



## From the Administrator,

Welcome to the newsletter for the Fifteenth of April. You will find contributions from Nick Schweitzer, Ellen Paul, Kathi Kemp, Public Health Sauk County, and Agrace Hospice. I think you will find them interesting. Please let me know if I can be of assistance. My Park Hall hours are Tuesday and Friday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and by appointment. Park Hall Voicemail: 608.643.3131 **Fritz Parks**

### Upcoming Sunday Programs (10:10 a.m.)

Date	Program	Speaker	Topic
Apr 21	Free Thought Forum	Nick Schweitzer	Words
Apr 28	U.U. Program	Penny Andrews	Trusted Patterns in Changing Times
May 5	Spiritual Roundtable	All attending	TBA

We invite you to attend our in-person Sunday programs at our newly restored Park Hall. We have masks available. Childcare is provided each Sunday; Child Education classes meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Our Sunday programs are also available live on Zoom. Please see the Zoom instructions on the last page.

## Notes and Events from/for Members, Friends and Community

The **Board of Directors** of the Free Congregation will meet on **May 12 at Park Hall at 11:30 a.m.** If you have an issue for us to an address, please email Nick Schweitzer, President of the Board at [jnschweitzer@gmail.com](mailto:jnschweitzer@gmail.com) so that it may be added to the agenda. The meeting will also be on Zoom.

The Adult Ed discussion group, **What I Believe Now**, will meet **on Zoom** as usual at **6:30 p.m.** on the fourth **Monday, April 22**. The topic will be: **War, Justified and Unjustified**. Please email [Nick Schweitzer](mailto:Nick.Schweitzer) if you'd like to receive the material and the zoom invitation.

FCSC is scheduled to staff the **Sauk Prairie Area Food Pantry** on **Saturday, April 20, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** We need volunteers for this event. **Please arrive at 9:00 a.m., 821 Industry Rd, Sauk City.** Please RSVP Ellen Paul if interested, email: [eap313@gmail.com](mailto:eap313@gmail.com).

The **Third Sunday Committee** will be meeting soon to plan our speakers for the next fiscal year (July 2024- June 2025). If you have suggestions for persons or presentations that you or the congregation would like to hear, please contact one of the committee members: Annette Kuhlmann, Kathi Kemp, Ellen Paul, Eleanor Chiquoine, or Nick Schweitzer.

**Terms for our Board Members end June 30.** Elections for the 2024-2025 Board members will be held at the Congregational Meeting in June. Please consider volunteering to serve or nominating someone for President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, or Member-at-Large. Contact Fritz or Nick Schweitzer.

**Public Health Sauk County** and our local hospitals have launched a Community Health Survey of area residents ages 13 and older who live or work in Sauk County. The 5-minute survey asks what is going well in the health of our communities and what needs improvement. The survey is available online and on paper in both English and Spanish. Everyone who completes it has a chance to win a \$100 gift card. This survey is an opportunity for everyone to weigh in on what our community needs to be healthier. Results of this assessment will drive community health improvement plans through 2027. The survey is open now through May 1, 2024. Take the survey today. <https://bit.ly/SaukSurvey> (English version) and <https://bit.ly/SaukSalud> (Spanish version).

### **Park Hall Events, by Ellen Paul**

#### EVENTS CONTINUING SINCE THE LAST REPORT

The Sauk Prairie Theatre Guild continues rehearsals on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 4/27

#### EVENTS TAKEN PLACE SINCE THE LAST REPORT

April 6- Park Hall DJed Community Dance

April 12-13, 2024- Valerie Rung-Megan Krotzman Rehearsal and Wedding.

#### EVENTS SCHEDULED IN THE FUTURE

Dates TBD- Ben Johnson will be rehearsing at the Hall

April 24-25 @ 7pm, 26@ 2pm, 2024- SPTG Spring Comedies

May 12, 2024- Recital- Classical strings and vocalists- 3pm

\*May 22- Pioneer Day

\*October 5-14- Offshoot of the Farm/Art D'Tour

\*November 1-2, 2024- Carlson-Mitchell rehearsal, wedding, reception (possible dance after reception)

\*November 28- Corrao Family Thanksmas

\*December 14- Habich/Mundt Family Christmas Party

December 21- Celebration of the Season- An FCSC Event

\*December 28, 2024- Meyer Family Christmas Party

**Minutes of the FCSC Board - March 10, 2024**

Those in attendance: Nick Schweitzer, Ellen Paul, Glen Johnson, Natasha Frost, Kathi Kemp, Dave Siegfried Absent: Susie Tatone

Other: Fritz Parks, John Lichtenheld (Zoom)

Meeting called to order by the President at 11:37am.

