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SALEM UCC 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

This writing finds me on the Thursday after Easter. Holy Week and the Easter services are just in the rear-view mirror. All told, it wasn't a bad week and there was a little uptick in worship attendance from the previous year, especially on Easter Sunday. I know that several of our members brought in visiting relatives to worship; others – perhaps more nominally connected to the church – came to worship for reasons of their own. In any event, I was glad to see the people who were here.

The appearance of new faces and the reappearance of some lesser-known faces reminded me of a blogpost that someone on social media had shared with me during Holy Week. “fatherjeremy”, an Episcopalian priest in Oregon, stated that there were things that congregations could do to prepare themselves for the visitors who come to the church's doorstep on Easter. Some of his suggestions were common sense applications of hospitality; say “hello” to someone you don't know; if someone is sitting in the place where you normally sit (i.e. “your” pew), cheerfully sit somewhere else; be helpful (especially if the visitor appears lost or confused about what to do next); just be yourself (unless, of course, “being yourself” means being rude and surly; then you may want to rethink that).

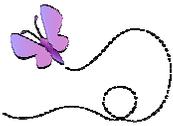
However, the biggest takeaway I had from the blogpost was this: do not think you're being cute by saying to people that you don't recognize, “You know we are here every Sunday,” or “You know we are open more than Christmas and Easter” (the same thing, by the way, goes for doing this to people whose attendance in church may be infrequent). That sort of thing is deadly, regardless if it's clergy or laity making the comments. The attempt to shame folks in this way isn't cute, clever or funny. The attempt to needle isn't going to be well taken. It's just rude. So, please, don't go there.

While it might be a little late to apply this to Easter, 2017, Christmas is coming up in eight months, or so. Given that we are trying to find ways of practicing radical hospitality at Salem, it's a good lesson to file away. It all fits into one of the core principles of hospitality: “Be kind to one another.”

I don't know what brings people to church at Christmas and Easter; it might be an invitation from a family member or it might be a sense of spiritual awakening or a desire to connect to community. In any event, I'm just glad people come. Perhaps if they are treated well and find the worship experience a welcoming one, they might be inclined to come back. One can always hope, right?

Your servant in Christ,

Rev. Jim Hoppert



MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

5/1 Jean Groene
Lucille Matzdorff
5/2 Kathy Bruggink
Ken Schaap
5/4 Shelley Bubb
Robert Metze
Dale Miller
Brenda Nabak
5/6 Haylen Odekirk
5/7 Evan Wachter
5/8 Hunter Bubb
5/9 Bonnie Laack
5/10 Connor Guillette
5/11 Lynn Ditter
5/12 Kathy Ferguson
Lyle Theune
Ashley Konrad
Larry Zwerg
Owen Fink
5/13 Kathy Zelm
5/16 Karen Raeder
5/17 Janice Nohlquist
Albert Nysse
Madelyn Markus
5/18 Joan Vorpagel
5/19 Emma Weedman
5/20 Tom Miller
5/21 Roger Eldredge
5/22 Ron Schoenfeld
Robert Bubb
5/23 June Miller
5/24 Denise Prange
Tom LeMahieu
Ethan Feldner
5/25 Sharon Groene
5/26 Ardice Schuette
5/27 Alayne Bosman
Linda Lehrke
Ben Meinnert
Carol Bournoville
5/28 Tina Meyer
5/29 Elsa Blad
5/30 Jayna Flunker

5/7 John & Judy Meerstein
5/12 Roger & Vicki Binder
5/16 Todd & Julaine Thiel
5/19 Dennis & Andrea Kapellen
Brett & Jill Pilling
5/23 Kevin & Debbie Lisowe
5/24 Gene & Georgine Littlefield
5/28 Bob & Julie Sukowaty
5/30 Jim & Deanna Lindow



MAY LITTLE LAMBS CHILD CARE

Sunday, May 7th:

Pat Schoening & Linda Lehrke

Sunday, May 21st:

Annette & Lauren Bunyea

Sunday, May 28th:

Susie Katsma & Judi Miller



We will be collecting travel size personal care products to be passed on to the less fortunate. If you are traveling this summer or staying in hotels and don't use the items given or just want to pick up some travel size personal hygiene products, this would be greatly appreciated and is an easy way to show our love to others. There will be a labeled basket in the Gathering Area where you can place your donations. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Sukowaty or Pam Miller.

THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone who visited me while I was in the hospital. Also, thank you for your prayers, cards and kind thoughts. I got home about a week ago. Needless to say, I'm very happy to be home again. I'm very glad to be able to attend church services.

