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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

The purpose of this month's front page is three-fold: the first is a reminder of the midweek events that will be held during the upcoming Lenten season; the second is to extend the invitation to discuss an upcoming Wisconsin Conference resolution that will be voted upon at the 2017 annual meeting; the third is to sign post an update on the "Five Practices" initiative that Salem will be participating in.

As most of you are already aware, the Lenten journey begins on Wednesday, March 1st – Ash Wednesday. Our worship, with Communion and the imposition of ashes, will be held at 7:00 p.m. Over the next five Wednesdays, we will be gathering for worship at 7:00 p.m., as has been the custom at Salem. The theme of this year's midweek services will be "The Final Week," which will look at the important days in the last week of Jesus' life. The schedule of topics for each of the five sessions is, as follows: **March 8th** -- Sunday: A Day of Triumph; **March 15th** (Sticky Faith) -- Monday: A Day of Bold Action; **March 22nd** -- Tuesday: A Day of Confrontation; **March 29th** -- Thursday: A Day of Remembrance; **April 5th** -- Friday: A Day of Suffering. In addition to the worship services, we will hold our Soup and Sandwich meals on those days beginning at 5:30 p.m. and there will be opportunities for study between supper and worship. I hope that a good number of you will be able to participate in these events over the next several weeks.

Following up with the reminder of the upcoming Lenten activities, I want to extend the invitation to participate in a special study scheduled for March 29th. Back in 2016, a resolution was passed at the Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting that invited local churches to study a resolution to make the Wisconsin Conference an Immigrant Welcoming Conference. After a year of study, a vote will be taken at the 2017 Conference Annual Meeting to ratify that status (again, a reminder: resolutions passed at the Association, Conference, or General Synod level are not binding at the local church level). Our study on March 29th will look at how scripture speaks to the issue of immigration and the ways that Christian communities may respond to it. It is my hope that our time together will help us to approach this issue through the insights our faith can give us.

Finally, I want to sign post Marsha Meyer's article about the "Five Practices" initiative that Salem is currently undertaking. According to United Methodist Bishop Robert Schnase, thriving congregations embody five practices: radical hospitality, passionate worship, extravagant generosity, risk-taking mission and stewardship, and intentional faith development. It is our hope that Salem will learn how to better carry out those practices and discover what it is that God is calling us to become as a congregation. What we are looking for isn't one person or group's agenda on what the church should become, but what **God** wants us to become. It is an exciting time for our congregation and I strongly encourage you to read Marsha's update and the other updates that will come in the months ahead.

Your servant in Christ,
Rev. Jim Hoppert



MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 3/01 Richard Rortvedt
- 3/02 Louise Leverenz
- 3/03 Nola Fieck
Evelyn Kretsch
Kay Mauk
- 3/04 Brittany Winscher
Simon Feldner
- 3/05 Claude Kent
Carol McElroy
- 3/07 Jackie Veldman
- 3/08 Victor Tewinkle
Beckett Richardson
- 3/10 Morgan Clarke
- 3/17 Marion Mayer
Joshua Veldman
Wiley Wolfert
- 3/18 Janice Bunyea
Anne Hernandez
Kevin Mauk
Marion Lehmann
- 3/19 Linda Bosman
- 3/21 Florence Blanke
- 3/23 Don Hurlburt
- 3/24 Roberta Becher
Evan Raeder
- 3/25 Leslie Blad
- 3/26 Don Laack
- 3/27 Abby Debbink
- 3/28 Cody Wolfert
Kathy Schaap
- 3/29 Carol Barts

- 3/03 Jeremy & Jody Pratt
- 3/23 Jeff & Linda Krueger
- 3/30 Jeff & Laurie Born
Tom & Carol Melger



MARCH LITTLE LAMBS CHILD CARE

Sunday, March 5th:
Faye Hughes & Ashley Krueger

Sunday, March 12th:
Gail Kleinhans & Elsa Blad

Sunday, March 19th:
Jill & Megan Thiel

Sunday, March 26th:
Amy & Greta Debbink

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS

HOSPITALIZED
Memorial, Sheboygan
Evie Gundersen

Aurora, Grafton
Maureen Rudebeck, Kathy Zelm

FUNERALS
2/1/17 Stuart Sweeney

FYI

Two Delegates are needed to represent Salem at the Northeast Association Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 22nd from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., at First Congregational UCC, Ripon. Please contact the church office if you would like to represent Salem as a voting member at the Annual Meeting.

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 12th. Don't forget to turn your clocks **ahead** 1 hour!

