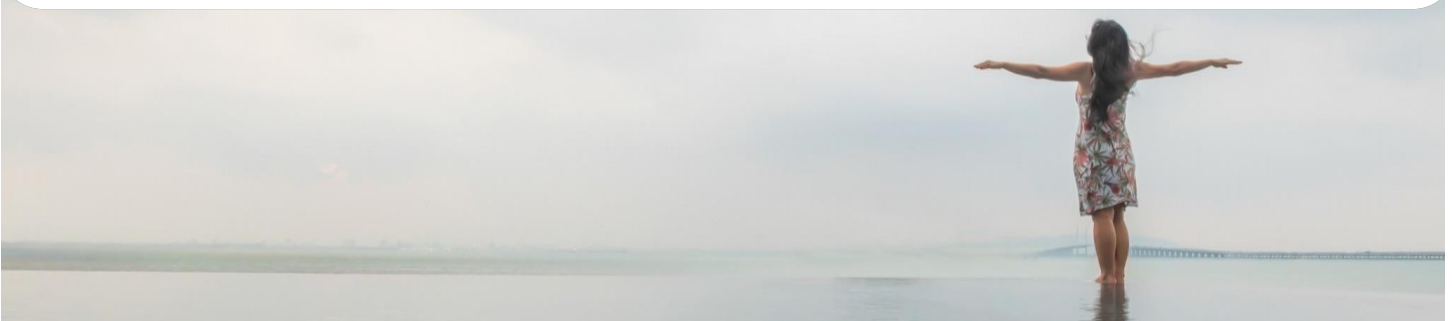




Salem United Methodist Church

Growing Together on the Journey with Christ



A note from Pastor Paola

As I am writing this first note for the Tidings, I am still at my mother's house in Italy. The time here, apart from taking care of some family business, has been a precious time to slow down, rest, and relax. I needed to distance my mind and soul from my last ministry and prepare for the new future God is calling me to enter among all of you at Salem.

During this time in Italy, my daughter Anna and I spent a week with my brother Luca and his family in Tuscany. Now, you need to know my brother and I love each other very much, but we have a very different way to conceive a vacation. I am more like "lying-down-on-a-comfortable-chair-under-a-umbrella-by-the-sea-surrounded-by-all-commodities-and-Wi-Fi" kind of gal. He is more like "let's-go-everyday-on-a-crazy-and-new-adventure-as-far-as-possible-from-civilization" kind of guy. Of course the vast majority of the group went along with the cool, fun, and adventurous uncle rather than going along with me, the boring aunt. So... on we went, one adventure after another.

One day we went to a protected wildlife park along kilometers of sandy beach. We rode a bus to a point and then walked for a couple miles to the

beach: no umbrella, no cars, no chairs, no stores, no toilets, no Wi-Fi...nothing, only a bare beach. We looked for fragments of trees to build a makeshift tent to hold up our beach towels and protect ourselves from the sun.

After that I jumped into the sea to get a break from the heat, and as I was alone in the most crystalline water I have ever swam in, I felt a profound sense of peace, joy, and harmony that I haven't experienced in a very long time. I truly felt one with God and His creation. In that bare, beautiful place I was just a loved child of God without false pretenses of control and power.

Then, it occurred to me: This is what the Sabbath is all about. Sabbath is the day of the Lord. It is the day when we stop, resign our control and give back our lives to God. On Sabbath we truly rest and are replenished because God takes care of us, we are completely in His loving hands. This is why the observance of the Sabbath is among the commandments: When we forget to observe it we are left empty, exhausted, and broken. It took my crazy adventurous brother to remind me to take time to observe the Sabbath Day and remember to be replenished by the Source of my life.

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Get to know Pastor Paola

Choose from a variety of dates/times to meet Pastor Paola for fellowship in homes or at church.

Blue Jean Sunday with Church Picnic
Fun, Food, and Fellowship for All!

Worship Themes
Pastor Paola has chosen worship themes for the next few weeks.

Children/Teen Ministry
Sunday School and a new Teen Class starts up in September.

Food Pantry Sunday
Once a month, Salem collects non-perishables & monetary donations for the local Food Pantry.

Get to Know Pastor Paola!

The Nurture Team has set up several dates from which you can choose for gathering to get to know Pastor Paola. Getting to know each of us is a priority for her. We have tried to come up with dates and different locations to help you fit it into your schedule. We want to welcome Pastor Paola into our Salem family. Choose the spot that is right for you and have a great time of fellowship. Please sign up in the narthex or email the church office.

