

# MESSENGER

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## Reaching Out With God's Love and Grace



### Surf's Up for Vacation Bible School

The United Methodist Churches of Circuit 14 and Living Waters Ministries invite you to join them for a beach-themed Vacation Bible School! Head to the Surf Shack and catch the wave of God's amazing Love! The adventure includes music, interactive Bible fun, super science, cool crafts, hands on mission work,

snacks and games!

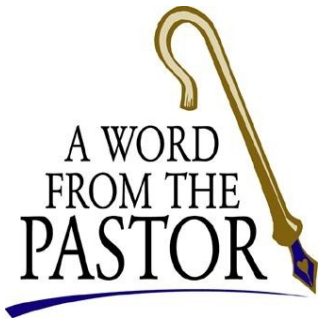
The program will run at Salem UMC from August 1-5 from 9 am to 2 pm and cater to kids ages 5 through graduating 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Lunch will be provided and before and after care will be available from 7-9 am and from 2 -5 pm. An expedition to Silver Lake Beach is planned for the last day. A nominal donation of \$5 per child (\$10 per family maximum) is recommended to help cover the cost of materials. For families needing before and after care, the suggested donation is \$2 per child, per session. The cost of the trip to the beach is \$10 per child. Scholarships are available upon request.

For more information email: vacationbibleschool114@gmailcom or call 262-748-2714.

### Men's Breakfast on August 21<sup>st</sup>



The Men in our Congregation are Invited to a Men's Breakfast on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m. in the downstairs fellowship Hall. Come and start your morning with some good food and fellowship. Questions? Contact Tom Reilly, Ken Bevry, Corbin Bevry or Rick Carlberg.



“At first I didn't understand why God put you in my path,  
but then it hit me.

Maybe he put me in yours.”

--Father Frank, *Lucifer*

To whom have you made a difference today?

It's a question I encourage you to consider as your day is coming to an end. Whether it's a family member or a friend, or a stranger at the store... maybe even that difficult person you encountered while going about the daily business of life—to whom have you made a difference?

It is not an idle question, a philosophical debating point. Indeed, in many ways, it is the essence of living an honest-to-goodness Christian life. Not just a life in which you tithe, go to church most weeks, and belong to one or more committees of your church—although those are all admirable, positive things. But a Christian life is just as much about *living* the life Jesus taught, actually making an effort to live into the Kingdom of God whose coming we seek every time we pray the Lord's Prayer.

Many years ago, before I ever became a pastor, but after I was involved with church, my family and I were at Great America for my company's Family Picnic. Since neither my wife or I are fans of the rides, the day mostly consisted of walking children to the beginning of a line, then finding out where the ride let out, and parking there until we saw them come off. (It was not a perfect plan, and could be thwarted by children deciding that the line was taking too long, and wandering off to another ride...but that's another story.)

Late in the day, Rachel and I were sitting on the midway, waiting, when a young couple caught our eye. They had been sitting on a bench before we got there, and they continued to sit there the whole time we were waiting—not notable in itself, but what caught our attention was that both of these young people looked like they'd lost their last friend. In our local version of the happiest place on earth, they looked positively distraught.

We pondered the situation for what seemed like a very long time, waiting to see if someone would come up to them, or if something would happen to change the situation, and then finally—literally moved by the Holy Spirit, perhaps—I muttered something under my breath and got up, made my way over to them and started a conversation.

Are you OK? Is there something wrong? Is there something I can help you with? Going against my introvert grain, I continued to engage them in discussion until they both seemed to come out of whatever funk had settled over them—without ever getting a real answer as to what the problem was. And, unfortunately, that's where the story ends—I never did find out what was wrong, but only knew that whatever passed between us that afternoon brightened their day, and lightened whatever load was weighing them down.

It was not life altering, or world changing (as far as I know), but looking back I do think, at least for a moment, the Kingdom of God was there at Great America, as it is any time we consciously choose to make a difference to someone else...no matter how awkward or uncomfortable it is for us. We are not just called to believe X Y, and Z, but to *act* as though we believe these things. Being disciples of Jesus is not a spectator sport—it is full contact caring for the world around us.

So, as disciples of Jesus, let's remember to ask ourselves: to whom have we made a difference today?

Pastor Keith



## School Supplies for the Sharing Center

**SCHOOL SUPPLY Drive**

Your donation(s) will insure that the children in Western Kenosha County have the supplies they need to be successful in the upcoming school year. Items needed are: crayons; erasers, pencil boxes; markers; colored pencils; notebooks; glue; paper. A collection box is located in the narthex area of the church.



## From the Finance Committee

All expenses to be reimbursed by the church need to be turned in to the church treasurer within 30 day of occurrence. Funds request forms can be found in the treasurer's mailbox outside the workroom office or on the back counter of the workroom office.

All Pastoral expenses will be from January through June and July through December (inclusive of all except Annual Conference expenses) with budgeted monies to be limited to 50% of yearly budget for each 6 month time period.

## Liturgists for August

August 7: Debbie Gilliam  
August 14: Sandy Jacoby  
August 21:  
August 28

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



**The "Messenger" Deadline is always the 15th of the month—please have all articles to the church office or send by email to [jsmith.sumc@wi.rr.com](mailto:jsmith.sumc@wi.rr.com) The deadline for the September newsletter will be on Monday, August 15.**

The Salem UMC All Committee Meeting night will not be held in August. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> (note change of day) with All Committees meeting at 6:00 p.m. followed by Church Council at 7:00 p.m.

