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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

Easter. The holiday rightly takes center stage when it comes to celebrations of the Christian church. If one has eyes to see, it is a day so rich in meaning and symbolism. And, if anything, so much of the story of the resurrection of Jesus is a push and nudge for the followers of Jesus to move into the future, with its new life and new possibilities.

Part of that move into the future includes the eventual journey from death into life. I become more keenly aware of that notion with every passing year. Every year brings more farewells at graveside and I know that the biggest and hardest of them still lie on ahead. Of course, all of the farewells make me realize that I, too, someday, will have to take my leave of those in this life. We all move to that destination.

Yet, Easter reminds us that we do not move on alone. The Risen Christ, our divine companion, leads on. That knowledge gives us peace and assurance as we make our way – perhaps even anticipation. It is not an uncommon thing in ministry to see people in the last state of life’s journey anticipating what the next step will be like. Persons of strong faith don’t fear that step, but approach it with peace.

Jesus is there in our present and in our future and will never leave us. That, friends, is the good news of Easter.

The Great Fifty Days will give us many opportunities to celebrate the good news. Among our celebrations will be the opportunity to hear the music of the combined choirs of Salem and St. Peter’s UCC, Kiel on Sunday, April 15th. The music of the combined choirs is always excellent – and I’d say that even if I weren’t in the Chancel Choir – so don’t miss the opportunity to be present that day.

May your journey during the Easter season be filled with joy and wonder.

Your servant in Christ,

Rev. Jim Hoppert



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/01 Roland Bruggink
Wade Kleinhans
4/03 Lillian Fontany
Megan Quade
Corbin Krueger
4/05 Rev. James Hoppert
Carol Thelen
4/06 Pam Miller
Kristine Hartmann
4/07 Kay Halle
4/08 Tara Meinnert
4/10 Terry Debbink
Kenneth Mauk
4/12 Sam Veldman
4/13 Willard Kleinhans
4/14 Hannah Mauk
Sharon Schoenfeld
4/15 Garrett Debbink
Benjamin Picard
4/16 Karlee Hartmann
4/19 Dave Barts
Steve Fieck
Gail Kleinhans
Todd Thiel
4/20 Judith Helmer
Esther Sippel
4/21 John Humbracht
4/22 Andrea Kapellen
Judi Miller
4/25 Mark Leverenz
4/26 Ed Ardell
Jeanne LeMahieu
4/27 Evelyn Markus
4/28 Deegan Quade
4/29 Jean Halle

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

4/03 Jeff & Maureen Greuel
4/08 Ken & Kathy Schaap
4/11 Tom & Brenda Nabak
4/11 Josh & Angie Bender
4/19 Todd & Denise Kleinhans
4/19 Hans & Gladys Palm
4/20 Ron & Sandy Holzmann
4/24 Todd & Dawn Fischer
4/24 Gerry & Reta Klemme
4/27 Ben & Tara Meinnert
4/30 Don & Judy Miller



APRIL LITTLE LAMBS CHILD CARE

Sunday, April 8:
Judi Miller & Lilly Hengst

Sunday, April 15:
Annette & Lauren Bunyea

Sunday, April 22:
Gail Kleinhans

Sunday, April 29:
Susie Katsma & Janice Miller

FROM THE PARISH NURSE . . .

THE LIVER

The liver is the largest organ in the body and performs more functions than any other organ. It is essential for the metabolism of carbohydrates, proteins, fats, and minerals; it plays a major part in detoxifying poisons and drugs; it manufactures cholesterol; it is concerned with iron storage and the manufacture of the elements essentially necessary for blood clotting; it converts glucose to glycogen and stores the latter as a source of energy. One of its primary functions is the destruction of old red blood cells and conversion of the hemoglobin molecule into bilirubin.

Jaundice is the most common finding in any derangement of the liver. Jaundice refers to a yellowing of the skin caused by an excess of bile pigments in the circulatory system and in all the tissues of the body. Jaundice may occur when the overflow of bile has been blocked and when liver substance itself is inflamed. When such inflammation occurs, the small bile ducts within the liver become obstructed; as a result a large portion of the bile that is produced by the liver is absorbed directly into the blood stream because it cannot flow normally out of the bile ducts into the duodenum.

“Jaundice” comes from a word meaning “yellow,” and the common expression, “yellow jaundice,” is a redundancy.

Cirrhosis is characterized by inflammation of the liver substance itself. Fibrosis and scarring are frequent subsequent occurrences. Portal cirrhosis, the most common type, is also referred to as Laennec’s cirrhosis, “gin drinkers” cirrhosis or “alcoholic cirrhosis.” It is present in about 2 or 3 per cent of adults in the United States.

