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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

On the second weekend of June, I had the opportunity to attend the Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting at Green Lake, along with Salem's delegates, Mary Bender and Linda Bosman (my thanks to both of them for setting the time aside to attend). I thought that the meeting, and its theme, "Why Are You Afraid," was one of the better gatherings in my history of attending such events. One of the thoughts that struck our delegation over the weekend was that the principles of the Christian life are not complicated to understand: love one another and show respect for one another; practice acts of kindness and justice often; forgive others. What a better place our families, our communities, our churches, and our world would be if people got the knack for this sort of thing.

However, it's not the ideas that are hard to grasp; it's putting them into practice which is hard to do. We do not always love others as we should; we fail – by things we've done and by things we've left undone – to show kindness and justice; and we fail to forgive others. I can tell you, based on pastoral experience that the biggest failings in living out the Christian way of life seem to come from a chronic inability to forgive. That has always puzzled me. If one of the things that we celebrate in our faith is the fact that God has forgiven us and that we are reconciled to God, why are we so stingy with the business of forgiving each other?

Yet, it seems that we are a stingy people that way. People hold on to grudges for an incredibly long time and hold on to self-righteous anger. We stubbornly refuse to let go and offer up forgiveness.

I think that many of us would be a lot happier in life if we just realize the following: 1) To err is human. People will make mistakes and often do so without trying to be hurtful; 2) Life is short and there isn't enough time and energy to waste re-tracking over old ground and reliving old hurts. Sometimes you just have to let go because you don't want to be chained to someone by continuing to hold on to a grudge.

So, friends, my unsolicited counsel as we head into the final months of summer is this: Love others and try to see them as God might – with all of their gifts and possibilities; show kindness – it usually doesn't cost us any money to be kind; forgive others and let go of old hurts.

And one more thing: continue to keep the church and its ministry in your thoughts and prayers over the summer months. While some of our programming goes fallow for the summer months, we are busy planning and re-loading for the time ahead. Your prayers and support are helpful as we engage in that work.

Enjoy your summer and may you find it to be a time of refreshment and growth. And if you have the chance, we'd love to see you at the Church Picnic on July 29th.

Your servant in Christ,

Rev. Jim Hoppert



JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

7/1	Gary Hanson Betty Pearce		8/4	Ruth Miller
			8/5	Joseph Ausloos Jr.
7/2	Gabrielle Bunyea		8/6	Ava Mahler
7/3	Janis Jarosch		8/10	Addison Fink
7/4	Dennis Kapellen			Liza Thelen
7/5	Janis Knuth Ryan Halle		8/11	Kymn Schicker
			8/12	Mariann Picard
7/7	Carol Groene Bette Humbracht Evelyn Meinnert Lynn York			Judy Kent Peter Meyer
			8/13	Erica Helmer
7/8	Amy Debbink		8/14	Joshua Bender
7/10	Merrie Huenink Maureen Rudebeck		8/16	Betty Nohlquist Donna Picard
				Pat Wachter
7/13	Sandra Fritsch Cassandra Pilling		8/18	Charlene Boll
				Peggy Ellis
7/14	Amy Nischik			Brynn Quade
7/16	Susan Doebert Dennis Hill Sharon Klemme		8/19	Angie Iserloth James Wachter
				Tim Miller
7/17	Makayla Mendenhall			Allie Iserloth
7/18	Marian Lisowe Aurelia Schuricht Sandra Holzmann		8/20	Lois Faas
			8/21	Kyle Odekirk
7/20	Stacy Ausloos Kathy Zimmermann			Andy Helmer
				Adeline Gahagan
7/21	Kay Scheible Sabrina Meyer		8/22	Barb Webb
				Katherine Fischer
7/22	David Lehrke		8/24	Aubrey Fischer
7/23	Megan Fontany			Jason Knuth
7/26	Camryn Meyer		8/25	Robert Sukowaty
7/27	Judith Rortvedt Cyndi Huibregtse			Trystan Johnson
			8/26	Kally Pratt
7/28	Marianne Faas Lauren Halle			Olive Ardell
			8/27	Lorayn Vick
7/29	Dolores Bohrmueller Dorothy Baumann			Margaret Johnston
			8/28	Chase Markus
7/30	Tom Melger Lorena Schoenefeld		8/29	Taylor Knuth
				Richard Wimmeler
				Gail Versch

