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Sunday School

Join us as we celebrate our Sunday School/Study Groups Year End Wrap Up/Awards Party on Sunday, June 4th at 10:45 a.m.



Meet Our Confirmands

Salem UMC Welcomes Our 2017 Confirmands

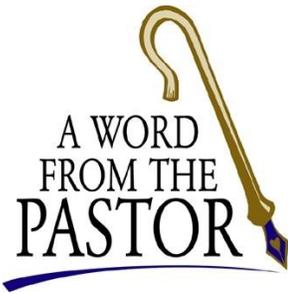
On Sunday, May 21st our 2017 Confirmation Students were confirmed into membership at Salem UMC. Welcome to our church family Amanda Bossong, Joseph Ege-land, Dylan Hartnek, Makayla Ouwerkerk and Julisa Sand.

Welcome New Members

Welcome to Jared Franz and Amy Speich who were received into membership at Salem UMC on Sunday, May 28

Feed My Starving Children

Feed My Starving Children is a Christian non-profit organization committed to feeding God's children hungry in body and spirit. The approach is simple: children and adults hand-pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children which are then shipped to distribution partners. FMSC meals have reached nearly 70 countries around the world. On Saturday, June 3 our Salem UMC family has the opportunity to pack meals for Feed My Starving Children. Packing will take place at 742 East Park Ave (Hwy 176) in Libertyville, IL (behind Life Storage – use same parking area). We will be meeting at the facility. The session starts at 11:30 a.m.—we need to be there by 11:15 a.m. Wear closed-toed shoes and leave all jewelry at home. If you have any questions please contact Gretchen Verhaalen at (414)431-7583 or Gretchen@wi.rr.com



Dear Salem Family,

A Sunday School teacher once asked her Pre-K – 3rd grade class to exercise their imagination by pretending that Jesus was physically there with them, just as he had appeared to his disciples after the resurrection. What kind of questions did they have for him?

- Will you forgive the sins that I still do?
- Could you bring my grandfather back to life?

Those were the *big* questions—the kind of deeply philosophical questions we like to think we would ask, as adults. They're also the kinds of questions that keep Jesus kind of remote from us, on a pedestal. Some of their other questions, though, touched on the humanity of Jesus:

- What's your favorite ice cream?
- Do you ever sing?

In their innocence, these are the questions that show the importance of Jesus in our lives. We have a hard time relating to the Lord God, Creator of the universe, simply because that God is so *big* that he's beyond our comprehension. It's hard to have a relationship with a force that overwhelming without it being sort of transactional—relating only when God directly touches our lives by calling us to do something, or when we are calling on him to do something.

Jesus, on the other hand, was one of us, just like the old Joan Osborne song. Having lived and died as a human being (and lived again as something more), we instinctively feel that we can relate to him. The humanness of his suffering and death are something we can certainly understand, and the idea that his death somehow made it possible for us to be in relationship with God, again, is something we can sort of understand. (At least, more so than we can understand and relate to a God who created the universe and every remarkable and miraculous thing in it.)

But there is one last aspect of relatability that we sometimes overlook: Jesus told us that we see him, when we see anyone who is suffering, or who is in need. Even so, when asked where I see God, I'm likely to say in the endless vista of the stars at night, or the mountains, or some such majestic answer—but the better answer would be to say I see God in the face of the homeless man carrying everything he owns in a backpack, looking for a place to sleep; or the cranky neighbor who never seems happy; or the single mom standing in line at the supermarket, wondering if she has enough left on her Food Share card to pay for this week's groceries.

When I started this letter, I talked about a teacher who asked her kids to exercise their imagination by imagining Jesus was with them...but maybe it doesn't really require that much imagination. If we see the face of Jesus in those who are in need, then Jesus is already with us, all the time. And if that's the case, then maybe the best question we could ask isn't about sin or ice cream, but, "How can I help?"

See you in church!

Pastor Keith



Shalom Center Soup Kitchen

Salem UMC has the privilege of serving at the Shalom Center Soup Kitchen on Thursday, June 29th. This month our church will be represented by the Hermes family and the group that Scott works with.....

