



June 2018

## Salem United Methodist Church

Growing Together on the Journey with Christ

### A note from Pastor Paola

***“Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.” 1 Corinthians 15:58***

It is about a year since we moved to our house in Waukesha. We love living here. Nevertheless, I remember when we first moved into our new home, we made a list of things to change, fix, and remodel. Then we got busy. One year later, we may still have the same list, but things don't bother us anymore. Can you relate? There is actually a name for this; psychologists call it “habituation.” The idea is that when a new object or stimulus is introduced to our environment, we are intensely aware of it, but the awareness fades over time.

This happens also in our spiritual life. Sometimes it is called SADD. (Spiritual Attention Deficit Disorder) Often our life goes into spiritual autopilot: no energy, passion, nor joy.

You may be saying, *“I’m not involved in major scandalous sin. I haven’t done anything to jeopardize getting into heaven. I’m doing okay.”* But Jesus never said, *“I have come that you might do okay.”*

Do you suffer from SADD? I know I do. And I can recognize the symptoms: My ability to be patient goes down, and my resentment goes up. I get mad at the people closer to me more than I should. I worry too much. I get jealous. I pass judgment on people. I become hypocritical. I get tired a lot easier. SADD steals joy from my soul.

And this lack of joy in our soul influences all spheres of our lives.

We often feel we need spiritual highs and extraordinary events to be spiritually passionate and excited, but God wants us to learn to see him in the ordinary rather than be dependent on the extraordinary. Spiritual life cannot be depended upon the highs and lows of our life. Often the reason God lowers his voice is so we will learn to pay attention.

As we enter in the summer months, the time of the year when we often forget about caring for our soul, I would like to invite you to make regular time to listen to God’s voice even when is a whisper or when is hidden in the ordinary.

One of the best ways I know to do this is to come to worship and remain active unless you are out of town. That is why our Salem Worship Team is not going on vacation, but is planning new, fun, and exciting worship experiences! (Please check out the opportunities in this issue of The Tidings) Participating in the various events and activities at Salem over the summer will also help you with SADD symptoms.

Let’s make this a summer a joyful-soul time. Let’s make consistent space in our lives to hear God’s voice in the ordinary so that we can develop wonder-filled eyes and praise-fluent tongues.

See you all in church!  
Blessings,  
Pastor Paola

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Sunday, August 12  
4:00-7:00 pm

**AND MORE!!**

## Worship Series/Themes at Salem:

### **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? 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 Bridges: Obligations & Opportunities**

*Certified Lay Speaker, Judy Schimpf* Mark 4:26-34

#### **June 24**

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

### **What's Buzzing?**

#### **Spiritual Lessons from Honey Bees**

It is August, and honey bees are buzzing everywhere! Let's hear from a beekeeper about the amazing life of the honey bees and learn through the scriptures the profound lessons that the bees can teach us about God, ourselves, and our communities.

#### **August 5 Communion**

**The Beekeeper and His Bees** 1 John 3:1; 4:9-11

#### **August 12**

**Beeing an Active Participant in the Difficult Balance of Creation** Romans 8:22-30

#### **August 19**

**The Beehive: Working Together Produces Amazing Golden Honey** 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

#### **August 26**

**Humble Bee: Dealing with Changes, Conflicts, and Envy** Galatians 5:16-26



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, July 1, 9:00 AM**

**“Celebrate Freedom”**

**A family friendly service around tables**

Join us for a special informal service to celebrate July 4th. The worship will be for all CHILDREN OF GOD, from 1 to 100 years old! Make sure to invite family and friends. We will worship around the tables in the narthex. We will have a craft, enjoy some snacks, do some singing, and listen to a brief pastoral message in celebration of our Nation's Independence. Come celebrate freedom!



## YOUTH Fundraiser! Sunday, June 3 "Float a Loan for KIVA"

The youth are having a fundraiser on Sunday, June 3, following worship. They will be serving **root beer floats!**

They are raising funds to make a loan for the KIVA program.

(see [www.kiva.org](http://www.kiva.org)) The youth will welcome questions about who they are looking to support through KIVA and from what part of the world.

***Please come and support our youth!***

## Class of 2018 Graduates

On Sunday, June 3, we will honor our 2018 graduates:

**Aaron Broege:** Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa. Major in Sport Management and minor in Marketing and Public Relations.

**Grace Callen:** UW Green Bay. Major in Communications with emphasis in Organizational Communications, Public Relations, and Health Communications.

**Ashley Newton:** Carroll University in Waukesha. Bachelor of Science in Sociology and a minor in Criminal Justice.



## Sarah Circle Out to Brunch

The June meeting for Sarah Circle will be "out for brunch" on June 6<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at Perkins Restaurant in Brookfield at 10:00 AM. If you have questions or need a ride, please call Donna Reichert, 262-547-1192.

## Women in the Middle

Women in the Middle will be going out for gelato! Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. We'll meet at Divino Gelato in Waukesha, 227 W Main St. We'll enjoy a sweet treat of gelato and get caught up with each other. We'll take a little time to share the results of the survey we had you complete online, and where we are going with our group. Besides gelato, they also serve coffee drinks and sandwiches.

## Reclaiming Jesus

Starting Sunday, June 3, 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 are available on the kiosk 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!

## BINGO at Linden Grove June 20

Salem UMW and friends will be hosting a BINGO party at Linden Grove on June 20 at 2:30 PM. We can always use more people to help residents watch their cards and hand out prizes (long necklaces, Kleenex, stuffed animals, deodorant, and lotion are favorites). We also need monetary donations to purchase prizes. A box for donated prizes is right outside the Sanctuary, and a box for cash donations is on the kiosk. This is a yearly event and the residents really look forward to it! Thanks for helping!



Does anyone have a woman's bicycle in good condition? My daughter Anna needs to bike to work during the summer, and we are looking to buy a used bike for her. Please let me know!  
Thanks, Pastor Paola





### Food Pantry Sunday

Our next Food Pantry Sunday is June 10th



### Fun, fellowship and more!

Join us this summer at one or more of our family gatherings! We will have a little snack/desert, have the opportunity of get to know each other better, and hang out. During each gathering we will also take an half an hour to share important church updates from the land sale, the facility task force, and music ministry. Here are the opportunities:

**Thursday, June 28 from 6 - 8 PM** at Rich & Amy Manns' (2909 West View Court in Waukesha, near Lowell School)

**Wednesday, July 18 from 6 - 8PM** at Paul & Bonnie Wojcik's (W358 S2528 Hunters Lake Rd. in Dousman, Close to Hwy 67 & 18)

**Thursday, August 8 from 6 - 8 PM** at Cory & Laurie Buxengard's (W184 S8961 Racine Ave. in Muskego)

A sign up sheet will be soon available in the narthex so you can sign up for the gathering of your choice.

### Sunday School News

Starting in September, the Teen Class will meet both the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month.



### 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 Donations due June 10

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. Last year 36,456 kits were sent all over the Midwest and internationally to help people maintain basic hygiene. We will be collecting monetary donations to help provide the these kits. Donations are due June 10. Please write the word INGATHERING on your offering envelopes.

Thank you for your support!



### Thank you, Hannah!

After two years as music director at Salem, Hannah Koechel is ending her service on June 3rd. Please take some time to thank Hannah for her service and contribution to the music ministry here at

Salem. She has added to our worship experience through directing the choir, sourcing and performing special music, and supporting our children. She will be wrapping up her college education this fall and will be moving on to bigger and better things. We will be honoring Hannah on Sunday, June 3rd. Thanks Hannah for all you have done for Salem!

We will soon be posting the position and the job description. If you know of anyone who would be interested in applying, please contact Cory Buxengard: [cbuxengard@alliedplastics.com](mailto:cbuxengard@alliedplastics.com)



### A Warm Hug!

Harriet Marks was a recent recipient of an afghan lovingly made by Salem's Knitting & Crocheting Ministry. Harriet was so grateful, and said she is now finally warm!



### 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.

### FAMILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Sunday, August 12, 4:00-7:00 PM



### "ALL ABOARD: THE INCREDIBLE STORY OF NOAH"

Mark your calendars for a 3-hour Family Vacation Bible School! Included will be dinner, music/songs, story-telling, fun crafts, and a short closing worship. For some activities, the teenagers will have their own group. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and family. It will so much fun!!

