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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

I have an assortment of odds and ends for you this month.

First, in last month's *Chapel Chimes* I wrote a bit about the notion of "covenant." Covenant is an arrangement that involves a series of promises that we make to one or more parties involved in some kind of an agreement. If covenant relationships are to work properly we need to become accountable to the other parties in that relationship and vice versa. Here is the point I want to pursue: if belonging to a church is one of those covenant relationships how are we accountable to one another? I believe the answer to that question is that we should pursue both excellence in our own personal expressions of faith and to let the spirit of love be at work in our relationships with one another. We should offer the best of ourselves in all that we do and show a spirit of patience with one another. As Colossians 3:13 puts it, "Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive." Our own journeys of faith should be marked by love, humility, and contrition when necessary. If we can do that sort of thing we can become accountable to one another as members of this household of faith.

Second, like a good number of you, I am looking forward to seeing this national election season draw to a close. The level of nastiness expressed by supporters of the political candidates seems unprecedented to me. In some cases, people have stopped speaking to one another and friendships have ended on account of these differences. I would remind each of us that, no matter who you have supported, we will need to find a way to mend the tears in the national fabric and become one nation again. It's my hope that Christian people can model out a spirit of reconciliation and that what happens on November 9th and all of the days after matters as much – if not more – than what happens on November 8th. We should always remember not only who we are but whose we are.

Third, it is Salem's turn to host the Community Service of Thanksgiving, which will be held on Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:00 p.m. Combined choirs from First Congregational and Salem will provide special music and pumpkin pie and coffee will be served following worship. I hope that all of you will be able to take advantage of the special opportunity to give thanks to God for all of the blessings in our lives.

Last, a reminder: Advent begins as early as it can in 2016, and the First Sunday of Advent will be Sunday, November 27th. The days will get here sooner than we realize.

Your servant in Christ,

Rev. Jim Hoppert



November Birthdays

11/2 Gideon Stiefvater
11/3 Josiah Gundersen
Kelly Wolfert
11/4 Jacob Koepsell
11/5 Vivian Meerstein
Ron Lee
Levi Flunker
11/6 Rachel Risse
11/7 Alyssia Kleinhans
Tabitha Huenink
11/8 Erin Miller
11/10 Paulette Hausler
Jill Pilling
Breeley Gutschow
11/12 James Lindow
Ian Schoenefeld
11/13 Evelyn Pilgrim
Justin Picard
Thomas Daigle
Eleanor Dees
11/14 Todd Bruggink
Norbert Gumtow
Ronald Holzmann
Susie Katsma
Faith Gudex
Sharon Odekirk
Julie Sukowaty
Samantha Sippel
Alexandra Pilling
11/16 Kayla Graham
11/18 Linda Johnson
11/19 Gerald Klemme
11/20 Peter Jenquin
Marsha Meyer
Linda Zimmermann
11/21 Jeff Bender
Courtney Wolfert

11/22 Carl Holzer
Kim Pagel
11/23 Linda Krueger
Judy Paulson
Becky Gremminger
11/24 Wanda Meyer
11/26 Wesley Huibregtse
Lauren Bunyea
11/28 Vyra Thiel
11/29 Fritz Scheible
11/30 Todd Fischer
Dan Rizzi
David Hengst
Jennifer Jenquin
Judith Meerstein
Michael Klatkiewicz
Ashley Krueger

November Anniversaries

11/1 Kent & Amanda Radloff
11/4 Jeff & Mary Bender
Bret & Jennie Schoenefeld
11/5 Carl & Lori Holzer
11/6 Richard & Judy Rortvedt
Scott & Rhonda Raeder
Ed & Lynn York
11/12 Scott & Pam Miller
11/15 Tom & Ruth Miller
11/22 Gerald & Donna Picard



Don't forget, Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 6th.



Dear Care Meal Ministry,

Thank you so much for the meal you provided our families, with the passing of Wes' mom. It was a wonderful meal and a great way to remember Peternella Huibregtse.

