



THE MESSENGER

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We are God's children called to seek, share, teach, and continue to experience the Word of God.

Relevant:

- A: *having significant and demonstrable bearing on the matter at hand*
- B: *affording evidence tending to prove or disprove the matter at issue or under discussion*
- C: *having social relevance*

~ Online Merriam Webster

Relevant, or relevance, is the most important idea when it comes to the matter of faith. (Arguably, when it comes to **all** matters.) As pastors, we are charged with helping congregants see the relevance of the Word of God. Why should we care about events that happened years ago? What does the story of the prodigal son or the feeding of five thousand have to do with us? These are but some of the questions we are faced with in matters of faith.



"Your sermon hit close to home ... it was perfect for my next-door neighbor."
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For instance, why do we observe Lent, a season of reflection and sacrifice? After all, not all denominations observe Lent, so why do we? We observe Lent in recognition of Christ's suffering and our own mortality. Where does Lent come from? The word "Lent" comes from the "lengthening" as we progress from the darkness of winter to the new light of spring. But other languages, such as Spanish, the name "Lent" is derived from the word for "forty." It is the season of the forty days. Why forty days? We do penance for forty days because Jesus fasted forty days in the wilderness. But did you ever wonder why He was out there for forty days rather than seven or ten or fifty?

- Noah and company in the Ark watched rain fall for **40** days and **40** nights.
- Moses was up on Sinai receiving the 10 commandments for **40** days.
- The Israelites wandered around the desert for **40** years.

All of these "forties" are a necessary and not-so-comfortable prelude for something new. What is the relevance? Jesus endured pain and humiliation and was crucified and died on the cross so that **our** sins would be forgiven. On Ash Wednesday, we acknowledge our mortality by the placing of ashes on our foreheads, a symbol of death. We remember that one day we will return to the earth (Genesis 3:19). On Ash Wednesday, we also participate in the sacrament of communion to remember Jesus.

We observe Lent to reflect on Christ's sacrifice. Some give up something during Lent to symbolize the sacrifice of Jesus. We do not get to stand before the cross before walking **on** the road **to** the cross.

This year, the Wednesday night service series is titled, "The Way to the Cross." Each week we will hear from one of the people Jesus encountered on the way to the cross. I hope you will join me as we reflect and prepare our hearts for Jesus' great sacrifice.

Blessings,
Pastor Jerry

DID YOU KNOW?

**Two Pastors of Salem were brothers.
Who were they and when did they serve?**

- Rev. Peter Goebel, born in 1836, was pastor from 1869 to 1880, and his younger brother Rev. George Goebel, born in 1842, was pastor from 1885 to 1887. Both were born in Germany and immigrated to the United States in 1849.

“Choosing Wisely”

(Suggested Reading: Luke 16:1-15)

In the days of winter following Christmas, we may find time to do inside chores, such as sorting through garments in a closet. Sometimes we find things that have never been worn. We may well wonder why we have kept those things for so long. They take up space and make our life more difficult. Life is much about making selections. Even as I type this article, I am making selections about which keys to strike.

I remember my mother canning green beans, which was especially time consuming for several reasons. Each bean had to be washed free of soil and the bean blossoms that so like to stick to the bean, then the ends of the beans were snipped off. These days, I buy canned green beans from the store. I occasionally find a bean end in the can. The machines that clean the beans are not as thorough as my mom.

We need to be very careful what we select in life. The parable of the shrewd steward from Luke Chapter 16 reminds us that we need to make decisions that benefit us in our relationship with our Lord. Paul reminds us in the Corinthian text that while all things for a Christian may be allowable, since we are covered by the grace of Christ Jesus, not all things are beneficial.

We do not need to wait for a winter day to sort out that which doesn't belong. Our selection process needs to be continual. We also need to be scrupulous in our weighing of what we keep and what must be discarded. May we choose wisely.

