



April 2019

Salem United Methodist Church

Celebrate the Risen Christ with us!

*“In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams”.*

Acts 2:17

A note from Pastor Paola

Keep on Dreaming!

With these words from Acts 2:17, the Christian church was born. It was an exciting time, time of dreaming, hope and new beginning.

In many ways this is what is happening at Salem. The sale on March 4th of the north lot of our property, the funds coming from the sale, the exciting ministry opportunities opening with our new neighbor *New Prospective Senior Living*, the new attention our facility will receive...are truly giving us a sense of excitement for the future. It is time of visioning and dreaming for old and young. It is time to pray a lot and pay attention to God's voice leading us through this new journey. It is also time to carefully listen to each other with love and respect, because God is working through each of us so that many ideas will help us to form our vision. As you may know, Salem leadership started the dreaming process with a retreat. A mission statement team has been formed. Our church council will receive the results from all of this work and soon begin forming a plan for the next few years.

I would like to share some of the clear leading ideas that emerged from the retreat:

- Improved visibility and update of our building. We realize we need to become more visible. Our facility needs updates

and remodeling. It has been my experience (through 4 church building programs) that a remodeling project has the potential to bring excitement and attract new people. It will be the work, prayer and visioning of a building committee to bring a proposal to the entire congregation for changes, discussion and a final vote.

- Another major leading idea will be the expanded collaboration with New Perspective already began through the process of the sale. The synergy between Salem and New Perspective will be bringing great opportunity for service and ministry for both of us. We are also looking forward to a growth in our ministry toward older adults (within and outside of Salem).

- The final leading idea that emerged from the leadership retreat is the creation of a new staff part time position for family, youth, & children. Thanks to Bill Pardoe and all those who have been devoting their time and energy, this ministry has a solid base ready to grow and reach out to more youth and children in our community. The millennials are starting to have children, and they are searching for churches to support them in providing spiritual guidance for their kids. A stronger family ministry will also be involved in our community social reality where poverty and homelessness among families with children had a dramatic increase in last few years.

And this is only the beginning. Keep on dreaming Salem....the best is yet to come!

Blessings,
Pastor Paola

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Lent Worship Series

“Yearly Checkup”
How it is with our soul? How is it with the many areas of your life?

Palm Sunday Pie Sale

April 14, 10:15 AM
to benefit Mujila Falls Agricultural Centre in Zambia

Food Pantry Sunday April 14

Maundy Thursday

April 18, 7:00 pm
Service with Communion

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

April 19, 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday

Celebration of the Resurrection:
April 21, 9:00 am

Easter Egg Hunt!

Following worship on Easter Sunday

Worship Opportunities



Lenten Worship Series: "Yearly Check Up"

We will be finishing our Lenten Worship Series as we lead up to Easter. Here are the dates remaining in this series:

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)



Easter: April 21
9:00 AM
Celebration of the Risen Lord
10:30 am Continental Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt

Maundy Thursday April 18 7:00 pm Service with Communion at Salem

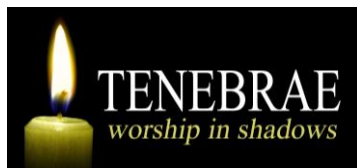


The word "Maundy" is an Anglo-French word derived from the Latin word, "mandatum," which means "commandment." Jesus, in the Upper Room during the Last Supper, said to his disciples: "A new commandment I give you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another." Our friends from First United Methodist Church in Waukesha will join us. Pastor Dan Schwerin will preach. The Choir will be singing.

Good Friday April 19

7:00 pm Tenebrae

The word "tenebrae" comes from the Latin meaning "darkness." The Tenebrae is an ancient Christian Good Friday service that makes use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles to symbolize the events of that week from the triumphant Palm Sunday entry through Jesus' burial. This increasing darkness symbolizes the approaching darkness of Jesus' death and of hopelessness in the world without God. The service concludes in darkness and silence, with a final candle, the Christ candle, carried out of the sanctuary, symbolizing the death of Jesus. The service will include our choir and other special music.



April 28 Lay speaker, Judy Schimpf (Pastor Paola will be attending Faith Alive)

May 5 Communion Sunday *The Secret of Family Love*

As we enter in the month of May and we celebrate Christian Home Month, let's celebrate and reflect over the gift of family. Exodus 20:12 and Ruth 1:16-17

May 12 Mothers' Day - Praisefest

May 19 Confirmation Sunday & Communion

Join us as we celebrate and welcome the youth who are getting confirmed into full membership



The Power of a Team

One of the best parts of summer is being outdoors, watching or playing games

with others. The scriptures teach us about the power of teamwork, on the field and in life.