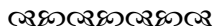
Blessings,
Wes & Cyndi Huibregtse and the family of
Pietje Markus



Dear Care Meal Ministry,

Thank you for the delicious meal that was delivered to my home. Thank you also for the banana bread that was delivered by the Called to Care Ministry. God's blessings to you all.

Pat Morrison



Thank you for allowing us to use your facilities for our salad luncheon. Special thanks to Pam for all her help.

In appreciation,
Women's Civic Society Salad Luncheon
Committee



Thank you, Salem members for your prayers, hugs, and good wishes in our recent loss of our son, Jeff. Your support has meant the world to us. You are all our wonderful family, full of God's grace.

Love,
Bill & Joanne Lammers



Dear Members,

Thank you for your generous donation to Feed My Starving Children. Your gift is greatly appreciated and will assist our church in carrying out our mission of "Connecting People to Christ". God's blessings.

Yours in Christ,
Stefanie Trakel
Director of Church Administration



**KEEP THESE FAMILIES IN
YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

HOSPITALIZED

Aurora Memorial, Sheboygan

Sharon Schoenfeld, Robert Stib, Jean Halida

FUNERALS

10/26/16 Harold Kleinhans at Suchon Funeral Home

BAPTISM

10/9/16 Declan Grady Krueger, son of Jered & Ashley (Schram) Krueger, born 6/29/16



Mark your calendar for the following upcoming events:

Red Star Express, Saturday, November 12th at 7:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship at Salem on Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

Living Nativity, Friday, December 9th & Saturday, December 10th from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Church-Wide Christmas Program, Saturday, December 17th at 4:30 p.m.



TREE OF HOPE

Advent is a privileged and much-loved time for expressing hope in public, for working to restore others' hope, and for strengthening the dreams that carry us through the entire year. You can bring hope to those in need by participating in the "Tree of Hope" drive. Listed below are items that will be collected during the four Sundays of Advent.

1st Sunday of Advent, November 27th:

Paper Products

2nd Sunday of Advent, December 4th:

Soap and personal care products: laundry soap, bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, cleaning products, hand lotion, dish soap, etc.

3rd Sunday of Advent, December 11th:

Non-perishable food items

4th Sunday of Advent, December 18th:

Baby care items: diapers, baby wipes, baby cereal

Place your gifts under the Tree of Hope in the Narthex.

SALVATION ARMY GIFT BOXES

The Salvation Army puts together 130 Christmas food boxes to distribute to the senior living complexes in Plymouth, Cascade, Oostburg and Random Lake. This year Salem will be helping by collecting oyster crackers (in the bag), and 10.5 ounce cans of soup. Please place your donations in the box near the church office door.

MITTEN TREE

We will be collecting hats, mittens, scarves, etc. for our mitten tree located in the Gathering Area. We will be accepting donations through December 9th.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Watch for the Adopt-A-Family tree that will be placed in the Gathering Area in the coming weeks.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

The Members of the Red Tent will be putting together college care packages on November 21st. Donations of the following items would be greatly appreciated: Microwave popcorn, hard candy, individually packaged hot cocoa, gum, filled snack crackers, flavored water packets, Ramen noodles, candy bars, Easy Mac, breakfast or snack bars and chocolate chip cookies. Place your donations in the box near the church office.



LITTLE LAMBS CHILD CARE

Sunday, November 6th:

8:30 a.m. Linda Lehrke & Makayla Mendenhall

Sunday, November 13th:

8:30 a.m. Jill & Megan Thiel

Sunday, November 20th:

8:30 a.m. Annette & Lauren Bunyea

Sunday, November 27th:

8:30 a.m. Susie Katsma



Lakeland University began the fall term with 2,954 students, down from last year. Enrollment drops are the norm at this time due to the shrinking number of high school graduates. However, Lakeland's main campus has seen the largest group of first-year honors students in over a decade, and the enrollment at the Japan campus includes the largest incoming class of international students.

The computer science program recently received a gift from the West Foundation that allowed Lakeland to obtain additional advanced robotics equipment so every computer science student can develop artificial intelligence programming experience, as well as additional secure computer servers on which students can practice methods that teaches them to protect data. Students also gain hands-on experience in advanced 3D printing with resin.