Lightening youth athletics (LYA) is a non-profit organization in Kenosha county run by volunteers. I have enjoyed volunteering for the program for 15 years. LYA is a travel/club softball program for female athletes ages 8-18. I volunteer 200-250 hrs a month due to many weekends of traveling with the 18U team that I manage/coach. I am grateful for the opportunity of coaching and exposing the athletes to college exposure tournaments in hopes of securing college scholarships to assist the player in attending college. LYA believes in giving back to the community. As a coach/mentor I encourage the players to "pay it forward" in the hope -- one day they will mentor other young athletes. I share my faith and my passion for Jesus with the team. I make every effort to reflect Jesus on and off the softball field. I am excited to have my 18U team provide the food, make the food and serve the food June 29 at the Shalom Center. What a privilege for me and the team to "be Jesus"

Scott Hermes

2017 Wisconsin Annual Conference

This year's Conference will be held June 16-19 at the Madison Marriott West, The theme is "One with Christ." One of the many highlights at Annual Conference will be presentations by Adam Hamilton entitled, "Leading Beyond the Walls." Salem UMC will be represented by Pastor Keith Hewitt and our Lay Member to Annual Conference Marci Schultz.

Regularly scheduled All Committee Meetings and Church Council meetings will not be held during the summer. Next regular meeting night will be scheduled for September 17th .

Men's Breakfast

A Men's Breakfast will not be held in June.

The Men in our congregation are invited to a Men's Breakfast on Sunday, July 9th at 8:00 a.m. in the downstairs fellowship hall. Come and start your morning with some good food and fellowship. Questions? Contact Ken Bevry, Corbin Bevry, Rick Carlberg or Tom Reilly.

Thank You

Bill & Rose Knigge and Grace Merrill for donating a new coffee pot for our after worship fellowship time.

Mark Your Calendars for VBS

Hero Central (Discover Your Strength in God!) Vacation Bible School is coming to Salem UMC – Monday, July 31 – Friday, August 4 from 9:00 a.m. – noon.



Music Ministry Summer Schedule

Praise Power will continue practicing on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir and Hand Bells are taking a summer break and will be back in September.

Big Book (AA) Open Meeting

Friday, June 16 from 6:00-10:00 p.m. Once a year the public is invited to come and learn about the Alcoholics Anonymous program and how to invite those who personally need to receive help from AA to become part of the program

Noisy Offering



On the second Sunday of the month our kids take a Noisy Offering, collecting coins for that month's Pennies for Mission designation. This month's Noisy Offering will be on Sunday, June 11th. The money collected will go to Feed

My Starving Children.



June Birthdays and Anniversaries

(If yours is missing it means we don't have your birthday/anniversary information in our membership program. Contact Jane Smith at 843-2525 or jsmith.sumc@wi.rr.com to get added to the list)

Celebrating a Birthday

3 – Kaylee Dahlberg

14– Jim Smith

22- Rick Carlberg

Celebrating an Anniversary

9 – Don & Evelyn Kessel

13 – John & Linda Roberts

19- Kathy Hufnagle & Mindy Smouse

28 – Tracy & Michelle Bossong

Please Pray for the Following South East District Churches and Clergy:

May 29 – June 4: Brown Deer, Ellen Rasmussen (7-1-2017), and their 242 members, Brown Deer is located at 5736 W Brown Deer Rd. Brown Deer, WI 53223

Jun. 5 – 11: Burlington, English Settlement, their pastor Ebenezer Insor, and their 173 members, Burlington is located at 857 W State St. Burlington, WI 53105 and English settlement is located at 28215 Plank Rd. Burlington, WI 53105.

Jun. 12 – 18: Caldwell, their pastor Barry Watson, and their 48 members, Caldwell is located at 8504 Caldwell Rd. Mukwonago, WI 53149.

Jun. 19 – 25: Cambridge Regional Shared Ministry (Cambridge: Willerup, Jefferson: Immanuel, Servant Community), their pastors Marvin Singh (4-1-17) & Kevin Niebuhr, and their 119 members, Cambridge Regional Shared Ministry is located at 414 W Water St. Cambridge, WI 53523.

Jun. 26 – Jul. 2: Cedarburg: Community, their pastor Kevin Niebuhr, and their 358 members, Community is located at W68 N563 Evergreen Blvd. Cedarburg, WI 53012 (PO Box 617).