## In the News....

### Wisconsin High School Teacher of the Year

Sarahi Monterrey, the daughter of our former pastor, Jorge Mayorga, has been named Wisconsin High School Teacher of the Year! She has been a teacher for 15 years. Sarahi's work includes the Dreamers Welcome Scholarship for Hispanic students and Girl Talk — a club to inspire students by helping them become decision makers, problem solvers and volunteer in the community. Sarahi volunteers at the Waukesha Food Pantry and the Hope Center. She is also involved in the Waukesha Hispanic Collaborative Network, which works to improve members access to financial and social support services. We are so proud of Sarahi, and know her family and friends are also!



### Karen Hernandez is Honored

Racine County Sheriff's Department Deputy Karen Hernandez was at an intersection in Racine when a vehicle next to her rapidly pulled away and fled into a nearby grocery store parking lot.



As the suspect drove through the parking lot, he ran over two people who had come out of the store after shopping, resulting in very serious injuries.

Deputy Hernandez immediately sprang into action, applying a tourniquet to one of the victims, as her face was sprayed with blood from the horrific injury, at the same time directing a nearby civilian on how to make a second tourniquet for the other victim.

Her quick response is credited with saving the woman's life. She clearly understands her role in the safety of the community, but this day's work was more than just doing a job. For her lifesaving work on the job and her commitment to public safety, Deputy Karen Hernandez has been awarded by the Racine County Sheriff's Department and is a winner of WTMJ Cares' Salute to Service Award. We are so proud of you, Karen, and we are blessed to have you as a member at Salem!

Here is the link to Karen's interview on WTMJ:

<https://www.wtmj.com/features/wtmj-cares-steve/salute-to-service-winner-racine-county-deputy-sheriff-karen-hernandez>

## IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

**Harriet Marks** is doing quite well following the fall that caused a fracture in her pelvis. She is in rehab but is expected to have a full recovery (we should mention that she is 97 years old!) and will probably return to her apartment in the next few days.

**Wes Ehlke** is currently in assisted living due to a number of falls he had recently. He is at Brookdale Senior Living at 685 Woelfel Road in Brookfield.

**Sharon Jackson** was diagnosed with cancer and had several inches of her colon removed in surgery. She is at home. She will begin chemotherapy on June 5 for remaining cancer that is in her abdominal wall.

**Bob Stuempfig** continues to struggle with severe COPD (which is end stage) and chronic respiratory failure with hypoxia.

**Lucas Seno**, newborn son of Laurie Buxengard's friend, Julie, was born early but is growing and doing well.



**June 3** 1 Samuel 3:1-20  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
2 Corinthians 4:5-12  
Mark 2:23 – 3:6

**June 10** 1 Samuel 8:4-20 (11:14-15)  
Psalm 138  
2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1  
Mark 3:20-35

**June 17** 1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13  
Psalm 20 or Psalm 72  
1 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17  
Mark 4:26-34

**June 24** 1 Samuel 17: 1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49  
Psalm 9:9-20  
2 Corinthians 6:1-13  
Mark 4:35-41

### Sunday, June 3

Greeters: Ken & Judy Schimpf  
Acolyte: Brooke Nease  
PowerPoint: Gary Wollenzien  
Worship Leader: Harriet Young  
Liturgist: Bob Lacock  
Children's Time: Pastor Paola  
Flowers:  
Refreshments: Root Beer Floats

### Sunday, June 10

Greeters: Bill & Sandy Pardoe  
Acolyte: Zach Buxengard  
PowerPoint: Harriet Young  
Worship Leader: Judy Schimpf  
Liturgist: Ken Schimpf  
Children's Time: Bill Pardoe  
Flowers: Ken Bringa  
Refreshments: Maggie Bringa

### Sunday, June 17

Greeters: Bill & Harriet Young  
Acolyte: Anna Hobbins  
PowerPoint: Greg Trombley  
Worship Leader: Amy Manns  
Liturgist: Terry Risic  
Children's Time: Pastor Paola  
Flowers:  
Refreshments:

### Sunday, June 24

Greeters: Brian & Debbie Campbell  
Acolyte: Abby Buxengard  
PowerPoint: John Klopp  
Worship Leader: Bill Pardoe  
Liturgist: Don Callen  
Children's Time: Bill Pardoe  
Flowers:  
Refreshments:

## June Birthdays

June 7 Harriet Marks  
11 Jim Tonz  
12 Gloria Rongstad  
12 Jose Agpoon  
13 Anna Hobbins  
15 Mary Fischer  
17 Paula Cooley  
19 Giovanni Hobbins  
24 Patrick Tonz  
25 Nathan Broege