God Bless You!
Pastor John

EXHALE – YOUTH NEWS

*“I’ve had it to here – being where love’s a small word. A part time thing”
~ Johnny Cash “Solitary Man”*

I have always been a strong believer that God puts people into our lives for a specific reason. While that is an extreme cliché, it would not be a cliché if it wasn't true. It's a little crazy to think about the people who come and go throughout our lives—the relationships making an impact and the relationships that seem to be a floating memory. In almost every experience I have had, everyone I have met has had a purpose. Whether it is a fleeting moment where I never see them again or a relationship that lasts a lifetime, there is a reason our paths crossed.

Sometimes this is a hard thing to see. It's hard to be in the moment. However, sometimes that moment is the building block to something life changing. We just don't always give it the chance to become exactly what it is supposed to be.

I hope you will realize how important each person is who comes into your life. Know that God had a reason for the single conversation you had with a stranger in the market place or the friendship bonded for a lifetime. Do not push aside these moments—embrace them for the spectacular events they are.

Love Wins,
Nick Atkins-Harris
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IMPORTANT DATES FOR EXHALE:

- **Wednesday, February 3:** Hangout & Bible Study (High School Exhale) @ 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, February 7:** Exhale @ 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, February 10:** Hangout & Bible Study (High School Exhale) @ 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, February 14:** Exhale @ 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, February 17:** Hangout & Bible Study (High School Exhale) @ 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, February 21:** Exhale @ 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, February 24:** Hangout & Bible Study (High School Exhale) @ 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, February 28:** Exhale @ 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE:

- **Saturday, April 2:** Exhale Trivia Night (Trivia, Silent Auction, & Side Games) Doors Open @ 6:00 p.m. Trivia Begins @ 6:30 p.m.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

January 14, 2016

President Bobby Frank called the meeting to order with 11 Church Council members and 3 guests present.

Pastor Jerry read the devotion, *The Phony*.

Secretary's Report: The previous month's minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: The budget is not \$2,400 ahead. \$5,000 was pulled from the Reserve Fund to cushion the account. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report was accepted. A motion was made and seconded to pay the bills. The motion carried to pay the bills.

Committee Reports:

- **Mission/Stewardship:** A Winter BBQ will be held February 20, 2016.
- **Property:** The committee will look into bids for replacing the passageway windows.

Pastor's Report: Pastor gave the entire Church Council a copy of the article, *How Will Millennials Change the Church?* Nick Atkins-Harris will be adjusting his office hours due to his student teaching. His new hours will be Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., and Monday through Thursday, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The youth will have a Bible Study on Wednesday evenings for Salem and Staunton youth.

New Business: The Salem U.C.C. 156th Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 31, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

A motion to adjourn was made and accepted. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Next Church Council meeting will be on February 11, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Note: The approved minutes of all Church Council meetings are available in the church office.

SAVE THE DATE:

Mission-To-Go Winter BBQ

Saturday, February 20, 2016
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

There's no need to travel far in order to enjoy great barbecue!
We are raising funds to support continuing missions in Ecuador.

Savor a taste of summer with:

**Pork Steak or Bratwurst
Potato Salad
Cole Slaw
BBQ Beans
Dessert**

The cost is \$10.00 per meal for carry-out, dine-in, or drive thru.

HOW TO ORDER:

Call the Church Office
OR
Buy ticket(s) from a Mission Team member
(There will be a table set up in the passageway on Sundays after worship.)
OR
Just show up on Saturday, February 20!

Bring your appetite!

Salem UCC Treasurer's Report

(Month Ending 12/31/2015)

	Current Activity	YTD Activity
GENERAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	18,420.94	12,521.25
Offering – Loose	9,138.00	93,696.79
Offering – Envelopes	10,036.00	118,457.00
Facility Use Donations	0.00	3,945.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	0.00	2,375.06
Interest Income – General Fund	3.09	36.07
Benevolence Received	1,333.00	15,348.25
Total General Fund Income	20,510.09	233,858.17
Salaries	10,882.42	115,010.97
Employee Benefits	6,609.44	32,709.28
Maintenance/Property Services	731.72	12,248.21
Insurance	2,964.25	13,941.25
Utilities	2,200.71	25,612.34
Supplies – General	1,163.19	9,103.84
Professional Expense	0.00	3,460.13
Miscellaneous	300.00	577.95
Worship	376.91	3,152.66
Christian Education	96.08	3,828.17
Evangelism	0.00	950.19
Stewardship	0.00	386.87
Pastoral Care	100.45	100.45
Benevolence Paid	3,557.00	15,348.25
Total General Fund Expenses	28,982.17	236,430.56
Transfer from Reserve Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00
GENERAL FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 14,948.86	\$ 14,948.86
MEMORIAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	80,306.78	73,860.94
Memorials Received	3,726.85	8,362.75
Honorariums Received		12,780.00
Miscellaneous Receipts		175.00
Memorial Fund Expenses:		
Worship – Music & Visual	0.00	(3,688.52)
Other Memorial Projects	(566.85)	(8,023.39)
MEMORIAL FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 83,466.78	\$ 83,466.78
BUILDING FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	12,965.65	8,580.65
Building Fund Offering	500.00	7,885.00
Memorials – Building Fund	0.00	800.00
Building Fund Expense:		
Educational Building A/C	0.00	(3,800.00)
BUILDING FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 13,465.65	\$ 13,465.65
SABBATICAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	12,896.12	11,896.12
Contribution from Men's Fellowship		1,000.00
SABBATICAL FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 12,896.12	\$ 12,896.12
ENDOWMENT FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	60,474.77	61,748.28
Interest Income – Endowment Fund	473.99	473.99
Memorials – Endowment Fund	225.00	1,190.00
Endowment Fund Disbursements:		
Interest Distribution – General Fund		(1,118.53)
Interest Distribution – Benevolence		(1,119.98)
ENDOWMENT FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 61,173.76	\$ 61,173.76
INVESTMENT FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	180,042.60	189,646.93
Change in Market Value	(6,034.38)	(11,638.71)
Scholarships Paid	0.00	(4,000.00)
INVESTMENT FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 174,008.22	\$ 174,008.22
MISSION MATCHING FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	109,165.95	127,751.87
Change in Market Value	(2,329.34)	(3,917.84)
Donations for Ecuador 2015	0.00	10,995.89
Donations for Ecuador 2016	0.00	1,730.69
Mission Fund Disbursements:		
Mission Match Paid		(3,524.00)
Expenditures for Ecuador Mission Trip		(26,200.00)
MISSION MATCHING FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 106,836.61	\$ 106,836.61
RESERVE FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	15,291.21	15,102.56
Interest Income – Reserve Fund	16.49	205.14
Transfer to General Fund	(5,000.00)	(5,000.00)
RESERVE FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 10,307.70	\$ 10,307.70
OTHER RESTRICTED FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	1,607.77	2,623.93
Other Restricted Expense:		
Grant Expense – 2012 Wellness Grant	(53.66)	(349.66)
Grant Expense – 2014 Literacy Grant		(720.16)
OTHER RESTRICTED FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 1,554.11	\$ 1,554.11



Salem Seekers

<i>Hannah & Samuel</i>	February 7	February 14	February 21	February 28
Gathering Room	Opening 8:45 – 9:05 a.m.	Opening 8:45 – 9:05 a.m.	Opening 8:45 – 9:05 a.m.	Opening 8:45 – 9:05 a.m.
God's Oasis (Puppets)	5th & 6th	3rd & 4th	1st & 2nd	Pre-K & K
Scribe's Den (Arts & Crafts)	3rd & 4th	5th & 6th	Pre-K & K	1st & 2nd
Faith Island (Games)	1st & 2nd	Pre-K & K	5th & 6th	3rd & 4th
Disciples Dunes (Cooking)	Pre-K & K	1st & 2nd	3rd & 4th	5th & 6th
Gathering Room	Closing 9:40 – 9:50 a.m.	Closing 9:40 – 9:50 a.m.	Closing 9:40 – 9:50 a.m.	Closing 9:40 – 9:50 a.m.