8/30 Marvin Paulson
Austin Hartmann
Jody Pratt
8/31 Roger Eldredge



JULY & AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

7/3 Jim & Linda Lehrke
7/5 Steve & Nola Fieck
7/16 Duane & Cindy Conrad
7/19 Ben & Megan Quade
7/20 Terry & Amy Debbink
7/21 Larry & Merrie Huenink
7/29 Joey & Kay Halle
8/1 Scott & Annette Bunyea
Gary & Kathy Ferguson
8/5 Jay & Peggy Ellis
8/8 Bill & LaVerne Eickberg
8/10 Brian & Kim Pagel
8/11 Peter & Lynell Jenquin
8/12 Mark & Janice Miller
8/15 Ralph & Carol Groene
8/21 Brandon & Andrea Gutschow
Marvin & Judy Paulson
Jarred & Jenny Velier
8/22 Claude & Judy Kent
8/23 Rollie & Kathy Bruggink
8/24 Wade & Gail Kleinhans
Ted & Diane Kaczmariski
8/26 Don & Laura Diver
8/29 Mike & Gail Klatkiewicz
8/30 Justin & Ashley Fink
8/31 Robert & Eileen Metze

Save
the Date



Mark your calendar for the up-coming events:
Regional Youth Event - July 5 - 8
Vacation Bible School - July 15, 22, 29
Sr. Youth Mystery Trip - July 26 - 28
Festival Sunday/Church Picnic - July 29
Band Concert Concessions - August 16



It's Time for the Salem Picnic

Save the date of July 29 for the annual Salem UCC Summer Worship and Picnic. We'll worship outside on the lawn near the gazebo (weather permitting), and the Salem House Band and Vacation Bible School participants will be sharing their musical talents during the service.

A picnic lunch of broasted chicken, German potato salad, beans, watermelon, desserts and beverages will be offered in Fellowship Hall immediately after the service. Following lunch, you're welcome to play a few rounds of Bingo and enjoy fellowship with other members. There will be games and crafts for children. There is no charge for the lunch; a free-will offering will be taken.

Members are encouraged to invite extended family members or other guests to join us for worship and the picnic. But it's very helpful for the picnic organizers to know how many to plan for when ordering and preparing food, so please take a moment to let us know if you're coming – there will be a sheet on the bulletin board or you can call the church office. There will also be sign-up sheets to indicate your willingness to bring a dessert, make a donation for picnic supplies or volunteer your time to help.

We hope to see you on Sunday, July 29!



Summer Vacation?
Don't forget to invite God to go.

MISSION & STEWARDSHIP

Who are we?

Many of Salem's committees have been working behind the scenes to plan for the future of our church (mission & stewardship considering various causes to support, memorial committee considering the best use of memorial funds, church & ministry committee considering future programs, etc.), and all of these discussions seem to keep coming back to the same questions: What is the identity of our church? Aside from gathering weekly as a congregation to grow in Christ, where do we focus our time and energy and resources? Are there areas where we should be focusing that we currently are not?

One of the lessons from this year's Lenten study from The Gifts of the Dark Wood focused on doing the "right good" or the "best good". Many of the hardest decisions we face in life are not choices between good and bad, they are choices between multiple good options. At those times, we need to focus on choosing the "right good" that God is calling us to.

We find ourselves in the same position as a congregation. There are so many worthy causes that we want to support, it is easy to stretch ourselves so thin that nothing truly ends up getting the full attention and support that it deserves.

The committees that are tasked with making these decisions seek only to serve the congregation and answer God's call. To that end, we would like the entire congregation to consider the big picture with us. Where do you feel God is calling us? Where do you think our focus should be? Should we be focusing inward, or should we be making an effort to better serve our broader community? Are there specific types of missions we should be seeking out? What are the things that we do, or should do, that are most beneficial?

Please be on the lookout for the opportunity to

share your thoughts in the coming weeks. The more input we can collect, the better position we will be in to discern God's call and plot our path forward.

Thank you,

Bret Schoenefeld, Mission & Stewardship Chair



CHURCH MUSIC ACCOMPANIST - Salem is seeking persons with experience in organ and/or piano accompaniment to join in our music ministry. If you or someone you know would like to learn more about this position, please speak with Mary Bender or Anne Hernandez; or contact Pam in the church office at 892-7456 or churchoffice@salemuccplywi.org.



SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATOR - Salem has an immediate opening for an individual with experience in Christian Education who enjoys working with children and adults to oversee our Sunday School program. Please speak with Mary Bender; or contact Pam in the church office at 892-7456 or churchoffice@salemuccplywi.org for more details.

KEEP THESE FAMILIES IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

HOSPITALIZED

Tom Melger

FUNERALS

6/16/18 Arlene Siebenaler at Salem UCC

6/20/18 Ed Titel at Salem UCC

6/21/18 Jeffrey Otto

FINANCE COMMITTEE

As we reach the middle of 2018, it is a good time to look back at the first half of the year. Regular weekly giving for 2018 through mid-June is about \$4,000 less than it was at the same time last year. Of course, the church's final goal remains the same, and our line of credit has increased from \$9,000 to \$11,500 in the first half of the year to cover expenses.

As we have done in past times of need, we would like to ask the congregation to come together to help close the gap. We would like to designate the weekend of July 28 and 29 as a "festival" weekend where we can all double our typical weekly gifts. As our average weekly giving has been just over \$4,000, if we can all work together to double that amount for one week, we can catch up to where we were at this time last year.

You will be hearing more about the festival weekend at services in the coming weeks, and we will also be including more regular updates on our weekly giving in the bulletin announcements to keep everyone informed. Of course, feel free to reach out to me, or any of the other members of the finance committee (David Hengst, Kristine Hartmann, Mary Mullen) with any questions.

Thank you all for your ongoing support of Salem. We often say that "we are the church" and that applies to the church's finances as well. Without the ongoing gifts of the church's members, we would not be able to function. As much as many of us may worry about our financial position, this congregation has proven time and again that when needs arise, we answer the call by giving back some of the many blessings that God has given to us. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Yours in Christ,
Bret Schoenefeld, Treasurer



JULY LITTLE LAMBS CHILD CARE

Sunday, July 1st:

8:30 a.m. Gail Kleinhans

Sunday, July 8th:

8:30 a.m. Amy & Greta Debbink

Sunday, July 15th:

8:30 a.m. Annette & Lauren Bunyea

Sunday, July 22nd:

8:30 a.m. Pat Schoening & Linda Lehrke



GOOD MORNING

Good Morning, this is GOD I will be handling ALL your problems today.

If life happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, do not attempt to resolve it. Kindly put it in the SFGTD Box (something for God to do). It will be addressed in my time, not yours. Once the matter is placed into the box, do not hold onto it.

Holding on or removal will delay the resolution of your problem. If it is a situation that you think you are capable of handling, please consult me in prayer to be sure that it is the proper resolution.

If you find yourself stuck in traffic, don't despair. There are people in this world for which driving is an unheard of privilege.

Should you have a bad day at work, think of the man who has been out of work for years?

Should you despair over a relationship gone bad, think of the person who has never known what it's like to love and be loved in return.

Should you grieve the passing of another weekend, think of the woman in dire straits, working twelve hours a day, seven days a week to feed her children.

Should your car break down, leaving you miles away from assistance, think of the paraplegic who would love the opportunity to take that walk.

Should you notice a new gray hair in the mirror, think of the cancer patient in chemo who wishes she had hair to examine

Should you find yourself at a loss and pondering what is life all about, asking what my purpose is? Be thankful! There are those who didn't live long enough to get the opportunity.

Should you find yourself the victim of other people's bitterness, ignorance, smallness or insecurities, remember . . . things could be worse. You could be them!!!

Because I do not sleep nor do I slumber, there is no need for you to lose any sleep. Rest, my child.

If you need to contact me, I am only a prayer away.

