



Hanging of the Greens

Please come join us as we decorate our sanctuary and narthex for Christmas. We will meet Saturday, November 30th, at 9:00 am.

IT'S BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!

December 7, 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 Wednesday, December 4th by contacting the church office: (262)547-5231, or Office@SalemOnTheHill.org



CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WAUKESHA BROADWAY SINGERS

at the Annual Christmas Party
Hosted by the Salem UMW

**December 1, 2012
4:00-6:00 pm**

Join us for food, fun, and fellowship!



Come one, come all! Bring your family and friends! We are happy to present our special musical guests, the Waukesha Broadway Singers. This very talented group of 30 singers, whom we enjoyed last year at our party, 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!

Children & Family Ministry



**Salem
Christmas
Program
Sunday, Dec. 15,
9:00 am**

The children of Salem invite each of you to our

annual Christmas Program on Sunday, December 15th at 9:00 AM. Our service will include a skit, tone chimes, the adult choir will sing, the adult hand bells will play, plus we will sing some traditional Christmas Carols. We promise to get you in the Christmas spirit! Afterward, we will all meet in the fellowship area for brunch. The beverages, paper products, and dessert will be provided. All you need to bring is a dish to pass. Please look for the sign up sheet in the narthex to reserve your spot. We look forward to seeing each of you on the 15th.

Rehearsals for the Christmas Program will be:

- Saturday, December 7 at Noon, following Breakfast With Santa
- Saturday, December 14, 9:00-11:00 am
- Also during Church School

We will run through our program, try on costumes, and practice songs and tone chimes. Please plan on being there.

Church School

During the month of December, our children will be learning about Advent and the Nativity, practicing for the Christmas Program, and completing a special Christmas project. Our sixth thru eighth graders will be helping with the Christmas Clearing Council families and wrapping up their mission project for the Humane Society. We will not have church school on December 15th due to the Christmas Program and Brunch following. We have a very special outing planned for December 15th as well...we are going to Waukesha West at 2:00 PM to see their rendition of "A Christmas Carol". WOW, it will be a busy and fun day.



End hunger. Start here.

**Don't forget...
Food Pantry Sunday at Salem,
December 8!**



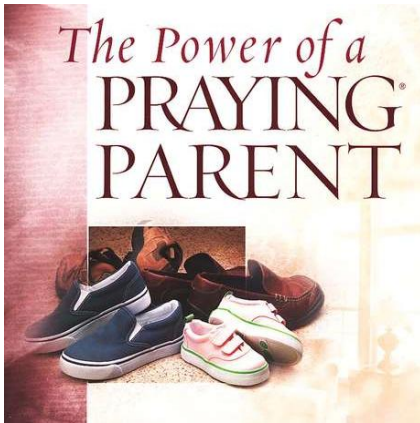
Christmas Outreach: Items due Sunday, Dec. 8!

Christmas is around the corner! Outreach invites you to take an ornament from the Giving Tree or a stocking from the bulletin board to help make Christmas brighter for our adopted families and our Interfaith seniors and adults with disabilities. More information can be found on the Outreach bulletin board. Please return your items by Sunday, December 8th. Thank you!



Expanding our Ministry – Can We Make it Happen?

All Committees and Teams, have you been visioning about ways we might expand our ministry within our congregation and thinking of new ways we could reach out in out in our community? Do you have a wish list of things you would like to do, if only you had the necessary dollars in your budget? Education, Spiritual Growth, Nurture, Evangelism, Kids, Youth, Library, Outreach ...? If you do, Salem's Endowment Committee would like to hear from you! Your idea might qualify for funding support from our Endowment Fund, to help you move your ministry idea from a hope to an action. Please contact Gary Wollenzien to obtain a Funding Request form.



New Class!

Beginning
Sunday,
January 12

Parents, please mark your calendars now for a new study that will begin on January 12th during the church school

hour. We will grab some coffee and snacks, and meet in the old preschool room to dig into the book, "The Power of a Praying Parent". We will start by meeting once per month and then see where it takes us. If you have any questions, please see Marie.



Think Outside the Box! Alternatives to Christmas Gift Giving

Looking for a way to celebrate the season by impacting people in some of the poorest countries in the world? Heifer International, a respected organization begun in 1944, provides some wonderful alternative gift giving options:

- \$10 A share of a sheep, goat, or pig (provides milk, wool, and/or manure fertilizer)
- \$20 A starter flock of ducks, geese or chicks (eggs)
- \$30 Honeybees with hive (honey to sell at market)
- \$60 Trio of rabbits or tree seedlings (wool & fruit)
- \$120 The gift of a sheep, goat, or pig (wool, milk)
- \$150 The gift of a Llama (soft wool for sweaters)
- \$500 The gift of a Heifer (up to 4 gallons of milk a day)

Heifer International provides families in remote villages with gifts of livestock and also trains them in caring for these animals. Please see the catalog with order forms on the kiosk in the narthex. For more information and to order your gift, you can also call (888)548-6437, or go to the internet at www.heifer.org



Christmas Eve
SERVICE

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



We would like to welcome Salem's newest member, Linda Andrus. Enjoy learning more about Linda....

