

SALEM UCC

PEACETALK

WANATAH, INDIANA
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2020

Calendar of Events:

6/21-Father's Day

7/5-Independence Day

Worship service

7/19-Semi- annual
congregational meeting
after worship service.

7/26-Pew Communion

9/6-Labor Day

9/13-Sunday School
classes resume, church
picnic, Grandparents day
and Picnic

9/27 Scarecrow Festival
Worship

Salem Council:

President: **Rodney Peters** (Head Elder)

(219) 363-1908

Vice Pres.: **Gary Cauley** (Trustee)

(219) 309-1009

Secretary: **Deb Smoker** (Elder)

(219) 508-6370

Fin. Sec.: **Drelah Grieger** (Trustee)

Fin. Tres.: **Ray Charlesworth** (Head Trustee)

Memorial: **Donna Cross** (Elder)

David Bagnall (Elder)

News from Salem Council:

Anyone who wants to submit their
tithes/offerings can do so by mailing
it directly to the church.

Check Salem's web site for other
sermonettes.

Pastor schedule as follows:

Bill Rodgers: 1st Sunday of June,
July, and August

Gary Hinkle: all the other Sunday's
thru August 31st

Melissa Smoker: To be announced
in August

Chris Birky: to be announced
throughout the summer

No Lisa Cauley June 14th, music will be
pre-recorded.

Chris Birky's sermon last week:

<https://youtu.be/MOBs0Xu3sDY>

We know these are unprecedented
times and our congregation's health is of
the utmost importance. **That being
said, we would like to open Salem for
worshipping on June 7th:**

- Sit at least 6 feet apart from
anyone with whom you do not live.
- Every other pew could be marked
to be vacant.
- Ushered in and out
- Print your own Bulletin or TV
viewing
- Masks are optional but
encouraged.
- Hand sanitizer at the back of
church to be used before and after the
service.
- Offering plates left at back of
church and not passed.

- Weather permitting, doors kept open prior and after service to prevent touching of handles.
- No moving during passing of the peace, obviously no hand shaking.
- Anyone with underlying health issues or over 65 is encouraged to stay home – God will understand.
- When church service is over all members could be released row by row from the back pew to the front of the church pews and then finally the balcony. This would help people leaving the church from getting too close to each other.
- Disinfect the church pews before and after each service and publish that and other procedures ahead to the members so they are aware of the precautions taken. (Thanks to the Search Committee for this list of suggestions.) No Lisa Cauley June 14th, music will be pre-recorded.



Elections will be held at Memorial Hall with full mist sanitizing afterward by the County Cleaning Department.



Salem United Church of Christ 2020 Seniors

Kaitlyn Bagnall -
Morgan High School
Mitchell Brown –
La Crosse High School
Zachary Grieger –
La Crosse High School
Daniel Serrato -
Associate Degree in Energy
Technology, Ivy Tech
Melissa Smoker -
Masters in Divinity, Indiana
Wesleyan University

**Congratulations Graduates! You
are in our Prayers!**

*All are invited to an open house on
Sunday, June 14th 2p.m.-4p.m. for
Kaitlyn Bagnall at 220 E. 250
S., Valparaiso, IN 46383*

“And our wise Father in heaven knows when we're going to need things too. Don't run out ahead of him.” -Corrie Ten Boom

Search Committee: No news is – no news

It was just a few church services ago at the annual meeting that we gave an update on the Search Committee. Unfortunately, there is not anything new to update. Our committee was formed in June and July of 2019. We met with a conference minister in August. We received our first minister profile from conference in November and have received about five profiles in total. Of those, we felt as though one was a close enough match to Salem and had a video interview. That candidate subsequently took a position closer to family. Several others have come about from means other than the conference, but for one reason or another, are on hold.

That being said, we must look at this as a positive. Blessings come in many forms. We have been fortunate to have many great services since the fall. Now, as our church doors have been closed for several months and contributions have not been coming in regularly, we have not had a minister expense at Salem. We have continued the search the best we can.

The search committee feels it is in Salem's best interest to continue the hunt for a fitting candidate and to not just settle. Our hope is that good things come to those who wait and God has someone great for Salem in his master plan. Salem has not only a beautiful building but a beautiful membership as well. We hope to find someone that appreciates the good we have to offer and does not look to us as a stepping stone.

Please continue to pray for Salem to find a suitable candidate and for our search committee who has been diligent in the journey. More importantly, pray for your health, the health of our church family and for that of our world.

Stay Home. Stay Healthy. We're all in this together.



Sunday School News

Salem's Sunday School teachers have missed our children these past months during our nation's pandemic. We hope you've all been well and are ready to do a few more things this summer. Promotion Sunday should have taken place in May. We are tentatively planning for Promotion on September 20. We will resume Sunday School classes on September 13. We hope to provide a Nursery class this fall as well as a High School class again.

As preparation for Confirmation, our children have always been asked to memorize certain Biblical passages each year. Kylene's primary class is asked to learn John 3:16. Keri's middle school class's assignment is the Books of the New Testament. Please work on learning these this summer as we plan for fall. After a new Pastor is secured, hopefully there will be a Confirmation Class beginning in the fall of 2021.

Thanks to our teachers, Kylene, Keri, and Dale for their faithfulness each Sunday to teach our children the message of God's love.

There will be no Sunday School in June, July, or August. The teachers hope to see ALL Salem children on September 13. Have a great Summer!! God bless your family!!