MISSION & STEWARDSHIP

"Just as you did it to one of the least of these ... you did it to me." - Matthew 24:40

This verse from Matthew is one of the most meaningful passages I've found in the Bible. I'd even recommend revisiting Matthew, and start with verse thirty-four. I'm sure you'll find this verse familiar.

This verse is the foundation for this year's appeal for **One Great Hour of Sharing**. It is the first of the Five-for-Five appeals from the United Church of Christ, and our special offering for **One Great Hour of Sharing** will be received on March 26.

One Great Hour of Sharing is focused on disaster relief, hunger relief, vaccinations, and refugee relief throughout the United States, and the world. For an overview, you might want to review this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gL9XccWkpC4>

Additional information about some of the good works that come from our donations to **One Great Hour of Sharing** can also be found at <http://onegreathourofsharing.org/stories/>.

As we move forward into the year the Mission & Stewardship Committee will be looking for, and sharing ways that our congregation can continue to be involved in outreach within our community, local and world.

And, as we move toward Spring and the Easter season, let us all keep in mind the blessings that we've received through God's greatest gift. And let's all look for ways that we can help others by sharing the blessings and grace we have received through Jesus.

Yours in Christ,

Mary Mullen - Chair
Mission & Stewardship Committee



Thank you for the delicious tasting meal. Also, thanks for all the good thoughts and prayers during my surgery and recovery.

Margaret Bub

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Thank you to the Salem Care Ministry for your visits, thoughts and prayers.

Thank you to Rev. Hoppert for your phone call and thank you to all the ladies that planned and prepared the meal that was delivered to our home.

I am slowly recovering from my broken wrist.

Blessings to our Salem family,
Sharon Klemme

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Thank you Salem members for your prayers and kind thoughts while I was going through heart valve surgery and recovery. I am improving every day. Thank you also for the visits and calls from Dale Miller and Rev. Hoppert. Thank you for the care meal--it was wonderful and much appreciated.

Thanks again,
Roger Eldredge



Mark your calendar for the up-coming events:

**N. E. Association of the Wisconsin
Conference UCC Annual Meeting**, Saturday,
April 22nd
Annual Rummage Sale, Saturday, April 29th

A Message from the Parish Nurse -

I am going to be in the church office every Wednesday morning from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. but understand you can call me anytime at 980-3977. I have many ideas for the future of the parish nurse but I also would like to hear from you on your thoughts of how to best serve you. Being part of Called to Care, I will be happy to make a home or hospital visit or try to be part of other needs you may have. I consider this a privilege to follow in the steps of Sheryl Jarosch and Sherry Flunker and will do my best to give my all to my Salem Family.

Robbie Gremminger

THE COUGH

A cough is a normal protective reflex, designed to defend your respiratory system against irritants. However, a forceful or nagging cough can be painful and bothersome. Some of these coughs need your physician's attention. Others respond to simple self-care and the right medicine.

What Causes a Cough?

Here are some typical irritations that cause coughing:

- Infections, such as colds and flu
- Postnasal drip – an overproduction of mucus that slowly trickles from the back of your nose down into your throat
- Environmental irritants, such as cigarette smoke, smog, dust, home aerosol sprays, and cold or dry air
- Asthma, which inflames and constricts the air passages
- Gastroesophageal reflux – the back up of stomach acid into your esophagus (or, in rare cases, your lungs) when you lie down
- Medications, such as inhaled corticosteroids or certain medications prescribed for high blood pressure and heart disease
- Coughing itself. Sometimes there is no medical explanation for a cough. Some people cough to release nervous tension, gain attention, or express anger. Whatever the

reason, one cough can irritate your throat and lead to another. Setting up a vicious cycle

Treatment

Dry, Hacking Coughs

These generally go away within 1 or 2 weeks. But if persistent cough irritates your throat, suck on hard candy or cough drops, or drink tea sweetened with honey.

If a cough caused by gastroesophageal reflux disrupts your sleep, raise the head of your bed 6 to 8 inches. To temporarily reduce the frequency of your cough, take an over-the-counter cough suppressant. Although codeine is one of the most effective cough suppressants, it is a narcotic, so cough formulas containing codeine are available only by prescription in most states.

Dextromethorphan is nearly as effective as codeine, with less risk of side effects.

Productive Coughs

A cough that brings up mucus helps remove irritants from your lungs and air passages. To thin mucus and make it easier to cough up, drink plenty of water. Using a humidifier or a vaporizer may also help loosen mucus.

It is best not to suppress a productive cough. However, if your cough continually disrupts your sleep, you can take just enough cough suppressant to decrease the frequency and severity of your cough, but not to get rid of it altogether.

