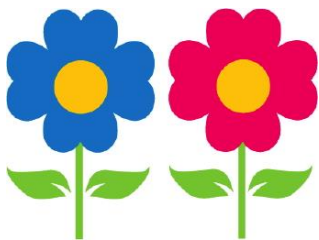


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SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST MISSION STATEMENT

*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

Perhaps it is not an unusual thing to have one's views about holidays and seasons change as we grow older. In this stage of my life, for example, the approach of every Christmas has me looking back into time, with a sense of nostalgia. I think back to memories of my childhood and the seeming simplicity of those times. It is as though the bank of memories is a treasure trove that I can dip into at will and savor when I so desire.

My approach to Easter has changed over the years, too. Easter is not so much a trip into the nostalgia of days gone by (although I've had mostly pleasant memories of that season), but it's more of a look forward into the future. The future I see is not the remainder of my days in this life – however long or brief that span may be. Rather, it is a look into the life beyond this life and the time beyond this time. Easter has me focusing on the bigger picture that God has for each of us and for the universe that we live in.

Easter reminds us that there is more to existence than what we see here and that God is fully present to us in that future. If nothing else, life presents an ever-changing landscape. Places and things change. I'm part of a social media group that focuses on historic Sheboygan, and it's amazing to me just how much stuff changed in my hometown in just the course of my lifetime, let alone in the lifetimes of people in generations older than me.

People change, too. If we have lived a good number of years we understand that we welcome a steady procession of people into this world and we say goodbye to a steady procession of people out of this world. Eventually, we, ourselves, will shuffle off of life's stage and the drama of life will continue on without us.

Easter gives us hope. In the message of Jesus' resurrection we learn that God's love conquers all barriers, we learn that creation matters, we learn that bodies matter, and we understand that we – as individuals – matter to God. We learn that there is a future for us and that God is there. That future is more grand and glorious than we know.

And because of Easter I look to the future with anticipation. I don't know exactly all that God has planned for us after life has ended, but I trust it will be wonderful. It's all part of a process that leads to resurrection for us and God's creation.

May the coming Easter season give us courage and boldness to face the future.

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
4/15	Garrett Debbink Benjamin Picard
4/16	Karlee Hartmann
4/19	Dave Barts Steve Fieck Gail Kleinhans Todd Thiel
4/20	Judy Helmer Esther Sippel
4/21	John Humbracht
4/22	Andrea Kapellen Paulette Klotz
4/24	Lynette Sesing
4/25	Mark Leverenz
4/26	Ed Ardell
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
4/22	LeRoy & Sandra Fritsch
4/24	Todd & Dawn Fischer
4/24	Gerry & Reta Klemme
4/27	Ben & Tara Meinnert
4/30	Don & Judy Miller



From Salem's Church Ambassador:

## WOMEN'S HISTORY CELEBRATION

In 1987, the U.S. Congress declared March as Women's History Month in perpetuity, signifying our nation's commitment to recognize the significant contributions women have made to our society. At Lakeland University, we endeavor to honor and respect the timeless and tireless contributions women have made to our campus.

In honor of all women, please join us for SOAR: Lakeland University's professional women's network informs, connects and empowers women by providing opportunities for professional development and personal growth. Event Details: Thursday, April 25, 2019 from noon - 5:00 p.m., Lakeland University Campus Center.

Lunch and registration will begin at 12 p.m., which will be followed by a keynote presentation and two break-out sessions. The event will conclude with networking opportunities.

To register for this event, or to learn more, please visit our website or contact Julie Steinert at [SteinertJA@lakeland.edu](mailto:SteinertJA@lakeland.edu) or 920-565-1023 ext. 2154.

## FROM THE PARISH NURSE . . .

**Fingernails and Toenails** - Cells at the base of your nail beds produce your fingernails and toenails. Your nails are composed of laminated layers of a protein called keratin. Each nail grows toward the end of your finger or toe from a nail root that extends back into a groove of skin. Just in front of your nail root is your cuticle skin, which is attached to the nail surface and helps protect the new keratin cells that slowly emerge from below.

Your nails can give the first signal of an illness. They occasionally provide clues for diagnosis as well as information about your age and diet. They also assist you with the tasks of daily living, although you may not be conscious of how much you use them until an injury, infection, or other disorder limits your use of them.