All children will start in the Gathering Room at 8:45 a.m.
 After the opening gathering, the children will be led to their specific workshop by their shepherds.
Please pick up your child in the Gathering Room at 9:50 a.m.

~ Kids For Christ (KFC) ~

Our KFC event for January was cancelled. We appreciate everyone's understanding about this. We are happy to let everyone know that the bowling outing has been rescheduled. We hope that many KFC kids and their families will join us for bowling on Sunday, February 7, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Hi-Top Bowl in Highland. Shoe rental is \$1.50, and the cost to bowl a game is \$2.50. Just a reminder that KFC is for all kids in grades kindergarten through 5th grade.

Thank You Notes...

Thank you, Ken Gehrig!!!

The members of the entire congregation and especially the Historical Committee thank Ken Gehrig for his dedication to the preservation of the history of Salem. Ken has served as the Chairman of the Historical Committee since it was established in 2000 when Marvin Stille was President of the Church Council. He spent many, many hours preparing displays for the historical cabinet and special celebrations at Salem. His leadership during the preparation of the book celebrating 150 years of Salem's history was outstanding. Other ways are too numerous to mention but are all appreciated.

Ken has decided to step down from the Historical Committee to be able to spend more time with his family, both in Illinois and Texas. Ken, we'll miss you but will call upon you for advice from time to time as our Chairman Emeritus. Thank you!!

To My Church Family,

I want to thank you all for the cards and phone calls after my recent surgery. Also, thank you to Pastor Jerry and Pastor John for their visits. May God bless you all!

*Thank You!
Helen Dugan*

Thank you to all of you at Salem for the cards, gifts, words of encouragement, and love that you have given to me and my family. God Bless You!

~ Pastor John

Church World Service

thanks Salem UCC for the \$97.00 donation.

Emmaus Homes

thanks Salem UCC for the \$145.00 donation.

Global Ministries Child Sponsorship Program

thanks Salem UCC for the \$25.00 donation.

Highland Area Christian Service Ministry (HACSM) Food Pantry

thanks Salem UCC

7th Grade Confirmation Sunday School Class

for the \$233.00 donation,

17 packages of diapers,

18 pairs of gloves, 5 scarfs,

2 new coats, and 57 gently worn coats.

Hitz Memorial Home

thanks Salem UCC for the \$175.00 donation.

Hoyleton Ministries

thanks Salem UCC for the \$301.00 donation.

Uni-Pres Kindercottage

thanks Salem UCC for the \$590.56 donation.

FROM THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & WOMEN'S GUILD

68th Annual Whole Hog Sausage Supper:

68th Annual Whole Hog Sausage Supper was on Saturday, January 30.
Thanks to all who helped with and/or supported the Sausage Supper!
There will be a report to follow in the March Messenger.

Next Meeting of the Men's Fellowship & Women's Guild:

Thursday, February 18, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.
(Sweetheart Dance, Cookies, & Punch will follow the meeting.)

Family Night:

Family Night will be on Saturday, March 5, at 6:30 p.m.
There will be more information to follow in the March Messenger.

February Golden Agers Are:

Elmer Frank on February 13, **Anita Suhre** on February 18, & **Orlean Hosto** on February 22

Random Acts of Kindness Week:

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

The Evangelism/Worship Committee is trying something different this year for Random Acts of Kindness week at Salem. We will start on Sunday, February 7, and end on Sunday, February 14, with a fellowship hour after church with coffee and donuts. Be sure to come and join in on the fun!

DAY OF DISCIPLESHIP

Day of Discipleship will be on Saturday, March 12, 2016, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Godfrey Evangelical UCC in Godfrey, Illinois. The keynote speaker is Rev. Ivy Beckwith. If you would like to attend Day of Discipleship, please turn in a completed registration form to the church office by Sunday, February 28. A schedule of workshops offered is posted on the bulletin board in the passageway or may be viewed on the Illinois Conference website. Registration forms may be obtained from the church office or from the Illinois Conference website: www.isucc.org.

SALEM U.C.C.'s 156TH ANNUAL MEETING

Salem's 156th Annual Meeting was held on January 31, 2016.
There will be a report to follow in the March Messenger.

COMING SOON: NEW DISPLAY IN THE HISTORICAL CABINET!!!

In February the historical cabinet display will be changed
from the current Sausage Supper display to a display showcasing Hitz Memorial Home.



If you are sad or struggling inside, do not suffer alone. Ask for help. We have a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through a tough time. (It is confidential too!) Find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders listed below. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

Rev. Jerry Amiri: (O) 618-488-3215 / (C) 636-328-3332
Pastor John Mindrup: (C) 618-409-3941 / Betty Imboden: (C) 618-973-0572



Worship Ministry Schedule



Date	Acolytes	Greeter(s)	Liturgist	Recorder	Ushers
Feb. 7 (10am)	Kylie Ketcham Riley Mansholt	Jim Annable	Dagmar Annable	Patti Reckmann	Gale Bolen / Richelle Braundmeier Cindy Henschen Susi Miller / Kathy Porter
Feb. 10 (7pm)	_____	Jim Annable	_____	Patti Reckmann	Gale Bolen / Richelle Braundmeier Cindy Henschen Susi Miller / Kathy Porter
Feb. 14 (10am)	Ian Grandame Kody Quart	LaVerne Bloemker	Laura Muench	Ron Mindrup	Larry & Lorna McGee Alice Stille / Jeff Warnke
Feb. 17 (7pm)	_____	LaVerne Bloemker	_____	Ron Mindrup	Larry & Lorna McGee Alice Stille / Jeff Warnke
Feb. 21 (10am)	Sydney Basler Barbara Meguire	Lewis & Lorene Knackstedt	Tammy Burton	Ron Mindrup	Bill & Carol Reckman Laura Renken / Tessa Renken Dave & Ronna Renken
Feb. 24 (7pm)	_____	Lewis & Lorene Knackstedt	_____	Ron Mindrup	Bill & Carol Reckman Laura Renken / Tessa Renken Dave & Ronna Renken
Feb. 28 (10am)	Elizabeth Brown Grace Quart	Shirley Collmann	Irving Gray	Larry McGee	Scott Demkey / Brett Henschen Jessie Ketcham Krista Mansholt / Lisa Uhe

Nursery Schedule

February 7	February 14	February 21	February 28
Heather Henkhaus Jessie Ketcham	Sarah Bolyard Tiffany Gillison	Tori Lynn Kelsey Quade	Ashley Prott Donita Prott

Worship Schedule

Date	Scripture Readings	Sermon Title	Pastor
February 7 – 10 a.m. Worship with Communion	Exodus 34:29-35 Luke 9:28-36	<i>Metamorphosis</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri
February 10 – 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	<i>Humbled and Ashed</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri
February 14 – 10 a.m. Worship	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Luke 4:1-13	<i>No Tests Allowed!</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri
February 17 – 7 p.m. Wednesday Night Lenten Worship	Matthew 12:46-50	<i>Mary</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri
February 21 – 10 a.m. Worship	Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35	<i>Standing Firm in the Lord</i>	Pastor John Mindrup
February 24 – 7 p.m. Wednesday Night Lenten Worship	Matthew 16:21-28	<i>Peter</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri
February 28 – 10 a.m. Worship / Youth Sunday	To Be Determined	<i>Youth Sunday</i>	Youth

Communion Schedule for Hitz Home

February 7 – 10 a.m.	Ron & Rhonda Schmidt
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Lenten Journey: The Way of the Cross

- February 17 *Mary* Matthew 12:46-50
- February 24 *Peter* Matthew 16:21-28
- March 2 *Pilate* Matthew 27:15-26
- March 9 *Mary Magdalene* Luke 8:1-3
- March 16 *Simon the Cyrene* Mark 15:16-24



MONDAY MORNING REFLECTIONS WITH PASTOR JERRY

Come join us at Maedge's on Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. to have a cup of coffee, discuss the sermon, read scripture together, and talk about whatever is on your mind.



