

Lenten Sermon Series

Our Sunday morning worship throughout Lent includes a series of sermons using

Biblical Scriptures of the lectionary along with other resources. We invite you to journey with us during this season of Lent. Here are the upcoming dates & topics:

- Sunday, Mar. 1: Theme, "Honesty with God about who we are is important". Sermon title: "Honesty or Artificial Harmony?" Genesis 17: 7, 15-16.
- Sunday, Mar. 8: Theme, "Being willing to commit to follow God's lead in all our relationships". Sermon title: "To Commit or Not to Commit" Exodus 20:1-17
- Sunday, Mar. 15: Theme, "We are accountable for the consequences of our actions or inactions". Sermon title: "The Blame Game" Numbers 21:4-9
- Sunday, Mar. 22: Theme, "The importance of evaluating and learning from our failures and successes". Sermon title: "Are We All Insane?" Jeremiah 31:31-34



News from Marie...

<u>Church School</u>

Our church school class wrapped up our study of, "Jesus and the Children". We learned how special

each of us is to Jesus. We learned that no matter how old or young we are, Jesus calls us to come to Him. We want to thank Mr. and Mrs. Buxengard, Mrs. Hernandez, Mrs. Feller, Mrs. Reichert and Mrs. Stuempfig for helping lead us through this rotation. In the month of March, we will be learning all about Lent. We will be using a series called, "What's in the Bible: Easter". We will be watching a short video each week, hearing a story, making a craft, and taking information home that we can share with our family and work on throughout the week. We are in need of helpers to lead each Sunday. The sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board outside the lounge. All the materials you need will be provided. Please see Marie if you have any questions or would like to help.

30 Hour Famine

We completed the 30 Hour Famine on Feb. 27-28. Please see next month's Tidings with all the information about our Lock-in, the monies raised, and details about what we learned.

Salem Prayer Chain

Salem is updating the Prayer Chain. If you would like to be added to the chain or would like to be taken off of it, please let Marie or Amy know by Friday, March 6th so the new chain can be put out on Sunday, March 8th. Please also note if you would like to be on the part of the chain that receives/sends the prayer requests by emails or by telephone calls.



2015 Flower Chart

The flower chart for 2015 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. Thank you!



One Great Hour of Sharing: Celebrate 75 years of UMCOR Sunday, March 15th

Choose to be part of the start of another 75 years of families recovering, children smiling, and communities rebuilding after disaster strikes!

A special offering will be taken on Sunday, March 15, to benefit "One Great Hour of Sharing". This special offering helps cover the operating expenses of UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) and allows 100% of other designated donations to get to those who need them most.

In Case of Emergency Please add Pastor Jorge's cell phone number to your list of

contacts on your cell phone: 262-844-7274



Needed: Volunteers to Provide & Serve a Meal

Coming Together to Get Ahead is a mentoring program through St. Vincent DePaul. Local residents in and near Waukesha are working to move out of poverty by learning how to build resources and by creating plans to reach the goal of a stable and secure life. We are asking for your help in providing and serving supper the evening of Thursday, March 12th for the mentors and participants of this program. We need 4-6 people to volunteer. More information can be found on the kiosk, or speak with Becky Henderson. Thank you Salem!

Healing Hearts of Waukesha County



"Celebration of Hope" Dinner Saturday, March 28th Country Springs Hotel ín Pewaukee

Let's fill up a table to show our support and represent Salem! Salem is a founding member of Healing Hearts of Waukesha County, Inc. This program offers grief support to children and families and provides a safe place for participants to emotionally heal. Participants walk through the stages of grief guided by trained volunteers and supported by others in a small group. The program is provided at no cost to the participants, that is why this fundraiser dinner is so important! A sign-up sheet is posted on the kiosk. Please indicate your menu choice by March 1st. Thank you Salem!

Here a Chick, There a Chick, **Everywhere a Chick Chick!**

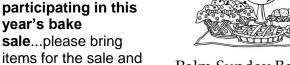


Mujila Falls Agricultural Centre has just acquired 1200 layer chicks and

500 broiler chicks at their site. In order to successfully raise the birds, they must follow a schedule of vaccinations and other chores to successfully raise these birds. This year the Palm Sunday Bake Sale's proceeds will help Paul

Webster accomplish this! Help us by participating in this vear's bake sale...please bring

come hungry to



Palm Sunday Bake Sale

purchase on March 29th! (Visit Paul Webster's Facebook Page at: www.facebook.com/MujlaFallsAqCentre)



Far too many individuals and families within our community struggle to meet their basic needs like food and

shelter. The Greater Milwaukee Foundation launched Match Day in 2012 to raise awareness about their struggle and raise support for the organizations that serve so many of our neighbors in need. Over the past three years, more than \$7.6 million was raised to strengthen their capacity to serve. On March 19th, individuals can donate to any of the 20 participating agencies. Four local agencies have been selected from Waukesha, including: The Food Pantry of Waukesha County, Hope Center, the Hebron House, and the Women's Center. A pool of funds will be available to match contributions and grow the impact of a donor's gift. All gifts will be matched proportionately, based on the total amount raised that day by each organization. More information can be found at: www.MatchDayMKE.org



1. Is this statement true or false: Sundays are not counted in the 40 days of Lent.

- 2. How did the early church observe Lent?
 - a. They remembered the mercy and forgiveness of Christ.
 - b. They reconciled relationships among church members.
 - c. They prepared converts for baptism.
 - d. All of the above
 - e. None of the above

3. What does the term "Lent" mean? (It comes from the word "lencten".)

- a. Time
- b. Length
- c. Sacrifice
- d. Spring

4. When did United Methodists start the 'imposition of ashes?'

- a. 1877
- b. 1933
- c. 1992
- d. 2008

(Answers can be found on the last page!)



