

October 2018

Salem United Methodist Church Growing Together on the Journey with Christ

A note from Pastor Paola



Salem friends,
I have been among you for a little over a year now. It has been a full, eventful, and very intense year. In a year we had times of great accomplishments and celebrations; times of uncertainty and discouragement; times of excitement and new beginning; time of loss and ending. In all of this, I must say I start every day with joy, the joy of being among you and being your pastor.

Wherever I look, I see people giving recipes on how to be happy. It starts with the little ones. I think my son was two years old when he began to connect THE BIG M on the side of the road with the Happy Meal that promised delicious food and a wonderful toy. He would go in a complete toddler's melt down if I would say no to the appealing BIG M promise. So for the sake of my mental health, I had to give in sometimes. One time I actually clocked the length of my son's happiness following the receiving the Happy Meal: about 6 minutes!

I think we often get confused about what brings us true joy in life. The promises of Happy Meals don't deliver the joy that

the human heart needs. Did you notice that?

Jesus doesn't distribute Happy Meals promising full joy. He doesn't give us recipes for health, prosperity and blessings.

Jesus never told anyone, "Go to church." He said, "Follow me, and you'll be part of my family. Love one another. Here you belong just as you are and create significant life changing relationships. Here you find a way to serve discovering your gifts and transforming other people lives. Here you can learn how generosity brings the best out of you."

This is what brings joy to our heart!

This is the reason why being part of Salem brings joy to my heart. You are faithful people who work really hard to respond to Jesus' invitation to follow Him, even when things get rough. You are faithful in being community, in serving, and in giving.

As we enter into the month of October, I am inviting each of you to reflect in what ways Salem brings joy to your heart. This year's Stewardship Campaign will invite you to reflect upon what ways "I am Salem", and I will start...

"I am Salem" because you welcomed me among you with open arms.

"I am Salem" because you daily move me with your faithful service.

"I am Salem" because your generosity leads me to know the best of Salem is yet to come.

Blessings,
Pastor Paola

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Bring your pets!
October 6 at 10 AM

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meetings will return to Monday evenings beginning Oct. 15th

Next 3 Worship Series at Salem:

- **October 7-20: The Ripple Effect**
Jesus calls us to extend his love, creating a ripple effect that will keep going beyond our reach.
- **October 27 – November 11: I AM SALEM**
Stewardship Campaign
- **December 2-30– The Christmas Angels**
Meeting the Angels who are a part of the story of the birth of Jesus

Salem Annual Church Charge Conference

Sunday, November 4
at 6:00 PM

Worship Series at Salem:

October Worship Theme “The Ripple Effect”



When you throw a stone into a pond, the stone will create ripples that reach to the shore all the way around. Jesus calls us to receive his love and to extend it to other people, creating a ripple effect that will keep going beyond our reach. Join us in October as we listen to testimonies from people who have been personally touched by the ripple effect of other's generosity and love!

October 7 - Communion

UMW Sunday/Worldwide Communion Sunday

You are here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world.

Matt. 5:14-16 (The Message)

October 13

Let your enemy bring out the best in you, not the worst.

Matthew 5:38-48 (The Message)

October 20

Ask for yourself what you want people to do for you, then grab the initiative and do it for them.

Matthew 7:1-5, 12 (The Message)



I AM SALEM

Salem Stewardship Campaign 2019

October 28 SERVING – John 13:1-17

November 4 BELONGING – John 15:1-11

November 11 GIVING – John 15:12-17
Celebration Sunday followed by Lunch



We are fascinated by angels: are they real? Who are they? Where do they live? What is their job? This Christmas season let us enter in the world of angels, meeting the angels who are part of the story of the birth of Jesus. Let us together discover if angels are part of our lives and our world today.

December 2

First Sunday in Advent (Communion)

Advent Candle of HOPE

An Angel visits Zechariah - Luke 1:5-24

December 9

Second Sunday in Advent

Advent Candle of LOVE

Children and Youth Christmas Program 9:00 AM

December 16

Third Sunday in Advent

Advent Candle of JOY

An Angel is Sent to Mary - Luke 1:26-38

December 23

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Advent Candle of PEACE

An Angel Appears to Joseph - Matthew 1:18-25

December 24

Christmas Eve – (7:30 PM)

Christmas Eve Service with Candlelighting

The Christ Candle

The Angels bring Good News to the Shepherds

Luke 2:1-20

December 30

First Sunday After Christmas



**Special Musical Guests
In Worship September 30th!**

On Sunday, September 30, we will welcome intheSHAW (as in "in Waukesha") Brass Band. They are the premier New Orleans style brass band in the (262) area code. The band plays traditional New Orleans and Mardi Gras repertoire as well modern New Orleans brass band style music drawing upon the influences of Rhythm and Blues, Rock and Roll, Soul, Funk and Hip Hop.

On Sept. 30 in worship, along with Sue Lewinski, our pianist, they will provide the accompaniment to our hymns, choir and some special music. Their music will bring us God's enlivening spirit to our service. Bring your friends, neighbors and family to our fun filled worship service on September 30th!

Adult Sunday School Class on Moses

Remaining classes:

- Sunday, September 30: The Ten Commandments
- Sunday, October 7: Lessons from the Wilderness
- Sunday, October 14: Don't forget... Pass it on

After this series we will take a break through Thanksgiving and start a new class for Advent.



September found the Food Pantry low on some particular items. If you are able, please donate any of the following items:

- Birthday party bags: cake mix, frosting, 8-10 plates, napkins and candles, OR these items individually
- Egg cartons - dozen only
- Canned soups and/or beans
- Cereal/oatmeal (not Cheerios)

You can place your items on the cart in front of the glass wall on the back sanctuary wall. Thank you for your help!

Blessing of the Animals



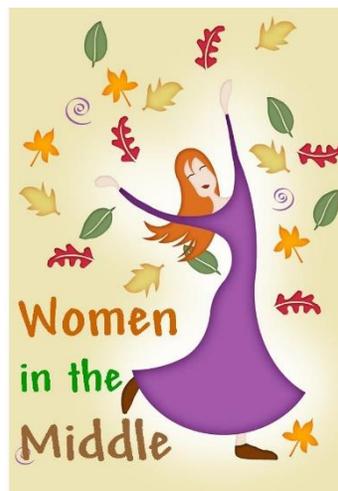
Our pets bless our lives, now let's bless them.

Saturday, October 6, 10am

In early October, people all over the world will be celebrating the Patron Saint of Animals, Saint Francis of Assisi. It's customary that in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures, animals are led to churches for a special ceremony called the "Blessing of the Animals." Did you know that sometimes St. Francis preached his sermons to animals? He insisted that all creatures are brothers and sisters under God.

Please join us for a short service of Blessing the Animals on October 6 at 10:00 AM. We'll meet at Salem in the parking lot (the narthex in case of rain). Afterwards, we'll enjoy some treats (for humans and for animals!). Please have your pets on a leash or in a crate. ☺ Invite your friends and have them bring their pets too!

Women in the Middle



Our next series of gatherings will be four consecutive Thursday evenings, October 25, November 1, 8, and 15th. We will continue to discuss the issues and challenges (and blessings!) we encounter as women in the middle of life. We'll meet at 6:00 pm

at Pastor Paola's home at 917 Valley Hill Drive in Waukesha. We usually begin with a light meal together. If you would like further information on this fellowship group, please see Pastor Paola.

The Ripple Effect of You!

One small step, one small act will create a ripple.



“The idea that everything is purposeful really changes the way you live. To think that everything that you do has a ripple effect, that every word that you speak, every action that you make affects other people and the planet.” -Victoria Moran

Our actions and deeds are like a rock thrown into a pool of water, and the ripple that occurs. Help the **Waukesha Food Pantry** this September and October, and become a “Ripple Maker” as we collect personal hygiene items for the pantry. The pantry is especially low on basic hygiene items, such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, etc, and we are hoping for Salem’s support as we collect these items over the next few weeks. We will end the collection on October 28, and have provided a collection basket for the items located by the Outreach bulletin board. As always, monetary donations are also appreciated!

The Outreach Ministry Team thanks you!!!



Healing Hearts Meal

Our youth will serve a supper for Healing Hearts (a grief support program for children and families suffering losses in their lives) on Monday, October 15, at 5:30 PM. If

anyone is interested in providing food for the dinner, please let Pastor Paola know. Thank you!

Thank you for your timely contributions over the summer. We have been able to meet our

expenses with a cushion left over. As we start the final quarter for the year, our expenses increase with additional staff, heating, and maintenance projects. Please continue with your timely giving.

-Kermit Bohning

Treasurer's
CORNER

Sunday School

growing together in Christ

October 7: Worship & experience Holy Communion with your families

October 14: Our children learn about story of Rahab and the Spies. God gave the Israelites a big job. They were about to face some fierce enemies, but God was with them, and He would keep His promise to His people. As long as the Israelites trusted God, they would not fail.

- There will also be an all-Sunday School meeting to plan the Christmas Program.
- Our teen class will review the first two sessions and work on the KIVA project.
- Confirmation is 10:30 – 12:30

October 21: We will learn about the story of the Unmerciful Servant. Come and hear how a king shows mercy to his servant and forgives him all he owes to the King. But will the servant then do the same for his own servant?

October 28: Our children will learn about The Parable of the Talents. A talent was a huge amount of money back in Bible time. But in this story, it can also mean our gifts or abilities...something special and amazing God gives just to you. In the parable, we'll learn what three different servants did with their talents.

- The teen class will cover session 2 – Our Approach



CONFIRMATION 2018-2019

The next Confirmation class will be on Sunday, October 14th from 10:30-12:30. This class theme will be **The Big Book: The Good News of Jesus.**

Singers Wanted!

Salem has a wonderful group of choir members who love to sing and make a 'joyful noise' to God as we sing praise to our wonderful Gifter of life. If you enjoy singing, having a good time, and working with a fantastic team, our choir is for you! If you don't know how to read music well, we can teach you that -no problem. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. High school and above is welcome to join!

Any questions please contact Rev. Michelle Oberwise Lacock 630-336-2317 or email me at mlacock54@gmail.com. Look forward to seeing you there!



CALLING ALL ANGELS!

The Marketing Team is asking for angels! Pastor Paola will be making a short video for Advent for use in social media. We would like to use many angel decorations in this video. We are asking that the angels be no shorter than 18 inches tall. Any style is fine. Even lighted angels! Please bring your angels to Salem by Sunday, Nov. 11. We will film the video on Nov. 17, and you can pick up your angels Sunday, November 25. You can place your angels in Amy's office or Pastor Paola's office.



Return to Mondays!

Church Council and Finance Team meetings will return to Monday evenings. Therefore, the next time both the Council and Finance meets will be on

Monday, October 15th. Thank you for making this change to your schedules!



Salem Leadership Retreat

To all Church council members, Salem ministry staff, marketing team and former facility task force:

You are invited to a church leadership retreat on Saturday, January 26th from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. We will meet at First

United Methodist Church (121 Wisconsin Ave. in Waukesha) where we will be using their facilities. It is beneficial to gather off-site for this type of retreat.

A lot is happening at Salem right now, and it is time for all of us to recognize where we are and to dedicate some time to brainstorm the vision for Salem's future.

Your presence is valuable and we hope you can make it. Please mark this date on your 2019 calendars. Chris Taylor will facilitate the retreat. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to the church office at:

office@SalemOnTheHill.org

We need to know whether or not you can attend. Looking forward to gathering with you all on January 26, 2019! -Pastor Paola

Salem Annual Church Charge Conference

Sunday, November 4
6:00 PM

This important moment in the life of our congregation will be led by our District Superintendent. Please note that this is being held earlier than usual. Mark your calendars!



Thank you for
serving in worship!

Sunday, October 7

Greeters: Margaret Wogaman &
Harriet Marks

Acolyte: Brooke Nease

PowerPoint: Harriet Young

Worship Leader: Judy Schimpf

Liturgist: John Klopp

Children's Time: Pastor Paola

Flowers: Bill & Sandy Pardoe

Refreshments:

Sunday, October 14

Greeters: Brian & Debbie Campbell

Acolyte: Zach Buxengard

PowerPoint: Paul Becher

Worship Leader: Kermit Bohning

Liturgist: Gladys Roszkowski

Children's Time: Pastor Paola

Flowers:

Refreshments: Debbi Oswalt

Sunday, October 21

Greeters: Cory & Laurie Buxengard

Acolyte: Anna Hobbins

PowerPoint: Greg Trombley

Worship Leader: Maggie Bringa

Liturgist: Ruth Teschner

Children's Time: Pastor Paola

Flowers:

Refreshments:

Sunday, October 28

Greeters: Bob & Ruth Teschner

Acolyte: Abby Buxengard

PowerPoint: John Klopp

Worship Leader: Michelle Lacock

Liturgist: Becky Henderson

Children's Time: Pastor Paola

Flowers:

Refreshments:



Oct. 1	Emilie Cochran
2	Cash Trombley
5	Greg Newton
5	Debbi Oswalt
7	Becky Henderson
11	Amy Cochran
11	Matt Wojcik
16	Ross Henderson
16	Sharon Jackson
18	Grace Olivia Tonz
26	Rei Lesada
28	Ralph Yont
29	Vicky Nease
30	Bryan Callen
31	Allyson Manns
31	Chris Tonz

**REVISED COMMON
LECTIONARY**

Oct. 7	Job 1:1; 2:1-10 Psalm 25 or 26 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16
Oct. 14	Job 23:1-9, 16-17 Psalm 22:1-15 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31
Oct. 21	Job 38:1-7, 34-41 Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35C Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45
Oct. 28	Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52

DID YOU KNOW??

**Fun Facts about the month of
OCTOBER**

October was the name of the eighth month of the year in the ancient Roman calendar. In Latin, *octo* means eight. When the Romans converted to a 12-month calendar, the name October stuck, even though it's now the 10th month.

The October birthstone is the opal, which symbolizes faithfulness and confidence. September's birth flower is the aster and the birthstone is sapphire.

More American Presidents were born in the month of October than any other month.

October Is...

- Caramel Month
- Clergy Appreciation Month
- Cookbook Month
- National Roller Skating Month
- Pasta Month
- Pickled Peppers Month
- Popcorn Popping Month
- Pretzel Month
- National Month of Sarcasm
- Squirrel Awareness & Appreciation Month