Birthdays

JUNE

6-1 Rodney Peters
6-2 Cheryl Bagnall
6-4 Rae Manhart
6-4 Kate Poort
6-5 Nicholas Fike
6-6 Linda Vorkapich
6-7 Adam Holtz
6-8 Carolyn Marks
6-12 Elisa Grieger
6-14 Aleda Waggoner
6-14 Scott Carpenter
6-16 David Bagnall
6-17 Sharon Tudor
6-19 Dwayne Tate
6-21 Joe Ann Grieger
6-23 Bernice Gross
6-23 Joyce Miller
6-24 Kinsey Lambert
6-24 Connie Bennett
6-27 Gerald Benkie
6-27 Kristina Bertsch
6-29 Phyllis Smoker
6-29 Jenni Smoker

JULY

7-2 Julie Tate
7-3 Lillie Marks
7-4 Matt Homan
7-5 Adam Werner
7-6 Donna Spencer
7-6 Catherine Smoker
7-11 Nic Vorkapich
7-14 Darrell Marks
7-14 Lucas Cauley
7-16 Louise Grieger
7-16 Blair Muro
7-17 Thresa Peters

7-17 Diana Arnett
7-17 Landon Bagnall
7-18 Lisa Cauley
7-21 Andrea Mitzner
7-22 Jeremy Brown
7-23 Janelle Mitzner
7-23 Allison McCormick
7-24 Paul Homan
7-26 Joanna Kuss
7-26 Karly Lambert
7-30 Kim Land
7-30 Eileen Land

AUGUST

8-3 Brian Bagnall
8-8 Elizabeth Reinke
8-9 Andrew Batzka
8-10 Jill Brown
8-11 Riley Charlesworth
8-12 Linda Stultz
8-17 David Homan
8-19 Bill Cromey
8-21 Emily Tate
8-22 Ray Charlesworth
8-22 Matt Smoker
8-23 Ann Weinkauff
8-23 Anna Bagnall
8-23 Mike Holtz
8-27 William Homan
8-27 Tammy Homan
8-28 Jacob Smoker
8-30 Penny Shotts
8-31 Janet Ballinger

SEPTEMBER

9-2 Kylene Lambert
9-3 Joseph Smoker
9-4 Andrew McCormick
9-4 Peggy Wilinski
9-7 Norman Werner
9-8 Dara Guse
9-8 Jeff Shotts
9-10 Carol Marks
9-11 Marlene Mitzner
9-11 Dana Kane
9-15 Zachary Grieger
9-17 Ruth Carnell
9-19 Claudette Cairns-Boyd
9-21 Melissa Grieger
9-21 Brooke Bos

9-23 Carol Benkie
9-23 Jeff Mitzner
9-24 Don Berger
9-25 Shirley Espravnik
9-27 Bernell Grieger
9-27 Emily Grieger
9-27 Zachary Parks
9-29 Becky Pierce
9-29 Paul Bailey
9-29 Lyla Powell
9-30 Dale Bagnall

OCTOBER

10-3 Alden McCormick
10-5 Jennifer McCormick
10-5 Ron Carnell
10-11 Anthony Galbreath
10-12 Kelli Smoker
10-12 David Vorkapich
10-12 Helen Steinke
10-13 Jason Randall
10-13 Frank Gorski
10-14 Roger Hutton
10-14 Janet Maupin
10-16 Diane Fike
10-16 Susie Mack
10-19 Charles Homan
10-19 Jennifer Vorkapich
10-21 Elwood Grieger
10-23 Amber Bos
10-23 Sharon Bailey
10-24 Sadie Smoker
10-27 George Walter
10-27 Mitchell Brown
10-30 David Pozil
10-30 Calen Poort

Anniversaries

JUNE

6-3 CHUCK AND SUSIE MACK
6-8 TIM & DARA GUSE
6-8 CHERYL AND REGINALD KRUEGER
6-10 DON AND JOYCE MILLER
6-11 GERRY AND SANDY WERNER
6-15 RAY AND JULI CHARLESWORTH
6-16 DALE AND CHERYL BAGNALL
6-19 JAMES AND PHYLLIS SMOKER
6-22 GARY AND LISA CAULEY
6-25 JIM AND ALEDA WAGGONER
6-27 NATE AND JESS MCGINLEY

JULY

7-4 RODNEY AND KAREN PETERS
7-8 LARRY AND BECKY PIERCE
7-10 BRETT AND KYLENE LAMBERT
7/14 DARRELL & CAROLYN MARKS
7-17 SCOTT AND KERI PARKS
7-18 GLENN AND KATHY WALLACE
7-23 FRANK AND DENISE GORSKI
7-27 DON AND THRESA PETERS

AUGUST

8-9 STEVEN AND DIANE FIKE
8-12 MIKE & TALYTHA HOLTZ
8-13 JOE & VICTORIA UBBEN
8-14 TIM AND MISSY GRIEGER
8-15 BRIAN AND CHRISTINA MCMAHAN
8-20 GENE AND KATHRYN RICE
8-23 STEVE AND AMBER BOS
8-24 JEFF AND ANDREA MITZNER
8-25 TIM AND DONNA BROWN

SEPTEMBER

9-1 ADAM & TRICIA WERNER
9-7 PENNY & JEFF SHOTTS
9-4 GORDON AND CLAUDETTE BOYD
9-10 JOHN AND PEGGY WILINSKI
9-14 LINDA AND TERRY WERNER
9-12 STEVE AND LINDA STULTZ
9-13 KELVIN AND DANA KANE
9-14 JEREMY AND JILL BROWN
9-18 BLAIR & CORY MURO
9-25 DAVID & ANNA BAGNALL
9/25 HOLLY & CHRISTOPHER KING

OCTOBER

10-8 CONNIE & JERRY BENNETT
10-17 GERALD AND CAROL BENKIE
10-26 PAUL AND CAROLYN HOMAN

