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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

When this newsletter gets to you, the start of another program year will be soon upon us. So much has happened during the summer months in the way of special events and preparation for the upcoming year that the time has once again passed so quickly.

The Christian Education programming year will begin on September 5th with the start of Confirmation and will get into full swing on September 9th, when the Sunday morning Christian Education schedule resumes. Although we are still looking for someone to oversee the working of our church school, our classrooms, teachers, and helpers are ready to begin the new year. Our Director of Youth and Family Ministries, Marsha Meyer, is particularly enthusiastic about a new curriculum, *Picture the Bible*, which will be used in grades 3-4, and for a Sunday morning adult study (Marsha will have more details about the latter in her newsletter offering). The curriculum offers a fresh way to make the familiar stories come alive, and I, too, am enthusiastic about this introduction.

Salem's music program had undergone some transitions during the summer months, as well. Brittany Seifert was hired to be our new musical accompanist and has already begun her transition into the job during the month of August, while Barb Pahr also finished her last scheduled Saturday and Sunday worship services during this time. On Sunday, September 16th, Salem will have the opportunity to recognize and give thanks for Barb's long faithful service on behalf of our music ministry. Barb has been an organist at Salem from 1969 - 1994 and, again, from 1996-2018, not only providing accompaniment for congregational signing, but for choirs, soloists, and church school departments, as well. I hope that all of you can join us in extending a well-deserved "thank you" to Barb for so many years of faithful service.

I have two final notes to add before I conclude this month's front page. First, I want to make you aware that, in the coming weeks, Salem's Church and Ministry Committee will be sending out an important mailing concerning church membership. Second, I want to inform you that I am scheduled for surgery to remove an over-active and toxic thyroid in early September and will have to spend two weeks recuperating before returning to work (and there is no evidence to suggest that this is anything but a benign goiter). We will have Rev. Dr. Karl Kuhn from Lakeland University and the Rev. Nathan Athorp, Managing Director of Pilgrim Center filling in the preaching duties and our emergency pastoral needs will be filled by the Rev. Kristal Klemme and the Rev. Greg Whelton. (If you have pastoral needs, please contact the church office, however, as we want to direct all communication through our people).

I ask for your thoughts and prayers for a routine surgery and an uneventful recovery.

Your servant in Christ,

Rev. Jim Hoppert



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/1 Eugene Boll
Eugene Littlefield
9/2 Kevin Andrews
9/3 Magnus Blad
9/5 Jeff Greuel
9/6 Robert Becher
Janet Veleke
Brady Pratt
9/7 Joanne Lammers
9/9 Ian Andrew
Reta Klemme
Debra Lisowe
9/11 Anna Hoppert
Zachary Gambrell
Deegan Schilder
9/12 Jay Ellis
Diane Kaczmariski
Ethan Fontany
9/14 Lucia Blad
9/16 Larry Huenink
Jennie Schoenefeld
Jennifer Miller
Laura Diver
9/18 Jennifer Prange
9/19 Mary Bender
9/20 Warren Faas
Roger Rortvedt
Gladys Palm
Lindsey Zorn
9/23 Pietje Markus
9/25 William Klemme
JoAnn Kraus
9/26 Evelyn Kalk
Delores Titel
Trevor Thiel
Gabriel Hengst

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

9/3 Bill & Angie Iserloth
9/5 Ken & Kay Mauk
9/6 Al & Linda Bosman
9/9 Jered & Ashley Krueger
9/9 Bernard & Maureen Rudebeck
9/10 Randy & Laurie Gutschow
9/10 David & Amy Nischik
9/12 Kevin & Kathy Andrews
9/16 Norman & Karen Raeder
9/18 Dave & Carol Barts
9/25 Paul & Susan Clarke
9/27 Roger & Jackie Rortvedt
9/28 Gerry & Sheila Wagner
9/30 Peter & Marsha Meyer



PLEASE KEEP THESE FAMILIES IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Hospitalized

Richard Jarosch, Steve Groene,
Betty Nohlquist, Susan Packer, Bruce Hengst,
Nola Fieck

Deaths

7/22/18 Roberta Becher
8/1/18 Kenneth Hoppert
8/3/18 Marg Grossen
8/13/18 Lucilla Hofschild
8/16/18 Blanche Hofschild
8/18/18 Mary Ann Luedke

Wedding

7/21 18 Jason Wilson* & Liza Thelen

*denotes non-member

FROM THE PARISH NURSE . . .

