

IT'S BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!

December 6, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Breakfast, craft, music, a Christmas Story plus a picture with Santa! This event is open to the community, so invite your neighbors, friends, and relatives! The cost is \$6.00 per person – Children 2 and under are free!

Reserve your tickets by contacting the church office: (262)547-5231, or email Office@SalemOnTheHill.org.

You may also speak with Laurie Buxengard or Sandy Tonz.



CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS with the WAUKESHA BROADWAY SINGERS

at the Annual Christmas Party
Hosted by the Salem UMW

**December 7, 2012
4:00-6:00 pm**

Join us for food, fun, and
fellowship!



Come one, come all! Bring your family and friends! We are once again hosting our wonderful musical guests, the Waukesha Broadway Singers! This very talented group of 30 singers will share with us Christmas songs, new and old. The Salem United Methodist Women joyfully present them to you as part of our annual Christmas party!



FOOD Pantry
OF WAUKESHA COUNTY

End hunger. Start here.

The second Sunday of each month is Food Pantry Sunday at Salem! The next date is Sunday, December 14th. Baby Items are this month's focus. Monetary donations are also equally appreciated!



**Children &
Family Ministries**

News from Marie...

Church School

We have begun our next rotational unit, "Journey to Bethlehem", which will run through Christmas. We will have Storytelling, Art, and Computers. This rotation will prepare us to celebrate the birth of Jesus, hear that, as Christians, we believe that Jesus is the Messiah, and recognize Advent as the name of a special time of the church year. We will learn that we recognize Jesus as God's greatest gift to all people, and to be able to locate the account of Jesus' birth in Luke. We will listen to and be able to tell the biblical story of Jesus' birth. We are excited to walk with Mary and Joseph on this very special journey. We know how hard it is to wait for our gifts at Christmas. This rotation will help us to learn how Jesus' parents felt as they waited for their special gift from God.

Our preschool program is in its initial stages. We have two children involved at the present time and they are beginning their faith journey together. This is a very special bond that will grow for these two wonderful children and their parents.

Our junior and senior high students are meeting for church school on the first Sunday of each month. Steve Broege will be leading this class. The youth will then meet twice per month on Sunday evenings for study, activities and dinner. They will also be participating in the 30 Hour Famine, a lock-in, Youth Sunday, and the Christian Disciple Farm over the summer.

Please continue to pray for all of our children and youth as they walk their faith journeys with one another.

A Special Thank You

A special thank you to our youth for leading our worship service on November 23rd! Your passion for Christ was evident in every part of the service. Thank you for sharing your gifts with the congregation. You are an inspiration to Salem.

Christmas Program

Please mark your calendars for rehearsals:

- Saturday, Dec. 6th - following Santa's Breakfast for one hour
- Saturday, Dec. 13th from 9:00-10:30 AM



**Children's
Christmas Program
Sunday, Dec. 14
9:00 AM**


Everyone is invited to the annual Salem Children's Christmas

Program! Come and share with the children in this time of preparation for the coming of our Savior. We will sing together, the children will share a special message and the Salem Recorders will play. Please mark your calendars to be a part of this wonderful service.

Following worship, we will join together for brunch in the fellowship hall. The sign up sheet is in the narthex. Beverages, dessert, and place settings will be provided. Please sign up for a dish to pass. We look forward to seeing you in worship on Dec. 14th!



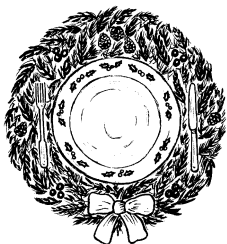
*Wednesday,
December 24
7:30 pm
Traditional
Candlelight
Service
at Salem*



**Christmas Caroling!
Sunday, Dec. 21
2:00 pm**

Mark your calendars and plan to go Christmas Caroling with your Salem friends! This year we'll be singing at Merrill Hills Manor Senior Care Community where Helen Jenkins lives. They have asked us to provide Christmas Carols for everyone there. We are hoping many people from Salem will join us! We will be meeting at Merrill Hills Manor at 2:00 p.m. located at 3217 Fiddlers Creek Drive in Waukesha.

**Christmas Meals
for Homebound & Needy**



Most of us are fortunate to have family and friends to share the holidays with. But here are many individuals in our area who are either homebound or alone, or just having a hard time

making ends meet. On Christmas Day, meals will be prepared at St. Williams' Church and will be delivered or picked up between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. If you or someone you know is in this situation, please contact Marcia Slowinski at 262-798-1520 to arrange for a meal to be delivered by volunteers from St. Williams. It is their sincere intent to make sure no one spends Christmas alone or goes without a warm dinner.

