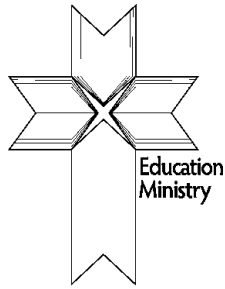


## Salem Church School

Our offering for November and December went toward buying a gift for one boy and one girl on our family Christmas Giving Tree. For the boy, we bought warm footie pajamas, and for the girl, we bought three tops that she can wear to school. The gifts were wrapped and placed under our Salem Christmas tree. Thank you to all our children and youth who gave their offering to help make two children a little happier this past Christmas.



Our church school class will be back in session on January 2nd from 10:10-11:00 am. We will be gathering as a large group for a special project. We will be back in our rooms on January 9th. We pray that we will see all our children and youth in the New Year. As we go into 2011, let us take time to thank our church school staff, and please take time throughout the year to pray for their ministry:

- Kindergarten-Second Grade: Julie Stuckemeyer and Sharon Lutzen
- Third-Fifth Grade: Pam Rongstad and Amy Cochran
- Sixth-Eighth Grade: Cory Buxengard and Marie Broege
- Senior High: Steve Broege
- Adults: Pastor Mel Vance & Pastor Linda Vance
- Superintendent: Betty Padgett
- Nursery Caregiver: Gina Martin



## Church School Family Outing: Rollerskating!

**Sunday, January 16, 1:00 pm**

We will be joining First United Methodist Church and El Buen Samaritano (our Vacation Bible School friends) for roller-skating at Skateland in Waukesha. We will meet at Skateland at 1:00 pm and skate until 3:30 or 4:00 pm. We will head back to Salem for pizza afterwards. The cost as of now is \$5.00 for admission and \$2.00 for skate rental. The owner of Skateland may be giving us some discounts if we have over 25 people, so mark your calendars to come out for a really fun afternoon with our friends. More information will be coming out about the final cost in early January.



## Youth Group Game Day

**Sunday, January 9, 4:30-6:30 pm**

We'll set up game stations around the church, and enjoy games and pizza! We'll limit the time on each game, and mix everyone up so that it keeps moving. If you'd like, bring a friend! Bring \$4.00 for each one of you to cover pizza and soda.

## Youth Group Art Project

**Sunday, January 23, 4:30 pm-6:30 pm**

Time to bring out your inner artist! We'll be making a cross for the church for use during the Lenten and Easter season. We'll be making our own Taco Salads to finish up the fun! Yum ☺

## 30 Hour Famine 2011

Mark your calendars for Friday, Feb. 18 through Saturday, Feb. 19. These are the dates of the 30 Hour Famine. We'll be starting the 30 hours at 1:00 pm on Friday, meet at church at 7:00 pm for a Lock-in, and stay together until we break the fast at 7:00 pm on Saturday. This is open to all youth and adults. If you have done the Famine, you know the impact of this experience. Adults, if you want to join us in fasting, but don't want to do the Lock-in, that's just fine. Please contact Amy Manns if you have any questions! All participants please sign up on the Youth bulletin board in the narthex.

Looking ahead....

## Youth Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction

**Saturday, April 2, 5:00-7:00 pm**

We need ALL our youth to help at the dinner and also to make something or donate a service to put in our Silent Auction. Proceeds from the dinner and auction support our mission trip to Disciple Farm and also provide funds for various youth activities and expenses.



*Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction*



### S.A.M.S. Club (Senior Adult Ministry @ Salem)

We had a group of ten attend the ballet, "His Gift" at Elmbrook Church on December 10th. The program was so beautiful and so moving. It was a wonderful way for our group to spend time in the glory of the season. Afterward,

we went to lunch at Panos Restaurant. We had a great time of fellowship and good food. Our next outing will take place at Salem. We will have a lunch provided and speaker. Please watch the Announcement Page and kiosk for more details after the first of the year.

### Food Pantry Sundays at Salem

We'd like to remind you that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month is Food Pantry Sunday at Salem. We encourage everyone to bring in non-perishable items for our Waukesha County Food Pantry. Money is also very welcome as it can be used to purchase the items most needed at the time. Thank you, Salem, for your contributions of food, money and volunteer time!



