



New Year's Day Worship
Sunday, January 1, 9:00 am
 With Holy Communion
 No Church School



January 7, 8:30 am - Noon

We all take pride in our homes. We paint, wash windows, dust, just to name a few of the routine tasks. Salem is our home as well. Salem is the place we come to worship, study, plan, learn, grow, and greet one another. It needs to be taken care of as well. Please mark your calendars for the morning of Saturday, January 7th to come and give a little of your time to help paint, dust, wash, and organize our church. You can choose what you would like to work on - everything from painting to dusting. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex for all the different options and then sign up for one or maybe two. Then, following our work time, lunch will be provided.

Food Pantry Sunday: January 8

Just a reminder that the 2nd 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!

New Year, New Music!

Adult Choir and Handbells

The Salem Handbells meet on Thursdays at 6:30 pm. In January, practices will be on the 12th, 19th, and 26th. Our handbells are directed by Brenda Lindsay.

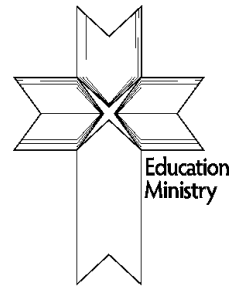
The Salem Choir, directed by Jacob Stensberg, practices on Thursday nights at 7:15 pm. January practices will be the 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th.

Salem Recorders

The Salem Recorders practice on most Sunday mornings following worship. They meet in the copier room just past Pastor Linda's office.

Education Ministry

WOW! Salem's church school has so much to be proud of! First, we collected \$155.41 for UNICEF. That money alone can purchase six emergency first aid kits, eleven protein biscuits to feed eleven starving children, and enough left over to provide clean drinking water for 20 children for a day. Thank you to all who gave to this incredible ministry.



Next, we collected enough money through our December offering to purchase two gifts for our family in need this Christmas. We purchased a Tomas the Tank DVD for the little boy and an ant farm for the little girl. Thank you for helping two children to have gifts to open this Christmas. We know how good it feels to give.

And last, but not least, thank you to all our children, youth, and adults who made the Christmas Program another wonderful experience. Thank you to all for sharing your gifts and talents with the congregation. In the midst of all the busyness of the season, thank you for reminding us to slow down and take time to remember the reason we celebrate. Also, thank you to the Nurture Ministry Team for hosting the brunch that followed, and thanks to all who brought wonderful dishes to share.

Calling All Church School Parents-

There will be a meeting on Sunday, January 15th at 10:10 to talk about the winter/spring session of our children's programming. We will plan out Sundays for our children to sing in worship, dates to practice, and social outings. Please come for this brief meeting in the lounge. If you are unable to attend, but have suggestions, please see Marie.

EQUAL EXCHANGE Products

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.

Waukesha Church Dartball League

Our Salem Dartball Team enjoys the friendly competition of the Church Dartball League 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. Here is the schedule for January:

- January 3: Salem at E&R UCC
- January 10: St. Mark at Salem
- January 17: Salem at Beautiful Savior
- January 24: Salem at Redeemer UCC
- January 31: St. Luke at Salem



**“Salem Saturday”
January 7th**



A fun and productive day!
We will be joining other Salem members in doing various jobs throughout the church building. One of the jobs will be painting the YOUTH ROOM! So put the date on your calendar and plan on being here in the morning (time to be announced) and staying as long as you can! ☺

**Meal Outreach for the Hungry & Homeless
Saturday, January 14, 2:00 pm**

We will meet at Salem and prepare sandwich meals that will include the following: 2 sandwiches, 1 piece of fruit, cookies, and a beverage. We'll travel to Summerfield UMC in Milwaukee to set-up, serve, and clean up. We should be back around 7:00 pm. What a wonderful opportunity we have to serve our brothers and sisters in need!

**Youth Group Meeting
Sunday, January 22, 4:30-6:30 pm**

Details of our meeting are still being planned, but as you know, our Youth Group meetings are fun, and you won't want to miss it!