Two new academic programs have been added and several others revised. These changes were driven by the job market, feedback from employers, advisory boards and students.

-> The new bachelor's degree in management information systems fills the need for professionals who can make enterprise-wide decisions based on data and predictive analytics, skills which are in high demand.

-> The new bachelor of fine arts in creative writing is the only program of its kind in the state.

-> The new five-year master of business administration track uses dual credit courses to allow students to earn both an undergraduate degree and graduate degree.

This summer, Lakeland's new cell lab allowed students to conduct the type of cutting-edge

research that would ordinarily be found only at UW-Madison. And the new exercise science lab opened this fall. Both were made possible by a generous gift from Dr. Cliff Feldmann, Lakeland class of 1969.

This fall Lakeland welcomed four new students as part of the Sheboygan County Scholars Program. These students attend Lakeland University on a full-tuition scholarship thanks to the support of generous community members, businesses and alumni. Applications for this program more than tripled this year.

Lakeland continues to partner with regional employers in creating real-world internships for LU students, experiences that often lead to job offers. Lakeland was awarded a \$446,000 Career Ready Internship Grant that will fund 250 new student internships over the next three years.

There is a tremendous sense of positive momentum for Lakeland right now.

Lakeland is working on a number of other initiatives that I'll hopefully be sharing with you soon that will keep the university moving forward.

Art Pahr - Lakeland 1964
Church Ambassador to
Salem UCC

THRIVENT FINANCIAL

If you have funds invested with Thrivent Financial, please consider Salem as the recipient of your Thrivent "Choice Dollars". Choice Dollars are a benefit of your investment. Like SCRIP, it is a way to give to your church with no cost to you. Thrivent Financial, formerly just for Lutherans, is now open to all Christians and offers IRA's, annuities, bonds and other investment opportunities.

NOVEMBER LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday, November 6, 2016 -
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Hebrew Scripture: Haggai 1:15b-2:9
Psalm: Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

Sunday, November 13, 2016 -
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalm: Psalm 98
Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Sunday, November 20, 2016 -
Reign of Christ
Hebrew Scripture: Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm: Psalm 46
Epistle: Colossians 1:11-20
Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

Thursday, November 24, 2016
Thanksgiving
Hebrew Scripture: Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm: Psalm 100
Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9
Gospel: John 6:25-35

Sunday, November 27, 2016
First Sunday of Advent
Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm: Psalm 122
Epistle: Romans 13:11-14
Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

RED STAR EXPRESS



Red Star Express in Concert---November 12th at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10, available in the church office, at the door (same price), or from Kymn Schicker. The band will also provide music at the 4:30 service that day. Please join us for a great evening of Bluegrass Gospel music!

NOVEMBER USHER LIST

Saturday, November 5th:
4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Kymn Schicker
Lori Holzer, Roger Rortvedt, Linda Krueger

Sunday, November 6th:
8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Tom Daigle
Dale & Janis Knuth, Bette Humbracht

Saturday, November 12th:
4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Mary Mullen
Ed & Darla Ardell, Shelley Bubb

Sunday, November 13th:
8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Linda Bosman
Al Bosman, Annette Bunyea, Lois Faas

Saturday, November 19th:
4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Lori Holzer
Dick Groene, Kevin & Debbie Lisowe

Sunday, November 20th:
8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Consistory Member
Terry & Rachel Risse, Evie Kretsch

Wednesday, November 23rd:
7:00 p.m. Head Usher: Mary Bender
Norman & Karen Raeder, Judy Wilmot

Saturday, November 26th:
4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Kymn Schicker
Jerry & Reta Klemme, Sharon Klemme

Sunday, November 27th:
8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Mary Mullen
Ken & Dorothy Baumann, Lorena McKerrow

Saturday, December 3rd:
4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Lori Holzer
Bruce & Barb Hengst, Rollie Bruggink

Sunday, December 4th:
8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Consistory Member
Terry, Amy & Greta Debbink