Prayer List

Cancer Concerns:

Vickie Conrad / Elmer Frank / Jack Frandsen
Wayne Gentry / Pat Hinton

Health Concerns:

Connie Abert (Niece-in-Law of Fern Scheller)
Quintin Byrne (Cousin of Lisa Reinhardt) / Diana Donohoo
Helen Dugan / Ginny Gehrig / Lester Gentry
Marie Mindrup / Melvin Roberts / Steve Stille

Alhambra Care Center:

Velma Henkhaus

Eden Village:

Hilbert & Verna Klenke

Faith Countryside Homes/Apartments:

Dorothy Knabel

Four Fountains:

Carol Ruehrup

Highland Home:

Anita Suhre

Hitz Memorial Home:

Orlean Hosto / Electa Leitch

Our Servicemen & Servicewomen:

Lt. Col. Derek Bright / Thomas Eyman
Airman Dustin Garner / Jason Schlechte
Kenny Randle / Jared Thiems / Kyle Thornton



February Anniversaries

02/04/2012	Phil & Betty Imboden
02/05/1994	Jeff & Sue Gibbons
02/10/2001	John & Joni Sanders
02/16/1991	Brent & Natalie Rinderer
02/25/1984	Kevin & Gena Stout
02/28/1976	Larry & Lorna McGee

Our Sympathies To The Family Of:

Carol Dauderman

(Wife of Bob Dauderman)

Who died on Sunday, January 17, 2016.



February Birthdays



February 1

Vernon Demkey
Verna Gilley
Ann Frank
Peter Babic

February 2

Kyle Gehrig
Dylan Galbiati

February 3

Greg Semanisin
Kylie Ketcham

February 4

Gene Templeman
Tom Collmann
Mark Nagel
Greg Lacey
Christopher Suhre

February 5

Joan Kakac
Clara Doubet

February 6

Delmar Korsmeyer
Karen French

February 7

Rolland Mansholt
Sayde Hogg

February 8

Hailey Quade

February 10

Patty Uhe
Jon Beshears
Barbara Whitworth
Amber Donohoo

February 11

Linda Mirscin
Karol Galbiati
Coltin Payne

February 12

Matt Westfall
Mindy Mindrup
Jeff Warnke

February 12

Dave Duffin
Nicholas Dugan

February 13

Elmer Frank
Kris Lynn

February 14

Tim Stumpf

February 15

Jim Tillerson

February 16

Vernon Uhe
Courtney Winet

February 17

Carly Rakers

February 18

Anita Suhre
Cindy Price
Phillip Henschen
Kara Braundmeier

February 19

Dan Reinhardt
Devin Zobrist
Chris Lackey
Bradley Stumpf

February 20

Annette Layher

February 21

Laverne Korsmeyer
Janice Koehler

February 22

Orlean Hosto
Gary Bloemker
Karolyn Cooperider

February 23

Raenae Mansholt
Todd Reilson
Trevor Miller

February 24

Emily Uhe
Haley Basler

February 25

Heather Luitjohan
Rita Soens
Kyle Lentz
Jessica Iberg
Madelynn Luitjohan

February 26

Erika Schlechte
Wyatt Reckman
Bradley Doubet

February 27

Abby Buzick

February 28

Carsten Western
Derek Layer

February 29

Delaney Rigney

LIVESTREAM

Have you ever had one of those days that for whatever reason you cannot make it to church? Fear not! Salem Church uses Livestream to broadcast our worship services. Here are four easy steps to watch the worship service online:

1. Go to Livestream.com
2. Click on "Watch."
3. In the search box (top left), type "Salem UCC."
4. Click on the black and white picture of the church, and you will either see the live broadcast of the worship service or you can look for archived services.



FEBRUARY CALENDAR



Monday	Feb. 1	10:00am 7:00pm	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's Property Committee Meeting
Tuesday	Feb. 2	2:00pm 6:30pm	Women's Guild Fun Day at Hitz Memorial Home Evangelism/Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday	Feb. 3	6:00-8:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm 7:30pm	Hangout & Bible Study for High School Exhale Salem Chimes Practice Salem Ringers Practice Salem Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday	Feb. 4	7:00pm	BOCE Meeting
Sunday	Feb. 7	8:45am 10:00am	Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Worship w/ Communion / Random Acts of Kindness
		1:00-3:00pm 4:00-5:30pm 6:30pm	Children's Choir Practice after Worship KFC Bowling at Hi-Top Bowl in Highland, IL Exhale Praise Team Practice
Monday	Feb. 8	10:00am	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's
Tuesday	Feb. 9	6:00pm	Memorial Committee Meeting
Wednesday	Feb. 10	5:45pm 6:15pm 6:00-8:00pm 7:00pm	Salem Chimes Practice Salem Ringers Practice Hangout & Bible Study for High School Exhale Ash Wednesday Worship Salem Chancel Choir Practice following Worship
Thursday	Feb. 11	7:00pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday	Feb. 14	8:45am 10:00am	Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Worship Random Acts of Kindness Fellowship Hour
		4:00-5:30pm 6:30pm	Children's Choir Practice after Worship Exhale Praise Team Practice
Monday	Feb. 15	9:00am 10:00am	March Messenger Articles Due Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's
Tuesday	Feb. 16	1:00pm	Senior Citizens
Wednesday	Feb. 17	5:45pm 6:15pm 6:00-8:00pm 7:00pm	Salem Chimes Practice Salem Ringers Practice Hangout & Bible Study for High School Exhale Lenten Worship Salem Chancel Choir Practice following Worship
Thursday	Feb. 18	7:00pm	Guild & Brotherhood Meeting & Sweetheart Dance
Saturday	Feb. 20	11:00-4:00pm	Mission-To-Go Winter BBQ
Sunday	Feb. 21	8:45am 10:00am	Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Worship Children's Choir Practice after Worship
		1:00pm 4:00-5:30pm 6:30pm	Confirmation Class Exhale Praise Team Practice
Monday	Feb. 22	10:00am	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's
Wednesday	Feb. 24	5:45pm 6:15pm 6:00-8:00pm 7:00pm	Salem Chimes Practice Salem Ringers Practice Hangout & Bible Study for High School Exhale Lenten Worship Salem Chancel Choir Practice following Worship
Sunday	Feb. 28	8:45am 10:00am	Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Youth Sunday / Praise Worship Children's Choir Practice after Worship
		4:00-5:30pm	Exhale
Monday	Feb. 29	10:00am	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's

The Pastor/Parish/Personnel Relations Committee

The Pastor/Parish/Personnel Relations Committee (PPPRC) is always ready to hear ideas and suggestions. 2015 PPPRC members are: Dennis Conrad, Krista Mansholt, Kathy Porter, Ken Suhre, Linda Uhe, and Lisa Uhe.

The Salem Wire

There is a lot that happens from Sunday to Sunday—deaths, births, weddings, etc. Wouldn't it be nice to know these things sooner than later? The *Salem Wire* is an email message delivery system where you would receive notice of events and happenings in the church. To sign up for the *Salem Wire*, please email the church office at salemuccalh@gmail.com.

The Salem E-Messenger

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Pastor Jerry's Office Hours:

Tuesday – Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
(Available for Walk-Ins and Appointments)

Youth Director's Office Hours:

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Monday – Thursday: 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Office Coordinator's Office Hours:

Tuesday – Thursday: 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Custodian's Hours:

Sunday: 7:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 9:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.



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If you would like or know of someone who would like home communion or a visit from Pastor Jerry in your home for conversation and prayer, please contact him to schedule a time.

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