## Impact Community 8,000 Hour Challenge

The challenge is to do 8,000 hours of community service by the end of the year. Fill out your Impact Community slips and drop it in the collection plate or return to the church office. As of 7/24/16 we have totaled 3,812 1/4 hours of service to our community. What will be our grand total for 2016?



## 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, August 14<sup>th</sup>. Money collected will go for AID for Africa's Children.

## Prayer Corner

During the month of July we have been praying for:

Sandra Kessel  
Britain & Europe  
Heather & Brandon Saunders  
Family of Rev. Ray Kotwicki  
Our Countries Leaders and People  
Cathy Haapala  
Marty Stockwell  
Robert Planka  
Dana Hill  
Kathleen Cuisset  
Friends of Irene Rettinger  
Dan Vidas  
Sherri Rennick  
Bill Knigge





### August 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](mailto:jsmith.sumc@wi.rr.com) to get added to the list)

#### Celebrating a Birthday

- 5 – Michelle Bossong
- 9 – Kyle Miskovic, Cathy Reilly
- 10– Melanie Hartnek
- 12 – Jenny Egeland
- 15 – Carley Bevry
- 18 – Christy Hansen
- 21 – Kay Scanlan
- 22 – Marsha Isaacson
- 24 – Linda Roberts
- 25 – Frank Long
- 27 – Alexey Hufnagle
- 29 – Sue Grulich

#### Celebrating an Anniversary

- 3 – Pastor Keith & Rachel Hewitt
- 3- Nick & Diane Trombley
- 11 – Jerry & Annette Meints
- 13 – Tom & Cathy Reilly
- 22 – Scott & Tami Hermes
- 25 – Todd & Lisa Schatzka
- 31 – Frank & Peggy Long

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

August: 1-7: Milwaukee: Urban Poiema, their pastor Juan Garay, this is a new church start that is rapidly growing in the Milwaukee and Waukesha are. Urban Poiema is located at Milwaukee 3600 W Pearce St. Milwaukee, WI 53215 and Waukesha 915 Magnolia Dr. Waukesha, WI. [urbanpoiema.com](http://urbanpoiema.com)

August: 8-14: New Berlin: Agape, no pastor yet, their 133 members, Agape is located at: 3100 S. Stigler Rd., New Berlin, WI 53146.

August: 15-21: Pewaukee: Gethsemane: their pastor Peter A. Peterson, Gethsemane 380 members, Gethsemane is located at 642 Maine St. Pewaukee, WI 53072, [pewaukeeumc.org](http://pewaukeeumc.org)

August: 22-28: New Berlin: Our Lord's, their pastor Keith N. Aurand, their 271 members, Our Lord's is located at 5000 S. Sunnyslope Rd., New Berlin, WI 53151

August: 29-Sep 4: North Prairie, Eagle, their pastor Hong-Lim Moses Park, their 89 members, North Prairie is located at 107 N. Main St. North Prairie, WI 53153, Eagle is located at 305 E Main St. Eagle WI, 53119

### Westosha Community Senior Fellowship Time

**Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**

A Program by Jim May, Storyteller  
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)



### Salem UMC's Website

Have you visited our SUMC website, [Salem-flamesofgrace.com](http://Salem-flamesofgrace.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](mailto:skjacoby6@gmail.com) or Joanna Carlberg at [jcarlberg@wi.rr.com](mailto:jcarlberg@wi.rr.com).



**2016**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1 Vacation Bible School</b> 9am-2pm	<b>2 Vacation Bible School</b> 9am-2pm	<b>3 Vacation Bible School</b> 9am-2pm AA: 6-8 pm <b>Women's Bible Study @ 7 pm</b>	<b>4 Vacation Bible School</b> 9am-2pm	<b>5 Vacation Bible School</b> 9am-2pm  Al-Anon @ 7 pm Big Book (AA)	<b>6</b>
<b>7 Worship</b> @ 9:30 am	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10 AA: 6-8 pm</b> <b>Women's Bible Study @ 7 pm</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12 Al-Anon</b> @ 7 pm Big Book (AA) @ 8 pm	<b>13</b>
<b>14 Worship</b> @ 9:30 am	<b>15 Messenger Deadline</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17 AA: 6-8 pm</b> <b>Women's Bible Study @ 7 pm</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19 Al-Anon</b> @ 7 pm Big Book (AA) @ 8 pm	<b>20</b>
<b>21 Men's Breakfast</b> @ 8 am <b>Worship</b> @ 9:30 am	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24 AA: 6-8 pm</b> <b>Women's Bible Study @ 7 pm</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26 Al-Anon</b> @ 7 pm Big Book (AA) @ 8pm	<b>27 Grulich/ fellowship hall</b>
<b>28 Worship</b> @ 9:30 am	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31 AA: 6-8 pm</b>			



## 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 \$34,000 to special missions. We are now “traveling” toward our 39<sup>th</sup> mile of pennies!

June Pennies: Sharing Center Food Pantry (\$ 59.94)

July Pennies: School Supplies through The Sharing Center

August Pennies: AID for Africa's 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 2016: \$909.84**

### 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.

Keith Hewitt , Pastor

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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)