Wednesday July 26

Bob & Bonnie Stuempfig's home at 6:30 P.M.
W279 S3820 Townline Road in Waukesha

Wednesday August 2

Kermit & Pat Bohning's home at 7:00 P.M.
S103 W22145 Kelsey Drive in Big Bend

Saturday August 12

Bill & Mary Watt (at church) at 10:00 A.M.

Monday August 14

Bill & Sandy Pardoe's home at 7:00 P.M.
1003 Oxford Road in Waukesha

Thursday August 24

Jo Ann & Bill Hauenstine (at church) at 2:00 P.M.

Worship Themes

Salem UMC Worship Themes for August

A table...a symbol of love. Join us as we discover how the table is a powerful symbol in the Bible and how the table can help form and maintain relationships and community.

August 6 (Holy Communion)

Share a table, share a life Luke 22:7-20

August 13 *At the table with Jesus* Luke 5:27-32

Life God's Way:

Jesus has much to say about God, the human heart, the future, life, anger, love, and everything that matters. We will be digging into the wisdom and truth hidden in His parables to help us overcoming what keeps us from being the people God designs us to be.

August 20 *Overcoming growth barriers* Matt. 13: 1-23

August 27 *Overcoming resentment* Matt. 20-1-16

September 3 (Holy Communion)

Overcoming pride Luke 15:11-24

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Thanks so much to those of you who chose to make your Food Pantry donations through the offering. Last quarter over \$450 was sent to the Pantry! With their volume discount, they can purchase needed items that weren't donated. You can still donate food items (and we will periodically notify you of shortages), but feel free to simplify your donation by marking your envelope (pew envelope works too) with the dollar amount you are designating to help support the Waukesha County Food Pantry. If you are an Amazon shopper, try Amazon Smile. You can designate a charity, such as Waukesha Country Food Pantry, to receive a percentage of your purchase. A Win-Win for all!

**Our next Food
Pantry Sunday is
August 13th!**



When: Sunday, August 6, following worship

Where: Outside on in Fellowship Hall

Bring a dish to pass. Beverages will be provided by the Nurture Team. Please sign up on the poster in the narthex. Hope to see you there! 😊

★ EXTRA! EXTRA! ★

Sunday School News

Summer is wrapping up, and it will soon be time for church school!

This year we have added a new class for our teen students. The class will be every third Sunday from about 9:15 to 10:15 am. We will also have some trips and special projects as we all learn to become good Samaritans. We will encourage all our children in grades 6th-12th grade to join us for the trips and projects.

Greg Newton has volunteered to teach Sunday school on the third Sunday when I am with the teens.

We are looking for a couple of adults to go with us on our trips. We need a least one male and one more female. Please pray about this and see what God might be calling you to do. It can be a very rewarding experience.

Sandy and I are looking forward to the Cook-out at our home for all the Sunday School parents and children. We'll meet Monday, July 31 at 6pm. Come meet Pastor Paola and get questions answered that you may have about the programs offered at Salem.

Thanks to someone donating a DVD player for the nursery. we now can show movies to the children as they play.

-Bill Pardoe



Salem's Operating expenses for June, including shingling the garage, were just over \$13,500. Income was

\$14,200. For July, expenses are projected to be \$20,000+. We will resume the expenses of a permanent pastor including housing, pension, and health insurance. We also have some transition overlap expense from Pastor Bill. July also includes a quarterly payment for the multi-peril building insurance and repairs to the lawn mowers. Income for the first three weeks in July was \$11,000+, leaving \$9,000 still needed. In a cost saving move, we have changed from twice a month to a once a month payroll, thus saving on processing fees.

-Kermit Bohning

Treasurer's
CORNER

Book Sale Coming this Fall!

The Salem Library team will be holding a book sale this fall (date to be determined). We are asking that you look through your books at home and choose some to bring in for our Book Sale at Salem. Label the books you bring with "Book Sale" and please put them on the counter in the lounge (under the book shelves). We will use proceeds from this sale to purchase supplies for our library. Thank you!



