



May 2018

## Salem United Methodist Church Growing Together on the Journey with Christ

### A note from Pastor Paola

*“Later, I will give my Spirit to everyone. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will have dreams, and your young men will see visions. In those days I will even give my Spirit to my servants, both men and women. I will work wonder in the sky above and on the earth below.”* Joel 2:28-30

As I am writing this note, we just finished plowing the snow from this weekend and are getting ready for more snow tomorrow. I just lived through my 24th winter in Wisconsin (Yes, I count my winters just like someone would count their big life undertakings!), but this year it feels as though winter is not going to quit.

Yet, May is here. We must have faith that spring is coming, and with spring comes renewal, new beginnings, and new life.

In the life of the church, this is the season of Pentecost, the day when the Christian community was born. The Spirit brought renewal, new beginnings, and new dreams.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, after being filled with the Holy Spirit, left the house where he had been with the rest of the disciples since Jesus' death. He went outside in Jerusalem and start speaking to thousands of people gathered there. To the crowd he

quoted the words from the prophet Joel (see the beginning of this letter) and let the people know those words were fulfilled that day. The first Pentecost was the time to go out in the community, seize God's vision and dream, and act on it. It was Pentecost time.

It is Pentecost time at Salem. The Spirit is blowing, and God's new vision for us is shaping. After the very decisive vote in favor of the sale of Salem's north lot, we are now moving forward. Great things are on the way. God is good!! I hear and see that new dreams and visions are taking shape; new ministries and new groups are being born. Older ministries are getting stronger.

We have been challenged to go beyond our comfort zone as a church family to offer hospitality to those who visit our church and to offer outreach to those in our community (and beyond) who need our generosity and kindness.

Can you feel the Spirit? I do.

Blessings,  
Pastor Paola



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**Mother's Day**  
A morning of music and praise!  
May 13

#### New Senior Ministry

Luncheon at Salem  
With Guest Speaker  
May 19, Noon



**New Adult Class**  
starting in June!

## Worship Series/Themes at Salem:

### **Creation: Gift & Responsibility**

As Christians, our concern for the earth is not blocked by our faith; it is actually triggered by our faith. Care for the earth is a way to give glory to God, Our Creator.

**April 29 Earth Day**  
**Is God Green?**

Genesis 1

**May 6** Lay Speaker, Kermit Bohning  
**Farming the Garden of Eden** Genesis 2:8-17

**Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**MOTHER'S DAY &**  
**PRAISEFEST!**  
**9:00 am Worship**  
**with music &**  
**praise!**



### **The Holy Spirit is Power**

We pray to God the Father and strive to follow Jesus. But when it comes to the Holy Spirit, things get a little fuzzy. Join us this Pentecost and Trinity Sunday as we unveil who the Holy Spirit is and how The Holy Spirit can transform our lives.

**May 20 Pentecost**  
**Full Potential of a Spirit-Filled Life** Acts 1:2-21

**May 27 Trinity Sunday/Memorial Sunday**  
**Total Freedom in the Spirit** Romans 8:12-17

**Yes! Movies in church! 😊**

### **Building Bridges**

Families and communities are currently deeply divided and polarized on many critical social and political issues. We have stopped listening to each other; respect and civility have been replaced by attacks. Is it possible for us to disagree and still find common grounds? Is there a place to stand united? In this worship series, we will go back to the apostle Paul who personally struggled with painful divisions in his life so that together we can learn how to find ways to “build bridges” and cross over them.

**June 3 Communion - Graduation Sunday**

**Building Bridges in our Country: Different Yet Not Enemies** Galatians 3:28 and Ephesians 2:11-22

**June 10**

**Building Bridges in Our Community: Dealing with people with different opinions at work, in social media, and in our neighborhood** Ephesians 4:29-32

**June 17** (Pastor Paola at annual conference) Certified Lay Speaker, Judy Schimpf

**June 24**

**Building bridges in our families: responding to hurt and evil** Romans 12:14-21



Join the fun every Sunday during the month of July as we will be viewing movie clips and hearing the stories of great heroes of the old Testament who were called to carry on God's plan.

**Sunday July 8 - Communion**

**Oh God! (1977)** God chooses us to become His messengers - Exodus 3

**Sunday July 15**

**Angels in the Outfield (1994)** God sends angels to call us to take on new challenges - Isaiah 6:1-8

**Sunday July 22**

**Bruce Almighty (2003)** God transforms our heart so we can become agents of his grace (Jonah 1 and 4)

**Sunday July 29**

**Evan Almighty (2007)** God stretches our faith so we carry on his plan for salvation - Genesis 6

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**May-June**  
**Teaching Plan**



**Sunday, May 6th**

No Class. Communion Sunday

**Sunday, May 13th 9:15 AM**

The Ascension & Pentecost

**Sunday, May 20th 9:15 AM**

Children: The Stoning of Stephen

Teens: Loving the Forsaken

**Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>** No Class (Holiday Weekend)

**Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>** No Class (Communion Sunday)

**Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**

The Missionary Journeys of Paul,  
Prepare for our Summer Trips,  
Ice Cream Social!

