



Salem United Methodist Church

Growing Together on the Journey with Christ

A note from Pastor Paola

And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water". He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. Matthew 14:25-29

A couple of weeks ago, I was in Atlanta for a meeting, but I was able to spend some time with my son Giovanni who lives there. It was a rare and precious time. When we were together he said, "Let's go for a hike in a park!" I wasn't so sure about that, but he assured me we would walk on comfortable and flat path. Well... before I knew it, we were off the path, climbing on wet rocks (see the photo on this page!) with my son holding my hand, and I was scared to death!! Below us were more wet rocks and a swollen river!! The thought in my mind was: *This was supposed to be a relaxing little stroll?? If I fall down, that's going to be it! How did I get myself into this??* But... all of a sudden we reached an incredible place with the most beautiful water fall! Unbelievable!! My son promptly said to me: "You see... you need to get out of your comfort zone and take risk to reach something incredibly beautiful like this!" Well yes, he majored in philosophy... Don't you hate it when your children are a lot smarter and wiser than you???

It has been a wonderful few weeks among you all at Salem!! I am enjoying getting to know your stories. I am deeply moved by your faithfulness. And I love to hear your passions and dreams for Salem. In fact, I am beginning to dream a little myself. One thing I know is that *if we want to get to amazing new places, we need to get out of our comfort zone and take risk.* Peter took a risk and walked on water. Jesus is a great risk taker, and he calls us to follow him to great places even if that means climbing slippery rocks or stepping out of a boat in the middle of the lake.

This is the reason why we are dedicating our September worship series to RISK: (see Worship Themes on the next page) getting out of our comfort zone and learning how to be a disciple. Come and worship with us and invite family and friends to come with you!!

We also have new opportunities for Sunday classes for adults, teens and children starting September 10th. Get out of your comfort zone and bring someone along with you to class, no matter if you are 5, 14 or 80 years old!! Let's walk together to the amazing places God has been preparing for us!! Blessings,
Pastor Paola

"The risk
of faith in
following after
JESUS with
all of our hearts is
worth every moment."



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Worship Theme for September: RISK

Children & Teens
Sunday School starts up again September 10th

New Class for Adults
Soul Seeking: Caring for the Most Important Part of You

Outdoor Praise & Worship
Guest Musician Rich Rubietta

Church Retreat
October 1st
Led by Guest Leader Rich Rubietta

Worship Themes



Salem UMC Worship Themes for September

September 3 (Holy Communion) The last Sunday in the series “Life God’s Way”

Overcoming pride Luke 15:11-24

New Series: RISK... Join us in worship as we learn how to live Jesus’ call to follow him outside our comfort zone and stretch our faith:

September 10 *Grandparent’s Day*
“Push out into deep water and let your nets out for a catch” Luke 5:1-11

September 17 “They carry their friend closer to Jesus” Luke 5:17-26

September 24 “New and Old” Luke 5:33-39

Open House



at Pastor Paola's

Pastor Paola enjoyed “Meet and Greet” with our Salem family, and that was real neat!

Now she’d like you to see her new house, and you’ll get a chance to meet her dear spouse! On September 9th, an Open House will take place from 4:00 to 7:00; come and go at your own pace.

The address is 917 Valley Hill Drive in Waukesha. Please sign up in the narthex so Pastor Paola can plan accordingly.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are so excited about starting a new Sunday School year! We will gather in Fellowship Hall following Children’s



Time in worship every Sunday except the 1st Sunday of the month when we encourage our children to stay in worship and experience Holy Communion with their families.

Here is the September teaching plan:

Sept. 10: We will be learning about Jonah, Nineveh and the Big fish. Following the lesson, all preschoolers through 12th graders will enjoy our annual pancake breakfast!

Sept. 17: Our children learn about The Prophet Isaiah, and our first class for our teens will begin. Our 6th-12th graders will begin a new program, “Becoming a Good Samaritan”, which will include trips and projects.

September 24: We will learn about Nehemiah rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem.

Thursday Morning Bible Study NEW TIME!!