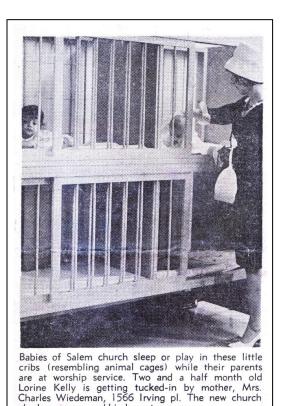
The groundbreaking in 1964 for Salem's current location. Note the stop sign intersection! (view is looking North)

Time for more... RANDOM SALEM HISTORICAL FACTS!

- In fall of 2000, the church council approved the purchase of a 12' artificial Colorado Blue Spruce Christmas tree.
- In 1969, Vicky Ann Stuempfig was baptized at Salem.
- Also in 1969, Bob & Paula Cooley joined as new members at Salem.
- In 1966, Evelyn Schuetze was church treasurer, and Harvey Walworth was building fund treasurer.
- Dick and Marlys Tesch hosted a picnic for the Couples' Fellowship group on July 10, 1966.
- In May of 1964, the YF (Youth Fellowship) held a picnic and campfire devotions at Frame Park.
- In 1960, Ken Reichert and Phyllis Fuller were united in marriage at Salem.
- In 1932, the Sunday School department had 197 enrolled and an average attendance of 124 children & youth. Delbert Guderyon was the Superintendent.
- In 1920, the minister, Rev. George Nickell, had an annual salary of \$1,500.00
- In 1881, 27 baptisms were performed.



The courtyard demolition in preparation for the new indoor narthex in 2002.



The above image is from the Waukesha Freeman in 1966. Does anyone remember the "cages"?

also has nursery and kindergarten rooms.

WHY LOOK BACK AT OUR HISTORY?

It is important to preserve the memory of how God has worked in our lives. A church that has a strong sense of its history will have a better sense of identity to build on for the future. Occasionally we should take a look back to rediscover how our church came into being, what its early ministry was like, and how it has grown and changed over the years. Looking back at our past allows us the opportunity to join together in focusing on the church as a body of believers who have been blessed by the Lord. It is also be a wonderful time to benefit from the gifts of each other. It is an occasion for church members of all ages to tell and hear stories of the past and present days of the church.

Happy Bírthday!!

March 2	Matt Henderson
March Z	Mall Henderson
6	Sasha LoPresti
9	Mary Watt
14	Libbi Chapin
16	Lois Hanson
17	Aaron Broege
18	Ben Manns
20	Perla Agpoon
20	Jo Bentley
20	Bryan Tesch
25	Pat Harris
29	Rita Harasha
30	Sandy Pardoe

Lent Quiz Answers:

1. The correct answer is True.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

2. The correct answer is d.

In addition to being a time to remember the mercy and forgiveness of Jesus, the early church used Lent to prepare converts for baptism, and to offer opportunities for those who had been separated from the church to be reconciled.

3. The correct answer is d.

Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word "lencten", which means "spring." The root words mean "long days," and this combination probably refers to the increasing daylight at this time of year. Lent's 40 days represent Jesus' time in the wilderness, enduring temptation and preparing to begin his ministry.

4. The correct answer is c.

This practice became part of our official worship resources in 1992 when General Conference adopted The United Methodist Book of Worship. It is optional to use it.

Quiz questions are taken from www.umc.org.

LECTIONARY

- March 1 Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38
- March 8 Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22
- March 15 Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21

 March 22
 Jeremiah 31:31-34

 Psalm 51:1-12
 Hebrews: 5:5-10

 John 12:20-33
 John 12:20-33

 March 29
 Litany of the Passion:

 Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Psalm 31:9-16

 Philippians 2:5-11
 Mark 14:1 – 15:47

Serving Salem in March:

Sunday, March 1

Greeters: Brian & Debbie Campbell Acolyte: Seth Hernandez PowerPoint: John Klopp Worship Leader: Marlys Tesch Liturgists: Peggy Barnes & Rick Andrus Children's Time: Marie Broege Serving Communion: Bill & Sandy Pardoe Flowers: Brenda LoPresti Refreshments: Bill & Sandy Pardoe

Sunday, March 8

Greeters: Brian & Eileen Fischer Acolyte: Cole Cochran PowerPoint: Harriet Young Worship Leader: Kermit Bohning Liturgists: Ruth Teschner & Bonnie Stuempfig Children's Time: Rick Andrus Flowers: Honoring Lois Hanson's 90th birthday Refreshments: Greg & Kim Newton

Sunday, March 15:

Greeters: Greg & Kim Newton Acolyte: Alison Campbell PowerPoint: Paul Becher Worship Leader: Rick Andrus Liturgists: Betty Henderson & John Klopp Children's Time: Marie Broege Flowers: Broeges Refreshments: Mildred Walsh

Sunday, March 22:

Greeters: Nick & Jenny Tonz Acolyte: Isaac Chapin PowerPoint: Gary Wollenzien Worship Leader: Harriet Young Liturgists: Kermit Bohning & Marlys Tesch Children's Time: Rick Andrus Flowers: OPEN Refreshments: OPEN

Sunday, March 29, Palm Sunday:

Greeters: Mike & Debra Wolf Acolyte: Nathan Broege PowerPoint: John Klopp Worship Leader: Bill Pardoe Liturgists: Harriet Young & Steve Broege Children's Time: Marie Broege Flowers: OPEN Refreshments: Palm Sunday Bake Sale!