**What is All the Buzz About?**

The Nurture Team is starting a new ministry! We are looking to serve the more matured retired members of our congregation! We are very excited about this opportunity to serve. Our kick-off date is set for Saturday, May 19, at Noon. We will serve a sit-down lunch and talk about the plans we have for you. Your input will be very helpful for us, as we want to make this ministry exactly what you want it to be.



After lunch, we will have a special guest speaker. Matt LaFarge is a beekeeper in here in Wisconsin. He will be sharing with us many stories and experiences of beekeeping. He may even have some honey with him that we can purchase from his last harvest.

Come and enjoy an afternoon of fun and fellowship. A sign-up sheet will be posted soon in the narthex.



**Outreach**  
**Sundae Sunday!**  
**May 6**



We're celebrating! What, you ask? Simply put, our ability to support our church and community throughout this past year. In the narthex following worship, Outreach will be serving up scoops of ice cream (which represent the long term projects like Hope Center, Food Pantry, etc.), chocolate (good for smoothing out the rough spots we had in our budget until everyone stepped up and gave generously to the Stewardship campaign), and sprinkles (all the extra things we choose to support (like school supplies that Pastor Jorge took to Bolivia and medical supplies Pastor Paola took to Haiti). Join us after service on May 6th as we give thanks for the many blessing we've received this past year.

**Land Use Committee Report**

On Sunday, April 8, members of Salem voted on the offer for purchase of the vacant lot north of our church building. The ballot count was as follows: YES-50, NO-2, and 1 person abstained. Thank you for your presence and for your vote. We are very excited, and pray that the next steps go smoothly.

The following is an update from Salem's Land Use Committee:

We have entered a period of time called "Due Diligence", during which the Buyer will be conducting environmental/soil testing on the site and will be working with representatives of the City of Waukesha on land planning, zoning issues, permits, etc. The "Due Diligence" period my last until early August. If everything proceeds according to schedule, the real estate closing should occur before the end of the year.

**Sunday,**  
**May 20th**

On Pentecost Sunday, May 20, we will be honoring our Sunday School staff during morning worship. We look forward to recognizing our volunteers for their gifts of time in working with our children and youth.



## Wisconsin Annual Conference 2018: "One With Each Other"

The Wisconsin Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church will be held June 15-18 at the Madison Marriot West in Middleton, WI. Pastor Paola and Bill Pardoe, our Lay Member to Annual Conference, will be attending. On Sunday, June 17, Certified Lay Speaker, Judy Schimpf, will be preaching in worship. For the Ingathering event at the conference and how you can help, please continue reading the article below!

### Outreach Ingathering: personal dignity kits

The Ingathering is a way that United Methodists support people who are in need. Our Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist Church collects for this cause every year at the June annual conference. This year we are again seeking monetary donations to help provide Personal Dignity Kits valued at \$14 each. With the buying power of the Midwest Missions Distribution Center, south of Springfield, IL, they can purchase the items for the kits at about one-third of that amount. The Personal Dignity Kit is the number one kit requested at the distribution center. Last year 36,456 kits were sent all over the Midwest and internationally to help people maintain basic hygiene. The kits include: shampoo, bar soap, deodorant, bath hand towel, washcloth, comb, nail clippers, toothbrush, toothpaste, and razor. We will be collecting monetary donations only through June 3. Please write the word INGATHERING on your offering envelopes.

Thank you for your support!



Pastor Paola and her family will be in Egypt May 3-12 for her son's wedding. If there is a pastoral emergency during this time, please contact SPRC chairperson, Kermit Bohning, 262-336-

6976. On Sunday, May 6, Kermit Bohning, Salem's Lay Leader, will be preaching for morning worship. We wish Pastor Paola and her family very safe travels!

## In Sympathy Gerry Reichert

August 5, 1944 – March 2, 2018

After a courageous battle with cancer, Gerry found peace on Friday, March 2, 2018 when he was called home to Heaven. He was a lifetime member of Salem United Methodist Church and served our church in many ways, usually behind-the-scenes. We are grateful for the many ways Gerry gave of his time to the ministries of Salem. A celebration of Gerry's life was held on March 7 at the Randle-Dable-Brisk Funeral Home in Waukesha.

### Thank You

Thank you to Salem friends who kept Gerry in their prayers for the last year as he battled cancer. We felt the power of prayer and the abundant mercy of our Lord. Thank you for cards sent and for food prepared for us. We are very grateful.



-Donna and family

### Our Deepest Condolences

Sara A. Tesch, daughter-in-law of Dick and Marlys Tesch passed away on April 16, 2018 at the age of 50. She was a loving wife to Eric Tesch and was a wonderful mother to three children: Elijah, Natalie and Piper. She is survived by a very large extended family and close friends. The service for Sara was held at Pagenkopf Funeral Home in Oconomowoc on April 20. Our heartfelt condolences are with the Tesch family, and we continue to pray for comfort and peace for all who will deeply miss Sara.

### New information for your directories:

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Waukesha, WI 53188  
Phone 262-893-6264  
[mikpegbarnes@yahoo.com](mailto:mikpegbarnes@yahoo.com)

### Class of 2018 Graduates

On Sunday, June 3, we will honor those who are graduating from high school, college, or post-grad. If you have not done so, please let the office know that you (or your child) is graduating.

## You Are Invited!



Our Nurture Team is hosting a bridal shower for Ashley Newton and her fiancé, Andy Kuhn. Everyone is invited! The shower will be on Saturday, July 7th. More details to follow. RSVP to Maggie Bringa. If you have glass canning jars that you no longer need, please contact Sandy Pardoe or Maggie Bringa.

## Mother's Day Word Search



MOTHER  
AUNT  
FAMILY  
RESPECT  
COOKING



MOMMY  
LOVE  
PARENT  
WISDOM  
NURTURE



GRANDMA  
SPECIAL  
HUGS  
KISSES  
BEAUTIFUL

## Reclaiming Jesus

In a few weeks, we are kicking off a new highly relevant and current adult class titled: **Reclaiming Jesus**.

We are living through a perilous and polarizing time as a nation, with a dangerous crisis of leadership at all level of government, society and church. We are all concerned about the present and the future of our nation, the lack of morality and civil debate at all levels.

During the month of June, we invite you to a 4-week adult class that will study a Confession of Faith written by a large group of Christian pastors and theologians of many different denominations and different social positions. This confession of faith was very recently written in the beginning of Lent this year.

You can check out the confession of faith and documents attached on [ReclaimingJesus.org](http://ReclaimingJesus.org).

Printed copies of the confession of faith will be available in the narthex.

Hope you can join us Sundays June 3, 10,17 and 24 in the fellowship hall from 10:30 to 11:30 for this new important class.

## A Mother's Prayer

Lord, give me strength just for today  
To lead my children in your way;  
Oh, give me wisdom, Lord, and grace  
To show to them your precious face!

And help me, Lord, to teach them, too,  
The things of Christ so rich and true,  
Just let them see in me, dear Lord,  
Your holiness in life and word.

Keep me from sinning with my tongue,  
From harsh, quick words that might have stung  
Their tender hearts that trust me so  
And watch to see which way I go.

Dear Father, keep my thoughts so pure  
That they will always know for sure  
My Lord has lead me all the way,  
Lord, grant my prayer just for today.

(Author Unknown)





### Food Pantry Sunday

Our next Food Pantry Sunday is May 13<sup>th</sup>

## *Serving Salem in May*

### **Sunday, May 6**

Greeters: Bob & Ruth Teschner

Acolyte: Seth H.

PowerPoint: Harriet Young

Worship Leader: Kim Newton

Liturgist: Sydney Hernandez

Children's Time: Bill Pardoe

Flowers:

Refreshments: Sundae Sunday

### **Sunday, May 13**

Greeters: Gary & Gloria Rongstad

Acolyte: Cole Nease

PowerPoint: Paul Becher

Worship Leader: Kermit Bohning

Liturgist: Gary Wollenzien

Children's Time: Pastor Paola

Flowers:

Refreshments: Worship Team

### **Sunday, May 20**

Greeters: Dale & Karla Henry

Acolyte: Chase H.

PowerPoint: Gary Wollenzien

Worship Leader: Judy Schimpf

Liturgist: Peggy Barnes

Children's Time: Pastor Paola

Flowers: Kurt & Sue Guenther

Refreshments:

### **Sunday, May 27**

Greeters: Bill & Jo Ann Hauenstine

Acolyte: Aaron B.

PowerPoint: John Klopp

Worship Leader: Ken Schimpf

Liturgist: Ruth Teschner

Children's Time: Bill Pardoe

Flowers:

Refreshments:



- May 2 Pastor Paola
- 2 Ella Lopnow
- 3 Nick Tonz
- 9 Nancy Mueller
- 19 Debbie Campbell
- 20 Isaac Chapin
- 20 Abby Buxengard
- 21 Bonnie Wojcik
- 22 Ashley Scrima
- 25 Sydney Hernandez
- 26 Kyle Callen
- 26 Cole Cochran



- May 6** Acts 10:44-48  
Psalm 98  
1 John 5:1-6  
John 15:9-17
- May 13** Acts 1:15-17,21-26  
Psalm 1  
1 John 5:9-13  
John 17:6-19
- May 20** Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Romans 8:22-27  
John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15
- May 27** Isaiah 6:1-8  
Psalm 29  
Romans 8:12-17  
John 3:1-17