Perhaps it used to be a little too early for you to join us, but now we’ve changed our Bible Study time to 7:30 AM! Join us at Perkins (585 N Barker Rd, Brookfield) 7:30-8:30 AM on Thursdays for fellowship, breakfast and Bible study. We read and discuss weekly lectionary. If you like to know more, email or call Pastor Paola (paola.benecchi@att.net)

Sarah Circle News

September meeting: After a summer break, we look forward to the September meeting of Sarah Circle. We look forward to hearing Paul and Carol Becher regarding their volunteer time serving Healing Hearts. We will meet at Salem on September 6th at 10:00 a.m. We always enjoy a time of fellowship, refreshments, and a wide variety of lessons. New attendees are always welcome. Questions? Call Donna Reichert, 262 547-1192.



Salem, Making a Difference!

The Outreach Ministry Team would like to say **THANK YOU** for the generosity of our congregation! We wanted to highlight some of the projects that Salem has made so successful over the past year:

Food Pantry Support:

We have a dedicated group of volunteers that serve at the Food Pantry once a month. In addition, we provide monthly bags of donated food items, monetary donations and baby items such as diapers, wipes, formula and toiletries through Endowment support. Thank you for helping us to make a difference at the Food Pantry and the people they serve!

Hope Center Support:

Salem serves an Outreach meal at the Hope Center twice a year. Again, we have a dedicated group of volunteers that serve the meal and clean up. In addition, we provide milk for the meal and always yummy desserts to accommodate 90-100 people.

Salem provides an auction basket for the annual Hope Center Dinner and Auction. This is one of their largest fundraisers held in November.

Our annual sock and underwear drive was very successful! The results of our "Undie Sunday" project netted 402 items and monetary donations of \$614. This resulted in an additional purchase of 355 items, for a grand total of 737 articles of socks and underwear! Thank you for helping us to make a difference at Hope Center and the people they serve!

Interfaith Senior Programs:

Interfaith, now known as *ERA's Senior Network* is a non-profit organization whose mission is to engage and support Waukesha County seniors and adults with disabilities in leading meaningful lives. Salem donated \$377 in gift cards and stamps to help fill their Holiday Boxes. Thank you for helping us make a difference at *ERA's Senior Network* and the people they serve!

Christmas Clearing Council:

Salem adopted three families last fall. The "Giving Tree" did not have ornaments for long, as Salem responded quickly to provide gifts for six children and their moms! Thank you for helping us to make a difference through the Christmas Clearing Council and the families they serve!

Paul Webster Support:

This year the Outreach team decided not to host the Annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale. Instead, we had "Pie for Paul Day!" This was very successful and we plan to repeat this next year. It resulted in \$709 in donations for a piece of pie, and in addition our Easter offering added another \$703 to support our missionary, Paul Webster and his Agricultural Center at Mujila Falls in Zambia. Thank you for helping us to make a difference through donations for Paul Webster's ministry.

These were just some of the projects that our congregation has supported. In addition, we provide support and/or volunteers to the Men's Overflow Shelter, Healing Hearts of Waukesha County, and St. Vincent de Paul's mentoring program, "Coming Together to Get Ahead." It is amazing to think that our small church can make such a difference for families, our community, and globally! Thank you so much for your support!!!

Book Sale to Benefit the Salem Library!

Books, books, books, everywhere you look!
Have you read them all before and don't want them anymore?

OR...

Are you looking for a book you've been anxious to read?

Finding one at our sale would make you happy indeed!

There will be a book sale this fall, so bring your gently used books to the library and put them in the basket on the counter. If you have a large amount to donate, let Carol or Gladys know. The sale date will be announced very soon!



Treasurer's CORNER

Thanks to a generous gift of stock, we were able to cover the extra July expenses. We need \$2000 to cover the rest of August. September brings the return of our music staff, expanded staff hours, and increased ministry team activity; along with another insurance payment. Projected expenses will require weekly income of \$4500. Thank you for faithfully helping us meet these expenses so vital to our ministry. Our monthly financial statement is posted on the kiosk. I am always available to explain and answer any questions.