**Salem Youth Group
on Youth Sunday, Nov. 22, 2011**

Thank you Salem Youth for the wonderful way you led the congregation in worship on Youth Sunday!

Endowment Fund – Making a Difference

Since 1998, partial income disbursements from Salem's Endowment Fund have been used to start and expand ministry programs and provide needed tools to grow our ministry in our congregation and community. These efforts include: the Cross and Flame in our sanctuary, church highway sign bridge financing, classroom cupboards and cabinets, church computers, church security system, Visitor Center cabinet, TV and DVD/VHS unit for Education, library book cart, Handbells, Fall Family Fest, church internet software subscription, Sheltered Reality Drum program. Community outreach efforts include: continued baby supply purchases for the Food Pantry, Healing Hearts of Waukesha County, Circuit 36 Healthy Congregations Seminar, and matching gifts for the Hebron House homeless shelter. Your gifts do make a difference. In 2010, we launched an Operations Endowment Fund, with the goal of providing future support for our church's annual operating budget. If you would like to learn more about our two Endowment Funds, ask Gary Wollenzien.

S.A.M.S. Club

Our December 4th trip began with brunch at Perkin's and then carpooling to the Domes in Milwaukee. We were greeted by booths set up with arts and crafts for sale, three domes beautifully decorated, and Christmas carols performed by the Wisconsin Badger's Alumni Band. What a great way to begin the holiday season!



Our January outing will be held right at Salem. We will meet on Tuesday, January 24th at 11:30 A.M. for a chili lunch and pie dessert. After lunch, we will gather to share our hobbies with one another. I know we have artists out there, photographers, woodworkers, knitters, quilters, sewers, and volunteers, etc. So let's get together and share our talents. Please watch for the sign-up sheet on the kiosk.

Be a Snow Angel for a Senior This Winter!

Seniors and adults with disabilities in Waukesha County need volunteers to help with snow removal this winter. Interfaith Senior Programs will match you with those in your neighborhood who won't be safe this winter without caring volunteers to remove snow from driveways and walkways. Adopt a home, or sign up as a "snow sub" to fill in for another volunteer while they're away. Volunteer as a family, congregation, business or individual. Contact Marcia Rupp at Interfaith at 262-549-3348, extension 2409



Salem Highlights

The Outreach Ministry team wants to say THANK YOU to our generous and highly supportive members of Salem! All of our Outreach projects couldn't be successful without your help and amazing support! We wanted to recap the last six months of projects that Salem has made so successful!

Food Pantry Support

- In addition to volunteers and monetary donations, we were able to deliver over 1600 diapers, 6000 wipes, and 15 large cans of formula. We also delivered 106 bags of food and 8 large packages of toilet paper. Since our focus on the Food Pantry in October, Salem's donations have increased substantially, with 74 bags of groceries donated in just the last 3 months!!!

Hope Center Support

- Nine volunteers served at September's Outreach meal!
- "In the Bag" Sunday netted 600 clothing items!
- Our "Coats for Hope" drive netted 50 coats!
- Monetary support (\$400) was received from the Thanksgiving Service!

Children's Free Library-Hope Center

- Almost 400 books for children have been donated to the library!

Christmas Clearing Council

- This year we adopted 3 families, each with 2 children! Salem responded with 40 gifts!

Interfaith

- This year we participated in the "12 Days of Joy" Interfaith Holiday Giving Program. Salem responded by returning 36 gift cards or stamps! Many also have helped by attending the annual Interfaith Fish Fry, seasonal yard work, or transporting seniors!

Blanket Sunday

- The Confirmation class raised (to date) \$672 for Blanket Sunday!

Hebron House

- After learning about the plight of the homeless in Waukesha County and the Hebron House's cuts in funding, Salem responded with \$3264!!!

Thanks
for your
participation

Salem is amazing!!!

