4:00pm – 7:00pm. There will be treats, pumpkins, bounce houses, snacks and crafts. We invite you to bring candy to share and to sign up to host a trunk. We also need helpers. If you have any questions please contact Amy Miller or call the church office. Thank you for all you do with this seasonal community outreach!

## *Save the Date for the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Church Bazaar November 13th*

If you know how to .....Build Grow Bake Glue Stitch Design Mix Cook Create Color Draw Paint Decorate Re-purpose ..... Then you could contribute to the annual Four Seasons Bazaar! Ask a friend to help. Surprise us!

Contact Lori Acree, Linda Eberspacher, Jeanne Gee, Carol LaVelle, Melissa Luebbe, Holly Matzke, Deb Moberly, Sally Viets, Dixie Zabka or Carol Zak with questions or to volunteer. or the church office with questions.

## *Soup Dinner and Raffle at St. Patrick's Church, Utica*

Soup Dinner and Raffle Sunday, October.24th from 11:00am-1:00pm at St. Patrick's Church, Utica. Homemade Chili, Chicken Noodle, Clam Chowder, Cinnamon Rolls, Pie, and beverages will be served. Free will offering.

## *FOCUS Menu*

October 20th -- Sloppy Joes  
October 27th -- Hot Dogs  
November 3rd -- Pulled Pork  
November 10th -- Chicken  
November 17th -- Mac and Cheese  
November 24th -- No Meal (Thanksgiving)  
December 1st -- Pizza  
December 8th -- Pasta  
December 15th -- Marinated Chicken  
December 22nd -- No Meal (Christmas)  
December 29th -- No Meal (New Years)

## *Bell-issimo Handbell Choir Coming to SUMC*

Bell-issimo, Lincoln's auditioned Community Handbell Choir, is coming to Seward United Methodist Church! Bell-issimo performs a variety of musical styles in concerts and programs throughout the area. Seward United Methodist Church will host their fall concert on Sunday, October 24th at 4:00pm. The



concert is free of charge, donations are welcome to support the choir. Bell-issimo inspires and promotes the distinctive beauty and uniqueness of handbell ringing through various means, including promoting the arts through outreach projects and concerts such as this one.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend this wonderful fall concert. Invite your family and friends to join you! Fellowship and cookies will follow the conclusion of the concert.

## *Remembering Loved Ones All Saints Day*

All Saints Day brings us a season of celebrating the lives of those we miss and opportunities to remember them in special ways. As part of remembering the past 12 months we will invite you to share some digital information or drop off, in person, the following. We remember from October 1st last year, until the end of this month.

During our worship gatherings on Sunday, October 31st, 2021 we will share these as part of a special time during worship. We invite you to [contact the church](#) with your information. We will be watching for your photos and information until October 28th.

Please include a picture of your choice, full name of your loved one and how they are connected to you (aunt, neighbor, Grandma, best friend, etc.), their "dash" dates \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_, and your names.

## *2021 Charge Conference*

The Seward United Methodist Church's Annual Charge Conference will be held on Monday, November 8th, 2021 at Wahoo United Methodist Church at 6:00p.m. Our charge conference will be part of the North Network of the Blue River District. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Nancy Tomlinson will lead us in this new and innovative way of doing charge conferences together with other congregations. Charge conference is the annual meeting of the congregation where we approve candidates for ministry, elect leaders for the coming year, set pastors' salaries, approve the budget, etc. Mark your calendars and organize a carpool with other church members. Hope to see you there!

## *October is Pastor Appreciation Month*

Please consider being a part of a card shower to honor the three wonderful pastors in our midst. Cards can be left at the church anytime during the month. Seward United Methodist Church is so blessed to celebrate the many gifts of our three pastors: Pastor Mary Kay, Pastor JoEllen, and Pastor Jen. Thank you, Pastors, for the many gifts which you bring to Seward United Methodist Church!