

Don't forget...

Food Pantry Sunday at Salem, February 9! Non-perishables and monetary gifts are much appreciated.

Attention All Church Council Members....

You are encouraged to attend a

Morning of Inspiration

Saturday, February 8, 9:00 am – Noon "God-Rooted Living"

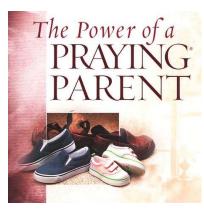
As leaders of Salem, you have been entrusted to be "shepherds of the flock". This will be challenging if you are not tending to your own spiritual wellness. Come and be nourished. We will be taking a look at our own spiritual health and be encouraged to strengthen this vital part of our lives. In turn, as leaders of our church, we can be a firm foundation to carry out our mission statement: "GROW". God-Rooted Living will be our emphasis on this morning of inspiration. Look for more details to come, but for now please mark your calendars!



MAKE VALENTINE'S DAY SPECIAL

By attending Nurture Committee's second annual **Sweetheart Dinner** Friday, February 14, at 6:30 pm. This event, fun for couples or singles, will be catered with a scrumptious fish fry by *The Spot* on Sunset Drive. You have a choice of fried or baked fish, potato

pancakes or baked potato, all the fixin's and dessert! We will enjoy musical entertainment by our friend and former music director at Salem, Jim Dillett! All this for only \$10.50 per person. Please specify on the sign-up in the narthex if you need babysitting. Checks made out to Salem Church can be given to Sandy Pardoe or Bonnie Stuempfig.



Once a parent, you're ALWAYS a parent!

We continue praying for our children, every age from babies to grown up and on their own! This

Adult Church School class is for parents of ALL ages! We will meet in the room across from the nursery from 10:15-11:00 AM. We meet every other Sunday morning: February 9 & 23 and March 9 & 23.



Adult Church School in February

We encourage everyone to join a class on Sunday mornings after worship! We have a choice of two classes from 10:10-11:00 am:

<u>Faith Links:</u> This discussion-based class will be led this month by Don Callen and Pastor Jorge. How can you apply your faith beliefs to current issues and world events? Please join us to find out!

"The Power of a Praying Parent" meets every other Sunday in the room across from the nursery. Class will be held February 9 & 23, and March 9 & 23. Marie Broege is leading this class.



News from Marie...

Church School

In the month of February, the church school class will be studying Jesus' Ministry. We will study the Bible verse from John 3:2, "We know that God has sent you to teach us. You could not work these miracles, unless God were with you."

We will be learning about Jesus calling the fisherman, healing Peter's mother-in-law, teaching the Beatitudes, and Jesus calming the storm. We learn through Bible reading, skits, crafts, and especially from each other. You are invited and encouraged to sign up for a Sunday or two to lead craft or bring a snack. This time with the children will be inspiring as you watch them learn about God and who He is and how He will be shaping their lives. Come see through the eyes of a child.

Parenting Study

As the book, "The Power of a Praying Parent" begins, "While it is easy for every mom and dad to have the desire to pray for their child, knowing how to pray specifically can often be a challenge. That's because each child is unique. And with each age, there are new challenges and concerns. At one point they are too young to tell you what is going on in their lives, at another they don't want to tell you what is going on in their lives. And once they reach adulthood, you never really know what is going on in their lives. Prayer is the solution."

As you can see, this study is for parents at all stages, not just for those that have children in grade school. You are invited to join the Parent Study, which meets in the room across from the nursery every other Sunday from 10:15-11:00 am. Class will meet February 9 & 23, and March 9 & 23.

This is a time of reading, reflection, and sharing in a safe, faith community. God has blessed us with the gift of children. Let us come together and support each other in this incredible calling. If you have any questions or need more information, please see Marie.



30 Hour Famine February 21-22, 2014

Salem Youth and adults will again be participating in the 30 Hour Famine. We will begin our 30 hour fast at 1:00 pm on Friday and will break the fast together at 7:00 pm on Saturday. This includes a lock-in at Salem. We will need at least 2 adult males and 2 adult females as chaperones. Let Andrea & Rick Andrus know if you plan on doing the 30 Hour Famine....it is an experience you will not forget. We will raise funds for the hungry, and make an impact on a hurting world.



"24 Hours That Changed the World" Lent Study 2014

March 4 – April 15 Tuesdays 2:00 or 7:00 pm Led by Pastor Jorge

"No single event in human history has received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. In this book, Pastor Adam Hamilton guides us through the last twenty-four hours of Jesus' life. Each chapter is designed to help the reader experience and understand the significance of Jesus' suffering and death in a way you have never done before. Whether you are a long-time Christian or are simply curious about the story of Christ's crucifixion, you are invited to join in the retracing the last 24 hours of Jesus' life."

Mar 4: Session #1 - The Last Supper

Mar 11: Session #2 - The Garden of Gethsemane

Mar 18: Session #3 - Condemned by the Righteous

Mar 25: Session #4 - Jesus, Barabbas, and Pilate

Apr 1: Session #5 - The Torture & Humiliation of the King

Apr 8: Session #6 - The Crucifixion

Apr 15: Session #7 - Christ the Victor

A sign up sheet will be available soon on the kiosk in the narthex. To make sure you receive your book in time for the first class, please sign up by Sunday, February 16th. Indicate your choice of the 2:00 pm or 7:00 pm class.

News from Outreach Ministry



Be an "Undercover" Agent!!!

