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Reaching Out With God's Love and Grace

Salem United Methodist Church

Annual Smorgasbord Dinner & Silent Auction

Sunday, March 4, 2018 Serving from 12:00pm to 5:00pm

Adults (14 & Up) Seniors & Kids

\$9 pre-sale \$8 pre-sale

\$10 at the door \$9 at the door

(Under 3 are Free)

MENU: Salad Bar, Mouthwatering Meats & Sides, Variety of
Beverages, Homemade Desserts

Located at 25130 85th Street in Salem, Wisconsin

Fully Handicapped Accessible

Call 262/843-2525 for questions or information

Easter & Lenten Services



Palm Sunday, March 25 Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt following Worship

Presentation of "The Twelve" at 1st UMC Kenosha at 7:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, March 29 "The Twelve" at Salem UMC at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, March 30 Service at Pleasant Prairie UMC at 7:00 pm.



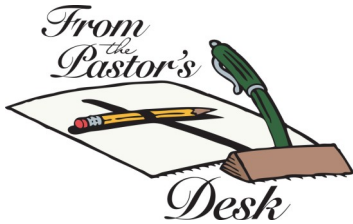
Easter Sunday, April 1

Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.

Fellowship Time between services

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

(no Sunday School classes)



Dear Salem Family,

Last month, I reflected on the fact that this year's calendar had Ash Wednesday fall on the same day as Valentine's Day, a curious juxtaposition that turned out to be very appropriate. Now, the same thing is happening at the *end* of Lent, as our days have arranged themselves in such a way that Easter falls on April 1—a traditional day for pranking the gullible and just general tomfoolery.

And once again, we find that maybe it's not as strange a combination as it sounds...

I have long believed that God has a sense of humor—I mean, come on, the *platypus*?—so it's no surprise to me that if you strip Easter Sunday and the Resurrection of their theological importance, you're left with a pretty good prank, albeit one with a pretty dark set-up. Jesus the man is tried, tortured, executed, and sealed in a tomb...but when his mournful followers go to tend to the body a couple of days later, *Surprise!*—he's not there! And this is not the first time that Jesus has pulled this divine trick of setting up an expectation, and then turning it on its head.

Jesus, the long-awaited conquering and redeeming Messiah, finally comes to his people...*Surprise!* He comes in the form of a baby, born to working class parents.

King Herod, threatened by the arrival of the prophesied king, schemes to remove the threat by killing every young male in Bethlehem...*Surprise!* Angels have warned Jesus' parents, and they flee before the massacre, saving his life.

Jesus, at age twelve, gets separated from his parents while on a family trip to Jerusalem. When they realize what's happened, they scour the city looking for him, expecting to find a scared, penitent adolescent—*Surprise!* They find him teaching his elders in the Temple.

You get the picture: Jesus seems to be all about not being who or what people expect him to be. Traditional views of the Messiah point to a king, but Jesus is a servant; they point to a conqueror, but Jesus is a subject; they point to priestly royalty, but Jesus is regular guy who hobnobs with sinners. In almost every way possible, he defies people's expectations, and gently tries to teach them why what they expected was wrong. And that's all good.

It's good, because the kind of Messiah people expected would have been remote and inaccessible, when what they really needed was one who was within reach. We know we have a savior who understands our pain and our shortcomings, our flaws and our weaknesses, because he was a human, too. We follow a risen servant savior who showed us what it was like to surrender yourself for the good of others, and so gives us something to aspire to. He calls us—and shows us—how to be better than we are.

And that's a pretty good trick, wouldn't you say?

Have a blessed—and happy--Easter!

Pastor Keith



Celebrate UMCOR Sunday on March 11, 2018

When disaster strikes around the globe—so many watching the drama unfold on our living room televisions feel entirely helpless. How could any one person make a difference in the wake of such widespread devastation? As responders around the globe scramble to help survivors, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, is prepared to act. So don't be fooled by the word committee. Since 1940, when UMCOR's forerunner was established to meet the needs of those suffering overseas at the onset of World War II, we've continued to respond to those in desperate need—today throughout more than eighty countries around the world. The response of UMCOR isn't something "they" do, it's something "we" do. **When You Give You Equip Christ's Body to Serve in His Name** That's because your generous giving to UMCOR Sunday (**formerly One Great Hour of Sharing**) is what allows UMCOR to act as the arms and legs of Christ's church, moving toward the most vulnerable in their darkest days. Convinced that all people have God-given worth and dignity—without regard to race, religion or gender—together we are assisting those impacted by crisis or chronic need. Because you give, the United Methodist Church's compassionate response to human suffering continues today. UMCOR will be able to offer aid in Jesus' name to those who suffer because United Methodists give through UMCOR Sunday, (**formerly One Great Hour of Sharing**). In fact, it's your generous giving that allows us to respond when disaster strikes. Not "they." We. **Ensure the United Methodist Church Can Keep Helping** Will you continue to give to UMCOR Sunday (**formerly One Great Hour of Sharing**)? Will you continue to meet the needs of the children, families and communities who've experienced devastation in the wake of disaster? When we meet the needs of those who suffer we actually minister to Jesus, who said: "I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me." (Mt. 25:35-36, CEB) As we respond, we recognize Jesus in those who are reeling in the wake of disaster. A special offering envelope will be included in your bulletin on March 11 – please give this your prayerful concern and give generously to UMCOR.



Silent Auction

The focus of the silent auction is changing this year. We want it to be a more professional auction with no white elephant or rummage items. In addition to bid items, we will have a room just for hand crafted items. These items will not be something to bid on, but will have a set cash and carry price. We are encouraging people to donate items for the Silent Auction with a value of \$40.00 or more. If you wish to donate smaller items, we can combine them with like items in a basket. Baskets are a popular item at the auction. Donated items for the auction must be new in order to get a good price for them. We are also accepting gift certificates. If the value is less than \$40.00, we can combine the certificate with other items. In the past, some people were confused about how the Silent Auction bidding works. People have said things like "Someone else bid on the item so I can't." You are encouraged to raise the previous bid as many times as you want until you get the desired item. You can bid on as many things as you want to, but be prepared to pay for them at the end of the Auction if you are the highest bidder. Items for the Silent Auction will be accepted until the morning of March 4. Questions? see Linda Roberts or Joanna Carlberg.



Shalom Center Soup Kitchen

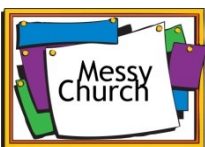
Salem UMC has the privilege of serving at the Shalom Center Soup Kitchen on Thursday, March 29th. We make soup, enough sandwiches for everyone to take home after dinner and serve a hot meal provided by the Shalom Center to as many as 125 people or even more sometimes. The whole process takes about 2 1/2 hours sometime between 2:00 and 5:30 p.m. (depending on which you choose - soup or sandwiches or serving). There is no cleanup. The center handles that. That is a very tiny gift of your time to provide so much for so many. We also donate money to the Soup Kitchen for milk – just mark your contribution "MILK" and drop it in the collection plate. If you would like to help make an "Impact on Your Community" on March 29th sign up on the sheet found on the information board in the fellowship area – or call the church office at 843-2525 to get your name on the list.

The Salem UMC All Committee Meeting night will be held on Sunday, March 18th with All Committees meeting at 6:00 p.m. followed by Church Council at 6:30 p.m.



“The Twelve”

The Twelve is our reenactment of DaVinci's painting of The Last Supper. “The Twelve” will be presented on Palm Sunday, March 25th at 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist in Kenosha and at Salem UMC on Holy Thursday, March 29th at 7:00 p.m.. Rehearsals are being held on Sunday evenings from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Questions? Contact Rick Carlberg, Director of “The 12” at rcarlberg@wi.rr.com or call him at 847-915-1615.



Are You Finding That Life Can Be Messy? – Then Find Meaning in the Mess @ “Messy Church”! All Ages Welcome! Sunday, March 25th 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Trevor-

Wilmot Grade School on Hwy C in Trevor. Crafts, Games, Music, Bible Story, and a Meal! For more information: westoshamessychurchh@gmail.com or 262-945-9731

Westosha Community Senior Fellowship Time Wednesday, March 7th at 10:00 a.m.

A Program on: “LOVE, INC.” by Ben Mitchell, Program & Volunteer Director 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)

Fabric Donations Needed At Saint Norbert College Mackenzie Bevry is with a sewing group called Life Stitchers. They sew pillowcases for two different charities in the Green Bay Area. In order to make these pillowcases they need donations of fabric or cash to purchase material. To make the pillowcases they need materials that are at least a quarter of a yard or more with three quarters of a yard and a quarter of a yard of two different fabric patterns making one complete pillow case. Any support that you can give is appreciated. If you have any questions feel free to call Mackenzie and leave a message at (262)945-3436 email her at mackenzie-bevry@gmail.com

Impact Community 8,000 Hour Challenge

The challenge is to do 8,000 hours of community service by the end of 2018. A lot of our members are doing community service hours and not letting us know... be sure to fill out your Impact Community slips and drop it in the collection plate or return to the church office. As of 2/25/18 we have done 802¾ hours of community service. A good start – Can you help us to reach our goal by the end of 2018?

Rummage, Craft & Bake Sale Saturday May 19, 9 am – 3 pm

This is an easy way to declutter and help the church at the same time. We can accept clean baby & children's clothing, household items & furniture in good condition, hand crafted items, yarn, arts & craft supplies, games, puzzles, toys and other item in salable condition All donations are greatly appreciated! In May, we will ask people to donated baked goods for the sale. Thank you in advance for your participation! Items for the Rummage Sale can be brought to the church from now until May 19. Questions? Contact Linda Roberts

Men's Breakfast on March 18



The Men in our Congregation are Invited to a Men's Breakfast on Sunday, March 18th 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.

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, March 11th. The money collected will to go to He Intends Victory.

Music Ministry

Do you love music? Would you like to be a part of our Music Ministry? You are invited to join our choirs – one, two or all three! Praise Power practices on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir practices on Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. and Hand Bells practice on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Corner

During the month of February we have been praying for:

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| Annie Mollman | Hannah Flemming |
| Family of Ron Walters | Lenora Boor |
| Family of Charlotte Schroeder | |
| Family of Tom Flowers | |
| Family of Pat Merrill | |
| Family of Stan Sielski | |
| Steven Seeker | Al Heiss |
| Robert Lang | Shirley Ashburn |
| Owen Lindom | Alexey Hufnagle |





March Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

- 7- Frank Andrekus
- 8 – Liz Schultz
- 11 – Sheryl Perdew
- 13 – Levi Lasco
- 15 – Dick Schultz
- 22 – Pastor Keith Hewitt
- 23 – Cameron Hewitt, Jaden Ouwerkerk
- 26 – Rachel Bixler
- 28 – Andrew Lamar

Celebrating an Anniversary

- 26 – Marty & Melva Stockwell

Souper Bowl of Caring

Our 2018 Souper Bowl of Caring donations totaled \$144.05 which was sent to the Shalom Center Soup

Liturgists for March

- March 4: Nancy Webster
- March 11: Debbie Gilliam
- March 18: Kathy Hufnagle
- March 25: Ken Bevry

EASTER FLOWERS



Easter flowers can be purchased to be used in church on Easter Sunday as a memorial or in honor of a loved one. Please indicate your preference of flowers, the number of plants you want to order, and memorial/honor information. Make checks (marked Easter Flowers) payable to **Salem United Methodist Church**. All flower orders must be prepaid - or flowers will not be ordered. Place your money or check and this form in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and drop it in the collection plate or return to the church office by MARCH 18th (Your flower(s) can be taken home following the Easter Worship Service, April 1st).

NAME _____

<u>FLOWER PLANT</u>	<u>COST PER PLANT</u>	<u>NO. OF PLANTS</u>
AZALEAS	\$16.00	_____
EASTER LILIES	\$12.00	_____
MUMS	\$12.00	_____
RIGOR BEGONIAS	\$12.00	_____

IN MEMORY OF _____

IN HONOR OF _____



Youth News

March 2-4th CYM South Eastern District Youth Event. Cost \$50 space is limited.

March 4th No Youth Group due to Youth Event

March 11th Youth Group at Wesley Chapel UMC 5-7pm

March 18th – No Youth Group – Pamela may be out of town.

March 25th Youth Group Meeting TBD –

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

Mar. 5 – 11, Milwaukee: Christway UMC, their pastor Nenghoua Vang, and their 64 members, Mar. 12 – 18, Milwaukee: Church of the Good Hope and MKE: New St. James Community UMC's, their pastor Lawrence McGuin, and their 26/70 members,

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 The deadline for the April newsletter will be on Thursday, March 15.

MARCH 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Hand Bells @ 7 pm	2 Big Book (AA) @ 8 pm	3
4 Worship @ 9:30 am Smoprgasbord 12-5 pm The Twelve Prac- tice: 4-6 pm	5	6 Boy Scouts @ 7 pm	7 AA: 6-8 pm 4-H Cake Class @ 6 pm Praise Power @ 6:30 pm Choir @ 7:30 pm	8 Hand Bells @ 7 pm	9 Big Book (AA) @ 8 pm	10
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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 \$35,800 to special missions. We are now “traveling” toward our 41st mile of pennies.

January Pennies: Souper Bowl – The Shalom Center Soup Kitchen (\$50.18)

February Pennies: Feed My Starving Children (\$56.61)

March Pennies: He Intends Victory

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 Foods Meijer- Gordon Food Service – Woodmans - Kohl's- Target -Menard's- JC Penney- Walmart – Walgreens - Bath & Body Works- Tinseltown Cinemark**
Total for 2018: \$291.40

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)