May 26 Memorial Sunday

Different Roles But One Team (1 Corinthians 12:1-11)

June 2 Communion Sunday

There Is No "I" in Team (1 Corinthians 12:12-31)

June 9 Pentecost

One Common Goal (1 Corinthians 13)

Lenten Bible Study Sundays after worship

As we lead up to Easter, we will be completing our Lenten Bible Study, held on Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM. We are looking at the last week of Jesus' life. Please join us! Here are the remaining dates:

March 31, Fourth Sunday in Lent

Betrayal and arrest: Mark 14:43-72

April 7, Fifth Sunday in Lent

Trial: John 18:28-19:16

April 14, Last Sunday in Lent - Palm Sunday

Crucifixion: Matthew 2



Palm Sunday Pie Sale Fundraiser

Big News

From Mujila Falls!

Our new missionary, at Mujila Falls in Zambia, Africa, along with advice from our former missionary, Paul Webster, has sent the following message to us:

I thank Salem for continually supporting Mujila Falls! Paul (Webster) and I had been wishing for a small dormitory that can house, say 20 men and 20 women. I roughly estimate the building will cost between \$4,000 to \$8,000. We hold training programs with the Peace Corps and each time about 30 counterparts are crammed into our living room and the volunteers camp in a barn or just outside in the open. It is my belief that once decent accommodations are available, more women and more trainees funded by institutions will be coming to learn at our center. Peace and Blessings!

*In mission together,
Temba*

Join us on Palm Sunday when we will have our pie sale fundraiser to support Mujila Falls! Make a donation to start off this great addition to the Agriculture Center and receive a delicious piece of pie!



Celebration of Hope

Annual fundraiser for Healing Hearts of Waukesha County Saturday, April 13, 2019

Marriot Milwaukee West
(I-94 & Hwy. F in Waukesha)

Cash bar from 5:00 – 8:30

Dinner & Program from 6:30 – 8:00

\$50/ per person

Menu: Mixed Baby Field Greens,
Honey Roasted Chicken, Asparagus,

Steamed Baby Red Potatoes, Triple Mousse.

Vegan Vegetable Ravioli is available as an alternative entrée.

Silent Auction and donations may be paid with cash, check or credit card. \$10 or \$20

Balloon Pop is cash only. Please sign up on the kiosk by April 1. Please see Paul or Carol Becher for additional information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL April Teaching Plan

Sunday, April 7th

No Classes. Communion Sunday

Sunday, April 14th 9:15 AM

Children: Jonathan Warns David; Teen Class

Sunday, April 21st

Easter Sunday: No Classes

Sunday, April 28th 9:15 AM

Children: Joshua and the Jordan River;
Teen Class

United Methodist General Conference 2019

From Pastor Paola...

In a time like this, it is crucial to remember that, at Salem United Methodist Church, we believe everyone is a beloved child of God. Our strength is the diversity within our body. We need each other. We are called to be compassionate toward each other. God's plans are a lot bigger than our plans and what we are capable of seeing right now. God has plans of welfare, future and hope. On this promise, I stand firm. For this reason, we will continue to work on our dreaming and plans for the coming years at Salem. We stand on hope.

I invite you to use compassion: compassion toward yourself and toward others. Give to God your uncertainty and anger. This is a time of trouble, transition, separation and pain. Yet I am hopeful, because I stand in God's hope.

To read the full letter from Pastor Paola regarding the results of the vote from General Conference, follow this link:

http://www.salemonthehill.org/hp_wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/2019-03-Conference-Letter.pdf

Land Sale Letter

Hello Salem family,

It is with great joy that I announce to you that on March 4, 2019, the north lot of our property was sold to New Perspective Senior Living.

This is truly good news that will open wonderful opportunities for us. The collaboration with New Perspective already started throughout the process of the sale and will open a great deal of new opportunities and new ministries to us. The income from the sale will provide us with money to be used for highly needed remodeling of our facility and for launching new ministries.

This success involved a lot hard work, incredible amount of time, knowledge, wisdom, patience and, above all, a lot of faith. The process has lasted over a year and has been filled with a lot of obstacles.