Donate to the Undie Sunday Campaign! January 26 – February 17

Outreach is looking for "undercover" agents to help provide Hope Center clients with underwear and socks! Can Salem help??? In 2013, Hope Center distributed 145,247 articles of clothing. In addition 10,546 pieces of underwear and 12,808 pairs of socks were given out to clients at Hope Center. The need for new underwear and socks has never been greater. So be stealthy when shopping for the best deals on socks and underwear! All sizes are needed for men, women, and children. Thank you Salem!

Outreach Opportunity:

Bridge Builders Ministries of Wisconsin

Ever find yourself wanting to give back to the community for all the blessings you have received, but realizing you can't make a long term commitment because of the demands on your life? Bridge Builders Ministries of Wisconsin may be what you're looking for! Bridge Builders Ministries Of Wisconsin, Inc. is located in Watertown and works with needy clients throughout southeast Wisconsin. Many of the projects they are involved with are similar to those of Habitat For Humanity but on a smaller scale that can be completed in a few days or a weekend, not long term projects.

Visit their web site at http://www.bridgebuildersofwi.org/ explaining their MISSION, VISION, and PHILOSOPHY. It does not require a large church group to participate. Their goal is to provide opportunities for individuals and small groups from many different churches working together to do God's work, tearing down the walls of separatism and division.

If you are interested in getting a group together from Salem to partner with Bridge Builders Ministries and are interested in hearing more about the organization contact the church office.

Overflow Shelter Update

The Hebron House opened the Men's Overflow Shelter in Waukesha in early Dec. Some nights, the shelter has been at capacity (38 men) Salem and other area churches stepped up to help feed these men, and all dinners are now covered through the end of April! Salem's first meal was covered by 6 volunteers on Jan. 7th. On that *extremely* cold night, the importance of the Overflow Shelter was evident as Salem served 30 men. It was a humbling experience for the volunteers. The remaining dates that Salem will be serving and providing dinner are Jan. 28, 29 and 30. Thank you, Salem, for making a difference in the lives of the homeless.

Salem Highlights

The Outreach Ministry team wants to say THANK YOU to our generous and highly supportive members of Salem! All of our Outreach projects couldn't be successful without your help and amazing support! Here is a recap of the **past six months**:

Food Pantry Support

In addition to non-perishable goods and monetary donations, we were able to deliver diapers, wipes, formula, and numerous toiletry items to the Food Pantry. We have a devoted group of volunteers as well, that serve once a month. Salem was honored at the Food Pantry's 35th Anniversary Celebration for our support!

Hope Center Support

- Volunteers served and provided milk and desserts at September's Outreach meal!
- The Winter Clothing Drive netted 35 coats and 104 other winter clothing items!
- Salem provided a basket to Hope Thanksgiving Dinner and Auction, and several were in attendance from Salem.

Christmas Clearing Council - The Giving Tree

This year we adopted 3 families, each with 2 children! Salem responded with 39 gifts.

<u>Interfaith</u>

This year we participated in the "Stockings Full of Joy" Interfaith Holiday Giving Program. Salem responded by returning 21 gift cards or stamps, and 19 health kits! Many also have helped by attending the annual Interfaith Fish Fry, seasonal yard work, or transporting seniors!

Thank you! Salem is amazing!!!



A benefit for The Hope Center:

A Taste of Hope

4th Annual Tasting Event Saturday, February 8th 6:00-10:00 pm

This benefit event will be held at Thunder Bay Grille in Pewaukee. The cost is \$50.00 per person and includes:

> Beer, Cheese, Wine Tastings, Appetizer Buffet, Music, Raffle Baskets, & Wine

Please register online at HopeCenterWi.org or call 262-549-8726. The Hope Center is a non-profit organization that is committed to serving people in need in Waukesha County.



February Birthdays

February 7	Ken Reichert
7	Carol Stachowicz
11	Alex Bodanske
12	Dylan Mahnke
15	Brian Fischer
16	Nancy Lovelace
21	Dan Holmes
23	Mildred Walsh
25	Cory Buxengard
25	Cole Nease
28	Kim Newton

Serving Salem in February

Sunday, February 2:

Greeters: The Hernandez Family

Acolyte: Maddi Loppnow Worship Leader: Marie Broege

Liturgists: Bonnie Stuempfig & Harriet Young

Children's Time: Rick Andrus

Serving Communion:

Flowers:

Refreshments:

Lectionary: Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 15

> 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Matthew 5:1-12

Sunday, February 9:

Greeters: Doug & Brenda Lindsay

Acolyte: Seth Hernandez

Worship Leader: Kermit Bohning

Liturgists: Betty Henderson & Carol Becher

Children's Time: Marie Broege

Flowers:

Refreshments: Rob & Gladys Roszkowski

Lectionary: Isaiah 58:1-9a Psalm 112:1-10 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 Matthew 5:13-20

Sunday, February 16:

Greeters: Paul & Bonnie Wojcik Acolyte: Aaron Buxengard Worship Leader: Marlys Tesch

Liturgists: Marlys Tesch & Peggy Barnes

Children's Time: Rick Andrus Flowers: Nurture Ministry Team

Refreshments:

Lectionary: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 119:1-8 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Matthew 5:21-37

Sunday, February 23:

Greeters: Ralph & Sue Yont Acolyte: Sasha Bauer

Worship Leader: Kim Newton

Liturgists: Rick Andrus & John Klopp

Children's Time: Marie Broege

Flowers: Refreshments:

Lectionary: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

Psalm 119:33-40

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

Matthew 5:38-48