



At Salem our mission is to **GROW** Disciples of Jesus Christ

**G**od  
**R**elationships  
**O**utreach  
**W**orship

### Undie Sundays!

Now through February 19th, each Sunday at Salem is Undie Sunday! Our Outreach Team sponsors this project each year to benefit those in our community who do not have one of the basic necessities – UNDERWEAR! (Warm socks, underpants, t-shirts etc. for men, women and children are needed.) Clients receive a very limited amount of underwear at a visit. Sometimes there is NO underwear available at all! Please place your newly purchased items in the wash tub under the Outreach Board. If you wish to make a cash donation make your check out to Salem and indicate the funds are for Undie Sunday. We will do the shopping for you! Our collection ends on Sunday, February 19th.

Fill me with undies and socks!



### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Valentines Dinner

Friday night, February 17<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 at Salem UMC

Salem's Nurture Committee invites one and all to its fifth annual event for couples and singles alike. Sunset Family Restaurant will cater another wonderful fish fry in our fellowship hall on Friday, February 17 at 6:30 p.m. Price of \$14.00 includes beverage, dessert and musical entertainment. For reservations, please call Bonnie Stuempfig at 262-547-3455 or email at [bonniestuempfig@yahoo.com](mailto:bonniestuempfig@yahoo.com). We guarantee you'll have a good time!



### Sunday School

Our Sunday School children are enjoying the Sharefaith curriculum containing Bible Stories, Bible videos, and Bible activities that are helping them to grow spiritually. Here is what the children will be studying for the month of February:

Feb 12<sup>th</sup> Wilderness Wanderings

Feb 19<sup>th</sup> The Battle of Jericho

Feb 26<sup>th</sup> Gideon The Judge

In addition, we will be teaching the children about God-rooted living and simple things they can do that would make a difference in their everyday life.

### Confirmation Classes

During our confirmation classes on Feb 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, we will be talking about worship and the sacraments.

### Needed for our Nursery: DVDs

Our nursery attendance is growing! We are in need of DVDs for young children to be played during the time they are in the nursery to start the learning process. If you have any DVDs that you think would be a good fit for 2-5 year olds, please let Bill Pardoe know. Thanks!

### Food Pantry Sunday is February 12th

Donating to the Food Pantry's is a wonderful way to "give back" to the community. Please consider providing ongoing monthly support by: 1) Place your monetary donation in an envelope, label it "Food Pantry" and drop it in the collection plate. It will be sent to the Pantry and will allow them to purchase items like milk and eggs. 2) Bring in non-perishable food items or personal care products (shampoos, soaps, toothpaste, etc.). Both of these options will help keep the Pantry's shelves full. Thank you for your generosity!

### Food Pantry Volunteers

Food pantry volunteers are in need of subs. If you are available the second Monday of the month from 12:30 until 3 pm, please consider signing up to sub. The sign-up sheet is on the kiosk.



## MISSION TRIP

Pastor Jorge will be traveling to Cochabamba, Bolivia, on a mission trip February 15-25, 2017. Pastor Jorge and four others, including Bishop Hee-Soo Jung and his wife, will be on the faculty of a 5-day Academy for Spiritual Formation for our

Methodist brothers and sisters in Bolivia. We will pray for safe travels and God's blessings for Pastor Jorge and his team.

If you have a concern while Pastor Jorge is gone, please contact our SPRC Chairperson, Kermit Bohning (262-336-6976). Pastor Rosy will be available for any pastoral needs.

### School Supply Collection for Cochabamba, Bolivia

Salem is taking up a collection of school supplies that Pastor Jorge can take with him to Bolivia. The supplies will be used by children at church daycare facilities and schools. Suggested items include the following:

- Colored markers & colored pencils
- Regular pencils & pens
- Notebooks, erasers, pencil sharpeners
- Toothbrushes, toothpaste

Please place your items in the box on the kiosk. Deadline for items is Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your donations!



### Altar Flowers

### 2017 Flower Chart

The flower chart for 2017 is on the kiosk, and there are many open dates to provide flowers for worship on Sunday mornings. Please consider flowers or a plant in memory of a loved one,

to celebrate a special day (anniversary, birthday, etc.) or just to add beauty to our sanctuary.

### MISSING!

The stepstool that is kept in the library near the book shelf (white with black trim) is missing. If anyone has borrowed it, could you please return it. If you know of its whereabouts, please speak with Gladys Roszkowski. Thank you!



## South East District Learning Event Saturday, February 11, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Watertown Christ UMC

All churches in the Wisconsin Conference are invited to this free event. There will be four parts to this event:

- Encouraging and Empowering Youth: Special Guest, Rori Blakeney, on the staff of Young People Ministries (Discipleship Ministries), works to empower and equip youth, young adults, and adults to lead in the life of the church.
- Finance Questions: meet our new Treasurer & Director of Administration, Tamara Wims. Bring your finance questions!
- Safe Sanctuaries Update by Rev. Sharon Cook & Rev. Dr. Kate Croskery Jones
- Forum on Feasibility Study Information  
Childcare and lunch are provided. A donation will be taken for Rising Sun Camp. Please RSVP to 414-271-5080.

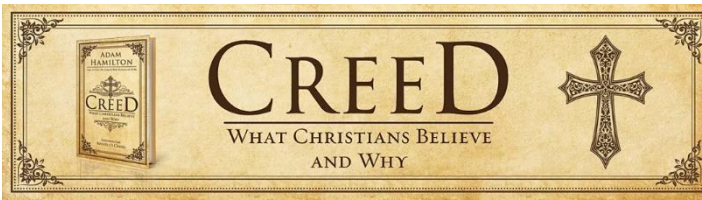
*Time to treat your sweetheart, a friend, or yourself!*



Valentine's Day will soon be here. Pick up some individual candy bars, or a bag of mini chocolate bars for your Valentine. A can of delicious hot cocoa mix (milk or dark chocolate!) would be a great treat for the cold winter days yet to come! 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 families.



**AS THE FATHER HAS LOVED ME,  
SO I HAVE LOVED YOU.  
~JESUS**



## 2017 Lenten Study

Mar. 7 - Apr. 11, Tuesdays at Noon & 6:30 pm

What do Christians believe and why? And why does it matter? Some powerful answers are contained in the Apostles' Creed, an early statement on foundational Christian beliefs. Mark your calendars! More information will be available soon on a poster in the narthex.

*February Birthdays*

Feb. 7	Ken Reichert
7	Carol Stachowicz
15	Brian Fischer
25	Cory Buxengard
25	Cole Nease
28	Kim Newton



- February 5    Isaiah 58:1-12  
                      Psalm 112:1-10  
                      1 Corinthians 2:1-16  
                      Matthew 5:13-20
- February 12    Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
                      Psalm 119:1-8  
                      1 Corinthians 3:1-9  
                      Matthew 5:21-37
- February 19    Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18  
                      Psalm 119:33-40  
                      1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23  
                      Matthew 5:38-48
- February 26    Exodus 24:12-18  
                      Psalm 99  
                      2 Peter 1:16-21  
                      Matthew 17:1-9

## *Serving Salem in February*

### **Sunday, February 5**

Greeters: Dale & Karla Henry  
 Acolyte: Seth Hernandez  
 PowerPoint: Gary Wollenzien  
 Worship Leader: Marlys Tesch  
 Liturgist: Gary Wollenzien  
 Children's Time: Bill Pardoe  
 Flowers:  
 Refreshments: Bill & Sandy Pardoe

### **Sunday, February 12**

Greeters: Doug & Brenda Lindsay  
 Acolyte: Chase Hernandez  
 PowerPoint: John Klopp  
 Worship Leader: Cory Buxengard  
 Liturgist: Aaron Buxengard  
 Children's Time: Kim Newton  
 Flowers:  
 Refreshments:

### **Sunday, February 19**

Greeters: Bill & Sandy Pardoe  
 Acolyte: Aaron Buxengard  
 PowerPoint: Paul Becher  
 Worship Leader: Maggie Bringa  
 Liturgist: Lenny Hernandez  
 Children's Time: Maggie Bringa  
 Flowers:  
 Refreshments:

### **Sunday, February 26**

Greeters: Cory & Laurie Buxengard  
 Acolyte: Isaac Chapin  
 PowerPoint: Harriet Young  
 Worship Leader: Harriet Young  
 Liturgist: Kermit Bohning  
 Children's Time: Pastor Jorge  
 Flowers:  
 Refreshments:





# Valentine's Day Quiz

- In what year was Valentine's Day declared?
  - 1825
  - 1420
  - 1200
  - 498
- The oldest known Valentine to be in existence today was a poem written in what year?
  - 1825
  - 1492
  - 1415
  - 1962
- Where did Charles, Duke of Orleans, write the oldest Valentine?
  - While in battle
  - While Imprisoned in the Tower of London
  - On the road to Mandalay
  - While with his mistress
- When did Valentine's Day begin to be popularly celebrated in Great Britain?
  - 17th century
  - 19th century
  - 20th century
  - 18<sup>th</sup> century
- During the Middle Ages, why did they decide the day should be romantic?
  - Romance was getting popular
  - It was a popular wedding date
  - Feb 14 starts the bird's mating season
  - The Pope decreed it
- When did printed cards take the place of handwritten ones?
  - Beginning of 18th century
  - Beginning of 19th century
  - End of 17th century
  - Middle of 18th century
- In what year was the first mass produced Valentine sold in the USA?
  - 1880
  - 1840
  - 1910
  - 1900
- How many Valentines are sent each year?
  - 100 million
  - 500 million
  - 1 billion
  - 10 million
- Valentine's come in at what place as the largest card-selling holiday?
  - Fourth
  - Third
  - First
  - Second
- Which of the following items is the gift most given on Valentine's Day?
  - Jewelry
  - Candy
  - Flowers
  - Cards
- On average, how many marriages are there annually in the United States (based on 2013 statistics)?
  - 4.16 Million
  - 2.16 Million
  - 3.16 Million
  - 1.16 Million

- What percentage of Valentine's Day cards are purchased by women?
  - 45%
  - 85%
  - 65%
  - 75%
- What is the average number of children conceived on Valentine's Day annually in the United States?
  - 11,000
  - 5,000
  - 7,500
  - 15,000
- Approximately, what percentage of flowers sold for Valentine's Day are purchased by men?
  - 65%
  - 75%
  - 40%
  - 50%
- Approximately, what percentage of women send themselves flowers on Valentine's Day each year in the United States?
  - 30%
  - 40%
  - 20%
  - 10%

**ANSWERS**

1. 498 - Pope Gelasius declared Valentine's Day February 14, 498 A.D.
2. 1415 - Charles, Duke of Orleans, wrote it to his wife.
3. While imprisoned in the Tower of London - The Duke was captured during the Battle of Agincourt.
4. 17th century - Friends and lovers exchanged small tokens of affection.
5. Feb 14 starts the bird's mating season - This was commonly believed in England and France.
6. End of 17th century - Printing technology had been improved by then.
7. 1840 - They were started by Esther A. Howland.
8. 1 billion - This is according to the Greeting Card Association.
9. Second - Christmas is #1
10. Cards - Cards come in first, followed closely by candy and then flowers.
11. 2.16 Million
12. 85 percent - About 65% of consumers participate in Valentine's Day.
13. 11,000
14. 75 percent - According to a 2013 poll, over fifty percent of women would end their relationship if they did not receive something for Valentine's Day.
15. 10 percent - There are close to 25,000 florists nationwide in the United States.