Secretary's Report- Glen moved to approve, second by Ellen. Approved.

Administrator Report given- In addition to written report- Member Assistance application now on our website. There will be a congregational meeting on March 17 when the congregation will be asked to approve \$1100 for new sound system components.

Facilities Coordinator Report given as written. Need volunteers to assist with Community Dance on April 6, 7-10pm (DJ). Please contact Ellen at eap313@gmail.com if you can help set-up, check I.D.s at the door, serve beer/wine, clean-up.

Proposed changes to Part Hall Rental policies to be postponed to the next Board meeting.

Photo Contest for new picture of the front of the Hall. Open to those 21 and under. Winner to receive \$100. Motion to approve by Dave Siegfried, second by Natasha. Approved.

Treasurer's Report provided in written form. Motion to approve by Dave, second by Kathi. Approved.

Pledge dinner is April 17 after the meeting and the short congregational meeting. Please get your pledge in ASAP.

Buildings and Grounds- John Lichtenheld

Thank you to Joe Frost for trimming the pine in front!

On the Work Day on March 31st, priority will be to take cut brush from the back to the front for pick-up and to clean the grounds, weather permitting

John will be making a list of capital project to be done. Please send any items for this list to John by email.

Volunteer Task List-

Volunteer Committee

Kathi has set April 7 for the Book Club (The Persauders) to be held after the regular meeting.

Set-up and Clean-up, and greeter volunteers needed for 2nd and 4th Sundays. Please sign up!

Our yearly Food Pantry Distribution Day is April 20th. Please contact Ellen if you can volunteer this day (9-10:30). We need 5-6 people, especially 2-3 people who can handle heavy boxes!

No reports- Children's Education, Publicity, Cemetery Affairs, Personnel Committee- Speaker survey to end 3/13.

Third Sunday Committee will be meeting soon to start planning for 24-25. Any suggestions for speakers/topics, let Nick know!

Hall Portraits Committee- Portrait of Mary Wollstonecraft completed. To be hung soon.

Celebration of the Season event (formerly Kris Kringle Market)

Will be held December 21, 2024. More details to follow from Nick, Ellen, and Joe

Other Items-

The Madison Mallaard's offer was turned down.

Pema and Penny have indicated they would be available for pastoral care for members.

It was decided to change the name of the meeting "playbill" to bulletin.

Michael Whaley has shared info with us on the National Trust for Historic Preservation Grant. This will be on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

Ellen presented info on possible involvement at the Cow Chip Festival. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Dave, second by Ellen. Approved. Adjourned at 12:55pm. Respectfully submitted by Ellen Paul, Secretary

**Agrace Seeks Volunteers in Sauk County.** Volunteers are needed to make companionship visits to local Agrace Hospice Care patients. No health care experience is needed. Schedules are flexible, and free training is provided. Anyone interested in volunteering should **contact Agrace** at (608) 327-7163 or visit [agrace.org/Volunteer](http://agrace.org/Volunteer).

Are you a Spanish speaker? Would you like to share conversation over breakfast with others? If so, join us at The Eagle Inn at 8:30 a.m. before the service on Sunday the 21st. Please contact **Kathi Kemp** ahead of time at [batonrouger2@yahoo.com](mailto:batonrouger2@yahoo.com) so we know how many to expect.

### **How to join our Zoom Sunday Programs.**

1. Go to the Sunday Programs tab of our website:  
<http://www.freecongregation.org/sunday-programs.aspx>
2. Refresh the browser page.
3. Click the “**Join Our Zoom Meeting**” link in RED TEXT.

The “**Join Our Zoom Meeting**” link will not be visible until 15 minutes before our meeting; typically this is 9:55 a.m. for a 10:10 a.m. meeting. Early birds will see the option to “**Join a Practice Zoom Meeting**”. Refreshing the page after 9:55 a.m. should reveal the active meeting link.

Instructions to join the meeting by telephone are on this same web page.

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