Evelyn Gundersen



Thank you Julie Sukowaty, Sheila Wagner and Pam Miller for the delicious meal you prepared and provided for me and my family. It is so wonderful to have a loving and caring church family. Thanks again for everything.

Dorothy Baumann



Many thanks from the Property Committee to those who contributed to Salem's outdoor cleanup of the church grounds on Saturday, April 8th. Your dedication and efforts are greatly appreciated!



Thank you to everyone who attended the Easter breakfast. Thank you also to anyone who helped and donated food items. The money raised will be going to the Senior Youth Group for their mission trip.

The Clarke Family



DELEGATES NEEDED

Salem will need delegates to attend the Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting June 9th - 11th at the Green Lake Conference Center. If you would like to be a delegate to the meeting, please contact the church office by Monday, May 8th.

GREETINGS FROM THE CONSISTORY PRESIDENT!

Recently entrusted to serve as Salem's Consistory President, it is with a sense of honor and a grateful heart that I greet you. Many thanks are extended to staff, members and visitors who in countless ways contribute to the life of our church, here at Salem. Over the past several months, references have been made to a "Shift: From Maintenance to Mission" and to "Step up in your Faith Journey." As these initiatives have begun to unfold, many have accepted the challenges and opportunities presented. The newest initiative, "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations" is designed to further guide us as a congregation as we seek to strengthen our faith and further our mission as followers of Christ. It is my hope that each of us will continue to listen and watch for upcoming invitations to participate in these initiatives and give prayerful consideration as to the ways in which we may be called to respond. Let us join together in support of one another as we continue forward in discovering what God is calling this church to do and how each of us can be a part of it. I welcome questions, concerns and/or praises that you wish to share with me regarding these initiatives or other matters of our church. I look forward to serving as your Consistory President. May God's Peace and Blessings be with you! Mary Bender

CPR CLASS

I'm in the process of putting together a CPR class. There will be more information to come but I'm trying to get a rough count to see if we have enough involvement to go further-call Robbie Gremminger (980-3977) or the church office (892-7456) if you are interested in participating.

Robbie Gremminger

FROM THE PARISH NURSE . . .

URINARY TRACT INFECTIONS IN THE ELDERLY

Urinary tract infections (UTIs) aren't just a nuisance – they can cause serious health problems. A UTI happens when bacteria in the urethra, bladder or kidneys multiplies in the urine. If left untreated, a UTI can lead to acute or chronic kidney infections, which could permanently damage these organs and even lead to kidney failure. UTIs are also a leading cause of sepsis, a potentially life-threatening infection of the bloodstream.

The population most likely to experience UTIs is the elderly. Older individuals are more vulnerable for many reasons, not the least of which is their overall susceptibility to infections due to a weakened immune system that comes with age and certain age-related conditions.

Young people tend to empty their bladders completely upon urination, which helps to keep bacteria from accumulating. However, elderly men and women experience a weakening of the muscles of the bladder, which can lead to increased urine retention, poor bladder emptying and incontinence. These things all contribute to infection.

Typical Symptoms of UTIs

- Urine that appears cloudy or dark
- Bloody urine
- Strong or foul-smelling urine
- Frequent or urgent need to urinate
- Pain or burning with urination
- Pressure in the lower pelvis
- Low-grade fever
- Night sweats, shaking or chills

LESSER KNOWN UTI SYMPTOMS IN SENIORS

Elderly people with serious UTIs may not exhibit the hallmark sign of fever because their immune system is unable to mount a response to the infection. In fact, elders often don't

exhibit any of the common symptoms listed above – or don't express them to their caregivers.

UTIs in the elderly are often mistaken for the early stages of dementia or Alzheimer's, according to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), because symptoms include:

- Confusion or delirium-like state
- Agitation
- Hallucinations
- Other behavioral changes
- Poor motor skills or dizziness
- Falling

These are often the only symptoms that may present in the elderly, so it is crucial to keep an eye out for these sudden changes in mental state. In severe infections seizures have also occurred.

WHY DO THE ELDERLY DEVELOP UTIs?

