

**Don't forget...
Food Pantry Sunday
at Salem,
April 14!**

Did you know....

Over the course of 2012, the Food Pantry of Waukesha County provided food to 16,523 clients? Each week, an average of 1,468 people turn to the Food Pantry for assistance, and **40% of them are children**. Because of Salem's generosity, along with that of others in our community, there are 587 children each week in Waukesha County who are growing stronger, getting healthier, and starting each day better prepared for school. Thank you for putting trust in the Food Pantry and allowing their staff and volunteers to be stewards of your gifts. Our generosity as a congregation helps them strive toward their vision of ending hunger in Waukesha County.

30 Hour Famine

Thank you!

The youth and adults of Salem would like to thank the congregation for your prayerful and financial support of our 30 Hour Famine on March 1-2. We surpassed our goal and we have raised \$2,650.00! **World Vision has been given matching grant funds that will multiply the impact of the money we raised by FIVE times!** Amazing!! The youth and adults who did the 30 Hour Famine are very grateful for your generosity!

 **FaithLink**

**New Adult Church School Class
Begins Sunday, April 14, 10:10 am**

Please join Pastor Jorge in this new class called **FaithLink!** FaithLink is a study for use by young adults and adults who want to apply their United Methodist beliefs to current faith issues and world events. The weekly lesson examines current news events and issues in the culture and in the life of the church from the perspective of biblical faith and United Methodist teaching. Please join us!

Children & Family Ministry

News from Marie...

Thank you so much to all who participated in the Food Pantry activity on Sunday, March 17. With the food collected by the Youth Group and donations from the congregation, we bagged over **385 items!** The children learned a lot about how the Food Pantry works, about the people who come each month, and how important it is for us to reach out and help others in need. I delivered the bags the next morning, and they were so thankful to have so many bags come in on a Monday morning. You each made a difference!



Building Bricks!

On Sunday, April 14th, we will be doing a hands-on activity that goes along with Paul Webster's Mujila Falls project. The children are going to mix their own cement and create bricks that they will be writing their names, date, and any saying they would like. These bricks will be placed on the grounds at Salem. They will be learning what it is like to mix cement, pour it into a mold, let it harden, remove it from the mold and then place them together to enhance the landscape at Salem. For each brick made, our church school will donate \$1.00. A bag of cement is \$13.00, so hopefully we will have at least 13 children and youth participate. If families would like to give additionally, you are more than welcome. Please mark your calendars now for this upcoming mission event.

Reminder: Please see the volunteer sign up sheets on the bulletin board in the narthex to help provide a snack, or lead a game or craft for Church School. Everything is planned out for you, and the children love getting to know members of the congregation.

News from the Outreach Ministry Team



CROP Hunger Walk

Calling All Walkers!
**CROP
Hunger Walk 2013
Saturday, April 27th**

Walkers, get ready!
This year's CROP Walk
is at Frame Park in

Waukesha. Registration begins at 9:30 am at the Schuetze Recreation Center and the walk starts at 10 am. Every dollar raised will be increased through the Feinstein Foundation, as they will be dividing \$1 million among hunger fighting events such as the CROP walk. The walk is also a food drive for the Waukesha Food Pantry, so bring your non-perishable food items along. Food items collected count as \$1 in the Feinstein Foundation Million Dollar Challenge! Please see Kim Newton or call her (262-442-6337) to pick up your pledge packet. If unable to walk this year, please consider sponsoring a walker from Salem!

Thank you Salem!



Wisconsin Annual Conference *Live the Fruit of the Spirit: Preparing the Soil* (Ingathering 2013)

This year's Annual Conference will be held at the Marriot West in Middleton, WI. Outreach and the United Methodist Women will be focused on collecting supplies to fill **24 Kids' Kits** for the Harbor House in Superior, WI. These kits will be brought to the Annual Conference for the Ingathering event. **Can you help us meet this goal?** Pick a flower from our garden on the Outreach bulletin board. Each flower has an item printed on it that is needed to fill our kits. Please return the item and place in the basket provided. Monetary donations are also welcome! Just designate on your check "Harbor House."

Thank you Salem!

Founded in 1996, the Harbor House Crisis Shelter's mission is to provide hospitable shelter, transitional living, and services for homeless women and families. They provide emergency shelter for 30 days, with each family having their own secure room.

Match Day 2013

Match Day was held on March 14th, and was a huge success! Match Day raised more than \$2.8 million in just 24 hours! The one-day online giving event raised funds for 21 food and shelter agencies across southern Wisconsin. Funds raised during the event were proportionately matched with money from a \$750,000 pool from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation. Here are the results of donations toward local organizations:

- Waukesha County Food Pantry \$109,305.00
- The Women's Center \$149,808.00
- Hebron House \$117,256.00
- Hope Center \$71,114.00

Get Involved With Interfaith!

May Yard Clean Up

Interfaith is seeking volunteers to prepare yards for the upcoming summer season. Volunteers will rake leaves, clean outdoor windows, clean gutters, install screens, trim bushes, and clean flower beds for local seniors and adults with disabilities. Choose a date in May that works for you! Call (262) 549-3348 or visit www.interfaithwaukesha.org

Information can also be found on the kiosk!