Antihistamines may help dry up secretions associated with allergies, sinusitis, and postnasal drip, but they can make you sleepy. Do not take antihistamines in combination with alcohol or tranquilizers, or when you need to stay alert.

Serious Cough

If your cough lasts longer than 2 or 3 weeks, see your physician. Managing a chronic cough requires careful evaluation and identification of a specific cause.

MARCH LECTIONARY READINGS

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

Ash Wednesday

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

Psalms: Psalm 51:1-17

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

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

Sunday, March 5, 2017

First Sunday in Lent

Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalms: Psalm 32

Epistle: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Sunday, March 12, 2017

Second Sunday in Lent

Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalms: Psalm 121

Epistle: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Gospel: John 3:1-17

Sunday, March 19, 2017

Third Sunday in Lent

Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7

Psalms: Psalm 95

Epistle: Romans 5:1-11

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Sunday, March 26, 2017

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Hebrew Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalms: Psalm 23

Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41



AN IRISH PRAYER

May God give you, for every storm, a rainbow,
For every tear, a smile,
For every care, a promise,
And a blessing in each trial.
For every problem life sends,
A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, a sweet song
And an answer for each prayer.

ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

Update of Elections at Annual Meeting of the Congregation held January 29, 2017

- Congregation President: Tom Daigle
- Congregation Vice-President: Anne Hernandez
- Consistory Members: David Hengst, Lorena McKerrow, Amy Nischik, Terry Risse
- Salem Green Board: Richard Jarosch, Hans Palm, Pat Schoening
- Board of Christian Education: Dan Feldner
- Long-Range Planning Committee: Ed Ardell
- Mission and Stewardship Committee: Faye Hughes
- Pastoral-Parish Relations Committee: Leslie Blad, Bob Schuricht
- Endowment Committee: Scott Bunyea
- Zoar-Salem Cemetery Board:
(No Election – per acceptance of Terry Risse’s proposal)

THANK YOU NOTES RECEIVED FROM ADOPT-A-FAMILY RECIPIENTS:

Thank you for all the Christmas presents that you gave me for my son. I appreciated them very much.

Chyra

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Thank you for everything you gave me and Daniel, my son. He loved everything. The gas cards helped me a lot too!

Lots of love, Gema

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Thank you very much for the Christmas gifts—our family really appreciated them.

Thank you, Patricia

MARCH USHER LIST

Wednesday, March 1st:

7:00 p.m. Head Usher: Mary Bender
Ansel Tupper, Janice Bunyea, Cindy Conrad

Saturday, March 4th:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Lorena McKerrow
Bob Becher, Judy Wilmot, Sharon Klemme

Sunday, March 5th:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Jeff Bender
Terry, Amy & Greta Debbink

Wednesday, March 8th:

7:00 p.m. Head Usher: Amy Nischik
Anne Hernandez, Confirmation Students

Saturday, March 11th:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Kymn Schicker
Lorena McKerrow, Ed & Darla Ardell

Sunday, March 12th:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Mary Mullen
Dale & Janis Knuth, Evie Kretsch

Wednesday, March 15th:

7:00 p.m. Head Usher: Bret Schoenefeld
Ken Baumann, Confirmation Students

Saturday, March 18th:

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

Sunday, March 19th:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Terry Risse
Rachel Risse, Cheryl Rortvedt, Steve Fieck

Wednesday, March 22nd:

7:00 p.m. Head Usher: Amy Nischik
Karen Raeder, Confirmation Students

Saturday, March 25th:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Kymn Schicker
Kevin & Debbie Lisowe, Richard Groene

Sunday, March 26th:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Linda Bosman
Al Bosman, Marvin & Judy Paulson

Wednesday, March 29th:

7:00 p.m. Head Usher: Linda Bosman
Annette Bunyea, Confirmation Students

Saturday, April 1st:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Mary Mullen
Jerry & Reta Klemme, Judy Wilmot

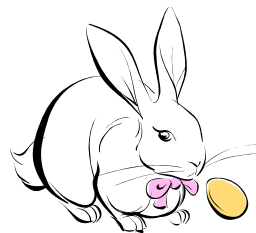
Sunday, April 2nd:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Terry Risse
Terry, Amy & Greta Debbink



SCRAPBOOKING DAY

The senior youth group will be hosting a Scrapbooking Day on Saturday, April 18th from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. You can reserve a table for \$20 (lunch will be provided). Child care is available for \$2.00 per child per hour. A consultant will be available on site. If you would like to reserve a table, contact the church office at 892-7456.



EASTER BREAKFAST

Easter breakfast will be served following the 7:00 a.m. service on Easter morning. Watch the bulletin board to sign up to help, donate a food item or to make a reservation.