**Care of Ingrown Toenails** - Ingrown toenails usually occur on the big toe. They form when the edge of your nail curls and grows into the soft underlying tissue. They are caused by improper cutting of nails, (by the way your nails grow faster at the edge than at the center), and by pressure from ill-fitting shoes. Women who routinely wear pointed-toe, high-heeled shoes are especially likely to have this problem. If you have a slightly ingrown nail, pare off the excess nail and put tiny bits of sterile cotton under the affected edge to lift it up. Change the cotton daily until the pain and redness subside. If an infection develops (evidenced by severe pain and a discharge of pus), see your physician.

If you have a hangnail, do not attempt to pull it off. Pulling almost always rips into living tissue. Instead, clip it off neatly, leaving a slight angle outward. This may help prevent recurrence. Lubrication with hand lotion also can help prevent hangnails.

Healthy nails are smooth, without ridges or grooves. They are uniform in color and consistency and free of spots or discoloration. Remember that no nail care product can give you healthy nails. The only way you can help your nails to look their best is to protect them from damage and irritants (chemicals and detergents), then clean and trim them regularly.

**Paronychia** - Signs and symptoms: Red, swollen area on the skin next to a nail. Paronychia is a

superficial infection of the skin around the nail. The most common cause of paronychia is either staphylococci or yeast. It is usually the result of an injury such as biting off a hangnail, or is caused by manipulating or pushing back the cuticle. *Para* means "alongside" and *onyx* means "nail" in Greek.

Bacterial paronychia usually is a sudden and painful infection. Superficial pus blisters may appear. Pressing the affected area can produce oozing pus.

Another form of paronychia is caused by fungal infections and is common among persons with diabetes mellitus and persons who have their hands in water for long periods of time. Fungal infections develop slowly but tend to persist. Sometimes both bacteria and fungi are present, causing greater swelling and pus.

An acute infection can extend around your nail and cuticle to invade beneath them in a painful abscess. Your cuticle becomes raised. The nail may become detached. Nail discoloration might occur. Although rare, the infection can penetrate into your finger and attack tendon tissue. Red lines along your skin are a signal that bacteria have entered your bloodstream. If this occurs, see your physician. The diagnosis may require a culture to determine which type of microorganism is causing your paronychia.

**Treatment** - Hot soaks will help decrease inflammation of the tissues. Follow these by topical application of an antibacterial agent (for bacterial infections) or 1 percent gentian violet solution if a fungal infection is present.

**Fungal Infections of the Nails - Signs and symptom:** Thickened, lusterless fingernails or toenails with discoloration or crumbling edges. Fungus spores may attach themselves to the dense bed of keratin cells that make up your nails. These microscopic plants can digest the keratin and live within it. The resulting infection, known as onychomycosis (tinea of the nails), can persist indefinitely.

You can contract such infections in several ways, including walking barefoot in public places or as a complication of athlete's foot. The associated fungal infection of the foot or hand can be mild and produce no inflammation, or it can be acute with

blisters and painful swelling. Once the nails are involved, they may become thickened, detached, and shed, or the nail even may be destroyed. There is usually an accumulation of keratinous debris beneath the free edge of an infected nail.

Your physician's diagnostic tests may include scraping up some of the debris beneath the nail edge for microscopic examination to identify the fungus. The presence of a fungus will rule out other diseases of the nails.

**Treatment** – There are no good treatments for fungal infection of the nails. Solutions, creams or ointments do not penetrate the nail, although they may help to control fungal infection of the surrounding skin. If you have a fungal infection that is disabling, or if the infection is excessively disfiguring, your physician may prescribe a systemic antifungal preparation. Sometimes it is difficult to tell whether these medications are effective. In addition, the nails grow so slowly that it takes 6 – 12 months to grow new nails free of infection. Once the drug is stopped, the fungus may return or the nails may remain permanently free of infection.

**Taking Proper Care of Your Nails** – Perhaps the single most important element in taking care of your nails is to avoid biting, picking or injuring them. Even a minor cut alongside your nail can allow bacteria or fungi to enter and cause an infection. Because your nails grow slowly, an injured nail retains signs of its injury for several months. Exposure to detergents and chemicals can weaken, split, and discolor your nails. To protect them, wear rubber or disposable plastic gloves with cotton liners. Between uses, turn rubber gloves inside-out to dry. This prevents microorganisms from growing in them. Weekly trimming is important, because nails that are smooth and cared-for are less likely to become damaged. Use an emery board and sharp manicure scissors or clippers to trim your fingernails. If your nails are brittle or thick, trim then after bathing, when they are softer. Bevel the edges with the fine side of the emery board. If you prefer long nails, be careful to avoid accidental injury and accumulations of dirt under the edge. Although fashion encourages trimmed cuticles, avoid this practice. It can result in a point of entry for bacteria and fungi and thus promote infection.