THANK YOU to all those who helped with the Summerfield Meal on Feb. 16th. We appreciate the donations of chili, muffins and bars. Thanks also to those who purchased fruit and beverages as well as the people who served the meal. Your efforts were much appreciated by the hungry and homeless who came to eat at Summerfield. Our Undie Sunday was another huge success due to the generosity of Salem! We collected a total of 251 pieces of underwear and socks. We also received donations of \$580 to purchase more underwear for the Hope Center. Salem can always be counted on to help the less fortunate, and we are grateful. Thank you!

Spring Gala Dinner & Auction to Benefit Interfaith

Thursday, April 25, 2013

5:30 - 8:30 pm

Milwaukee Marriott West

See the kiosk in the narthex for more info.



**UMW
Noon Luncheon**

Wednesday, April 17

**HAGAR
USA/INTERNATIONAL**

I imagine you think **fireworks** should be in a July Tidings, but we've got exciting news that deserves fireworks as we announce....

The United Methodist Women of Salem are hosting a luncheon followed by an exciting program as HAGAR USA/INTERNATIONAL as our guest presenter. If you haven't put this important date on your calendar – DO IT NOW....This is a Must-Not-Miss event!

Jane Tafel, Managing Director of Hagar USA will be our presenter. You may have seen the CBS documentary on the RESCUE operations that free the young girls and boys from brothels and wondered what happens to these children after the rescue? HAGAR is the best answer I know.

This program takes over when Rescue ends with medical care, psychological counseling, education, job training, micro loans and half-way homes or foster parenting until Jane or John are ready to make it on their own in the real world. Come and learn how this is happening internationally, including Afghanistan, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam.

If possible, try to read at least one of the books in our library on the subject of sex trafficking before the meeting. I suggest the following books: *Half the Sky* by Kristoff and Sue DuWon, or *God in a Brothel*, or even the six session study book, *The Girl Under the Bridge*.

There is no charge for the luncheon but there will be a freewill offering to offset the cost of transportation for our speaker.

UMW realizes that work may interfere with participation, but perhaps you could extend your lunch hour or work the noon hour and come for the program. There will be plenty to eat!



The Trustees of Salem would like to shout out a big "THANK YOU" to the congregation for their generous giving towards new windows for the church. In the narthex you will see a display that indicates our progress towards replacing the east-facing windows on the education wing and offices. Every time we receive donations totaling \$100.00, a section of stained glass gets colored in. Ten sections colored in (\$1,000.00) represents a brand new window for Salem!

Families or individuals can donate **any amount** of money. It all adds up to new energy efficient windows for our church building. If you have pledged a donation but have not given, please do so at your earliest convenience so that the Trustees can move ahead with this project.

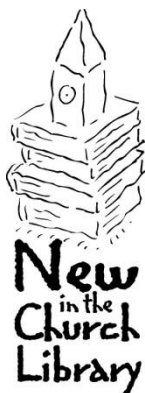
Thank you for considering this gift to Salem!

Why Go To Church?

A Church attendee wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember the details of a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"



The Girl Under the Bridge

(A New Library Resource)

What does poverty look like to a child? What does it feel like and how can a young person make a difference? Many children have experienced poverty in their lives. This book is a curriculum that will help children ages 6-12 understand the causes and effects of poverty and how to use their voices to help end poverty. Divided into five sessions, including an additional intergenerational session, each chapter offers scriptures, stories and activities to engage children in moving beyond charity to work for justice. Check out this new resource. It is well organized and very usable.



April 1	Dave Feller
5	Tina Harasha
7	Lucy Rodriguez
10	John Chapin
10	Deborah Chapin
11	Angela Larsen
15	Seth Hernandez
18	Brent Reichert
20	Maddi Loppnow
21	Karen Teschner
22	Dolores Panahon
23	Monica Mueller
28	Karen Hernandez
29	Mark Mattiacci

We need people to provide refreshments for fellowship time after worship on Sundays. Openings available include: April 21, May 5, 12, 19 & 26.



Serving Salem in April

Sunday, April 7:

Greeters: Bill & Sandy Pardoe
Acolyte: Emilie Cochran
Worship Leader: Marie Broege
Liturgists: Bonnie Stuemfig & Peggy Barnes
Children's Time: Ricky Andrus
Serving Communion: John & Deborah Chapin
Flowers:
Refreshments: Bill & Sandy Pardoe
Lectionary: Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 150
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 14:

Greeters: Ralph & Sue Yont
Acolyte: Sydney Hernandez
Worship Leader: Marlys Tesch
Liturgists: Kermit Bohning & Liz Scrima
Children's Time: Marie Broege
Flowers:
Refreshments: Betty Henderson
Lectionary: Acts 9:1-6
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

Sunday, April 21:

Greeters: Dale & Karla Henry
Acolyte: Jake Lindsay
Worship Leader: Amy Cochran
Liturgists: Bill Pardoe & Carol Becher
Children's Time: Rick Andrus
Flowers: Sue Lewinski
Refreshments:
Lectionary: Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

Sunday, April 28:

Greeters: Greg & Kim Newton
Acolyte: Maddi Loppnow
Worship Leader: Betty Henderson
Liturgists: Sheryl Crusan & Donna Reichert
Children's Time: Sarahi Monterrey
Flowers: The Hernandez Family
Refreshments: The Hernandez Family
Lectionary: Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35