

November 2018

## Salem United Methodist Church

Growing Together on the Journey with Christ

### A note from Pastor Paola

"The world of the generous gets larger and larger.

The world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller.

The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed;

those who help others are helped."

*Proverbs 11:24-25, The Message*

*I am Salem, because here I experience and witness the joy of generosity. This is the best kind of joy, the joy that spreads and it is contagious!!*

I had to smile while reading the scientific research that provides compelling data to support the evidence that giving is a powerful pathway to personal growth and lasting happiness. Through MRI technology, we now know that giving activates the same parts of the brain that are stimulated by food and sex. Experiments show evidence that altruism is hardwired in the brain—and it's pleasurable. Helping others may just be the secret to living a life that is not only happier, but also healthier, wealthier, more productive, and meaningful.

The writer of the Proverbs, through the wisdom of faith, wrote the very same concept in the 5th century BC. From the first page to the last, the Scriptures talk about generosity quite the opposite of the way our world does. It is the best-kept secret. It is God's math, the math of Grace: more you give more you receive.

Of course it is not easy nor natural for us to give and be generous. Some of us were brought up with the spirit of financial prudence. Some experienced scary times of poverty, loss of jobs, and unknown financial times. Some have the tendency of holding and storing for an unknown times of crisis. Some of us felt used and taken for granted in the past.

Nevertheless, it is by overcoming fear and by trusting God's promise that we can reach the kind of generosity that brings us deep joy and a purpose-driven life.

There is a Chinese saying that goes: "If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap. If you want happiness for a day, go fishing. If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody."

On Sunday, November 11, we are all invited to make a financial commitment for the ministries at Salem in 2019. Dig in to your heart, find the courage to step up financially, and most importantly: plan on giving until it feels good!

Blessings  
Pastor Paola



### Inside this issue....

#### Salem Annual Church Charge Conference

Sunday, November 4  
at 6:00 PM

#### Celebration Sunday

November 11  
Potluck following worship

#### Youth Sunday

November 18  
9:00 AM

#### Thanksgiving Eve Service

7:00 pm Circuit  
worship service at Our Lord's UMC in New Berlin

#### Service of Remembrance and Hope

Sunday, November 25  
during worship

#### The Christmas Giving Tree and ERAS

(formerly Interfaith) These holiday Outreach projects begin soon!

## Worship Series at Salem

### I am Salem.

#### **Celebration Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**

The culmination of the Stewardship Campaign will take place on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited to make a financial commitment for next year's ministries at Salem by bringing your pledge card to worship. Following worship, we will celebrate God's generosity and our commitments as we enjoy a POTLUCK lunch in the fellowship hall.



**Youth Sunday  
November 18<sup>th</sup>**

**"Gratitude"**

Come and support the youth of Salem help lead worship for their church family.



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**



### **Service of Remembrance and Hope**

We will have a special *Service of Remembrance and Hope* that will be part of our Sunday morning worship service at Salem UMC on November 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. We will remember and celebrate the Saints who have been part of our lives and are now in heaven, surrounded by God's love. In a special way we want to remember the loved ones who passed away in the last two years. We will be invited to name our loved ones, light a candle, and pray together. We want celebrate their lives, but also we want to express our loss and grief with the spiritual family of Salem.



### **January 2019**

Join us in January as look into beliefs that some people have regarding faith and God.

*I have a friend who....*

**Jan. 6** ...Believes that you don't need to go to church to worship God.

**Jan. 13** ...Believes that human suffering disproves that there is a God.

**Jan. 20** ...Believes that Science and Faith are not compatible.

**Jan. 27** ...Believes that God is judgmental.

**Feb. 3** ....Believes that all religions are the same.

***This series is an excellent time to bring a friend to church with you!***



## Salem's 2019 MINISTRY BUDGET

Our budget for 2019 has been developed with the input of the administrative committees and the ministry teams. Because all we do is related to our greater ministry, we are calling it our Ministry Budget.

The overall budget shows an increase of just under 5%. Increases in staffing expenses account for part of the increase. The rest of the increase is primarily related to increases in our direct ministry activities.

One area of increased budget needs is our Outreach Ministry, where specific organizations and projects have been identified to support with budget funds, along with special fund raising activities. Examples include Healing Hearts, Homeless Shelter, and Haiti Medical Missionaries. This increased emphasis is a focus on our ministry.

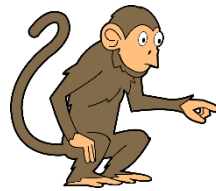
Also receiving emphasis in our budget is our music ministry, an important part of our total worship experience.

**Please prayerfully consider how you can help support this budget with an increased pledge amount. Thank you.**



## Treasurer's CORNER

**THANK YOU** to all who have made our ministry funding possible. Your generosity has enabled us to meet all of our expenses and fund our expanded ministry to date. As we enter the last two months of the budget year, we will have some extra seasonal expenses. Please continue to be current on your giving. **THANK YOU** for your faithful generosity!



## Tails Tales from the Trustees

The Trustees have been busy this past month! The small John Deere tractor, the excess furniture, and the unused projector screen have been disposed of. The Skylight Shade for the sanctuary will be installed the first full week in November. It will be a motorized, remotely-controlled shade that will eliminate (as needed) the problem of glare and sun on our PowerPoint screen. Several sanctuary chairs have been recovered, and Stanley Steemer will be cleaning all the upholstered chairs in the sanctuary and the classrooms as well as the furniture in the lounge on Tuesday, November 13th.

The Trustees are currently doing a building security evaluation and have been in contact with the Waukesha Police Department. We are thinking of installing security cameras, having trauma / medical kits including a defibrillator available, and initiating a policy of locking the door at the rear entrance to the church when worship service begins.

We are also in the process of getting bids for the replacement of both sets of sanctuary doors. The present doors are not secure and would not be worth repairing. One set of new doors will be power-assist making for easier entry. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

## Outdoors at Salem



This is a great time of year, before winter sets in, to take in the walking paths and trails on the south part of our grounds. Entrances can be found by the red flags off the SE corner of the parking lot or behind the picnic area along the drive as you enter the church property. Included is an area where monarch habitat is being seeded, with more plans for spring. Also pollinator habitat areas are being developed. A prayer labyrinth is laid out just to the east of the parking lot and the picnic area is always available. Escape into the quiet of our outdoor space for a walk along the Path of Reflection.



# Sunday School

*growing together in Christ*

**November 4:** Worship & experience Holy Communion with your families

**November 11:** Our children learn about story of Ananias and Sapphire. Our teen class will get an update on the KIVA project and practice for the Christmas program. All youth are invited to enjoy the potluck following worship. Confirmation students and ALL youth will meet following the potluck to prepare for Youth Sunday on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

**November 18:** Youth Sunday – No Sunday School

**November 25:** All children and youth will practice for the Christmas Program (Dec. 9)

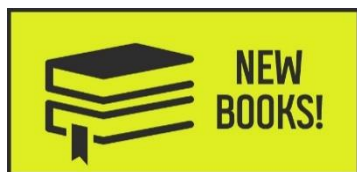
The Waukesha Area Symphonic Band will present a benefit concert to support **Healing Hearts of Waukesha County** at Shattuck

Auditorium on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. The tickets cost \$10.00, of which \$8.50 will go to Healing Hearts. Please consider supporting this event as it funds an amazing organization that helps children and families who are suffering losses in their lives. Tickets are available from Paul or Carol Becher.



## Equal Exchange for Thanksgiving

Are you heading out to someone's home for Thanksgiving? A bag of Equal Exchange mini candy bars makes a nice hostess gift or something to offer your guests if you are hosting Thanksgiving. Only \$5.00 for a gift-wrapped bag! If candy is not your choice, buy a bag of our delicious coffee. We have both decaf and regular. It's the same coffee you drink during Fellowship time! For a special treat we have Milk Chocolate or Dark Chocolate hot cocoa mix. Share something delicious while giving small farmers around the world a fair price for their products!



## MORE New Books!

The library has received three new non-fiction books which would be valuable reads for many of us at Salem:

### **The Best Yes: Making Wise Decisions in the Midst of Endless Demands** by Lysa Terkeurst

The author deals with "the disease to please". Saying yes to everyone and saying yes to God is not the same!

### **Present over Perfect** by Shauna Niequist

This is a collection of essays to help you learn to leave behind a frantic life where you feel pressured to be perfect, and to discover the person you were made to be.

### **Unglued: Making Wise Choices in the Midst of Raw Emotions** by Lysa Terkeurst

A practical and inspiring book that shows you how to make your emotions work for you instead of against you.

Don't forget our new novels by Connilyn Cossette which follow three women during the Exodus in Egypt. These are real page turners!

All new books are on the table under the bulletin board.

## Kwik Trip Profits to Fund Project!

Thanks to all who have faithfully supported the Kwik Trip card program. Profits from this project will fund the cleaning, protection, and deodorizing of all the upholstered chairs in the sanctuary!



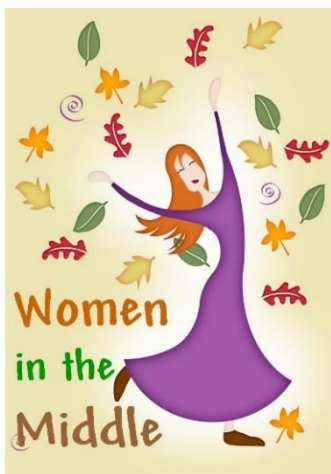
Please consider supporting this project: Next card sales will be in time for Christmas! Kwik Trip cards make excellent stocking stuffers and quick & easy gifts for just about everyone on your list!



Start your Thanksgiving celebration the best way: by praising God for all His blessings! Join us in worship on **Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday Nov. 21**, at 7:00 at Our Lord's United Methodist Church (5000 S. Sunnyslope Road in New Berlin) This is a combined service with the five United Methodist churches in the circuit. Pastor Paola will preach, and there will be special music by the Agape Hmong Ministry and by the pastor of El Buen Samaritano. Refreshments served after worship.

### Wanted: A Plant Waterer!

We need someone who will be willing to take responsibility for watering plants in our narthex and lounge at Salem. Please see Margaret Wogaman if you are willing to help!



### Women in the Middle

We are in the midst of our second series of gatherings. We are meeting four consecutive Thursday evenings, October 25, November 1, 8, and 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## Christmas Giving Opportunities at Salem:

### The "Giving Tree" Is Coming Soon!!!

With your help, Christmas Clearing Council of Waukesha County has served this community since 1949! They promote and coordinate giving to families in need during the Christmas season. As in previous years, Salem will be adopting 3 local families. We are counting on Salem's generous support to assist these three families in need during this Christmas season. We are proud and thankful of the past outpouring from Salem. Please consider taking an ornament off the tree again this year and help bring the joy of Christmas to a needy family in Waukesha. **Wrapped gifts will be due to Salem by Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>**

### ERAs Holiday Giving

Outreach will soon be collecting various gift cards and stamps for ERAS (formerly Interfaith). Watch for more information on the Outreach bulletin board to see how you can help! Thank you for your continued support to enable 500 seniors and adults with disabilities to receive their Holiday Giving gifts!

### Pumpkin Harvest

Over 80 pumpkins were harvested from the church's six garden plots in the north area! They were made available to all church members and friends. Large and small, they all were adopted



### THANKS from the HEART

#### From the Stuempfigs...

To the wonderful folks who provided meals when Bob was so ill, thank you: Maggie and Ken Bringa, Harriet and Bill Young, Sandy and Bill Pardoe, Bonnie and Paul Wojcik, Chris and Doug Taylor, Pastor Paola, Rei and Edna Lesada, Vicki and Jon Nease and Becky Henderson. Thanks also to all who prayed for us. We don't know how long this "reprieve" will last, but for now, are glad Bob's at home. God bless you all! –

### 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.



**Saturday, December 1, 9:00 AM**

It's always so much fun to prepare our church for Advent and Christmas! Please see Marlys Tesch if you would like more details. ☺

**children's  
program**



**Youth & Children's  
Christmas Program  
Sunday, December 9  
9:00 AM**

### Sarah Circle News

Sarah Circle has been an active member of United Methodist Women at Salem for many years. As time goes by, our members have grown with us. The time has come to discontinue Sarah Circle for several reasons. We have aged or may have disabilities. We have lost members by choice, by moving away, or by death. Now that we are just a few in number, it was decided with regret that we disband. However, we have become close-knit friends and will be meeting together periodically and keep in touch to "keep tabs" on each other on what is happening to us in our lives and in our church as we look to the future.

We are still very much interested in the special activities and projects of UMW. We have been invited to and welcomed to Esther Rachel Circle to meet with them as they gather to pray, learn, and work as a team for people around the world.

### *A Prayer for Thanksgiving*

Loving God,  
We turn our hearts to you on this  
day for giving thanks, mindful of  
your many gifts.  
For each one, we are grateful.  
For each one, we are blessed.  
For each one we are opened to the  
abundance of your love.  
May this Thanksgiving Day offer a  
reminder to be generous with others,  
as you are with us.  
We praise you.  
We rejoice in you.  
We give you thanks.  
Amen.



Thank you for  
serving in worship!

**Sunday, November 4**

Greeters: Brian & Eileen Fischer  
Acolyte: Sydney Hernandez  
PowerPoint: Gary Wollenzien  
Worship Leader: Harriet Young  
Liturgist: Gary Wollenzien  
Children's Time: Pastor Paola  
Flowers:  
Refreshments: Youngs

**Sunday, November 11**

Greeters: Paul & Bonnie Wojcik  
Acolyte: Seth Hernandez  
PowerPoint: Harriet Young  
Worship Leader: Kermit Bohning  
Liturgist: Dale Henry  
Children's Time: Pastor Paola  
Flowers:  
Refreshments: Potluck

**Sunday, November 18**

Greeters: Kermit & Pat Bohning  
Acolyte:  
PowerPoint: Paul Becher  
Worship Leader: Marlys Tesch  
Liturgist: Greg Trombley  
Children's Time: Pastor Paola  
Flowers: Dick & Marlys Tesch  
Refreshments:

**Sunday, November 25**

Greeters: Bill & Harriet Young  
Acolyte:  
PowerPoint: John Klopp  
Worship Leader: Michelle Lacock  
Liturgist: Becky Henderson  
Children's Time: Pastor Paola  
Flowers: Ken & Judy Schimpf  
Refreshments: Schimpf



- 2 Paul Wojcik
- 3 Cindy Loppnow
- 4 Steve Stachowicz
- 7 Bill Hauenstine
- 7 Bill Watt
- 11 Drew Harasha
- 13 Karla Henry
- 13 Rich Manns
- 13 Elliot Agpoon
- 14 Joan Callen
- 15 Aaron Buxengard
- 16 Rob Roszkowski
- 20 Jim Prescott
- 20 Bill Pardoe
- 21 Ruth Teschner
- 22 Todd Cochran
- 24 Margaret Wogaman
- 26 Aimee Agpoon
- 27 Dale Henry

**REVISED COMMON  
LECTIONARY**

- Nov. 4** Ruth 1:1-18  
Psalm 146  
Hebrews 9:11-14  
Mark 12:28-34
- Nov. 11** Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17  
Psalm 127 or Psalm 42  
Hebrews 9:24-28  
Mark 12:38-44
- Nov. 18** 1 Samuel 1:4-20  
1 Samuel 2:1-10, Psalm 113  
Hebrews 10:11-25  
Mark 13:1-8
- Nov. 25** 2 Samuel 23:1-7  
Psalm 132:1-12  
Revelation 1:4b-8  
John 18:33-37

**DID YOU KNOW??**

**Fun Facts about the month of  
NOVEMBER**

In the original Roman calendar, November was the ninth month of the year. It got its name from the Latin word "novem" which means nine. However, it became the eleventh month when the Romans added in January and February to the start of the year.

The birthstone for November is Topaz and Citrine. The flower for November is the Chrysanthemum.

November in other Languages:  
Chinese (Mandarin) - shíyiyuè  
Danish - November  
French - Novembre  
Italian - Novembre  
Latin - November  
Spanish - Noviembre

**November is...**

Good Nutrition Month  
Aviation Month  
American Indian Heritage Month  
National Stamp Collecting Month  
National Peanut Butter Lover's Month  
Men Make Dinner Day (Nov. 1)  
Deviled Egg Day (Nov. 2)  
Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day (Nov. 15)  
Take a Hike Day (Nov. 17)  
Lemon Cream Pie Day (Nov. 29)

But most importantly,  
THANKGIVING is in November!

**Happy  
Thanksgiving!!**