Smorgasbord Report

Smorgasbord Income: \$2,7171.00

Smorgasbord Expenses: \$1,595.31

Smorgasbord Profit: \$1,121.69

Silent Auction (no expenses so all is profit) \$1,311.50

Impact Community 8,000 Hour Challenge

The challenge is to do 8,000 hours of community service by the end of 2017. Fill out your Impact Community slips and drop it in the collection plate or return to the church office. Can we reach our goal??? It's up to you! As of 5/28/17 we have reported 2,305 ¾ hours of service. We're on our way!

Westosha Community Senior Fellowship Time

Wednesday, June 7th at 10:00 a.m.

A Program by Music Students of Diane Olson

Free Bingo and prizes.

Located at Wilmot United Methodist Church fellowship hall (11425 Fox River Road)

Call 862-6366 for more info

(Co-sponsored by Living Waters Ministries)

Liturgists for June

June 4: Ronnie & Steven Verhaalen

June 11: Mindy Smouse

June 18:

June 25:

Contact Joanna Carlberg if you would like to read the scriptures on Sunday morning.



Prayer Corner

During the month of May we have been praying for: Bradford Students, Personnel & family of student who was killed

Sue McCormack

Family of Bob Beasley

Susan Sokoloski

Pastor Anita

Kelby

Dee

Changes in Work Places

Family of Jennie O'Malley

Heroin & Drug Addicts

Jim Smith

Family of Mary Stockwell

John Lockhead

Judy DeBruhl



Youth News and Dates to remember

YOUTH CAMP OUT: June 9-10th at Wesley Chapel UMC **For all Kenosha County UMC youth and friends.** Arrive 6pm Friday until Saturday 10 am. If you have a tent you can bring let Pastor Pamela know. Parent help setting up tents would be awesome. We have 3 youth leaders chaperoning. We will supply a dinner of hotdogs and s'mores and a simple breakfast of donuts and pastries. Please bring \$3-5 to help offset the cost of food. Feel free to bring your favorite snack to share and an outdoor game. Sleeping Bag, camping mat/mattress optional warm cloths, flashlights, bug spray and outdoor chair. Please RSVP to Pastor Pamela to ensure so we have enough tents and food. Current 2016-2017 Field Trip permission forms required.

ROGERS PARK MISSION OPPORTUNITY: JUNE 25 12pm-9pm (estimated return) All youth and friends who have entering 6th grade through 12th grade and young adults. Your help is requested to help set up and serve a meal in Rogers park with a group of adults who have been doing it for many years but need help with the physical labor (setting up tables and carrying trays). We will take one or more vans to Rogers park and then go to dinner afterwards. Est cost \$10-15 to share pizza and beverages. **We have 3 chaperones/youth leaders prepared to go.**

MISSION TRIP Wildfire July 9-14 2017– All Youth 6th-12th grade Hosted by Faith UMC in Superior WI. July 9-14 2017 COST \$235 (\$135 for the trip and \$100 for transportation costs to and from superior). Please put your name on the sign-up sheet and let Pastor Pamela know ASAP if you are interested in attending so we can reserve our spots. We will need 1-2 additional chaperones. We will go with 4-5 youth and 2 adults (1 male).

CHICAGO TRIP (TOUR CHICAGO TEMPLE CHAPEL IN THE SKY) July 20th, 2017 8:35am-5:40 All Kenosha County UMC Youth currently in 5th-12th grade. Meet at Kenosha Train station 8:35am. Train departs at 8:49. We will walk to the Chicago Temple United Methodist Church for a tour of this historic high-rise church and Chapel in the Sky. We will have lunch in the city and other activities as planned. School ID's required for reduced train fair. Be prepared for lots of walking and stair climbing.

WORK CAMP 2017 – Lake Lucerne Mid-August 2017 Date Estimated date August 8-11 All youth currently in 5th-12th grade (and friends welcome). They would like us to do drywalling in Aspen Cabin. Cost \$50 (+food) per person for the youth lodge. Since there are no camps and our group is usually smaller than 25 people we will provide our own meals. We will create a menu and accept food donations/contributions to keep our meal costs down. Other camp activities they are offering us are: waterfront (swimming), archery and ropes course. If you have experience drywalling and would like to help the youth and our United Methodist Camp on this trip please contact Pastor Pamela 262-764-1538 or pgarside@wi.rr.com. If you would like to come along to chaperone and/or prepare meals for the group

ONGOING FUNDRAISER – FLIPGIVE.COM Living Waters -IGNITE YOUTH has a fundraiser set up on Flipgive.com. It works similar to SCRIP. You do your regular online shopping and participating retailers donate a percent of the sale back to our youth group. IF you would like more information about how to use your regular online shopping to help our youth fundraiser email Pastor Pamela or visit the link below. We currently have \$55 raised from just a few people activating our flipgive fundraiser before doing regular on line shopping.

<https://www.flipgive.com/f/201509#content>

Pamela contact info: email pgarside@wi.rr.com, home 262-764-1538 cell/text 262-496-2292.



Salem UMC's Website

Have you visited our SUMC website, Salemflamesofgrace.com? It is packed with information and awaiting your input! This is YOUR website. Visit often and let us know what you think. If you have information you'd like to see posted on the site such as committee updates and events, pictures of church events, or for your comments or corrections, please let Sandy Kay Jacoby know at skjacoby6@gmail.com or Joanna Carlberg at jcarlberg@wi.rr.com.



2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Big Book (AA) @ 8 pm	3 Feed My Starving Children
4 Worship @ 9:30 am Sunday School Year End Wrap Up @ 10:45 am	5	6	7 AA: 6-8 pm Praise Power @ 6:30 pm	8	9 Big Book (AA) @ 8 pm	10
11 Worship @ 9:30 am	12 4-H @ 6:30 pm	13	14 AA: 6-8 pm Praise Power @ 6:30 pm	15	16 Big Book(AA) Open Meeting : 6-10 pm Annual Confer- ence	17 Annual Confer- ence
18 Worship @ 9:30 am Annual Conference	19 Annual Conference	20	21 AA: 6-8 pm Praise Power @ 6:30 pm	22	23 Big Book (AA) @ 8pm	24
25 Worship @ 9:30 am	26 4-H— 6-9 pm	27	28 AA: 6-8 pm Praise Power @ 6:30 pm	29 Shalom Center Soup Kitchen	30 Big Book (AA) @ 8pm	



Pennies for Mission

Pennies for Mission is our ongoing project where all of the coins in the collection plate each month are given to a special mission. Since 1989 we have sent over \$35,000 to special missions. We have reached our 39th mile and are now “traveling” toward our 40th mile of pennies!

April Pennies: Operation Smile Train (\$139.94)

May Pennies: Hope Gardens

June Pennies: Feed My Starving Children

SCRIP - When you buy you donate to the Church's Ministries

Buy your SCRIP cards to use for your every day purchases for food, gas, drugstore items , etc. - when you use a SCRIP card for your purchases a percentage of the card will benefit the church. See Mindy Smouse after church or contact her at 857-2066 or e-mail msgmgs@gmail.com. The following SCRIP gift cards are on hand at church and available for your immediate purchase: **BP Shell - Speedway – Marathon- Kwik Trip -Starbucks- Burger King- Chili's- Cousin's Subs- Culvers- Panera Chipotle- Cracker Barrel- Red Robin- Subway- IHOP- Taco Bell Texas Road House- Dunkin Donuts- Noodle & Company Pizza Hut -Bristol 45 Diner - Olive Garden – Buffalo Wild Wings Lakeside Sentry- Meijer- Gordon Food Service – Woodmans Kohl's- Target Menard's- JC Penney- Walmart – Walgreens - Bath & Body Works- Tinseltown Cinemark**
Total for 2017: \$545.00

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

EFT allows you to keep making contributions even when you are not able to attend a Sunday service. You can designate how your funds are allocated within the church's books (for General and/or Capital funds). There are no bank fees for you to pay and there is complete accountability of your giving. EFT is “green”... you do not write a check, but instead electronically transfer monies into the church bank account. Please consider signing up for this service. Forms for signing up for EFT can be found on the table in the entry area.

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Pastor's Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon Wednesday

Worship @ 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School @ 10:45 a.m. (Sept.—May)