



Pastor Linda will be attending and leading the Academy for Spiritual Formation in Donaldson, Indiana from February 5-12, 2012. Rev. Mel Vance will preach on Sunday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, and Maggie Bringa, our Lay Leader, will preach on Sunday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>.

During Pastor Linda's absence, Rev. Mel Vance will cover for Pastor Linda for any pastoral emergency. To contact him, please call 262-408-5218 (home) or 262-524-7136 (work).



**Souper Bowl  
of Caring  
Sunday,  
February 5, 2012**

On February 5, for each member of your immediate family, bring in one can of soup or non-perishable item or \$1.00. These items will be collected following the worship service. All the canned goods and monies will be donated to the Waukesha Food Pantry. Please take part in this wonderful ministry of serving others in need.



**Scrub-a-Dub Dub....  
Fill the Tub!!!  
Undie Sunday  
February 12<sup>th</sup>**

Help us "fill the tub" with new socks and underwear January 22<sup>nd</sup> through February 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> and fill the tub! All sizes are needed for men, women, and children. For those who wish to give a monetary donation please designate "Undie Sunday" on your check.

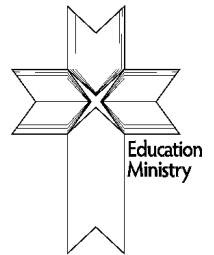
Thank you,  
The Salem Outreach Ministry Team

### **Food Pantry Sunday: February 12**

Just a reminder 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!

### **Education Ministry**

Our offering designation for the month of February is "Undee Sunday". We will be working with the Outreach Ministry Team to collect new socks and underwear for boys, girls, men and women. Please feel free to bring in clothing items, or you may donate money, which will be used to purchase underwear and socks. Also, on February 5th, we will be collecting cans of soup or money for "Souper Bowl" Sunday. The cans of soup and money will be donated to the Waukesha Food Pantry.



For your calendars, we will not have church school on February 19th as this is Heritage Sunday at Salem. We will celebrate our history during worship and then gather together for a potluck following worship. Please plan on attending this wonderful morning.

### **Children's Ministry-**

Our children will be gathering to practice, sing for the congregation, and attend a social outing together. Please see the dates below and add them to your calendar:

- February 18th-11:00 A.M. rehearsal, 11:30 A.M. lunch, sledding following at Minooka or Lowell School
- February 19th- Sing in worship for Heritage Sunday
- March 17th- 11:00 A.M. rehearsal, 11:30 A.M. lunch with a green theme for St. Patrick's Day
- March 18th- Sing in worship as we honor our ministries at Salem
- March 29th- (Note change in time) 5:30 P.M. dinner, 6:00 P.M. Handbells practice, 6:30 P.M. choir practice
- April 1st- Sing and play in worship for Palm Sunday

### **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 remaining schedule for the season:

- February 7: E&R UCC at Salem
- February 14: Salem at St. Mark
- February 21: Beautiful Savior at Salem
- March 6: Dartball League Tournament



### Youth Group Progressive Dinner Sunday, February 12, 4:00 pm

Details of this fun dinner are still being planned! For now, put it on your calendar and plan on participating!



### 30 Hour Famine 2012 March 2-3

This is open to all youth and adults. If you have done the Famine, you know the impact of this experience.

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. 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.

### Hope Center Outreach Meal Friday, February 17

The Hope Center is a ministry committed to serving those in need throughout Waukesha County. The Outreach Meal Program is needed now more than ever in our community. Salem's date to serve is Friday, February 17th. We will need to supply servers, help with the clean up, and provide milk and desserts for about 80 men, women, and children. Food and servers should arrive at the Hope Center at 5:00 p.m., and dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. Please sign up on the kiosk to help with this important activity! Thank you, Salem, for your support of the Hope Center's Outreach Meal Program.

### Time to treat your sweetie!

Valentine's Day will soon be here. Pick up some candy bars, almonds, or another **Equal Exchange** product for your Valentine. A can of delicious hot cocoa mix will be warming on a cold winter's day. As usual we have a variety of teas to please many tastes. By purchasing Equal Exchange products you will not only receive a delicious product, but also give a fair price to small scale farmers all around the world thus enabling them to build a better future for their family.



### Ash Wednesday Service

February 22, 7:00 pm  
First United Methodist Church, Waukesha  
This is a combined service with Salem, First UMC, and Bethel Hill UMC.  
Please join us!



### Adult Choir and Handbells

The Salem Handbells meet on Thursdays at 6:30 pm. Our Choir meets for rehearsals on Thursdays also, at 7:15 pm. In February, Handbells will be practicing every Thursday night. Our handbells are directed by Brenda Lindsay. The Choir will meet Feb. 2, 9, and 16<sup>th</sup>. Our Choir director is Jacob Stensberg.

### Salem Recorders

The Salem Recorders practice on most Sunday mornings following worship. They meet in the copier room just past Pastor Linda's office. They would love another recorder in their group!

### S.A.M.S. Club "Happy Days" Sunday, Feb. 12

We had such a wonderful time watching our own Grace Callen in Waukesha North's production of, "The Giver". Now we have the pleasure of attending the Waukesha West production of, "Happy Days" on Sunday, February 12th at 2:00 P.M. Our own Libbi Chapin works behind the scenes for this production. The seats have been reserved and the cost is \$8.00 for seniors. If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the kiosk. There are only 16 spots available, so sign up today.





## Celebrate Our Heritage

**Heritage Sunday at Salem  
February 26, 2012**

This special Sunday will begin with worship at 9:00 am when we will be celebrating our historical roots as a congregation. After worship, we will move to the fellowship hall for a church-wide potluck. Please sign up on the poster in the narthex for a dish to share. We are also asking everyone to bring in a wedding photo or baptismal photo. What a wonderful day this will be as we celebrate our heritage and look forward to the future at Salem UMC!

### A Thank you Note from Interfaith

Dear Salem UMC,

Thank you so much for donating items for the Holiday Giving program this year. 373 low-income and isolated seniors and adults with disabilities received a welcome surprise in the mail. Thanks to you, each envelope mailed out was filled with \$75.00 of gift cards, stamps, handmade cards, bookmarks, homemade ornaments, pens, sticky notes, calendars, and more. Here is a note sent to Interfaith by a grateful recipient:

*"I'd just like to take the time to thank you. Maybe you don't know what the gift envelope means. It was really surprising to me how many useful items were packed into a small envelope! I love, love the gifts from Interfaith."*

You and others who generously gave to this program have captured the true spirit of the holiday season, and shared in with neighbors who have no one else.

Gratefully,  
The Interfaith Senior Programs' Staff

### 2012 Flower Chart

Please consider providing flowers for the altar. Sundays are available in 2012 include:

February 5, 12, 26  
March 25  
April 1, 15, 29  
May 6, 13, 27  
June 3, 17  
July 8, 22  
August 5, 26  
September 2, 9, 16, 30  
October 7, 21, 28  
November 4, 11, 25  
December 9, 23, 30

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.



On Sunday, January 15, 2012, the Salem family celebrated the baptism of Josephine Margaret Wojcik. Josephine is the daughter of Matthew and Kelly Wojcik, and granddaughter of Paul and Bonnie Wojcik. She was born on June 12, 2011.