Diabetes and Periodontal Disease: A Two-Way Relationship

The American Diabetes Association defines diabetes as a serious disease in which the body does not produce or properly use insulin, a hormone that is needed to convert sugar, starches, and other food into energy needed for daily life. Approximately 23.6 million Americans have diabetes; however, 5.7 million of them have not yet been diagnosed.

If you or someone you know has diabetes, you already understand the importance of keeping the disease under control. However, you may not know that good oral health not only keeps the mouth and gums free from periodontal disease, but also might have a significant impact on the control of diabetes. Periodontal disease is an inflammatory response to a bacterial infection that, if left untreated, may cause damage to the tissues and bone surrounding the teeth and may even lead to tooth loss. People with diabetes are three to four times more likely to develop periodontal disease, which, like any other infection in the body, can impair their ability to process and/or utilize insulin. Additionally, people with diabetes tend to have severe levels of bone loss, and often experience more aggressive disease activity. This can ultimately lead to tooth loss, which can make chewing and digesting food difficult. For people with diabetes, this can have a devastating impact on the ability to maintain proper nutrition and control blood sugar levels.

Just as diabetes can increase a patient's chance of developing periodontal disease, research suggests that periodontal disease may make it more difficult for people who have diabetes to control their blood sugar. Periodontal disease increases the body's systemic inflammatory signals that serve to increase blood sugar. This contributes to increased periods of time when the body functions with an unhealthy blood sugar level. Consequently, it is important for people with diabetes to treat periodontal

disease to eliminate the infection for optimal metabolic control.

Periodontal disease is a leading complication of diabetes; therefore, it is important for people with diabetes to know their treatment options. If detected early, a periodontist can provide treatment that can stop the gum disease and bring the gums back to a state of health, preventing additional bone or tooth loss. In fact, periodontal treatment has been shown to improve blood sugar levels in people with diabetes, suggesting that treating patients' periodontal disease could decrease insulin requirements.

If diabetes is well controlled, treatment will be similar to the treatment of someone who doesn't have diabetes. In the early stages of gum disease, treatment usually includes scaling and root planning, a procedure in which plaque and calculus are removed from the pockets around the tooth and near the gums. People with diabetes may want to schedule their dental appointments early in the morning after they have eaten a normal breakfast in order to stabilize and prevent a severe or sudden drop in blood sugar levels. Upon determining a treatment plan, your periodontist and physician will work together to help you control both your diabetes and gum disease.

Questions your periodontist may ask:

Be sure to know the answer to the following questions that your periodontist may ask at your next visit:

- When were you diagnosed with diabetes?
- What type of diabetes do you have?
- Do you take any medications?
- If not, how is your diabetes being managed?
- Are you insulin-dependent?
- What is your baseline sugar level?
- What method do you use to measure your blood sugar level?
- How often do you measure your blood sugar levels?

MISSION & STEWARDSHIP

What would you do for the love of God? Where does our passion lie?

These are the questions raised by Mission & Stewardship, Church & Ministry, Finance and other committees, during the summer months, as we shared mission moments focused through the lens of **3 Great Loves**, a denomination-wide initiative. Messages on *Love of Neighbor*, *Love of Children*, and *Love of Creation* were shared.

On July 28 & 29, Salem celebrated Festival Weekend when our congregation was asked to respond to a financial request. We also asked for the congregation's help in taking a step back and considering where we would like to focus Salem's energy and resources by providing feedback to a survey on what we think about the mission, ministry and stewardship of this church.

The financial response was positive, with more than \$7,000 in gifts received that weekend. Thank you.

We are also grateful for the perspectives shared in the surveys. By mid-August, we received 25 responses to the survey. Since the responses represent only a small percentage of our congregation, we will continue to welcome surveys (available in the Narthex or from the church office) to be returned through the end of September. This will allow us to reconnect with families and others who may have not been as active over the summer.

We have received a range of responses to the survey. It is clear that care for our church and congregation are important. Also important, are the desires to reach out to the local community and to engage new younger members.

These are all commendable goals, and should not be considered to be mutually exclusive. Our challenge is to find a balance. We find a mix of people, some want to reach out and

others want to pull in and take care of ourselves.

We must be reminded that in order to grow we need to have the strength and faith to reach out and engage people beyond our current community. In John 6:35, Jesus told the crowds "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

This is certainly a very strong call to believing in what is possible, and keeping the long-game in mind.

We also find that there are concerns and misunderstandings about how funds for some missions are distributed, as well as how some of our ministries function. The lack of name and contact information on returned surveys makes it difficult for us to follow up. If anyone would like to ask questions or discuss concerns, you are encouraged to reach out to our Mission & Stewardship team (Bret Schoenefeld, Jennie Schoenefeld, Faye Hughes, Mary Mullen, Tom Daigle, Mary Bender and Rev. Hoppert).

It is true that change and growth do not happen overnight. We must have courage and faith in ourselves and each other as we move forward. We encourage all to engage to understand how we can unite for the Love of God, God's People and all of Creation.

We pray that we can all be fully open to the call that God makes in each of our lives as we move forward.



ADDRESS CHANGES

If you have a change of address or go away for the winter, please contact the church office (920-892-7456) so we can update our files. The post office will charge us when a newsletter is returned with the correct address.



Thank you for the most wonderful and delicious meal that was brought to our home and family from the care meal ministry following the funeral of Kenneth.

Thank you to Ray & Robbie Gremminger for delivering this meal. We truly enjoyed this most delicious meal and leftovers were enjoyed too. Thank you again for all the work and care that went into this meal and to all who prepared it. A most beautiful program.

Anna Hoppert
Linda & Randy
Kevin & Michelle



Thank you to Rev. Hoppert for the many visits to our home to pray, give us communion and to be there for our family at this most difficult journey in our lives. All was very, very much appreciated.

Thank you to our church family for the cards and visits to our home especially Rev. Hoppert and Robbie. Many blessings to you all.

Anna Hoppert
Linda & Randy
Kevin & Michelle



A grateful thank you to everyone involved in the wonderful meal delivered to us during our time of grief. Knowing our church family cares so much surely helps. Again, thank you – the meal was delicious.

Squeak, Robbie & Becky Gremminger



Dear Members of Salem UCC,

Thank you for continuing to allow our NA group to use your space for our meetings and fellowship. We are so grateful to have a safe and welcoming place in our community to meet with others like us. Meetings like ours are started so the message of recovery can be carried to the still-suffering addict. Our fellowship is made of many recovering addicts looking to help one another through the struggle of addiction, one day at a time. Thank you again for opening your doors to us! Thank you for your donation of \$100.

Members of Narcotics Anonymous



Thank you to all those that prepared the meal delivered to my home. It was delicious and bountiful. The little ones especially enjoyed the lemon fluff salad. It was enjoyed by all and plenty of food. It was nice to sit down and eat and then write thank you cards. God bless every one of you for doing such a good job.

Delores Titel



Dear Friends of Salem UCC,

Thank you for your generous contribution to Samaritan's Hand, Inc. We are so grateful for your partnership in bringing "hope to the hopeless and healing to the hurting". God bless you!

Kelly and Staff



CHANCEL CHOIR

Rehearsals for the Chancel Choir will begin on Wednesday, September 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. Please consider joining us in this music ministry. We welcome all voice ranges and ages from confirmation age on up.

SEPTEMBER LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday, September 2, 2018 -

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hebrew Scripture: Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Psalms: Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9

Epistle: James 1:17-27

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sunday, September 9, 2018 -

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hebrew Scripture: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Psalms: Psalm 125

Epistle: James 2:1-10, 14-17

Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

Sunday, September 16, 2018 -

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hebrew Scripture: Proverbs 1:20-33

Psalms: Psalm 19

Epistle: James 3:1-12

Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

Sunday, September 23, 2018 -

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hebrew Scripture: Proverbs 31:10-31

Psalms: Psalm 1

Epistle: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Sunday, September 30, 2018 -

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hebrew Scripture: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10

Psalms: Psalm 124

Epistle: James 5:13-20

Gospel: Mark 9:38-50



Dear Salem Family,

Now that Barb has retired as our organist I am going to be "very scarce" at the sound console. Jeff and Richard will be taking up the slack and Richard's daughter, Janis, has offered to learn what is needed. However, it would be great if

one or two more would step up and learn to run the sound board and record "The Bread of Life" for radio broadcast. Our church service has been aired on WPLY since March 7, 1965, making it one of the few longest continuously running church services on radio in the nation. It would be a shame if "The Bread of Life" would disappear from the airwaves. Give it some serious thought and offer your services. Please understand, I've been doing this for close to 35 years and it's time for me to gently back away.

Many thanks,
Art Pahr



Here's what's happening at Lakeland University from Salem's Church Ambassador:

Monday, September 10th at 7:00 p.m. -

Ulrich Center Lecture: "The state of the church today" is featuring Dr. Tony Campolo, professor emeritus of sociology at Eastern University and co-founder of Red Letter Christians.

Wednesday, September 19th at 7:00 p.m. -

Annual Confirmation Program featuring Bryan Sirchio

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our study in Max Lucado's *When God Whispers Your Name* - left unfinished- will resume on Monday, September 24th with chapters 17-20. We will continue with the book until October 8th when we will transition to another book of study.

The Wednesday group at Generations will continue its study in 2 Samuel. There will be no study on September 5th and September 12th.

SEPTEMBER USHER LIST

Saturday, September 1st:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Mary Bender
Ken & Pat Schoening, Bob Becher

Sunday, September 2nd:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Linda Bosman
Ron Schoenfeld, Tom Daigle, Carol Barts

Saturday, September 8th:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Mary Bender
Kay Scheible, Roger Rortvedt, Linda Krueger

Sunday, September 9th:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Sheila Wagner
Dale & Janis Knuth, Bette Humbracht

Saturday, September 15th:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Kymn Schicker
Bruce & Barb Hengst, Sharon Klemme

Sunday, September 16th:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: David Hengst
Norman & Karen Raeder, Steve Fieck

Saturday, September 22nd:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Kymn Schicker
Jerry & Reta Klemme, Lori Holzer

Sunday, September 23rd:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Bret Schoenefeld
Sheila Wagner, Evie Kretsch, Betty Klemme

Saturday, September 29th:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Terry Risse
Ray & Robbie Gremminger, Judy Wilmot

Sunday, September 30th:

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

Saturday, October 6th:

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

Sunday, October 7th:

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



A Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) fundraiser will be held in honor of Jeremy Vorpagel on Sunday, September 9th at Tom & Jerry's/Plymouth Town Hall. Food will be served from 12 - 5 p.m. Golf times are 12 - 4 p.m. Check the poster in the Gathering Area for more details.



SEPTEMBER LITTLE LAMBS CHILD CARE

Sunday, September 9th:

Susie Katsma & Janice Miller

Sunday, September 16th:

Fay Hughes & Cora Meyer

Sunday, September 23rd:

Amy & Greta Debbink

Sunday, September 30th:

Annette & Lauren Bunyea



“ . . . that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address