-Kermit Bohning

SALEM'S MARKETING TEAM

Salem's Evangelism Team has been renamed The Marketing Team and will be concentrating on getting the word out to our community about Salem and all our church has to offer. We are excited to be working on several projects, one of which is promoting Salem's new commitment to use 100% renewable electric energy. In order to spread the word, we have contacted the Waukesha Freeman and are preparing to do a feature article with them. We also want to have visible advertising along the highway and are working on having yard signs printed. Watch for these promotions!



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Food Pantry Sunday: September 10th!

**A Special Weekend:
Saturday, September 30th and
Sunday, October 1st...**



We want you to mark your calendars for a special weekend at Salem! United Methodist Circuit Rider, Rich Rubietta, from Park Ridge, Illinois, will be our guest. Rich is a singer/songwriter and worship leader. He leads interactive worship experiences, which include audience participation and upbeat versions of familiar hymns and original material. Here is the schedule:

Saturday, Sept. 30 at 6:00 PM...we will enjoy our annual outdoor praise service, led by Rich Rubietta. This is an awesome time to invite a friend to join us in a special worship service for the community. We'll enjoy a chili supper following worship.

Sunday, Oct. 1 at 9:00 AM...Rich we be with us as well on Sunday morning to enhance our worship experience. Another opportunity to invite a friend!

Sunday, Oct. 1, following morning worship... Rich will lead a retreat for the church council and **everyone else who is interested!** This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith and take part in imagining what the future of Salem UMC can be! We are planning to have potluck/brunch after church for church council members and everyone else interested in taking part of the retreat. Please bring some breakfast items to share (such as bagels, fruits, muffins, etc.)

UMW Sunday, October 22

Join us for a special service led by our United Methodist Women! As our guest speaker, we have invited a special young woman, Fiona Odum, who is 18 years old and will be attending Macalester College this fall. Fiona has recently attended the UMW Seminar in Washington D.C. and New York City. She is on the UMW National Executive Team as the teen/young women representative. Mark your calendars and look for more information regarding this special day at Salem!

September Birthdays

Sept. 4	Clarisse Crusan
5	Don Callen
6	Doug Lindsay
7	Kurt Guenther
9	Pat Bohning
10	Dick Tesch
10	Maggie Bringa
18	Marlys Tesch
19	Bob Stuempfig
20	Noah Mitchell
20	Eve Paddock
22	Jacob Lindsay

LECTIONARY



Sept. 3	Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 23-36, 45C Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28
Sept. 10	Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 149 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20
Sept. 17	Exodus 14:19-31 Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35
Sept. 24	Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16

Sunday, Sept. 3

Greeters: Bill & Sandy Pardoe
Acolyte: Cole Cochran
PowerPoint: Gary Wollenzien
Worship Leader: Ken Schimpf
Liturgist: Harriet Young
Children's Time: Pastor Paola
Flowers:
Refreshments: Betty Henderson

Sunday, Sept. 10

Greeters: Kermit & Pat Bohning
Acolyte: Chase Hernandez
PowerPoint: Paul Becher
Worship Leader: Bonnie Stuempfig
Liturgist: Carol Becher
Children's Time: Bill Pardoe
Flowers: Bob & Bonnie Stuempfig
Refreshments: Bob & Bonnie Stuempfig

Sunday, Sept. 17

Greeters: Paul & Carol Becher
Acolyte: Aaron Buxengard
PowerPoint: Harriet Young
Worship Leader: Bill Pardoe
Liturgist: Don Callen
Children's Time: Bill Pardoe
Flowers: Michelle Oberwise Lacock
Refreshments: Ken & Maggie Bringa

Sunday, Sept. 24

Greeters: Rich & Amy Manns
Acolyte: Isaac Chapin
PowerPoint: John Klopp
Worship Leader: Kermit Bohning
Liturgist: Sheryl Crusan
Children's Time: Bill Pardoe
Flowers: Dick & Marlys Tesch
Refreshments:

