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Souper Bowl of Caring

On Sunday February 3, 2019, 100 million Americans will tune 4 to the Super Bowl football game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal. Please join people around the country as they demonstrate God's love by loving their neighbors through the Souper Bowl of Caring. All of the money we collect will be donated to the Shalom Center Soup Kitchen. Last year \$8,144,929.00 was collected nation-wide. You are invited to drop \$1 (or more) in the soup pot as you leave worship on February 3rd. Please help our neighbors in need by supporting the Souper Bowl of Caring.

Thank you



From The Kenosha Literacy Council for our donation of \$63.13 from our Pennies for Missions. Your commitment to helping adults in our community learn to read, write, and speak English is greatly appreciated. Because of you, KLC learners are achieving their goals and supporting their families. At the Kenosha Literacy Council every day is an opportunity to: **Read, Succeed, Lead.**



Dear Salem Family,

What are you giving up for Lent? Or maybe the first question should be *are* you planning to give up something for Lent? It's not a tradition I've always followed (as a child, my faith tradition regarded the idea of giving up something for Lent as "too Catholic") but for a couple of decades now it has been something I try to do. Done properly, with the right heart, it is a small way of marking a solemn church season by imposing a little deprivation in your life.

("Properly, with the right heart" means that it's not really meaningful to give up homework, if you're a student; or to give up French fries but still allow yourself to eat onion rings. It's about the sacrifice, not the loophole.)

This year, if you're thinking about it, I'd like to propose something a little different—something that is educational and may be meaningful to you and people you don't even know.

Consider this: according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, the average monthly SNAP benefit for a single person is \$134; for a couple it's \$247; and for a household of four it's \$465. SNAP is the umbrella term for what's called Food Share in Wisconsin—the old Food Stamp program—and it's what puts food on the table for about 1 in 6 families in Kenosha County.

With that in mind, if you are not one of those 1-in-6 families, I'd like to propose an experiment. For the month of February, keep track of what you spend on food. This means trips to the grocery store, Walmart, the convenience store...anywhere you buy food for you or your household. And when I say food, I include coffee, tea, soda, desserts, convenience foods, snacks—basically, if it goes in your mouth and ends up in your stomach, I'm calling it food. And be honest--the purpose of the experiment is not for you to alter your habits, but to keep track of them.

At the end of February, I'm going to want you to take a look at what you spent, and compare it to the average SNAP/Food Share benefit for your household size. Did you spend more or less on food than you would have if you were receiving assistance? My suspicion, at least, is that you probably outspent your hypothetical Food Share budget; it might be instructive to look at your spending and figure out where, in the month, you would have run out of money for food.

But all that is just the prelude to this: I'm wondering if you would be willing to limit your food budget to what your neighbors on Food Share are living on, for the season of Lent? Just as an exercise in understanding how those who are less fortunate live, would you be willing to do that from Ash Wednesday to Easter? And you could make it more than just an exercise in understanding, if you would consider donating the difference between what you normally spend and what you spend during Lent to help your neighbors in need.

What do you think? Once the newsletter is published, there is going to be a "Lenten Challenge" post on our Facebook page. I'd love to hear your thoughts on this. And meanwhile, I'd better figure out how I'm going to present this to my wife...

See you in church!
Pastor Keith



Westosha Senior Center is having a Valentine lunch and silent auction on Sat. Feb. 9, serving lasagna from Luisa's at 11:30 am. Live music will be presented by the Timeless Music Revue. Call 262-891-3436 for reservations. Tickets are \$12.00 per person.



Sunday School for All Ages

You are invited to join us on Sunday mornings at 10:45 am. All ages are invited to join in...see you there!!