The exact cause of the condition is unknown, although it appears to be related to the

ingestion of alcohol and poor nutrition. It also may be caused by exposure to chronic poisons such as carbon tetrachloride and phosphorus. It may be associated with chronic diseases of the bowel, such as chronic ulcerative colitis or regional enteritis.

Symptoms - At first the symptoms of cirrhosis may be very slight and its presence may only be apparent when the physician discovers, upon physical examination, that the liver is enlarged. As the condition progresses, weight loss, nausea, vomiting, complaints of indigestion and inability to tolerate fats usually occur. If the condition continues to become worse, jaundice develops, and other signs of liver disease, such as the presence of prominent vascular networks or “spiders” over the head and upper body, may develop. Dilated veins over the abdomen may also be seen.

As the cirrhosis becomes progressively worse, fluid in the abdomen (ascites), evidenced by a large, protuberant abdomen, develops. X-ray examination reveals that the protuberance is caused by fluid. Noticeable swelling of the legs (edema), which usually results from a decreased ability to handle salt, an increase in pressure in the portal vein, and a decrease in circulating proteins in the blood may also occur. Other complications such as enlarged veins in the esophagus (see esophageal varices) may occur. These varices may bleed and cause hemorrhages. Hemorrhoids may become another manifestation of liver disease.

Diagnosis is usually made on finding a large liver on physical examination; results of special chemical tests reveal the presence of liver damage. Other chemical tests confirm the presence of increased bile pigment (bilirubin) in the blood stream that has produced the jaundice. Diagnosis is made most definitive, however, by liver biopsy. In this procedure a needle is inserted into the liver and a small piece of liver is drawn up into the bore of the needle by means of a syringe and then examined under the microscope.

Inflammation and degeneration of liver cells caused by an increase in fibrous tissue, characteristic of cirrhosis are readily apparent when a specimen of liver tissue is examined under a microscope.

Treatment consists of abstinence from alcohol, consumption of foods high in protein and carbohydrates, bed rest and restriction of salt intake. Further treatment using diuretics or cortisone is prescribed for severe cases and complications are treated as necessary. The prognosis varies from complete recovery to death from liver failure or complications.

Biliary cirrhosis is similar to portal cirrhosis in terms of symptoms and signs; however, the cause is usually inflammation of the bile ducts or stones blocking off the passageways of bile ducts. The condition may be suggested by basis of the patient's history and the results of special liver tests. But the results of a liver biopsy or even, at times, surgical exploration of the liver and the bile tubes, must be evaluated in order to make the proper diagnosis. Treatment is to remove the cause if possible; otherwise it is similar to that of the common type, portal cirrhosis.

Infectious Hepatitis - This is one of the most common liver diseases and also a cause of jaundice.

Post necrotic cirrhosis. This condition refers to cirrhosis that occurs after infection hepatitis. The symptoms and signs of this condition are quite similar to those of portal cirrhosis but the cause is inflammation of the liver caused by the presence of a virus rather than the presence of toxins. The treatment is similar to the treatment of portal cirrhosis. In general, the condition is more severe than portal cirrhosis, since the offending cause cannot be removed.

Cardiac cirrhosis may occur in patients with chronic heart failure. In this condition congestion of the liver has been present for a period of several months or years and has produced fibrous and inflammatory changes. In general, the changes are not as severe as

those produced in portal cirrhosis; the distinction can be made by microscopic examination of tissue removed at liver biopsy. Appropriate treatment is treatment for the basic disease, chronic heart failure.

Tumors of the Liver - The most common benign tumor of the liver is hepatoma. Usually hepatoma is found only incidentally at necropsy, although hepatomas may occur in patients with chronic cirrhosis or chronic infection of the liver. Cysts of the liver are usually caused by parasitic infestation, such as echinococcosis (hydatid disease). The cysts may grow slowly in size and may become completely calcified. If growth continues or pressure changes occur, surgical removal of the cysts is imperative.

Almost any disease caused by infestation, such as tuberculosis, leprosy, brucellosis, and infectious mononucleosis, as well as amebiasis, may affect the liver and cause swelling and enlargement or damage to the liver cells. When these diseases occur, appropriate bacteriologic and cultural methods must be used in order to make a correct diagnosis. Appropriate treatment consists in treatment for the disease itself.