Urban Mission Opportunity Summerfield UMC Meal Outreach

Summerfield UMC Meal Outreach is looking for partner churches to serve downtown Milwaukee's hungry and homeless on Saturday evenings (the one day there is no meal available in their neighborhood). The Salem Outreach and Youth Ministries will join Summerfield in this urban mission opportunity to provide a meal. The Youth Ministry will be providing the meal on Saturday, January 14th and the Outreach Ministry will be providing on Saturday, January 28th. Please join us in our partnership with Summerfield! We are looking for cash donations to fund the cost of the meals, a volunteer(s) to shop for the meal, volunteers to prepare the sandwiches, and volunteers to deliver them as well. If you can help, please sign up on the sheets provided. Thank you Salem!



Scrub-a-Dub Dub....Fill the Tub!!!

**Undie Sunday
February 12th**

Help us "fill the tub" with new socks and underwear January 22nd through February 12th. Socks and underwear are one of the greatest needs of those who rely on the 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 22nd and fill the tub! For those who wish to give a monetary donation please designate "Undie Sunday" on your check.

Thank you,
The Salem Outreach Ministry Team

2012 Flower Chart

Please consider providing flowers for the altar. Sundays are available for 2012 on the new Flower Chart on the kiosk. Perhaps you would like to provide flowers in remembrance of a loved one, or in celebration of a special event, birthday, anniversary, etc. Thank you for enhancing our worship space with flowers.



BLESSINGS ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

Jan. 2	Dan Kelley
2	Bill Young
5	Connor Fischer
7	Greg Lutzen
8	Richard Dick
8	Josh Lindsay
8	Zachary Buxengard
8	Liliana Russ
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
30	Eileen Fischer
30	JoAnn Hauenstine
31	Judy Roberts
31	Ruth Bauman



Change of Address:

Jim & Rita Harasha
7611 Pleasant Rd.
Waterford, WI 53185

Serving Salem in January:

Sunday, January 1:

Greeters: Dick & Marlys Tesch
Acolyte: Nathan Broege
Liturgist: Pastor Linda Vance
Refreshments: Betty Henderson
Flowers: OPEN
Lectionary: Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3
Psalm 148
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:22-40

Sunday, January 8:

Greeters: Paul & Carol Becher
Acolyte: Sasha Bauer
Liturgist: John Klopp
Refreshments: OPEN
Flowers: OPEN
Lectionary: Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

Sunday, January 15:

Greeters: Ed & Betty Padgett
Acolyte: Alison Campbell
Liturgist: Sasha Bauer
Refreshments: OPEN
Flowers: OPEN
Lectionary: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

Sunday, January 22:

Greeters: Nick & Jennifer Tonz
Acolyte: Maddi Lopnow
Liturgist: Liz Scrima
Refreshments: OPEN
Flowers: OPEN
Lectionary: Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 62:5-12
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

Sunday, January 29:

Greeters: Jim & Sandy Tonz
Acolyte: Sarina LoPresti
Liturgist: Alison Campbell
Refreshments: OPEN
Flowers: OPEN
Lectionary: Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28



On Sunday, December 4, 2011, the Salem family celebrated the baptism of **Hayden Patrick Acuff**. Hayden is the son of Patrick and Jane Acuff, and grandson of Roy and Julie Stuckemeyer. Hayden was born August 30, 2011. His Godparents are Brandon Bowlby and Niki Rodriguez.

Jacques Crusan to Enter Basic Training

On January 11, 2012, Jacques Crusan will be leaving for basic training at Great Lakes near Chicago, IL. Once he graduates from Basic Training, he will be stationed in Charleston, SC for 18 months. Here he will begin his studies to become a nuclear physicist or possibly a machinist on an air craft carrier. He will be with the navy for six years.



Jacques parents, Bill and Sheryl Crusan became members of Salem on March 11, 2001, and Jacques became a member through Confirmation on May 21, 2006. His sister, Clarisse, became a member in May of 2009.

Jacques graduated from Waukesha West and then continued his education at Carroll University where he completed three semesters. In Jacques' free time, he has been a bus driver for Dairyland. All our prayers and well wishes go with Jacques as he begins a new chapter of his life.