Prayer Concerns

During the month of January we have been praying for:

Adam Roeck	Joanna Fay
Alexey Hufnagle	Joel Smith
<u>Annalorraine Eckberg</u>	Joy Hufnagle
Annie Mollman	Kathy Baum
Arlene Siegal	<u>Katie (Stockwell) and John Maloney</u>
Arlene Siegal	Laura Keppel
Baby Tobias	Len Scanlan
Becky Telfer	Lenora Boor
Beverly Glassman	Leslie Holloway
Bill Collins	Luke Schumm
Britt Kosloski	Maria Miskovic
Chris Orozo	Marlene Miller
Dale Damrow	Mary Notter
Darel Hill	Nicolle Folger
Dave Hewitt	Owen Lindom
Dave McMillen	Paula Geisler
David Delre & family	Peyton Shanor
David Folger	Phyllis Powell
Diane Volar	Ragnar Ouwerkerk
Don Kessel	Robert Lang
Donna Hoover	Robert Planka
Dorothy Heiss	Roger Voight
Erlene Ouwerkerk	Rose Knigge
Family of Jeremy Patton	<u>Roxy Hufnagle</u>
Family of Mario Cesario	Ruth Koessel
Family of Tyler Harden	Sandy McCormack
Grant Levernier	Steven Seeker
Helen Briggs	Suzi Greenhill
Hollister Family	Tom Reilly
Jackie Williams	Yazlyn Perez's mother



Men's Breakfast February 10th

The Men in our Congregation are invited to a Men's Breakfast on Sunday, February 10th at 8:00 am in the downstairs fellowship Hall. Join us and start your morning with some good food and fellowship. Questions? Contact Tom Reilly, Ken Bevry, Corbin Bevry or Rick Carlberg.



Liturgists for February

Jaden Ouwerkerk (3rd)
Dylan Hartnek (10th)
Bill Knigge (17th)
Nancy Webster (24th)



Celebrating a February birthday:

Alison Rosin (5th)
Amanda Bossong (5th)
Courtney Lamar (6th)
Joseph Egeland (12th) Peyton Shanor (13th)
Ronald Verhaalan (14th) Makayla Ouwerkerk (14th)
Connie Olsen (17th) Hunter Hermes (18th)
Lisa Stevens (22nd) Nancy Webster (24th)
Kathryn Stockwell (25th) Corbin Bevry (26th)
Diane Trombley (27th)

If your birthday or wedding anniversary is missing, it means we don't have your information in our membership program. Please contact Rose Knigge at 843-2525 or salemwiumc@gmail.com to have your dates added to this list.

Courage to Cope (C2C)

Courage to Cope provides help and support for families of those who are struggling with mental health disorders. C2C Group meetings are open to the public and are held here at Salem from 6:00-7:00 pm on the third Wednesday of the month. This month's meeting is on February 20th. If you are interested, please join us—or if you know someone who is caring for a family member or loved one who is struggling with a mental health disorder, please pass the word on to them.



Music Ministry

Want to share your musical talents?

We have three choirs waiting for you to join!

- Praise Power meets Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
- Chancel Choir meets Wednesdays at 7:30 pm
- Hand Bell Choir meets Thursdays at 7:00 pm



Hunter Hermes and the Wisconsin Singers are back!!

Please join us for a show on Saturday, April 6 in New Berlin at 7pm

or on Sunday, April 7 in Menominee Falls at 3pm.

Let's carpool together to the performance!!

Remember it's a non-profit organization: all tickets are tax deductible.

The Hermes family will be hosting a pre-show pizza party. All are welcome!

Call or text Tami Hermes (262-331-7228) if are interested in going to a show or to the pizza party.

Thank you for your support!

Smorgasbord – This annual event will be held



on Sunday, March 3, from noon to 5:00 pm. Pre sale adult tickets are \$9.00, or \$10.00 at the door. Senior and children's tickets are \$8 in advance or \$9.00 at the door. Children under 3 are free. See Gail Dodge for

tickets or contact the office at 843-2525. Sign-up sheets for workers and food donations will be in the narthex. We need everyone to participate in some way to make this event a success:

The Silent Auction will be held in conjunction with the Smorgasbord on Sunday, March 3, 2019. We changed the focus of the Silent Auction last year. We wanted it to be a more professional auction with no white elephant or rummage items. This new format was a success!