Love Eternally, The Lord your God

- Author Unknown

JULY LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday, July 1, 2018

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hebrew Scripture: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Psalm: Psalm 130

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Sunday, July 8, 2018

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hebrew Scripture: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Psalm: Psalm 48

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

Sunday, July 15, 2018

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hebrew Scripture: 2 Samuel 6:1-15

Psalm: Psalm 24

Epistle: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

Sunday, July 22, 2018

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hebrew Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Psalm: Psalm 89:20-37

Epistle: Ephesians 2:11-22

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Sunday, July 29, 2018

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hebrew Scripture: 2 Samuel 11:1-15

Psalm: Psalm 14

Epistle: Ephesians 3:14-21

Gospel: John 6:1-21

AUGUST LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday, August 5, 2018

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hebrew Scripture: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

Psalm: Psalm 51:1-12

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-16

Gospel: John 6:24-35

Sunday, August 12, 2018

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hebrew Scripture: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

Psalm: Psalm 130

Epistle: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51

Sunday, August 19, 2018

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hebrew Scripture: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

Psalm: Psalm 111

Epistle: Ephesians 5:15-20

Gospel: John 6:51-58

Sunday, August 26, 2018

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hebrew Scripture: 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43

Psalm: Psalm 84

Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-20

Gospel: John 6:56-69

JULY USHERS

Saturday, June 30th:

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

Sunday, July 1st:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Lorena McKerrow
Norman & Karen Raeder, Cheryl Rortvedt

Saturday, July 7th:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Terry Risse
Kay Scheible, Ed & Darla Ardell

Sunday, July 8th:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Linda Bosman
Al Bosman, Janice Bunyea, Ansel Tupper

Saturday, July 14th:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Kymn Schicker
Ray & Robbie Gremminger, Roger Rortvedt

Sunday, July 15th:

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

Saturday, July 21st:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Mary Bender
Bette Humbracht, Betty Klemme, Evie Kretsch

Sunday, July 22nd:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Amy Nischik
Bill & Joanne Lammers, Steve Fieck

Saturday, July 28th:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Kymn Schicker
Jerry & Reta Klemme, Judy Wilmot

Sunday, July 29th:

10:00 a.m. Head Usher: Mary Bender
Dale & Janis Knuth, Ron Schoenfeld

AUGUST USHERS

Saturday, August 4th:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Kymn Schicker
Sharon Klemme, Linda Krueger, Lori Holzer

Sunday, August 5th:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Linda Bosman
Paul & Susan Clarke, Annette Bunyea

Saturday, August 11th:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Kymn Schicker
Roger Rortvedt, Bruce & Barb Hengst

Sunday, August 12th:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Amy Nischik
Lynn York, Norman & Karen Raeder

Saturday, August 18th:

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

Sunday, August 19th:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Mary Bender
Mary Mullen, Maureen Rudebeck, Cindy Conrad

Saturday, August 25th:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Amy Nischik
Judy Wilmot, Ed & Darla Ardell

Sunday, August 26th:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Terry Risse
Cheryl Rortvedt, Janice Bunyea, Ansel Tupper

Saturday, September 1st:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Consistory Member
Ken & Pat Schoening, Bob Becher

Sunday, September 2nd:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Consistory Member
Ron Schoenfeld, Tom Daigle, Carol Barts



Dear Chancel Choir,

Thank you so much for the wonderful retirement lunch at Chissy's AND for the beautiful necklace you gave me. I've received so many wonderful comments on it. I'm sure you know how fortunate you are to have such a knowledgeable choir director. Keep up the good work! Blessing to all of you.

Barb Pahr

FROM THE PARISH NURSE . . .

Varicose Veins

Signs and Symptoms

- Enlarged veins readily seen under the skin of the legs
- Brownish gray skin discoloration on the ankle
- Skin ulcers near the ankles

Varicose veins are twisted and enlarged veins close to the surface of the skin. Any vein may become varicose (the name comes from the Latin root *varix* for “twisted”), but the areas most likely to be affected are the legs and feet.