Despite advertising claims, most polishes are identical chemically. They make your nails stronger only in the sense that the polish itself coats and thus protects the nail. If you polish your nails, apply several thin coats instead of one heavy one. Minimize use of nail-polish remover. It can weaken and dry your nails. Touch up chips with polish and apply new polish over old to avoid use of remover for as long as possible. Nail strengtheners can discolor or break your nails. Artificial nails may produce reactions beneath your nails. Cuticle removers are corrosive alkali-based products that destroy the naturally protective bands around your nails. There is no scientific evidence that gelatin capsules, calcium tablets, or other vitamin or protein products improve and strengthen your nails.

Trim your toenails straight across and not too short. You need to do this only about once a month, because toenails grow more slowly than fingernails. They also tend to be thicker, especially on your great toe, so the best time for a trim is after bathing.

**Discoloration or Deformity of the Nails** – Nails can be discolored or deformed in many ways. Minor injury is the most common cause. The black spot under your thumbnail after a hammer blow is blood. White, cloud-like marks on the tips are the result of minor trauma. A whitish discoloration of the nails of unknown cause is called leukonychia. Splitting, peeling, or brittleness usually are signs of overexposure to strong soaps or chemicals. Tight or ill-fitting shoes can cause ingrown or thickened toenails. Proper care is important to prevent bacteria and other infectious organisms from gaining entry into tissues and possibly your bloodstream. Discoloration occurs with a number of ailments including fungal infections that can turn your nails yellow, gray, brown, or black. Injury, chemical exposure or a reaction to medication also can cause an array of colors. Internal disorders can deform your nails. Clubbing of your nails, a condition in which your fingers or toes thicken and the nails wrap around them, may indicate a problem with your lungs. It is not unusual for your nails to be affected during an illness and to recover afterward. However, your nails grow slowly – about 1/8 inch a month for fingernails and about 1/24 inch for toenails. Damage can be repaired only by the slow process of new growth.

## SPECIAL GIFTS TEAM UPDATE

In December our team met and developed guidelines which were shared with the congregation. We also determined that this team would meet quarterly, beginning in February. The winter weather had a different idea, and so our first meeting was held on March 19. We will be meeting regularly in May, August and November.

The team includes Rev. Hoppert, Lorena McKerrow, Mary Mullen and Pam Miller, along with congregational representatives Michelle Mauk, Richard Jarosch and Rachel Risse.

Since last fall we have been looking at opportunities to successfully steward the undesignated memorial gifts and we have found what we think is a fitting and appropriate use for some of those gifts.

Beginning this year we will be offering a Special Gifts Scholarship to members of Salem United Church of Christ. The goal is to offer financial assistance to the members of our congregation, providing them with support as they seek continuing education. The funding is offered for any post-secondary education, including technical colleges as well as four-year degree schools.

The grants aren't huge, but are large enough to be helpful. Applications will be available in the church office, and more information is available through the Special Gifts team. They will be offered in summer for the fall semester and in December for the spring semester.

We have also developed a Special Gifts Fund donation form, which provides options on how gifts can be used. The goal is to ensure that our team has direction for the gifts we receive in honor of, or in memory of loved ones. This will also be available from the office and copies will be available in the Narthex, too.

Keep looking for more news from this team.

On behalf of Salem's Special Gifts Team  
Mary Mullen

## ENDOWMENT REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

The Endowment Committee meets semi-annually to grant requests for **funding of mission and ministry related activities and expenses**. Please consider how Salem's Endowment Fund may offer financial support to your mission and ministry goals. **Request forms for funding will be accepted through Wednesday, April 3** for the upcoming round of grants. Printed forms are available in the Narthex or through the church office. Requests may also be submitted online at [www.bit.ly/endreq](http://www.bit.ly/endreq). Participants must outline the need, objective(s), budget and anticipated results for each grant being requested. All are invited and encouraged to submit requests for funding. Related questions may be directed to Salem's church office or members of the Endowment Committee: Scott Bunyea (Chair), Tom Daigle, Wes Huibregtse, Mary Mullen, Mary Bender, Rev. Hoppert.



## EASTER BREAKFAST

Members and friends of Salem are invited to the Easter Breakfast served on Easter morning following the 7:00 a.m. worship service.

Please sign up on the sign up board if you would like to attend and include the number of guests attending.

You can also sign up to donate a food item.

## FROM MISSION & STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

Happy Spring!

This is a time that we may find it a bit easier to express all that we are thankful for. We are all truly blessed.

I am blessed with two roles that may seem a little opposed. As part of our Mission & Stewardship team I want us to be thoughtful stewards of our blessings to reach out and help others, as well as our church members and friends.

As chair of Finance, I am also painfully aware of the need we have to support the budget that we approved in our January congregational meeting.

Satisfying both needs can be challenging, but not impossible. Nothing is impossible where God is involved.

What challenges me most is this continuing thread of an idea that I encounter, where money is wasted when special gifts or event proceeds go toward operations. I know in my heart that the church is not the building, but the people who do the work.

That said, the building does provide us the opportunity to engage the community and provide a space for those with needs like NA and AA. It's a space that we are able to come together for the Rummage Sale every year, and where we're able to celebrate milestones together, like our upcoming Confirmations.

And this same building needs to be heated and lit, and it needs kind souls like Pam and Cheryl to make sure that it's ready when needed. We need phones to answer when a family calls with a need. And, we need to support our ministerial and pastoral leaders as well.

Operational funds are not a black hole, but they are the foundation that we need to fulfill our greater missions.

During January and February we had plenty of snow and ice, resulting in lower weekly attendance, and so our giving was down. And the snow and ice helped increased our need for plowing and salting. So, in March we had to draw against our line of credit to meet expenses. Gratefully, the Lenten season has historically been a time of financial blessing, but we do have some ground to recover.

Now for the second half of the story... we also need to be mindful and continue our efforts to focus on mission for our church. And, as you know Salem United Church of Christ participates in the UCC's 5 for 5 campaigns.

Our OCWM goal for 2019 is 15,300. Currently, we have received gifts totaling \$ 3,091. That leaves us about \$750 short of where we want to be at the end of the first quarter of the year.

We continue to receive gifts through the end of March for **One Great Hour of Sharing**.

Our next mission effort is **Strengthen The Church**. This fund supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Half of the money raised goes to our local conference and is used to help churches in Wisconsin to grow and expand ministries. It includes efforts like the **5 Practices**, as well as support of **Youth Faith Formation**.

You will begin seeing information on Strengthen The Church at the beginning of May. The primary date for receipt of gifts is Pentecost Sunday, June 9. Our goal is \$400.

Please continue to pray thoughtfully on your gifts of money and time to all the missions and ministries of Salem. Alone, the challenges are many, but together as a united church family with God, we can do wonders.

Thank you for your support and gifts.

On behalf of Mission & Stewardship and Finance  
Mary Mullen



## APRIL LECTIONARY READINGS

Dear Members of Salem United Church of Christ,

As we reflect on the lovely service for dear wife and mother, Evelyn, we are all struck by your warmth and compassion for her and for our family on her passing. As many of you know all too well, it is so very sad to lose a parent or spouse. Our grieving has been made a little easier because of your love and support.

Your help to make our mom's service so beautiful and the luncheon so bountiful is appreciated beyond words. To all the people who baked desserts, made salads, and brought drinks, we offer you a heartfelt thank you. What a surprise to see all the food! To all who helped with the setup in Fellowship Hall and the takedown, we thank you. To Scott Bunyea, who made the sound perfect and the slideshow of photos from our mom's life go on without a hitch, we are so grateful. Of course, we thank Reverend Hoppert for conducting the service and for his words of wisdom, grace and comfort. We also thank him for being at our mom's side near the end and sustaining her spirit. Thank you to the office staff for their contributions to make the service as special and beautiful as it was. A special thank you to Anne Hernandez and Barb Pahr for sharing their musical gifts to lift us all up, heal, and inspire.

The community you have at Salem is something to cherish and be proud of – it does not exist everywhere. You are a testament to Christian love in action and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We are happy that we can contribute to the mission of Salem and our mom and wife would have been happy about that, too.

Peace and thanks,  
Harmon Gundersen, Karole Scott, David Gundersen, Judy Gundersen and our families.