Malignant tumor or cancer that originates in the liver is relatively rare. It is usually not diagnosed until the patient has noticed a great increase in the size of his liver, or the presence of a large mass in the right part of his upper abdomen, or that he has become jaundiced. No treatment for this condition is effective. Most cancers of the liver, however, are not primary, but have spread to the liver from some other source in the body. Unfortunately, treatment in this case is also hopeless, since the liver is a vital organ and no one can survive its removal.



"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe."
Anatole France

AN UPDATE AND REMINDER ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

I want to express my thanks to those of you who have completed the church membership forms, both as Members in Covenant and Friends of Salem. The updated information that you've given us has been most appreciated. However, we still have a good number of folks who, for one reason or another, have not returned the forms. If you're among the persons who haven't responded as of yet, I'd like to offer my encouragement to do so soon. A completed form is not the only way to share the information: an email or a phone call to the church office would also do the job. In any event, your efforts will help us in our ability to do ministry more effectively. Thanks!

Rev. Jim Hoppert

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The Endowment Committee will meet on Thursday, April 12th at 6:15 p.m. The deadline to turn in grants to the church office is Tuesday, April 3rd.



Join us on Sunday, April 15th during the 8:30 a.m. worship service as the Mendelssohn Choir from St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Kiel once again combines with Salem's Chancel Choir to present a worship service filled with music.



35+ Years? by Art Pahr

Has it been that long?

As near as I can recall, I began handling the sound system duties at Salem sometime in 1981 or 1982. Over the years those duties evolved into what is done today. There have been a number of sound system operators during this time but the three "main" ones have been Richard Jarosch, Jeff Greuel and me. The three of us have managed to keep "The Bread of Life" radio broadcast on the air and the voices of worship audible to all who attend services.

The equipment required for this to happen has also evolved from a simple amplifier and a few switches to the present sound console which is filled with professional grade equipment. While this equipment may appear intimidating to those who look at it, it really is not. Now, here comes "the pitch."

We need younger members to begin operating the sound system. I have reached the point that I would like to "retire" from this duty. That will leave Jeff and Richard to keep things running. But, they also have video recording duties in addition to the sound system when I'm not here, plus they do have their lives outside church.

Yes, this will involve making a commitment, but nothing in life gets done without making commitments.

So, before September arrives, I would like to see two or three people come forward and offer to give this duty a try. And, if you think this job is for "the guys" only, nope, ladies are welcome as well.

Don't be bashful. Stop at the console after worship anytime and let one of us know you'd like to help keep "The Bread of Life" on the air and the sound system running smoothly.



Salem UCC's tenth annual rummage sale will be held on **Saturday, April 21** from 8:00 am - 3:30 pm. This requires a lot of volunteer help and we can always use more helpers. We have several rooms of merchandise, so you can choose where and when you want to help. Please put these dates on your calendar. We will have a planning committee meeting on **April 5** at 6:30 pm and all are invited to attend. Pertinent information is as follows:

1. DROP OFF OF DONATIONS— Dates are: Wednesday April 18, Thursday April 19 and Friday April 20. You may also drop off donations anytime in the church garage, but please let Pam know so we can make arrangements to open the garage. **If you would like to have items picked up at your home, contact Pam in the church office at 892-7456 or Richard Jarosch at 893-8705.**

2. VOLUNTEER DATES FOR SALE SET-UP are: **Tuesday April 17, Wednesday April 18, Thursday April 19, and Friday April 20.** **Monday, April 16,** volunteers are also needed to set up rooms for the sale. Volunteers--come whenever you can during these hours. Your help will be welcomed whether you can help either a few hours or many. If you can spend a couple of hours in the evening, please join us. *(We may even have free lunch available on setup days.)*

3. Day of the sale. Please consider helping on **April 21st,** the day of the sale. A sign-up form will be available in early April on the bulletin board in the hallway. In addition to room helpers, we will need cashiers, door monitors for the north and east entrances to

the church and volunteers to help shoppers take their merchandise to the checkouts when they have large purchases.

4. Clean-up after sale: is scheduled for **Monday, April 23** from 9:00 am till finish. Additional help is needed taking down tables and returning rooms to their presale condition.

5. Advertising: We will have posters available in the hallway in early April for members of the congregation to pick up and take them to various places throughout the county – to businesses, restaurants, places of work, etc. Discuss the sale with friends and encourage them to attend. This is a very important fund raiser for the church and we need lots of help.

6. Bake Sale: Members of the congregation are asked to bake items for the bake sale. Please plan to drop off items by Friday, April 20 at noon.

