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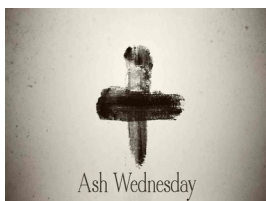
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Thank you from the Shalom Center for our donation of \$30.00 from the Pennies for Missions.

Thank you from the Wisconsin Conference for giving 100% in Apportionments for 2018! Keep up the good work!



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is being observed on March 6, and we will be coming together as a circuit to mark the occasion with an Ash

Wednesday service on March 6 at 7:00 pm, at Wilmot UMC. Please join with your fellow church family members as we pause to mark the beginning of Jesus' journey to the cross, and to ponder our own journeys toward the unknown.



Meeting Notice: On March 17, the All Committee Meeting is at 6:30 pm, and the Church Council meeting is at 7:00 pm.

Dear Salem Family,



Lent is just two weeks away as I write this. (Ash Wednesday is on March 6 this year) With that in mind, I'd like to revisit last month's letter and look ahead to Lent, and how we observe it this year. You may remember that last month I asked you to try an experiment and take time to track your grocery spending for the month of February--so this would be a good time to ask how that's going for you. Have you been doing it? Have you encountered any surprises? I know we have. Let me tell you about us.

Going into February, we were thinking that we probably spent in the vicinity of \$400 to \$450 dollars for food, for our household. (Remember: we are counting both groceries *and* other food purchases, including eating out. In other words, no fudging on groceries by hitting up the pizza joint on the way home.) Coincidentally, that estimate put us right in line with the Food Share program limit for a household of four, \$465, so everything looked copacetic.

And then February actually came...and as of this writing we have spent \$587.

I normally would not be so free and easy with talking about how we spend our money, but I have to be honest—it was a surprise. And sobering. If we were one of the 1 in 6 families that absolutely *depend* on Food Share to put food on the table, we would have been in trouble already. There are a ton of explanations and exceptions that could be made, but the bottom line is that if we were playing for keeps, we would now be looking at either living entirely out of the pantry and freezer for the rest of the month, or looking for other sources of food—like the Sharing Center, or another local food pantry.

We would also be looking ahead to next month, and figuring out where we could cut expenses. But I want to stress this: while we eat well (a little *too* well, in my case), we do not eat extravagantly—we're not living on lobster tails and truffles, but Rachel does try to use healthier foods...and those are not always the cheapest on the shelf. (This is why she generally doesn't allow me to grocery shop...but that's another story.)

But enough awkward self-justification. If you've done the same tracking, and find that you, too, have exceeded the Food Share benefit, I invite you consider the next step of the Lenten Challenge:

Now that you know what you spend, and what the target amount is—for Lent, try to live within those means. If you don't recall from last month, this is the average monthly Food Share Benefit:

1. Single person, \$134
2. Couple, \$247
3. Household of four, \$465

If you don't fall into one of those categories, just extrapolate and you'll be close.

As you go through the month, set aside the difference between what you are spending based on the Food Share budget vs. what you would normally spend, and make it a Lenten Challenge offering. These offerings will be collected at church, and donated to the Sharing Center when Lent has ended. (For example, if you spend \$500 a month and are challenged to spend \$465, you would make a \$35 offering.)

If you have questions, I'll be happy to answer them, but I think this could be a very instructive Lent for us, as we spend it walking in the paths of people who are not as fortunate as we are. There will be a new Lenten Challenge post on the church Facebook page during the week of Ash Wednesday, and I encourage you to share your thoughts and experiences there throughout the season.

So what do you think? I know we generally think about giving something up for Lent—chocolate, cigarettes, TV, whatever—but maybe this year we can learn by taking something on, instead, if we spend these weeks living with another person's challenges. Who knows what we might discover?

See you in church!
Pastor Keith



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 February, we have been praying for:

Family of Joel Smith	Joy Hufnagle
Family of Robert Lang	Katie (Stockwell)
Family of Jeff Reitz	& John Maloney
Family of Karen Milligan Robbins	
Family of Margaret Alf	Lenora Boor
Annalorraine Eckberg	Lisa Hufnagle
Arlene Siegal	Luke Schumm
Boy Scout Troop 328	Mindy Smouse
Courage 2 Cope group	Maria Miskovic
Diane Volar	Nicolle Folger
Dave Hewitt	Pastor Anita Lang
Don Kessel	Peyton Shanor
Dorothy Heiss	Ryan Chelf
David Folger	Rachel Hewitt's student
Helen Briggs	Ragnar Ouwerkerk
James Folger	Sandy McCormack
Warm shelter for the Homeless	Suzi Greenhill
Jonathan Janda	Tom Reilly

All those who are ill or suffering

Relay for Life Challenge

Wilmot UMC has partnered with Calvary UCC to form a Relay for Life team for the past several years. This year Relay for Life will be at Wilmot High School from 5 pm on Friday, May 17 through 1 am on Saturday, May 18. The purpose of the event is to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Probably all of us have been affected by cancer in some way, whether you have battled it yourself or walked alongside someone through their battle, in the many ways that people say, "We're with you." You know what a devastating illness it is—so you know what it means to come together to fight it.

At the Relay for Life event, we remember loved ones lost to cancer. It is a team event in which team members take turns walking around a track. Each team is asked to have a member on the track at all times to signify that cancer never sleeps.

Wilmot and Calvary would like to challenge your congregation to join us in this fight. A great way to do that would be to form a team and join us at this event.



Men's Breakfast March 10th

The Men in our Congregation are invited to a Men's Breakfast on Sunday, March 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 March

3rd Colten Greenhill
 10th Annette Meints
 17th Connie Bevry
 24th Gloria Gill
 31st Deb Gilliam

Please contact Joanna Carlberg if you would like to serve as liturgist.



Celebrating a March birthday:

7th Frank Andrekus	
8th Liz Schultz	
11th Sheryl Perdew	
13th Levi Lasco	23rd Cameron Hewitt
15th Dick Schultz	23rd Jaden Ouwerkerk
16th Andrew Holmstrom	26th Rachel Bixler
22nd Pastor Keith Hewitt	28th Andrew Lamar

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.

Teams can be any size from one to many people. The expectation is that each team member raise \$100. That sounds like a lot, but you would be surprised how friends and relatives are willing to donate. If your church cannot send a team, there are many other ways you can help out: monetary donations, donate one or more baskets to raffle, attend the event and observe, bring survivors to the event, and purchase luminaries in memory or honor of someone who has had cancer, or do a team fundraiser such as a bake sale. Please consider helping with this cause. If you have questions, contact Doris Carnahan from Wilmot UMC.



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 – Please come and support our largest fund raiser!



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, March 10th and will be donated to He Intends Victory. February pennies totaled \$48.20 and were donated to Feed My Starving Children.



Communion Stewards

Thank you to Keith and Connie Olsen for offering to be Communion Stewards.

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.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Big Book (AA): 8 pm	2
3 Worship: 9:30 am Sunday School: 10:45 am Smorgasbord and Silent Auc- tion 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm	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
10 Men's Breakfast: 8 am Worship: 9:30 am Sunday School: 10:45 am	11 4-H: 6:30 pm to 8:30 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: \$97.34



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, February 15th.

Impact Community

8,000 Hour Challenge



We completed 4,728 hours of service in 2018. In January and February 2019, we served the community with 646 hours of service. We continue to challenge you in 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)