### Undie Sunday February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Get your (new) undies in a bundle and bring them to church January 24 through February 14! Salem will be participating in the Hope Center's *Undie Sunday!* Campaign. Socks and underwear are one of the greatest needs of those who rely on Hope Center. Because of limited quantities, people who come to the Hope Center are limited to one pair of underwear and socks per month. With Salem's gifts, we can help those people. Please bring packages of new underwear and socks starting January 24<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you,  
The Salem Outreach Ministry Team

### Equal Exchange Products Available in our Narthex

The UMW sells Equal Exchange Products such as coffee, tea, baking cocoa, hot cocoa mix, snacking almonds, and dark chocolate candy bars. The Equal Exchange program allows farmers and artisans all over the world to be able to sell in the fair trade market. This allows small farmers to stay on their land, educate and support their families, and plan for their future. Please stop at the Equal Exchange table on Sunday morning and check out our products.

### Outreach News

A big thank you is in order for Salem! Our giving tree was a huge success again this year. The ornaments disappeared very quickly and some Salem families were left without one to pick off the tree. What a happy dilemma to have! We were able to add additional gift ideas for our families, and through your generosity, Salem provided over 25 gifts to help two families receive the blessings of Christmas. Both of our families this year were headed by single moms with 2 children and they were extremely grateful for our help. Thank you again for your support of the Christmas Clearing Council.

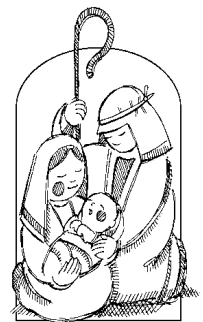
Another big thank you is also in order for Salem! We wanted to highlight just some of the ways you have helped Outreach support the needy in various ways in the last year:

- Food Pantry support (donations and volunteers)
- The Crop Walk (walkers and donations)
- The Hope Center (serving Outreach meals, Sock It to Poverty, Project Move, the Coat Drive, Undee Sunday, Hope Center dinner, with \$75,000 raised this year!)
- Interfaith (Holiday baskets, seasonal yard work, transporting seniors, knitting hats, Reader's Café, fundraising dinner)
- Mujilla Falls Agricultural Center (half a flock of sheep)
- Blanket drive
- World Vision donations

*Salem is truly amazing! Thank you!*

### Children and Youth Christmas Program

Once again, the youth and children of Salem brought the true meaning of Christmas to our congregation on December 12th. Our children and youth shared the message of the season through song, word, drama, poems, and scripture. A very special thank you goes out to all who participated. Your time and talent sure showed in your performance. A special thank you also goes out to Jacob Stensberg for leading the choirs, Brenda Lindsay for leading the hand bells, Gary Wollenzien for putting the Power Point together, Sue Lewinski for her piano accompaniment, Deborah Chapin for co-directing the program, and Betty Padgett for the beautiful bulletin boards. To all of our parents, a special thank you goes out to you as well. Thank you for bringing your children to practices and the performance. You are each a true blessing.



*Christmas Program*

The brunch that followed the program was also amazing. Thanks to all who brought a dish to pass and stayed to share in great food and fellowship. We had 83 attend the brunch! God is good all the time!

## Nurture



A very special thank you goes out to the Nurture Ministry Team for setting up the fellowship area for the Christmas Program Brunch and for providing the place settings and beverages.

In February, the Nurture Ministry Team will be hosting a Progressive Dinner for all our adult members and friends. This evening will consist of

starting in one location for appetizers, then moving to other homes for salad/rolls, the main course, and then all getting together again for dessert. Please watch for more information coming out later this month with the date, time, and opportunities to host.



## Salem Choir & Handbells

Have you made a New Year's resolution yet? Why not consider making music a priority in your life for 2011! Please join us for rehearsals for **Adult Choir** and/or the **Handbell Choir** on Thursday nights at Salem! Here is the January schedule:

January 20, and 27: Handbells @ 6:30 pm  
 January 13, 20, and 27: Adult Choir @ 7:15 pm  
*No experience necessary!*

## Waukesha Church Dartball League

The Salem Dartball Team enjoys friendly competition with five other churches in Waukesha. They meet on Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm. Please contact Gerry Reichert with questions at 262-547-1192.

January 4	7:00 pm	E&R UCC @ Salem
January 11	7:00 pm	Salem @ Redeemer UCC
January 18	7:00 pm	St. Lukes @ Salem
January 25	7:00 pm	Beautiful Savior @ Salem



**Zachary Donald Rodriguez** was baptized at Salem on November 28, 2010.

Zachary is the son of Jon and Sarah Rodriguez and grandson of Roy and Julie

Stuckemeyer. Zachary was born February 29, 2010. His Godparents are Jason Szmanda (Sarah's brother) and Jane Acuff (Jon's sister).



## January Birthdays

2	Dan Kelley
2	Bill Young
5	Connor Fischer
7	Greg Lutzen
8	Richard Dick
8	Josh Lindsay
8	Zachary Buxengard
10	Beverly Huebner
11	Ken Schimpf
12	Carol Becher
13	JonaLee Feller
14	Brenda Lindsay
15	George Agpoon
15	Brian Campbell
16	Brennen Fischer
19	Kevin Barnes
19	Gladys Roszkowski
22	Kevin Lovelace
30	Eileen Fischer
30	JoAnn Hauenstine
31	Judy Roberts
31	Ruth Bauman



## Human Relations Day

A United Methodist Church Special Sunday  
 January 16, 2011

Your gifts toward the special offering on this day support at-risk youth, encourage social justice and support:

- Youth offender rehabilitation programs such as Redemptive Kids
- Self-improvement programs such a Community Developers
- Community Advocacy programs that challenge oppression and injustice.

## *Serving Salem in January*

### **Sunday, January 2**

Greeters: Nick & Jennifer Tonz  
Acolyte: Steve Schreiner  
Liturgist: Pastor Linda Vance  
Refreshments: OPEN  
Flowers: OPEN  
Lectionary: Isaiah 60: 1-6  
Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14  
Ephesians 3: 1-12  
Matthew 2: 1-12

### **Sunday, January 9**

Greeters: Bob & Bonnie Stuempfig  
Acolyte: Emilie Cochran  
Liturgist: John Klopp  
Refreshments: OPEN  
Flowers: OPEN  
Lectionary: Isaiah 42: 1-9  
Psalm 29  
Acts 10: 34-43  
Matthew 3: 13-17

### **Sunday, January 16**

Greeters: Rob & Gladys Roszkowski  
Acolyte: Eric Lutzen  
Liturgist: Kermit Bohning  
Refreshments: OPEN  
Flowers: OPEN  
Lectionary: Isaiah 49: 1-7  
Psalm 40: 1-11  
1 Corinthians 1: 1-9  
John 1: 29-42

### **Sunday, January 23**

Greeters: Dick & Nancy Mueller  
Acolyte: Nathan Broege  
Liturgist: Steve Broege  
Refreshments: OPEN  
Flowers: OPEN  
Lectionary: Isaiah 9: 1-4  
Psalm 27:1, 4-9  
1 Corinthians 1: 10-18  
Matthew 4: 12-23

### **Sunday, January 30**

Greeters: Doug & Brenda Lindsay  
Acolyte: Maddi Loppnow  
Liturgist: Julie Stuckemeyer  
Refreshments: OPEN  
Flowers: OPEN  
Lectionary: Micah 6: 1-8  
Psalm 15  
1 Corinthians 1: 18-31  
Matthew 5: 1-12



## *Altar Flowers*

The Flower Chart for 2011 is posted on the kiosk in the narthex. Please sign up to provide flowers for Sunday worship. Celebrations and remembrances are wonderful occasions to provide flowers for the altar. Thank you!



### **Prayer for the New Year**

O God of new beginnings and wonderful surprises, thank you for the gift of a new year. May it be a time of grace for me, a time to grow in faith and love, a time to renew my commitment to following Your Son, Jesus. May

it be a year of blessing for me, a time to cherish my family and friends, a time to renew my efforts at work, a time to embrace my faith more fully. Walk with me in every day and every hour of this new year, that the light of Christ might shine through me, in spite of my weaknesses and failings. Above all, may I remember this year that I am a pilgrim on the sacred path to you.

Amen