7. On Saturday, April 14th at 9:00 am, members of the congregation who are able to lift and carry items are asked to meet at Brother's Keepers to load items from our storage facility onto trailers. We also need trailers, open or enclosed, to haul and store items. These items will be brought to the church the following Tuesday to be priced and organized for the sale.

8. Following are items needed to prepare for the sale: plastic grocery bags, quart and gallon baggies, large garbage bags for clothing. Please drop off donations in the church office.

We are very appreciative of all donations and for the many volunteers who help with the sale. Thanks in advance for all you do to make this event possible.

APRIL LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday, April 1, 2018 - Easter

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

Sunday, April 8, 2018 - Second Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Psalm: Psalm 133

Epistle: 1 John 1:1-2:2

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 15, 2018 - Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 3:12-19

Psalm: Psalm 4

Epistle: 1 John 3:1-7

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

Sunday, April 22, 2018 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

Psalm: Psalm 23

Epistle: 1 John 3:16-24

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Sunday, April 29, 2018 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Psalm: Psalm 22:25-31

Epistle: 1 John 4:7-21

Gospel: John 15:1-8



Mark your calendar for the up-coming events:

Salem's Annual Rummage Sale, Saturday,
April 21

**North East Association of the Wisconsin
Conference Annual Meeting**, Saturday,
April 28, Green Bay

Confirmation, Sunday, May 13

Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting, June
8 - 10, Green Lake



First of all, we want to thank our church family for the prayers said for Dad, before he passed away this January.

Again we want to thank the "Care Meal Ministry" for an outstanding meal. We even had enough left for another meal with our family.

We were blessed to be part of our Dad's life to the end.

Blessings,
The family of Roger E. Eldredge



The following is a thank you received from the Adopt-A-Family Giving Tree:

Lorena,

Just wanted to let you know how grateful my girls and I are for the wonderful Christmas blessing you gave us!

Haven loves her "Plymouth" sweatshirt and the gift card for Bath & Body Works.

Nevaeh's gift must have been missed by accident, but I took the Amazon gift card and gave it to her. She was so excited!

And, Jade loved everything she received!

We truly are blessed. God really is great!! God bless all you do for others.

Thank you again,
Kim, Haven, Nevaeh & Jade

APRIL USHERS

Saturday, March 31:

4:30 pm Head Usher: Kymn Schicker
Terry Risse, Lori Holzer, Judy Wilmot

Sunday, April 1:

7:00 am Head Usher: Dave Hengst
Cindy Conrad, Annette Bunyea, Tom Daigle
9:30 am Head Usher: Mary Bender
Norman & Karen Raeder, Maureen Rudebeck

Saturday, April 7:

4:30 pm Head Usher: Kay Scheible
Ed & Darla Ardell, Sharon Klemme

Sunday, April 8:

8:30 am Head Usher: Amy Nischik
Betty Klemme, Evie Kretsch, Bette Humbracht

Saturday, April 14:

4:30 pm Head Usher: Kymn Schicker
Ansel Tupper, Janice Bunyea, Lori Holzer

Sunday, April 15:

8:30 am Head Usher: Terry Risse
Rachel Risse, Dale & Janis Knuth

Saturday, April 21:

4:30 pm Head Usher: Kymn Schicker
Gerry & Reta Klemme, Linda Krueger

Sunday, April 22:

8:30 am Head Usher: Mary Bender
Marvin & Judy Paulson, Mary Mullen

Saturday, April 28:

4:30 pm Head Usher: Kymn Schicker
Ray & Robbie Gremminger, Judy Wilmot

Sunday, April 29:

8:30 am Head Usher: Linda Bosman
Terry, Amy & Greta Debbink

Saturday, May 5:

4:30 pm Head Usher: Consistory Member
Richard Groene, Kevin & Debbie Lisowe

Sunday, May 6:

8:30 am Head Usher: Consistory Member
Norman & Karen Raeder, Cindy Conrad



We are collecting pull tabs for children dealing with cancer to be able to attend camp. There is a donation bucket in the kitchen.

We are also collecting school supplies for children at Fairview School. Place your donations in the box near the west entrance.

Don't forget to save your plastic bags to be used to make plarn for mats to be donated to Back Bay Mission.

Sign up to host a coffee hour on Sunday morning. All the supplies you need will be provided.

There is a literature rack in the Gathering Area. Check out the resources available.

You can sponsor the bulletin, radio broadcast or altar flowers on a Saturday/Sunday. Call the church office if you would like to honor or remember a loved one.

We are collecting travel size soap, shampoo, tooth paste, etc. to be used for personal hygiene kits. Place your donations in the basket in the Gathering Area near the west entrance.