"My name is Linda Andrus. I live in Waukesha with my husband Dale. We have been married for 47 years. I was born in Waukesha and have lived here most of my life. I have two sons and two daughter-in-laws. I also have five wonderful grandchildren. I am the oldest of four children. I have a younger sister and two younger brothers. I am recently retired from Kohls, and I am enjoying my free time. Some of my joys are spending time with my family and going to our trailer located in Montello. I also thoroughly enjoy fishing with my family. I feel very blessed to be a member of Salem Methodist Church."

We are so glad you are here, Linda! Welcome!!

Please add the following information to your Salem directories:

Linda Andrus
1304 Blackhawk Trail #13
Waukesha, WI 53186
Phone (262)490-0950

Request from United Methodist Women

Christmas decorations
overwhelming your house?

Have an "ugly" sweater
seldom worn by your spouse?

Ornaments, candles, tins and trays
used on past holidays?

If it's something you no longer need,
saving it for our Rummage Sale
will make us happy indeed!

*The Rummage Sale will be in the summer
of 2014... Thanks for planning ahead!*



Salem Office Hours

The Salem Church Office will be closed December 23 through January 1. On January 2, we will resume our normal office hours of Mondays through Thursdays, 9:00 am – Noon. While our office is closed, please call the following phone number in case of a pastoral emergency: Pastor Jorge (262)844-7274.

Caroling to our Shut-ins

Mark your calendar for Sunday, Dec. 22, and plan to go Christmas Caroling! We will meet at the church kitchen at 1:00 pm and carpool to visit our Salem shut-ins. Pastor Jorge will lead us with his guitar. Please bring a dozen cookies to share. We will take a plate of them to each home we visit. We will plan to be finished before 4:00 pm.



"HERE WE COME R-CAROLING!"



December Birthdays

- 3 Melissa Huebner
- 4 Sue Guenther
- 5 Samari Monterrey
- 6 Jacques Crusan
- 9 Mario Monterrey
- 9 Austin Zimmerman
- 10 Harriet Young
- 10 Lydia Kelley
- 11 Bonnie Stuemfig
- 13 Jeff Jinkins
- 15 Jessica Tomaszczak
- 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 1:

Greeters: Bill & Harriet Young
Acolyte: Sarina LoPresti
Worship Leader: Marie Broege
Liturgists: John Klopp & Sheryl Crusan
Children's Time: Rick Andrus
Serving Communion: Bob & Ruth Teschner
Flowers: Ralph & Sue Yont
Refreshments: OPEN
Lectionary: Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

Sunday, December 8:

Greeters: Greg & Kim Newton
Acolyte: Aaron Buxengard
Worship Leader: Cory Buxengard
Liturgists: Rick Andrus & Betty Henderson
Children's Time: Rick Andrus
Flowers: Betty Henderson
Refreshments: OPEN
Lectionary: Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

Sunday, December 15:

Greeters: Kermit & Pat Bohning
Acolyte: Cole Cochran
Worship Leader: Christmas Program
Liturgists: Christmas Program
Children's Time: Christmas Program
Flowers: Aaron & Nathan Broege
Refreshments: Brunch in Fellowship Hall
Lectionary: Isaiah 35:1-10
Luke 1:47-55
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

Sunday, December 22:

Greeters: Paul & Carol Becher
Acolyte: Alison Campbell
Worship Leader: Marlys Tesch
Liturgists: Harriet Young & Marlys Tesch
Children's Time: Marie Broege
Flowers: Christmas Poinsettias
Refreshments: OPEN
Lectionary: Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

Sunday, December 29:

Greeters: Brian & Debbie Campbell
Acolyte: Isaac Chapin
Worship Leader: Harriet Young
Liturgists: Steve Broege & Nathan Broege
Children's Time: Marie Broege
Flowers: OPEN
Refreshments:
Lectionary: Isaiah 63:7-9
Psalm 148
Hebrews 2:10-18
Matthew 2:13-23

Why Jesus is Better Than Santa

- Santa lives at the North Pole; Jesus is everywhere.
- Santa rides in a sleigh; Jesus rides on the wind and walks on the water.
- Santa comes but once a year; Jesus is an ever present help.
- Santa fills your stockings with goodies; Jesus supplies all your needs.
- Santa comes down your chimney uninvited; Jesus stands at your door and knocks, and enters your heart.
- You have to wait in line to see Santa; Jesus is as close as the mention of His name.
- Santa lets you sit on his lap; Jesus lets you rest in His Arms.
- Santa asks, "Hi, little boy or girl, what's your name?" Jesus knew our name before we did.
- Santa has a belly like a bowl full of jelly; Jesus has a heart full of love.
- Santa may make you chuckle; Jesus gives you joy.
- Santa says, "You better not cry." Jesus says, "Cast all your cares on me for I care for you."
- While Santa puts gifts under your tree, Jesus became our gift and died on the tree.

**There's really no comparison.
Jesus is the reason for the season.**



Merry Christmas