According to the NIH, the following conditions make the elderly more susceptible to UTIs:

- Diabetes
- Urine retention (inability to empty the bladder completely, even if your loved one has just used the bathroom)
- Use of a urinary catheter
- Bowel incontinence
- Enlarged prostate
- Immobility (for example, those who must lie in bed for extended periods of time)
- Surgery of any area around the bladder
- Kidney stones

HOW TO REDUCE RISK OF UTIs:

People with incontinence are at an increased risk of UTIs because of the close contact that adult briefs and other incontinence products have with their skin, which can reintroduce bacteria into the urethra. Some recommendations to help reduce this risk include the following:

- Change briefs promptly and frequently
- Encourage front-to-back wiping and cleansing
- Keep the genital area clean
- Set reminders/timers for those who are memory-impaired to try to use the bathroom instead of an adult brief

OTHER WAYS TO REDUCE THE CHANCE OF UTIs INCLUDE:

- Drinking plenty of fluids (2 to 4 quarts each day unless this conflicts with a physician’s orders)
- Drinking cranberry juice or use cranberry tablets, but NOT if your elder has a personal or family history of kidney stones
- Avoiding caffeine and alcohol, which irritate the bladder
- Do not douche or use other feminine hygiene products
- Always wiping from front to back (for women)
- Wearing cotton underwear and changing them once a day

If you think your loved one might have a urinary tract infection, see your doctor right away to avoid further complications.

TRANSPORTATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There may be some of our parishioners having a hard time getting to a church service; whether it is bad weather, no transportation available or needing slight assistance. Would you be willing to occasionally pick up someone in need? Possibly a rotation system could be started so no one is committed to every weekend. If you are interested in helping out please call the church office (892-7456) or Robbie Gremminger (980-3977).

SALEM ENDOWMENT FUND NEWS

The Salem Endowment Fund Board is pleased to announce that at our April 2017 meeting we were able to approve \$5,800.00 to be spent on the following grants:

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS:

Zoar Cemetery Board for up keep of cemetery and/or perpetual care fund \$1,000.00
 New phone system church (start-up) \$1,000.00

EXISTING MINISTRIES:

5 Practices – New name tags and a hanging mechanism to store them \$400.00
 5 Practices – 2 Koala Kare baby changing tables for the women’ restrooms \$400.00
 5 Practices – Redecorate the family and women’s restroom \$200.00
 Rental car for senior youth group service trip to Minneapolis \$500.00
 Outreach project to provide toiletry packages to the needy at the “Gathering” \$600.00

INNOVATIVE MINISTRIES:

Purchase of a license to allow the church to show movies for education/fellowship \$200.00
 Signage for 22 rooms in the church and 2 maps for directions to church rooms \$1,600.00

We are pleased to be able to grant these funds and will be able to grant \$6,200.00 in October.

The Salem Endowment Fund Committee

CHURCH PICNIC

Warm weather is right around the corner and so is our church picnic! Save the date--Sunday, June 25, 2017.

We will have a 10:00 a.m. worship service outside (weather permitting) followed by a broasted chicken lunch, bingo, kid’s games and fun for all!

Watch for more news in the coming weeks. We will not be doing raffle baskets at this time.

MAY LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday, May 7, 2017-Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Psalm: Psalm 23

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Sunday, May 14, 2017-Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Psalm: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Gospel: John 14:1-14

Sunday, May 21, 2017-Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 17:22-31

Psalm: Psalm 66:8-20

Epistle: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Gospel: John 14:15-21

Sunday, May 28, 2017-Seventh Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 1:6-14

Psalm: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

Epistle: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Gospel: John 17:1-11



PLEASE KEEP THESE FAMILIES IN YOUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

HOSPITALIZED

St. Nicholas, Sheboygan

Tim Miller, JoAnn Kraus, Bernice Daigle

St. Luke's, Milwaukee

Jim Lindow

Froedtert, Milwaukee

Kathy Bruggink

Aurora Memorial, Sheboygan

Gail Versch

BAPTISM

4/23/17 Rylo Logan Waldeck, son of Keith Waldeck* and Erin Parrish*

*denotes non-member

MAY USHER LIST

Saturday, May 6th:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Kymn Schicker

Consistory Member, Jerry & Reta Klemme

Sunday, May 7th:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Amy Nischik

Marvin & Judy Paulson, Evie Kretsch

Saturday, May 13th:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Kymn Schicker

Lori Holzer, Rollie Bruggink, Shelley Bubb

Sunday, May 14th:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Lorena McKerrow

Steve Fieck, Dale & Janis Knuth

Saturday, May 20th:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Mary Mullen

Ed & Darla Ardell, Roger Rortvedt

Sunday, May 21st:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Jeff Bender

Salem Youth

Saturday, May 27th:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Mary Bender

Sharon Klemme, Bob Becher, Judy Wilmot

Sunday, May 28th:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Linda Bosman

Al Bosman, Cindy Conrad, Lois Faas

Saturday, June 3rd:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Mary Mullen

Ken & Pat Schoening, Linda Krueger

Sunday, June 4th:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Consistory

Terry, Amy & Greta Debbink

THANK YOU

Thank you to the wonderful members of Salem for the delicious meal that was delivered to our home.

Harmon & Evelyn Gundersen