Sunday, April 7, 2019 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm: Psalm 126

Epistle: Philippians 3:4b-14

Gospel: John 12:1-8

Sunday, April 14, 2019 - Palm Sunday

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

Passion Narrative: Luke 23:1-49

Thursday, April 18, 2019 - Maundy Thursday

Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Psalm: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Friday, April 19, 2019 - Good Friday

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalm: Psalm 22

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Gospel: John 18:1-19:42

Saturday, April 20, 2019 - Holy Saturday

Hebrew Scripture: Job 14:1-14

Psalm: Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16

Epistle: 1 Peter 4:1-8

Gospel: Matthew 27:57-66

Sunday, April 21, 2019 - Easter

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

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

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

Sunday, April 28, 2019 - Second Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32

Psalm: Psalm 118:14-29

Epistle: Revelation 1:4-8

Gospel: John 20:19-31



## APRIL USHERS

### Wednesday, April 3:

7:00 p.m. Head Usher: Mary Mullen  
Confirmation Students

### Saturday, April 6:

4:30 pm Head Usher: Kymn Schicker  
Kevin & Deb Lisowe, Linda Krueger

### Sunday, April 7:

8:30 am Head Usher: Terry Risse  
Kathy Zimmermann, Marv & Judy Paulson

### Wednesday, April 10:

7:00 p.m. Head Usher: Terry Risse  
Confirmation Students

### Saturday, April 13:

4:30 pm Head Usher: Kay Scheible  
Bob Becher, Gerry & Reta Klemme

### Sunday, April 14:

8:30 am Head Usher: Susan Clarke  
Terry, Amy & Greta Debbink

### Maundy, Thursday, April 18

7:00 pm Head Usher: Tom Daigle  
Ron Schoenfeld, Ansel Tupper, Janice Bunyea

### Good Friday, April 19

1:30 pm Head Usher: Amy Nischik  
Betty Klemme, Evie Kretsch,  
Maureen Rudebeck

### Saturday, April 20:

4:30 pm Head Usher: Kymn Schicker  
Kay Scheible, Ed & Darla Ardell

### Easter Sunday, April 21:

7:00 am Head Usher: Tom Daigle  
Annette Bunyea, Cindy Conrad, Carol Barts  
9:30 am Head Usher: Consistory  
Norman & Karen Raeder, Lori Holzer

### Saturday, April 27:

4:30 pm Head Usher: Kymn Schicker  
Sharon Klemme, Judy Wilmot, Linda Krueger

### Sunday, April 28:

8:30 am Head Usher: Susan Clarke  
Steve Fieck, Paul Clarke, Cheryl Rortvedt

### Saturday, May 4:

4:30 pm Head Usher: Consistory  
Ray & Robbie Gremminger, Dick Groene

### Sunday, May 5:

8:30 am Head Usher: Consistory  
Dale & Janis Knuth, Bette Humbracht

## KEEP THESE FAMILIES IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

### HOSPITALIZED

Columbia St. Mary -Delores Titel

### FUNERALS

2/16 Evelyn Gundersen at Salem UCC  
3/5 Olive Ardell at Salem UCC

## THANK YOU

Thank you to Rev. Hoppert for your visit to Columbia St. Mary's, Mequon. Thank you to the Care Meal Ministry for the delicious meal brought to my home for my family and one to enjoy. We enjoyed every bit of it. Also, thank you to Ron for the jar of split pea soup – one of my favorite soups.

God bless you all,  
Delores Titel



“Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.”

Martin Luther



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**PALM SUNDAY** - April 14 - 8:30 a.m.  
Worship

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** - April 18 - 7:00 p.m.  
Worship with Communion

**GOOD FRIDAY** - April 19 - 1:30 p.m.  
Worship

**HOLY SATURDAY** - April 20 - Easter Egg  
Hunt 10:00 a.m.; 4:30 p.m. Worship with  
Communion

**EASTER SUNDAY** - April 21 - 7:00 & 9:30  
a.m. Worship with Communion; 8:00 a.m.  
Easter Breakfast



The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation class is having a cupcake sale Saturday and Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, after worship, to raise money for their mission project. The mission project they have chosen is the We Believe Foundation, which provides support to pediatric oncology patients and families of Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. The proceeds from the cupcake sale will be used to purchase fleece to make blankets. There will be four types of cupcakes, and they will be packaged in assorted four packs and sold by donation.