Knitting & Crocheting Ministry



Salem's Knitting & Crocheting Ministry began in 2013. One of our first projects was making prayer shawls for all of our shut-ins. In December of 2013, each

shut-in was gifted with a prayer shawl that was either knitted or crocheted with love and care.

In addition making prayer shawls for our shut-ins, we knit and crochet items for various recipients in our community who need a little TLC (tender loving care)! For example, we have knitted and crocheted mittens, hats, and scarves for children at local elementary and middle schools and also at the Hope Center in Waukesha.

We need YOU to join us in this wonderful caring ministry! If you want to learn a new skill, come and we will teach you! Or perhaps you have not knitted or crocheted for awhile. Just come and refresh your skills.

This is our meeting schedule (weather permitting!):

On Tuesday evenings

7:00-9:00 pm

At the home of Betty Henderson
300 Jennifer Lane, Brookfield

OR

Thursday mornings

10:00 am – Noon

At Salem United Methodist Church

Imagine No Malaria

Imagine No Malaria is a ministry aimed at raising \$75 million world-wide toward the elimination of malaria deaths in Africa. Through the Wisconsin Conference, Salem UMC set a goal of raising \$2,000.00 towards this ministry. As of publication of this Tidings' edition, Salem had raised \$1,977.00 towards our goal of \$2,000.00! We are confident that goal will be met, thanks to the generosity of our Salem family!

One of the reasons we will meet this goal is because of the hard work of Pastor Jorge, his wife Rosy, and their family who prepared and served an authentic El Salvadoran dinner as a fundraiser on November 7th. This was a wonderful way that both Pastor Jorge and Rosy shared their birthday celebrations with our congregation. It was an evening when we gave thanks for the gift of life.



Besides other tasty dishes, the meal also included Refried Beans made by Pastor Jorge, and delicious Plantain Empanadas (plantains with a creamy milk filling, fried then rolled in sugar).

Muy delicioso!



Thank you for the wonderful and delicious dinner, Pastor Jorge, Pastor Rosy, and family!



We enjoyed the traditional "pupusa" (thick, handmade corn tortillas).





Dick and Nancy Mueller have moved to a new home in Sussex! They have a new phone number also. Please make these changes to your directories:

Dick and Nancy Mueller
N57 W24116 N. Sycamore Circle
Sussex, WI 53089
PHONE: 262-372-4343

December Birthdays

December 4	Sue Guenther
5	Samari Monterrey
6	Jacques Crusan
9	Mario Monterrey
10	Harriet Young
10	Lydia Kelley
11	Bonnie Stuempfig
13	Jeff Jinkins
15	Jessica Tomaszak
16	Marie Broege
16	Liz Scrima
20	John Huebner
22	Sheryl Crusan
24	Ed Padgett
25	Abby Mitchell
27	Jenny Tonz
28	Gary Rongstad
29	Julie Mitchell
31	Betty Henderson

Serving Salem in December:

Sunday, December 7

Greeters: Bill & Harriet Young
Acolyte: Sarina LoPresti
PowerPoint: John Klopp
Worship Leader: Amy Manns
Liturgists: Maggie Bringa & Betty Henderson
Children's Time: Marie Broege
Serving Communion:
Flowers: Ralph & Sue Yont
Refreshments: Ralph & Sue Yont

Sunday, December 14

Greeters: Ralph & Sue Yont
Acolyte: Sydney Hernandez
PowerPoint:
Worship Leader: Christmas Program
Liturgists: Donna Reichert & Carol Becher
Children's Time: Christmas Program
Flowers: Aaron & Nathan Broege
Refreshments: Lenny & Karen Hernandez

Sunday, December 21:

Greeters: Bill & Sandy Pardoe
Acolyte: Cole Cochran
PowerPoint: Paul Becher
Worship Leader: Marie Broege
Liturgists: Kermit Bohning & Gary Wollenzien
Children's Time:
Flowers: Poinsettias
Refreshments: OPEN

Sunday, December 28:

Greeters: Bill & Jo Ann Hauenstine
Acolyte: Alison Campbell
PowerPoint:
Worship Leader: Marlys Tesch
Liturgists: Marlys Tesch & Kim Newton
Children's Time:
Flowers: OPEN
Refreshments: OPEN

LECTIONARY

2nd Sunday in Advent

Dec. 7 Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

3rd Sunday in Advent

Dec. 14 Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

4th Sunday in Advent

Dec. 21 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Luke 1:47-55
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

1st Sunday after Christmas Day

Dec. 28 Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3
Psalm 148
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:22-40