Salem's Annual Outdoor Praise Worship Saturday, Sept. 30, 6:00 pm

We are excited as we make plans for our annual outdoor service this year. We have a guest musician, Rich Rubietta, who will be leading us in this special worship service. Following the service, a meal will be provided. Please note: In the afternoon, before the worship service, there will be a retreat for all church council members and anyone else who would like to come and participate. Rich Rubietta will also lead this retreat. We look forward to sharing more details with you. Keep an eye on the Tidings and Announcement Sheets. We hope to see all of you on September 30th! Bring a neighbor or a friend!



Notes of THANKS

From Sue Lewinski

Sue Lewinski, our Pianist/Organist, would like to express her deep appreciation for all of the cards, balloons, flowers, and especially prayers that the Salem family has showered on her during this time of difficulty she has experienced. She said she could truly feel the love from all of us...this support has been a vital part of Sue's recuperation. She also wants Pastor Bill to know how much his visits and phone calls have meant to her. She felt that each time he visited, God had placed him there at the exact time she needed it.

From Pastor Paola

Thanks so much to everyone who has been helping with the collection of soccer shoes and soccer balls for the children and youth in Thomassique, Haiti, where my daughter Betta works. We are touched by your kind generosity. You made a lot of kids very happy!

-Pastor Paola



HELPING HANDS
BUILDING HOPE

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Hope Center Meal

Salem will be partnering with the Hope Center to serve their evening meal on Friday, August 25th. This organization is committed to helping those in need throughout Waukesha County. Their number one goal is to work to prevent homelessness. The Hope Center has been serving approximately 95-100 people at each meal.

We can help by providing servers, 8 dozen cookies and 10 gallons of milk. Please sign up on the kiosk and help make a difference in your community.

August Birthdays

- August 2 Dick Mueller
- 2 Sue Yont
- 5 Betty Padgett, Gerry Reichert, Bob Cooley
- 6 Peggy Barnes
- 9 John Klopp, Bill Lutzen
- 10 James Agpoon
- 12 Dick Harris
- 14 Gary Wollenzien
- 15 Bill Crusan, Grace Callen
- 18 Chase Hernandez
- 19 Donna Reichert
- 22 Roger Heilert
- 26 Becky Tomaszak
- 27 Jim Mitchell, Penny Feller
- 30 Eric Lutzen

LECTIONARY



- August 6** Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21
- August 13** Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33
- August 20** Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28
- August 27** Exodus 1:8 – 2:10
Psalm 124
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

BREAKING news



We need refreshments for fellowship time for the month of August! Please consider signing up on the kiosk. ☺

Sunday, August 6

Greeters: Rob & Gladys Roszkowski
Acolyte: Isaac Chapin
PowerPoint: Harriet Young
Worship Leader: Harriet Young
Liturgist: Ken Schimpf
Children's Time:
Flowers:
Refreshments:

Sunday, August 13

Greeters: Greg & Kim Newton
Acolyte: Seth Hernandez
PowerPoint:
Worship Leader: Kim Newton
Liturgist: Ruth Teschner
Children's Time:
Flowers:
Refreshments:

Sunday, August 20

Greeters: Doug & Brenda Lindsay
Acolyte: Zachary Buxengard
PowerPoint:
Worship Leader: Bill Pardoe
Liturgist: Peggy Barnes
Children's Time:
Flowers: Ed & Betty Padgett
Refreshments:

Sunday, August 27

Greeters: Cory & Laurie Buxengard
Acolyte: Sydney Hernandez
PowerPoint:
Worship Leader: Maggie Bringa
Liturgist: Judy Schimpf
Children's Time:
Flowers:
Refreshments:



Summer's gifts

Summer brings longer days, warmer nights and – for many people – time spent near water. Complete this puzzle to find out who's behind all those summertime joys.



Directions: Read Jeremiah 31:35 (NIV) below. Draw a around words describing God's actions. Draw an around words that describe day. Underline words that describe evening. Draw under words that describe the ocean.

He who appoints the sun to shine by day,
who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night,
who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar ...



Directions: Circle the capital letters. Then write them from left to right on the lines below to reveal God's name in this Bible verse.

i t T w H s p j E k e m a b L f g O h b c R d
e D q r s t c e a t o n a h f z z v u A w y L
a v n M q z l s k y z G u w H h m o T k j k Y





IT WAS YOU WHO SET
ALL THE BOUNDARIES OF
THE EARTH; YOU MADE
BOTH SUMMER AND WINTER.

PSALM 74:17, NIV