We are continuing to encourage people to donate items for the Silent Auction with a value of \$40.00 or more. If you wish to donate smaller items, with a value less than \$40.00, we can combine the item or gift certificate with other

items. Donated items for the auction must be new in order to get a good price for them. We are also accepting gift certificates.

In addition to bid items, we will have room for hand crafted items. These items will not be something to bid on, but will have a set cash and carry price. If you donate handmade items, please include a description and value with your donation.

You may bring in your donations of auction items and crafts anytime before March 2, 2019. The office is open Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Friday from 9:00 to noon.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Roberts or Joanna Carlberg.



Noisy Offering

On the second Sunday of each 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, February 10th and will be donated to Feed My Starting Children. January pennies totaled \$46.80 and were donated to the Shalom Center Soup Kitchen.



Communion Stewards

Looking for an opportunity to serve your friends at church? We are seeking two people to serve as communion stewards in 2019. Stewards prepare the elements for communion and help to distribute them during worship, and will typically serve once per quarter. If interested, please contact Pastor Keith or the church office.



2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 B1g Book (AA): 8 pm	2
3 Worship: 9:30 am Sunday School: 10:45 am Souper Bowl of Caring Boy Scout pancake breakfast	4	5 Boy Scouts: 7 pm	6 Loved Ones Group: 12 pm Hope Council: 1:30 - 4 pm AA: 6-8 pm Praise Power: 6:30 pm Choir: 7:30 pm	7 Hand Bells: 7 pm	8 Big Book (AA): 8 pm	9 4H Movie night 5:00 to 9:00 pm Valentine's Day lunch and silent auction at the Westosha Senior Center, Hwy. C Serving at 11:30.
10 Men's Breakfast: 8 am Worship: 9:30 am Sunday School: 10:45 am	11 4-H: 6:30 pm	12 Boy Scouts: 7 pm	13 Loved Ones Group: 12 pm Hope Council: 1:30 - 4 pm AA: 6-8 pm C2C: 6 pm Praise Power: 6:30 pm Choir: 7:30 pm	14 Hand Bells: 7 pm	15 Big Book (AA): 8 pm Messenger Deadline	16
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SCRIP

When you purchase 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: *Amazon - Applebee's - Arby's - Bath & Body Works - BP - Bristol 45 Diner - Buffalo Wild Wings - Burger King - Cabela's - Cheddar's - Chili's - Chipotle - Tinseltown - Cinemark - Cousin's Subs - Cracker Barrel - Culvers - Dunkin Donuts - Festival Foods - Gordon Food Service - IHOP - JC Penney - Joann Fabrics - Kohl's - Kwik Trip - Little Caesars - Lowes - Marathon - Meijer - Menard's - Mobile - Noodle & Company - Old Navy - Olive Garden - Panera - Papa Murphy's - Pizza Hut - Red Lobster - Red Robin - Shell - Starbucks - Subway - Taco Bell - Target - Texas Road House - TJ Max - Walgreens - Wal-Mart - Wendy's - Woodmans*
Total for 2019: \$72.34



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.

The "Messenger" Deadline is always the 15th of the month. Please have all articles to the church office or send by email to salemsecretary@gmail.com. The deadline for the March newsletter will be Friday, the 15th.



Impact Community 8,000 Hour Challenge

We completed 4,728 hours of service as of December 31st and continue to challenge you going into 2019. There are many things or acts of kindness you do that would be of service to the community: driving a shut-in to the doctor, grocery store or church, serving at the Soup Kitchen, shoveling snow for a neighbor or taking food to a sick friend. Just a few things you may have done and are not aware that these acts of kindness would count towards our community challenge. Please continue to fill out the Impact Community slip and drop it in the collection plate.

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Pastor's Office Hours: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Wednesday

Worship: 9:30 am

Sunday School: 10:45 am (Sept. - May)