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SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST MISSION STATEMENT

*To praise and glorify God through Jesus Christ, Salem United Church of Christ will be a nurturing family that shares the Good News with people of all ages. Our congregation will invite and warmly welcome others into this faith community. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we will create and maintain places and programs, which satisfy needs and nurture spiritual growth while recognizing and utilizing the diverse gifts and talents of all.*

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# FIRST NOTES

With an early date of Easter in 2016 (March 27<sup>th</sup>) comes an early start to Lent. Ash Wednesday is February 10<sup>th</sup>, and we will be observing that day with a 7:00 p.m. service of worship that will include Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes. For the remaining Wednesdays of Lent through Palm Sunday, we will be holding Lenten midweek services at 7:00 p.m. The theme of this year's Lenten midweek services will be "Six Questions," with each week focusing on one of those questions. The questions will be asked in the following order:

## **Week One – February 10<sup>th</sup>: Who is Jesus?**

Matthew 16:13-16

Every person needs to grapple with Jesus' question to his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Christians believe he is "the Christ, the son of the Living God."

## **Week Two – February 17<sup>th</sup>: What Matters Most?**

Mark 12:28-34

Relationships – with God and others – matter most.

## **Week Three – February 24<sup>th</sup>: Am I Accepted?**

John 8:1-11

Even with our flaws, Jesus loves and accepts us as beloved children of God.

## **Week Four – March 2<sup>nd</sup>: Where is God?**

John 1:1-5, 14

Although God is not limited to working through people, God primarily works through human instruments.

## **Week Five – March 9<sup>th</sup>: What Brings Fulfillment?**

John 13:1-5, 13-17

True fulfillment comes from serving others.

## **Week Six – March 16<sup>th</sup>: What About Suffering?**

Matthew 27:27-31

(Palm/Passion Sunday) Although God does not prevent suffering, the crucified God fully enters human suffering and works to redeem that suffering.

We hope that you will not only participate in attending the worship services on Wednesday evenings, but will consider attending the Soup and Sandwich meals (5:30 p.m.) and the study that follows the meals, prior to the time of worship. Folks sometimes look at Lent as a time to “give up” certain things, but Lent can also be a time to “take on” certain things, like additional prayer and study. May this Lenten season help you draw closer to the Jesus that we acknowledge as Lord. May this Lenten season be a time of blessing.

Your servant in Christ,

Rev. Jim Hoppert



# FEBRUARY

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2/1 Carl Hoepfner  
Greta Debbink
- 2/2 Lorena McKerrow  
Cody Eickberg
- 2/3 Harold Kleinhans
- 2/5 Arline DeMunck
- 2/6 Dale Zimmermann
- 2/7 Ashton Debbink
- 2/8 Lori Holzer
- 2/9 Avrien Garcia  
Abigail Hoppert
- 2/10 Dena Adamson
- 2/11 Kenneth Hoppert  
Judy Lukaszewski  
Laverne Eickberg  
Claire Miller
- 2/12 Dale Katsma  
Warren Luedke  
Margaret Bub  
Judy Wilmot
- 2/13 Starr Boldt  
Denise Kleinhans  
Molly Hengst  
Lucas Guillette
- 2/14 Donald Diver  
Richard Groene  
Dale Vanderkin  
Georgine Littlefield  
Pat Schoening  
Jenna Iserloth
- 2/15 Carol Fenner

- 2/16 Hunter Struve  
Scott Miller  
David Bohrmueller  
Andrew Hartmann  
Judy Triplett
- 2/18 Kelsey Hughes
- 2/19 Carrie Ardell  
Amanda Hernandez  
Alex Miller  
James Johnson
- 2/22 Alivia Grall  
Tammy Huenink
- 2/23 Betty Klemme
- 2/24 Steve Groene  
Jered Krueger
- 2/25 Jennifer Bubb  
Gloria Eldredge  
Natalie Richart
- 2/27 Joan Petters  
Sam Meyer  
Nancy Bruggink  
Gerald Wagner
- 2/28 Nathan Mauk
- 2/29 Helen Toerpe  
Kaye Theune



- 2/23 John & Karen Koehler
- 2/27 Richard & Sharon Groene



We would like to honor all couples who have been married 50+ years. This recognition will be held on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the church office if you would like your name listed in the bulletin.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to the carolers who came to share the holiday season with us at Prairie Crossing. It was enjoyed by all!

Willard & Lucille Martzdorff



Dear Salem,

There are no words I can say to thank you enough. The generosity of our Salem family for the free-will offering for Jim and I is overwhelming and very much appreciated. The cash and gift cards will go a long way as we look ahead to the journey Jim has ahead of him as he continues to recover and rehab. The love, support and prayers from family and friends keep us going. We are blessed! Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

Jim & Deanna Lindow



Dear Salem UCC Friends,

Thank you so much for your generosity in response to our requests for help with our Christmas food boxes.

Your donation of the canned tuna is greatly appreciated and will help to provide a little extra holiday cheer to some of the seniors and low income residents in your community. They will be able to have a delicious Christmas dinner and a few other meals as well.

A kind gesture lasts a life time! I pray that life brings you and your family a reflection of the kindness you have shown to others.

May God bless you for sharing your blessings.

