

February 2019

Salem United Methodist Church

Growing Together on the Journey with Christ

Kairos

(kai-ros)

(n) A perfect, delicate, crucial moment; a time when conditions are right for the accomplishment of a crucial action or decision.

“Follow me, and I will make you fishers for people.”

Matthew 4:19

A note from Pastor Paola

Jesus encounters four fishermen by the Sea of Galilee. He invites them to follow him and become fishers of people. Meeting Jesus, listening to his words, and being in his presence is so powerful that these men decide to radically change their lives and follow Him. They feel a Love they never felt before and decide to spend the rest of their lives sharing that Love with others.

With these words from the Scriptures, we opened Salem’s Lay-leadership retreat this past Saturday. Over 20 people: members of church council, the facility task force, and our marketing team gathered for an entire day under the awesome guidance of Chris Taylor, to dream, vision, and create goals for the future of Salem.

We honored our past by remembering how in 1853 a group of people felt so moved by God’s love that they decided to gather together in each other’s homes to worship. Salem was born. They eventually built a church downtown Waukesha and later a bigger building was built. Eventually in 1965, they built the facility where we are now, and 15 years ago the new narthex was built.

The reason **why** they did all of this, goes back to the very same call: “follow me and I will make you fishers of people”. At different points in time Salem recognized the need to find new ways to be fishers of people; they had to discover **what** to do and **how** to do it in order to share HIS LOVE to new people with new needs in a different situations.

We are now in one of those times. This is a time full of new opportunities. We feel the excitement, the calling, the challenge. We know the sale of the land will provide the chance to remodel the building and refocus our ministry. This is **Kairos** moment (an Ancient Greek word meaning the right, critical, or opportune moment). It is a time of decision and action. If we do not take initiative and let this time slip away, we will miss an opportunity to grow in spirit and number.

Salem’s Lay-leadership worked hard on Saturday, and very soon we will begin to share the goals and dreams that surfaced from the retreat. The first opportunity will be in worship later this month, and many other opportunities are on the way. The process will be led by Church Council, but everyone will have the chance to be involved and be part of this exciting process.

Can’t wait!!

Blessings,
Pastor Paola

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February 3 The Power of Blessings

(Genesis 12:1-3 and Luke 18:15-17)

Holy Communion

Following worship, Chili Cook-off Fundraiser

February 10 Doing God's Work in a Depersonalized Society

Certified Lay Speaker: Bill Pardoe

(Jeremiah 1:7-8 and Colossians 3:12-17)

Pastor Paola will be attending the Academy for Spiritual Formation in Texas Feb. 5-8.

Come Dream With Us

Visioning the future of Salem.

Visioning the Future

During this worship series we will receive Jesus' challenging calls as we begin the process of dreaming and visioning the future of Salem. During worship we will also discuss the goals that emerged during the recent Lay Leadership Retreat.

February 17 GOING OUT

Walk on water with Jesus

Matthew 14:22-33

Getting out of our comfort zone, personal connection, face to face, membership care, personal invitation to come to worship, mission trip, ministry with New Perspective

February 24 GROWING UP

In Capernaum with Jesus

Matthew 18:1-5

Spiritual growth, small groups, develop children ministry, children & family paid staff, learning

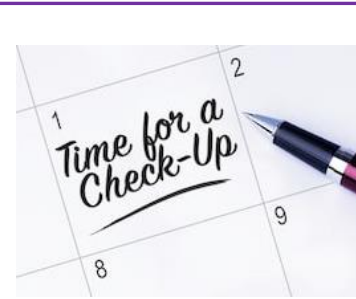
March 3 SHINING ON

Communion

On the Mountain with Jesus

Matthew 5:13-16

Visibility, technology update, sign marketing, building update



Lent & Easter

“Yearly Check Up”

By choice or by compulsion, many of us get a yearly physical to check the

state of our health. As important as it is to monitor your physical well-being, it is infinitely more important to monitor your spiritual well-being. This Lent, we will take some time to check how it is with our soul throughout the various areas of our lives.

March 10 - 1st Sunday in Lent

How is it with your communication with God?
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

March 17 – 2nd Sunday in Lent

How is it with your relationships?
(Colossians 3:12-14)

March 24 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

How is it with your giving?
(2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

March 31 – 4th Sunday in Lent

How is it with your body?
(1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

April 7 – 5th Sunday in Lent

How is it with your time?
(Ephesians 5:15-17)

April 14 – Palm Sunday

How is it with your calling?
(Romans 12:1-8)

Holy Week:

April 18 - Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm Service at Salem - First UMC will be joining us

April 19 - Good Friday Tenebrae Service 7:00 pm

April 21 - EASTER

He is not here, He is risen! (Luke 24:1-12)

Easter Egg Hunt with Brunch

alleluia
THE LORD IS RISEN. INDEED!