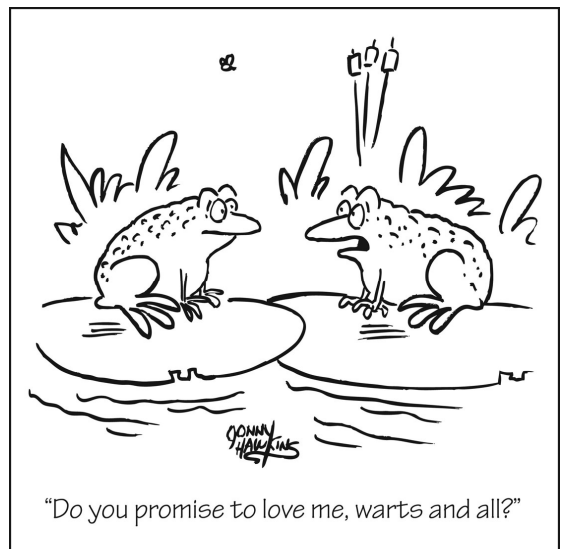
**BLESSINGS  
ON YOUR  
BIRTHDAY**

February 7	Ken Reichert
7	Carol Stachowicz
11	Alex Bodanske
12	Dylan Mahnke
15	Brian Fischer
18	Dawn Hackel
21	Dan Holmes
23	Mildred Walsh
25	Cory Buxengard
25	Cole Nease



Tell someone  
you love them.

Hugs are free!



"Do you promise to love me, warts and all?"



## **Youth Group 30-Hour Famine March 2-3**

On March 2-3, 2012, Salem's Youth Group will be participating in World Vision's 30-Hour Famine. By going 30 hours without food, they'll experience what so many poverty-stricken children and families feel every day. Our youth will be pushed out of their comfort zone and gain a new perspective on a world that is in need of help. The Bible says that fasting is an opportunity to focus our thoughts, prayers and efforts on things most important to God. It is a way to draw near to God. World Vision's 30-Hour Famine began in the US in 1992. Over one million teens from over 25 countries participate in this effort each year.

The participants of the 30-Hour Famine will start their famine at 1:00 P.M. (on their own) on Friday, March 2. Then they will meet at Salem at 7:00 pm, and will stay together the next 24 hours during a "Lock-in" at church. During this time, the youth will be participating in activities, Bible study, games relating to hunger awareness, a service project, and other fun things! They will be able to drink water and juice. At 7:00 pm on Saturday, they will break their fast together.

### **Here's how you can help our YOUTH GROUP:**

1. Praying for the Famine participants, and also for the families throughout the world who desperately need relief.
2. Supporting our youth participants with a donation. Your generosity not only impacts the lives of participating youth but also saves lives around the world.
3. In the narthex, there will be a poster with a sign-up for pledges. Please consider pledging \$1.00 for each hour our youth will be fasting. \$30.00 will feed and care for a hungry child for one month! So, if we get 12 people to do this, this one child will be provided food and care for a whole year!

The 30-Hour Famine is not limited to only youth and teens. If you would like to participate with us, or have any questions about the 30 Hour Famine, please talk with Amy Manns. Also feel free to check out the website: [www.30hourfamine.org](http://www.30hourfamine.org).

## **Serving Salem in February:**

### **Sunday, February 5:**

Greeters: Bob & Bonnie Stuempfig  
Acolyte: Jacob Lindsay  
Liturgist: Pastor Linda Vance  
Refreshments: OPEN  
Flowers: OPEN  
Lectionary: Isaiah 40:21-31  
Psalm 147:1-11  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
Mark 1:29-39

### **Sunday, February 12:**

Greeters: Ken & Maggie Bringa  
Acolyte: Cole Cochran  
Liturgist: Emilie Cochran  
Refreshments: Bill & Sandy Pardoe  
Flowers: OPEN  
Lectionary: 2 Kings 5:1-14  
Psalm 30  
1 Corinthians 9:24-27  
Mark 1:40-45

### **Sunday, February 19:**

Greeters: The Feller Family  
Acolyte: Aaron Broege  
Liturgist: Noah Mitchell  
Refreshments: OPEN  
Flowers: Wes Ehke  
Lectionary: 2 Kings 2:1-12  
Psalm 50:1-6  
2 Corinthians 4:3-6  
Mark 9:2-9

### **Sunday, February 26:**

Greeters: The Campbell Family  
Acolyte: Emilie Cochran  
Liturgist: Maggie Bringa  
Refreshments: OPEN  
Flowers: OPEN  
Lectionary: Genesis 9:8-17  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:9-15