Serving Him together,  
Ginger Weimer, Program Director  
Salvation Army

## FEBRUARY LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday, February 7, 2016 -

Last Sunday after Epiphany/Transfiguration

Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm: Psalm 99

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

Wednesday, February 10, 2016 -

Ash Wednesday

Hebrew Scripture: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Psalm: Psalm 51:1-17

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sunday, February 14, 2016 -

First Sunday in Lent

Hebrew Scripture: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Epistle: Romans 10:8b-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Sunday, February 21, 2016 -

Second Sunday in Lent

Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm: Psalm 27

Epistle: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

Sunday, February 28, 2016 -

Third Sunday in Lent

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm: Psalm 63:1-8

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

### FAST & FEAST

Fast from criticism, and feast on praise.

Fast from self-pity, and feast on joy.

Fast from ill-temper, and feast on peace.

Fast from resentment, and feast on contentment.

Fast from jealousy, and feast on love.

Fast from pride, and feast on humility.

Fast from selfishness, and feast on service.

Fast from fear, and feast on faith.

*Thanks,  
Everyone!*



Thank you to all those who helped in so many ways with the Living Nativity in December. We hosted 181 people in the two-day event.

**Cast:**

Elsa Blad  
Jordan Blad  
Kevin Bunyea  
Lauren Bunyea  
Cassandra Clarke  
Paul Clarke  
Rev. James Hoppert  
Isaac Kohlman  
Kevin Lisowe  
Cora Meyer  
Peter Meyer  
Amy Nischik  
Brady Pratt  
Jeremy Pratt  
Bret Schoenefeld  
Evan Sukowaty

**Dessert and Refreshments:**

Leslie Kleinhans Blad  
Janice Bunyea  
Betty Klemme  
Sharon Klemme  
Jered Krueger  
Pietje Markus  
Lorena McKerrow  
Marsha Meyer  
Barb Pahr  
Brady Pratt  
Jody Pratt  
Sharon Schoenefeld  
Pat Schoening  
Judy Wilmot

**Costume Help:**

Susan Clarke  
Morgan Clarke  
Lorena McKerrow

**Lighting and Sound:**

Scott Bunyea  
Evan Sukowaty

**Costume Sewing:**

Sharon Schoenefeld

**Greeter:**

Ron Schoenefeld

**Stable Set Up and Take Down:**

Dale Miller  
Jeff Greuel  
Andy Hartmann  
Scott Miller

**Animals:**

Wade Kleinhans  
Isaac Kohlman  
Paul & Deb Bulitz

**Hay Bales:**

Al Bosman  
Wade Kleinhans

**Refreshment Serving:**

Sharon Klemme  
Judy Wilmot



**LOVE IS A FRUIT IN SEASON**

At all times and within reach of every hand!  
Spread love everywhere you go  
First of all in your own house  
Give love to your children  
To your husband or wife  
To a next door neighbor  
Let no one ever come to you  
Without leaving happier  
Be the living expression of God's  
Kindness, kindness in your face  
Kindness in our eyes  
Kindness in your smile  
Kindness in your warm greeting!

--Mother Teresa

## KEEP THESE MEMBERS IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

### HOSPITALIZED

*St. Nicholas, Sheboygan*  
Scott Miller

*Aurora, Grafton*  
Linda Lehrke

### BAPTISMS

1/16/16 Alexis Marie Mahler, born 11/11/15,  
daughter of Tim\* & Kristen (Groene) Mahler

### FUNERALS

1/18/16 Doris Fuerst at Salem UCC  
1/23/16 Alexis Marie Mahler at SFH

\*denoted non-member



## FEBRUARY LITTLE LAMBS CHILD CARE

Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>:  
8:30 a.m. Amy & Greta Debbink

Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>:  
8:30 a.m. Denise Kleinhans & Katie Oberreich

Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>:  
8:30 a.m. Annette & Lauren Bunyea

Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>:  
8:30 a.m. Faye Hughes & Cora Meyer

## FEBRUARY USHER LIST

Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>:  
4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Lori Holzer  
Bruce & Barb Hengst, Judy Wilmot

Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>:  
8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Susan Clarke  
Dale & Janis Knuth, Cheryl Rortvedt

### Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>:

7:00 p.m. Head Usher: Annette Bunyea  
Brady Pratt, Sam Veldman, Ethan Fontany

### Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Mary Mullen  
Consistory, Roger Rortvedt, Bob Becher

### Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Tom Daigle  
Ken & Dorothy Baumann, Steve Fieck

### Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>:

7:00 p.m. Head Usher: Annette Bunyea  
Brady Pratt, Sam Veldman, Ethan Fontany

### Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Lori Holzer  
Dick Groene, Ansel Tupper, Janice Bunyea

### Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Consistory  
Al & Linda Bosman, Bette Humbracht

### Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>:

7:00 p.m. Head Usher: Annette Bunyea  
Faith Gudex, Sam Veldman, Evan Raeder

### Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Lori Holzer  
Gerry & Reta Klemme, Sharon Klemme

### Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Consistory  
Bill & Joanne Lammers, Evie Kretsch

### Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>:

7:00 p.m. Head Usher: Consistory  
Faith Gudex, Sam Veldman, Evie Gundersen

### Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Consistory  
Bruce & Barb Hengst, Linda Krueger

### Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Consistory  
Terry & Rachel Risse, Cheryl Rortvedt