The Value of Support Stockings

If you have varicose veins or deep-vein malfunction, an important component of your self-help program involves wearing the right clothing. You may find that appropriate support hose provide immediate and lasting relief. Use of support stockings also may be appropriate during pregnancy. Elastic bandages or support hose compress the varicosities and provide needed support. Your physician may prescribe specially fitted stockings; they will provide the most pressure in the lower portions of your legs. Put them on first thing in the morning, even before you get out of bed. Make sure, however, that the stockings you wear are not tight around your groin or the calf of your leg.

A possible explanation of the disparity in the occurrence of varicose veins between men and women is the effect of pregnancy. Varicose veins occur as a result of a malfunction of the valves in the veins. Normally, the valves help prevent blood from flowing backward, but the valves can become stretched as a result of pregnancy, previous thrombophlebitis, congenital weakness, obesity, or other causes. When the valves are weakened and are no longer able to close normally, blood pools in the veins. As a result, the veins enlarge and become varicose.

A condition that frequently occurs with varicose veins is the spider-burst leg vein. Although not usually medically significant, the vein patterns seen through the skin may be of cosmetic concern.

Diagnosis

Superficial varicose veins are dilated, twisted, and usually dark blue. You may or may not have mild aching of your legs. Occasionally, the veins deep within the legs are involved. In such cases, your limb may have significant swelling; occasionally skin ulcers develop.

Your physicians will examine your legs while you are upright and also will look for swelling, another indication of a malfunction of the vein valves.

Sometimes, ulcers form. Ulcers caused by varicose veins or malfunction of the valves within the vein ordinarily are located near the ankles and are the result of long-term “waterlogging” of these tissues as the result of increase pressure of blood within the affected veins. Brownish pigmentation usually precedes the development of an ulcer.

How Serious are Varicose Veins?

Varicose veins tend to become increasingly prominent over time. However, self-help measures may limit their progression and discomfort. In some cases, surgery may be required to correct varicose vein ulcers.

Treatment

Avoid standing or sitting for long periods. If your lifestyle is essentially sedentary, be sure to flex your legs and ankles frequently – get up and walk around. At the end of the day, you will find that elevating your legs at least 12 inches above the level of your heart will help relieve your swelling.

A pattern of regular exercise also is valuable. Walking, biking, or swimming will help decrease the pressure in the veins and ease your discomfort. Another important strategy is wearing appropriate hose or stockings. If a skin ulcer caused by an incompetent vein is

present, your physician may place a specially treated piece of gauze over the site to aid in healing.

Medications

A paste-like medication can be made from a person's own blood platelets to heal skin ulcers. When smeared on an open sore, growth factors in the platelets cause skin tissue to form over the ulcer. The medication reduces the risk of an ulcer recurring as well as the risk of gangrene.

Surgery

In severe cases, the skin near the varicose veins may become itchy or ulcerated or the pigmentation may change. If inflammation or bleeding occurs, consult your physician.

Some surgeons recommend stripping or injections to remove the veins, which may include removal of the varicose tributaries in addition to the main vein. The long-term benefit of varicose veins surgery in appropriate persons is high; in one study, 85 percent of patients were getting along very well at 10 or more years after the operation. Occasionally, if a skin ulcer fails to heal, your surgeon may elect to remove the ulcer and use a skin graft to assist healing.

Lymphedema

Lymphedema is an abnormal accumulation of lymph fluid in the extremities. It causes painless swelling, which usually starts in the toes and foot and progresses toward the trunk. This form of edema may improve with bed rest and elevation of the leg initially, but as it progresses, the improvement may be marginal.

In some situations, the cause is obvious, for example after some type of traumatic injury, an operation, or radiation therapy. Occasionally lymphedema may be caused by an infection, particularly in tropical climates. A more serious cause of lymphedema is a cancer that obstructs the flow of lymph fluid back into the abdominal cavity. Thus, if you develop lymphedema for unexplained reasons in an

extremity, your physician may perform tests to rule out a malignant cause.



Thank you to Rev. Hoppert, Pam Miller, Art & Barb Pahr and also all the wonderful willing workers, especially Sharon Klemme, who made my mother's funeral, Arlene Siebenaler, such a celebration of her life. My church family is very very special and all of you made my grief bearable.

God bless every one of you for being there for us.

Ray, Robbie and Becky Gremminger