Don't forget the **CHILI COOK-OFF** on Sunday, February 3rd! All proceeds will benefit the malnutrition project in Thomassique, Haiti. We have three chefs who are out to prove that THEIR chili is the best tasting! Who will win the coveted trophy? Come and make a donation to the Haiti project and then vote for your favorite chili!

From the Trustees...

We are happy to report that the extra furniture from the youth classroom has been removed and donated to Goodwill.



Tales from the Trustees

The second piano in the Fellowship Hall has found a new home. A BIG THANKS to Brian Fischer and his adult children who delivered the piano to a family in Wauwatosa.

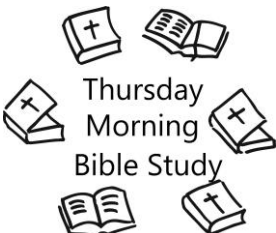
All three lights in the church parking lot and the light at the entrance to the church have been converted from 400 watt sodium vapor lights to 100 watt LED lights. A local company, Signs and Lines, did the installation in a timely fashion. The use of the LED lights will save money and will provide brighter lighting making our parking area more secure.

The Trustees have also purchased a new heavy duty extension ladder to replace the dangerous, older, lightweight ladder found in the boiler room. This will make it safer for all the committees who need to do off-ground work.

Happy New Year to all from the Trustees!



The next Confirmation Class will be on Sunday, **February 17 at 10:30 AM**. We will meet at Pastor Paola's house. The theme for the class will be: "Tough Questions – Tough Decisions".



Our February class will meet on **FEBRUARY 21st at 8:00 AM** at church. We hope you can join us. Coffee will be served! No preparation is needed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
February



Saturday, February 2
10:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Work on Youth Room – painting, etc.
Lunch provided.

Sunday, February 3
Communion Sunday, no class

Sunday, February 10
Philip and the Ethiopian

Sunday, February 17
Children: Armor of God
Teens: Real Conversations, KIVA
Confirmation at Pastor Paola's at 10:30 AM

Sunday, February 24
Children: Jacob's Ladder
Teens: Real Conversations, KIVA

Women in the Middle

Retreat: "Created in the Image of God"

February 22-23 at the Sienna Retreat Center in Racine \$83.00 per person. Scholarships are available. Please see Pastor Paola for more information.



Mark your calendars for a **YOUTH FUNDRAISER!** The youth will be serving root beer floats after worship on Sunday, March 17th. Please support our youth and enjoy a treat!



We are invited to attend an **Ash Wednesday Potluck and Worship Service** at First United Methodist Church in Waukesha on

Wednesday, March 6th. Potluck will be at 6:00 pm, and the service will begin at 6:45 pm. Please meet in the Asbury Room to the side of the sanctuary. Pastor Greta Hietpas from First UMC will lead the service, and Pastor Paola will also participate.

**Faith & Family Night
with the
Milwaukee Wave
Saturday, March 23**



This event, open to everyone, will be a wonderful opportunity for fun and fellowship! We'll meet at church at 3:00 pm to carpool to a Wave soccer game. \$25.00 per person. Please see the poster in the narthex for more details and to sign up!



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| February 7 | Carol Stachowicz |
| 15 | Brian Fischer |
| 21 | Greg Trombley |
| 25 | Cory Buxengard |
| 25 | Cole Nease |
| 28 | Kim Newton |
| 28 | Bob Lacock |

FEBRUARY LECTIONARY

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| Feb. 3 | Jeremiah 7:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30 |
| Feb. 10 | Isaiah 6:1-13
Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11 |
| Feb. 17 | Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 6:17-26 |
| Feb. 24 | Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 |

Serving Salem in February

Sunday, February 3

Greeters: Brian & Debbie Campbell
Acolyte: Brooke Nease
PowerPoint: Gary Wollenzien
Worship Leader: Kermit Bohning
Liturgist: John Klopp
Children's Time: Pastor Paola
Flowers:
Refreshments: Ralph & Sue Yont

Sunday, February 10

Greeters: Doug & Brenda Lindsay
Acolyte: Zach Buxengard
PowerPoint: Harriet Young
Worship Leader: Amy Manns
Liturgist: Don Callen
Children's Time: Maggie Bringa
Flowers:
Refreshments: Roszkowskis

Sunday, February 17

Greeters: Bill and Sandy Pardoe
Acolyte: Anna Hobbins
PowerPoint: Paul Becher
Worship Leader: Harriet Young
Liturgist: Paul Wojcik
Children's Time: Pastor Paola
Flowers: Sue Lewinski
Refreshments: Jon & Vicki Nease

Sunday, February 24

Greeters: Paul & Bonnie Wojcik
Acolyte: Abby Buxengard
PowerPoint: John Klopp
Worship Leader: Marlys Tesch
Liturgist: Gladys Roszkowski
Children's Time: Pastor Paola
Flowers:
Refreshments: Paul & Bonnie Wojcik

