

# Youth & Family Ministries

APRIL 2019

## Ongoing Opportunities

We welcome God's children of all ages to join us in worship on Saturday afternoons at 4:30 or on Sunday mornings at 8:30.

Sunday School meets on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45, except when otherwise noted on the Sunday School calendar. Children beginning 4K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade from our church and community are welcome to participate in Sunday School.

Confirmation Classes meet on Wednesday nights. Classes begin at 6:15 and end at 7:30 unless otherwise noted on the syllabus. Students are welcome to enroll as early as 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Our Confirmation program is a 3-year program that combines study of scripture, faith application, prayer, worship, discipleship, and fellowship.

JR Youth Fellowship is open to children from 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade. JR Youth meets once a month from September-May. They generally meet after Sunday School until noon, except when they have special activities or events planned.

SR Youth Fellowship welcomes youth from 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade. SR Youth meets once a month from September-May. They generally meet on Sunday evenings from 6-7:30pm.

Sticky Faith is a ministry for intergenerational faith formation and fellowship that happens throughout the program year. Sticky Faith is open to all. Children may attend without parents when they are in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade-12<sup>th</sup> grade.  
**ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!**

For additional information about any youth and family ministries program or event, please contact Marsha Meyer at [marsha@salemuccplywi.org](mailto:marsha@salemuccplywi.org) or call the church office 892-7456.



Join us on Wednesday nights at 6pm as we learn more about the Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations. Each week we will focus on a new practice that will help us on this journey of transformation. On April 3 we will be talking about Risk Taking Mission and Service and April 10 we will be focusing on Extravagant Generosity. All are welcome!



Order envelopes are available at the display in the Gathering Area to help SR Youth Fellowship raise funds for their Summer Mission & Work Trip

Thank you for your support!

**acolyte**  
*Bring the Light*

Acolyte Schedule for March:  
3/31 @ 8:30am Chase Markus  
4/3 @ 7pm Lena Schoenefeld  
4/7 @ 8:30am OPEN for a volunteer  
4/10 @ 7pm Sam Meyer  
4/14 Makyla Odekirk  
4/18 @ 7pm OPEN for a volunteer  
4/19 @ 1:30pm Bree Bunyea  
4/21 @ 7am Ethan Feldner  
4/21 @ 9am Josiah Gundersen  
4/28 @ 8:30 Haylen Odekirk  
5/5 @ 8:30am Magnus Blad

Please plan to arrive 15 minutes early for worship and see the head usher for assistance if you need help.

If you are unable to acolyte on the day you are on the schedule, please contact someone to switch and notify the office of any changes to the schedule as your name appears in the bulletin.



A group for youth grades 3-6

JRYF met on March 17<sup>th</sup>. We shared Highs & Lows, discussed our upcoming field trip on April 28<sup>th</sup>, and our day trip to Chicago on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Our April meeting is planned for the 28<sup>th</sup>. We plan to gather at church at 10am (there's no Sunday School that day) and go to a local nursing home to play bingo with residents, get lunch together, and go to see Breakthrough at the Marcus Cinema in Sheboygan. Cost will be \$15 per person to cover the movie ticket, lunch and popcorn at the movie. There's a signup sheet on the youth fellowship bulletin board add your name by April 14<sup>th</sup> to participate.

We will close our Sunday School year with a day trip to Blue Harbor on Sunday, May 19. So mark your calendar and plan to join us! Cost to participate is \$20 per person. This includes lunch and the waterpark pass. Snacks are on your own. Signup on the youth fellowship bulletin board by May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Our Chicago trip to visit Feed My Starving Children is planned for Saturday, June 1. We plan to volunteer at Feed My Starving Children in the morning and go to a nearby trampoline park in the afternoon. More details will be available as the date gets closer. The cost is \$50 per person; signup deadline is May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**What's coming up at a glance:**

- 4/21 Easter Egg Hunt
- 4/23-4/27 Church Rummage Sale
- 4/28 Bingo & Movie field trip
- 5/19 Youth Sunday & Blue Harbor Day
- 6/1 JRYF Chicago Day Trip

Join us, if you can!  
We'd love to have you be a part of JR Youth!



A group for youth grades 7-12

SRYF met on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. We shared highs and lows and discussed plans for Kids Night Out, General Synod, and a summer mission experience.

Here's what we've got coming up:

Kids Night Out was cancelled due to bumps in the road with getting the word out at the elementary schools. There was some interest from families at Salem, but not enough to hold the event. We are hoping to reschedule for another time in the future.

Our next Bridgeway Meal Share is planned for Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. We plan to leave church at 4pm and return by 9pm. Space is limited to 8 people, please sign up on the youth fellowship bulletin board to participate. (This opportunity is open to the entire congregation as dance, softball, and soccer practices may interfere) If you can commit to being there, sign up. If not, it's an opportunity to get more people involved. ☺

We have planned a Spring Plant Sale through Caan's to help raise funds for our summer mission/work trip plans. Pick up your order forms to sell to family & sign up to sell to church members on Saturday and Sunday mornings throughout April. Plants & vouchers will be available for pickup on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Just in time for Mother's Day! (You should use that in your sales pitch)

We plan to meet on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 4pm for a dinner and a movie night at the Meyer's house. Let Marsha know if you plan to be there by Easter.

Youth Sunday is planned for May 19<sup>th</sup>. Save the date and plan to participate. More details soon!  
We are celebrating the end of the school year with a Blue Harbor field trip on Sunday, May 19. Cost is \$20 per person this includes lunch and a waterpark pass. Sign up deadline is May 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Northeast Association is offering lodging and registration scholarships for youth attending General Synod June 21-25. Let's plan to discuss at our movie night on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Our next meeting is Sunday, March 3 at 6pm**  
Join us, if you can!  
We'd love to have you be a part of SR Youth!



Parents, faith mentors, and friends, know that you are WELCOME to join us at any event or class. What's coming up in Confirmation?

We are well into the Lenten season and will continue with our study of the 5 Practices of Fruitful Congregations on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and April 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for making the 6pm start time work for your family during Lent. All are welcome to continue to join us for Lenten suppers at 5:30 ahead of class time. There are still several opportunities for the Confirmation students to participate in the remaining Lenten Worship services. See Marsha for details.

Please note that class will meet at the regular time on Wednesday, April 17 (from 6:15-7:30) to help prepare for our annual Easter Egg Hunt that is held on Saturday, April 20 at 10am. Help will also be needed for that event, if your son/daughter is willing to help at the Egg Hunt, please let Marsha know.

The church rummage sale is planned for April 27<sup>th</sup>. That means our regular classroom will be unavailable on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> as rummage sale preparations will be going on all week. We plan to use that time experiencing an alternative form of worship. More details coming soon.

**All students should plan to turn in their workbooks for updating on April 17<sup>th</sup>.** Completed workbooks are due for year 3 Confirmation students on or before April 24<sup>th</sup> in order to be eligible for Confirmation on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Year 1&2 students are asked to help serve for the cake reception following the Rite of Confirmation on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up on the Confirmation bulletin board so we know we can count on you. Cake is provided by the year 3 confirmands.

#### **Confirmation Calendar at a Glance**

*April 3 Lenten Study (6pm) Simple Meal begins at 5:30*

*April 10 Lenten Study (6pm) Simple Meal begins at 5:30*

*April 17 Easter Egg Coloring 6:15-7:30*

#### **Workbook Check**

*April 20 Easter Egg Hunt 10am (arrive at 9:30 for setup)*

*April 24 Field Trip*

#### **Year 3 Workbooks due**

*May 5 Rite of Confirmation in Worship*

*Year 1&2 host cake reception after worship*

*May 19 Youth Sunday & Blue Harbor Day Trip*



We are moving full steam ahead!

The children continue to work with Molly on various music pieces that the kids look forward to sharing with you in worship soon. Here are the dates the kids are singing in worship:

April 14 (Palm Sunday)

May 5 (for Confirmation)

May 19 (Youth Sunday)

For each of the above dates, please plan to be at church at 8:10 so we can get warmed up and practice. Thank you for your help and support of the children's music ministry at Salem. ☺

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt planned for Saturday, April 20 at 10am. Invite your friends and neighbors (the more the merrier), **bring a basket and dress for the weather for our outdoor egg hunt.** All are welcome!

A reminder that there is no Sunday School on Easter Sunday (April 21). Plan to join us for worship at 7am or 9am Easter breakfast is served at 8am.

The church rummage sale is planned for April 27<sup>th</sup>. You and your family can help by donating items that you don't need or aren't using anymore. Items can be donated April 23-26<sup>th</sup>. There are MANY opportunities to help organize, sort, and have fun with your church family. I encourage you to help in any way you can.

Youth Sunday is planned for Sunday, May 19 during worship at 8:30am. Contact Marsha if you have a son/daughter that is interested in helping to lead worship!

Children entering 3<sup>rd</sup> grade next fall are welcome to join the rest of our youth fellowship for our day trip to Blue Harbor on May 19 (after Sunday School) until 4:30pm. The cost is \$20 per person and the signup deadline is May 5<sup>th</sup>. It's a great opportunity to see how and what we do as a part of youth fellowship (that they will be invited to be a part of in the fall) and to enjoy a day of fun as we celebrate close of another school year. Contact Marsha if you have any questions.

If you have any questions about our Sunday School program, please contact Mary Mullen (920-420-1413) or Marsha (920-892-0115)

Youth Fun day at  
**Blue Harbor**



May 19

JR&SR Youth fellowship (including incoming 3<sup>rd</sup> graders for the 2018/2019 school year) are invited to join your church friends at Blue Harbor for a youth fun day. Signup, permission slip and \$20 fee is due on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Right after Sunday School and plan to return to church for pickup at 4:30pm.

# Journey with us through Holy Week

 **PALM SUNDAY**

April 14  
at 8:30am

  
**Maundy Thursday**

April 18  
at 7pm

**GOOD FRIDAY**  


April 19  
at 1:30pm

  
**HOLY SATURDAY**

April 20  
at 4:30pm

**easter SUNDAY**  


April 21  
7am &  
9:30am

There are many opportunities to experience Holy Week through worship and reflection at Salem United Church of Christ

We warmly invite you to join us as we journey together from the joyful procession of Palm Sunday, the last meal they shared together on Maundy Thursday, the dark hours on Good Friday, the vigil of Holy Saturday, and witnessing the Risen Christ on Easter Sunday

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

# Easter Egg Hunt

APRIL 20 | 10:00 AM | SALEM UCC

Bring your baskets and join us for bingo and refreshments in Fellowship Hall. Our outdoor Easter Egg Hunt will follow our time of fellowship.

This event is sponsored by our Train Up A Child Ministry

# EASTER

# Breakfast

Easter Sunday  
April 21st  
8am  
in Fellowship Hall  
Salem UCC, Plymouth  
217 Salem Drive, Plymouth