We give thanks to Brian Fischer whose leadership made this success possible. Thanks also to the entire Salem Land Committee (Brian Fischer, Kermit Bohning, Rob Roszkowski, Gary Wollenzien, Bill Hauenstine, Don Callen and myself) for your outstanding work.

We enjoyed a celebration (along with delicious cake) on Sunday, March 17, following worship.

Blessings, Pastor Paola

EASTER BIBLE TRIVIA

1. What color was the robe that the Romans placed upon Jesus? Yellow, Green, Blue, or Purple
2. What kind of crown was placed upon Jesus' head? A crown of ivy, a crown of nails, a rusty piece of barbed wire, or a crown of thorns
3. "Take ye him, and crucify him, for I find no fault in him." Who made this statement? Herod, Pilate, Mary Magdalene, or Judas
4. How many gospels are in the bible? 9, 7, 4, or 8
5. What did the Romans do with the coat that Jesus had worn? Gave it to a beggar, burned it, ripped it, or they cast lots to see who would keep it
6. What kind of cloth was used to wrap the body of Jesus? Cotton, Linen, Canvas, or Burlap
7. Who discovered that the rock had been rolled away from Jesus' burial place? Luke, Pilate, John, or Mary Magdalene
8. After Jesus is resurrected, he goes to see his disciples. Which disciple was not present? Simon, Paul, Peter, or Thomas
9. When Judas betrays Jesus, what is he given? His freedom, 10 pieces of gold, 30 pieces of silver, or 200 pieces of eight
10. After being resurrected, Jesus shows himself to the disciples beside which sea? The Red Sea, the Sea of Galilee, the Caspian Sea, or the Dead Sea

Answers:

1. Purple
2. A crown of thorns
3. Pilate
4. 4
5. they cast lots
6. Linen
7. Mary Magdalene
8. Thomas
9. 30 pieces of silver
10. The Sea of Galilee

From the Trustees



Tales from the Trustees

In March, our focus has been on basic maintenance of the Church. A corner guard was installed near the church office to prevent further chipping of the drywall. The drinking fountain (aka bubbler) supply line in the back of the church was capped. The drinking fountain was continually running. The Trustees decided to remove the fountain completely since it was almost impossible to get to the shut off valve. The toilet in the Women's restroom was repaired. The clocks were changed from CST to daylight saving time on March 9th.

Another ongoing project is dealing with the 3 electrical panels in the church. A team has been tracing the electrical circuits and compiling a "map" to identify the outlets and switches for the entire building. This is a slow and time consuming process.

There are many more projects that are now on hold until the weather improves.

Look for more updates next month.



April 10	John Chapin
10	Deborah Chapin
15	Seth Hernandez
20	Maddi Loppnow
21	Karen Teschner
22	Dolores Panahon
28	Karen Hernandez
29	Mark Mattiacci

APRIL LECTIONARY

April 7	Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8
April 14	Liturgy of the Palms: Mark 11:1-11 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Liturgy of the Passion Isaiah 50: 4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1 – 15:7
April 21	Easter Sunday Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12
April 28	Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 150 Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31

Sewing Salem in April

Sunday, April 7

Greeters: Paul & Carol Becher
Acolyte: Brooke N.
PowerPoint: Gary Wollenzien
Worship Leader: Maggie Bringa
Liturgist: John Klopp
Children's Time: Pastor Paola
Flowers:
Refreshments:

Sunday, April 14

Greeters: Greg & Kim Newton
Acolyte: Zach Buxengard
PowerPoint: Harriet Young
Worship Leader: Michelle Lacock
Liturgist: Don Callen
Children's Time: Pastor Paola
Flowers: Greg & Kim Newton
Refreshments: Palm Sunday Pie Sale

Sunday, April 21

Greeters: Rob & Gladys Roszkowski
Acolyte: Anna Hobbins
PowerPoint: Paul Becher
Worship Leader: Harriet Young
Liturgist: Becky Henderson
Children's Time: Pastor Paola
Flowers:
Refreshments: Worship Team

Sunday, April 28

Greeters: Cory & Laurie Buxengard
Acolyte:
PowerPoint: John Klopp
Worship Leader: Marlys Tesch
Liturgist: Sydney Hernandez
Children's Time: Pastor Paola
Flowers:
Refreshments:

