



The Salem Tidings, June & July 2019

Salem United Methodist Church

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A Note from Pastor Paola...

On the Day of Pentecost, something happened in Jerusalem where the disciples and the crowd were gathered. Here's how it was described:

“Suddenly, a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven.”



All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit, and everybody said, "What's that noise?" It was a sound like the blowing of a violent wind. It wasn't the blowing of a violent wind exactly, but it was kind of like that. It was power. Then, what looked like tongues of fire descended on them. It wasn't that. It wasn't fire exactly. What was it? It was power, personal power, the power of God, the power of the Spirit of God.

They were changed. They received the power to pray; the power to love people they couldn't love before; the power to witness; the power to give; the power to include; the power to embrace the other in the way Jesus did but human beings never do; the power to serve and stop worrying about their ego and their agenda; the power to care for the poor; the power to resist temptation; the power to build the church.

This Sunday, June 9, we remember what happened in Jerusalem that day and celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the church. Pentecost is a reminder that now it's our turn. We receive the same power to love, serve grow, connect and continually build God's church.

There is no better way to celebrate Pentecost than being part of what is happening at Salem right now. Without any doubt, the Spirit is blowing and empowering us with power to vision the future, love and serve.

In this issue of the Tidings, you can read about Salem's new mission statement, the kick-off of our new Building Team, welcoming our confirmands and a group of new members, our new Vacation Bible School and all kinds of events and worship series that are coming up this Summer.

The Spirit is blowing.

We are not going on vacation this summer. We are busy catching the Spirit and using His power.

I'll see you in church

Blessings,

Pastor Paola

Worship Opportunities

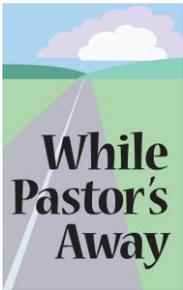


The Power of a Team

Find out what the scriptures teach us about the power of teamwork, on the field and in life.

June 9 (Pentecost) One Common Goal 1 Corin. 13
***Special Guest: Carlos Contreras, Professional Soccer Player for the Milwaukee Wave!
He will share a testimony about the power of the team and how his faith in Christ changed his life.

JUNE 16: FATHER'S DAY....BRING DAD TO WORSHIP!!



While Pastor Paola is on vacation in Italy, Pastor Bill Church will be in the pulpit on **July 21 and 28**. Many of you will remember Pastor Bill as our interim minister in Spring of 2017. We look forward to reconnecting with him again!

Welcome to Holland!

June 23 – July 14

A parent of a special needs child describes the arrival of her baby like preparing for a wonderful trip to Italy and landing instead in Holland. The loss and let down is painful, but then she discovers that there is much beauty in Holland! For most of us, life does not go as we planned. We face painful events and losses that change our life, our hopes, and our dreams forever. How do we deal with these unwanted changes? How does our faith help us to find joy again?

Each Sunday we will hear a story from someone whose life has been changed by a major loss.

June 23 *Stuff Happens* Verses from Job

June 30 *Loss Happens* Verses from Job

July 7 *Healing Happens* Jeremiah 30:17

July 14 *Hope Happens* Jeremiah 29:11



Join us during the month of August as we celebrate **Salem's new mission statement** and the new exciting chapter in our ministry! Every Sunday we will have a small gift for everyone in worship to remind us of a portion of our mission. Don't miss it!!

August 4 (Communion) Matthew 5:13-16
Salem shines Christ's light of hope and compassion...

Inviting all to.....

Grow **August 11** John 15:1-4

Connect **August 19** John 15:5-8

Serve **August 25** John 13:1-17

Sundays at 10:30 am...

NEW CLASS:

Summer at the movies

Join us this summer as we have some fun watching clips from sport movies that lead us to deeper understanding of Christ message. Pastor Paola will be leading.

June 23 **Field of Dreams** (Luke 12:13-21) *So it is for those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God*

June 30 **Remember the Titans** (Matthew 5:14) *Go the extra mile*

July 7 **The Blindside** (Matthew 5:32-36) *Love without expecting anything in return*



Salem's New Mission Statement:

SALEM SHINES *Christ's Light* OF
HOPE & COMPASSION, INVITING ALL TO
grow, connect & serve.

After church council met for a retreat in February, a group was formed to create Salem's new mission statement. A Mission Statement Task Force was created by church council. When presented to the church council, the new mission statement was well received and voted in! This statement will be a guide as we make decision for future ministries, building and goals. Marketing will help us to find ways to get acquainted with the new statement. We will also find different venues and opportunities to share our new statement.

Here is an explanation of the statement:

Salem shines Christ's light (Vision: biblically founded, with outreach focus and visibility)

of hope and compassion (Content of our message)

inviting all to grow, connect and serve. (All: everyone is included; Mission: grow in faith, connect in fellowship, in worship as community and serve each other and the world)

Salem Men's Breakfast Fellowship

Salem has a group of Men who share a passion for growing and sharing our Christian Faith through religious book study. Bill Young, John Klopp, Greg Newton, Doug Taylor and Gary Wollenzien meet the second Saturday of each month, at 7:30 AM, for breakfast at Perkins Restaurant to enjoy fellowship and discuss the latest book chapter. We are starting a new book: "Which Way, Lord? – Exploring Your Life's Purpose in the Journeys of Paul." We would love to have you join us! Book copies are waiting for you. Ask any one of us for more details.



FRESH FRUITS AND VEGGIES FOR THE FOOD PANTRY!

DID YOU KNOW? The Food Pantry takes garden fresh fruits and veggies?! This allows the clients to select much needed fresh items during the summer season. So, all you gardeners out there, how about planting an extra plant or a whole row of veggies just for the Pantry! Sure would be appreciated. **Please note:** fresh garden items need to be delivered directly to the Pantry NOT to Salem. Our regular Food Pantry Sundays this summer are: June 9, July 14, and August 11. Non-perishable items and monetary donations are always very appreciated!



The BUILDING TEAM is here!!

Church Council in its last meeting voted on our new Building team. The team is about to start an exciting adventure that will last about a year and half to two years. They will be studying, planning, and executing a remodel project of our building with the goal of updating it and preparing it for the ministry God is calling us to do at Salem. Of course the congregation will be involved in all the steps of the project: initial brainstorming, constant updates, presentation of the project, vote, etc. Members of the building team will be attending each of the three Summer Gatherings (June 30, July 11, August 2) in order to receive ideas and suggestions. They will also receive the facility task force report as well a working list from the trustees.

Here is the Building Team: Chairperson Becky Henderson, Laurie Buxengard, Bob Cooley, Brian Fischer, Nick Tonz, Bonnie Wojcik, Kermit Bohning and Pastor Paola. Please keep this group in your prayers.



Summer Gatherings!

This year again we are having 3 gatherings throughout the summer. It will be an opportunity to have fun and get to know each other better. **At these gatherings, members of the newly-formed Building Team will be attending in order to receive ideas and suggestions.** This new team is about to start an exciting adventure; they will be studying, planning, and executing a remodel project of our building with the goal of updating it and preparing it for the ministry God is calling us to do at Salem.

Here are the opportunities:

Sunday, June 30, 6:00 PM at Rich & Amy Manns' 2909 West View Ct., Waukesha

Thursday, July 11, 6:00 PM at Paul & Bonnie Wojcik's W358 S2528 Hunters Lake Rd., Dousman

Friday, August 2, 6:00 PM at Kermit & Pat Bohning's S103 W22145 Kelsey Ave., Big Bend

Choose the best date for you, and please sign up on the poster in the narthex. We had so much fun last summer...you don't want to miss this! 😊

Women in the Middle will be having a Cook-Out on Thursday, June 27, at 6:00 PM. We'll be meeting at Eileen Fischer's home. We are looking forward to having time to chat and catch up with each other, as our last few gatherings have been program-based. This is just for FUN! Please bring a side-dish or dessert to share. See Pastor Paola if you have questions. Thank you!



Women
in the
Middle



Undie Sunday coming August 25th

Doesn't matter the color, the size, or the brand. Hope Center always needs new underwear at hand! Remember to buy underwear at the "Back to School" sales in August. We will be collecting for Undie Sunday all month.



Tales from the Trustees

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Presently, the Trustees are purchasing a new lap top computer to upgrade our audio/visual equipment in the Sanctuary (the old computer is just not doing the job). This purchase will happen very soon.

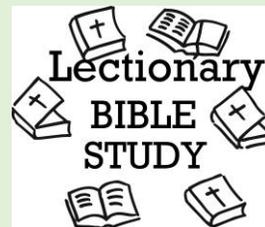
Later in June, we will have an officer from the Delafield Police Department do a security assessment of our building and grounds. There will be a one-hour video presentation and then a walk-through with our security committee identifying areas of concern.

We are also purchasing a new wheel chair for our church. Rob Roszkowski is going to try to repair the existing chair which has a bent frame. Then we would have 2 chairs available.

We would like to review some of the changes that have been made so far.

- Updated our time capsule and replaced the Cornerstone
- Disposed of old projector screen, electronic equipment, and excess furniture in the Youth Room
- Installed skylight shade in Sanctuary
- Asbestos was removed in back hallway and Youth Room
- LED lights were installed in the parking lot
- All upholstery in the Sanctuary and Library was cleaned
- Removed second piano, sold drum set
- Mapped the electrical circuits of church
- Youth Room was carpeted
- Cleaned out 90% of garage
- Removed non-working water fountain from the back of the church

All in all, some progress has been made and more will come. Thanks for your trust and support.



Lectionary BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday morning Lectionary Bible Study group meets at The Spot Restaurant (corner of Broadway and Hartwell in Waukesha) at 7:30 AM on Thursday mornings.

Please see Pastor Paola for more information. Everyone is invited!



We welcomed into full membership on May 19 the Confirmation Class of 2019: Jonalee Feller, Brooke Nease, Seth Hernandez, and Zach Buxengard.



New Members!
On Sunday, May 26, we welcomed four new members to Salem UMC: Jeff & Marsha Everson, Rhena Knourek, and Paul Wojcik.

In the Spotlight

In this edition of Tidings, we shine the spotlight on one of our new members, **Rhena Knourek**: Rhena is originally from Burbank, Illinois (she is a Chicago Cubs fan!) and has lived in Wisconsin for two years. She was a homemaker for 50 years, and also worked at a fabric store and a company called School Belles (school uniforms). She is a member of Job's Daughters. Rhena has 4 children, 6 grandchildren, and 2 great-granddaughters. She likes sewing, knitting (she is a member of Salem's Knitting Ministry), playing piano, and reading large-print books. Rhena will not fly in an airplane! She plans on living until she is 100 years old!

WHAT IS THE MEMORIAL FUND & ENDOWMENT FUND??

Memorial Fund

Memorial gifts in remembrance of members and friends of Salem are given to honor them. We also recognize those whom make these memorial gifts. These memorial funds are used to support special activities and uses in recognition of these special people. Here is a listing of memorial fund disbursements over the past year:

Bev Huebner	Communion set
Doris Hackel	Projector
Harvey Walworth	Cornerstone work
Charles Schuldt	Cornerstone work
Dorothy Naughton	Cornerstone install
Margaret Wesom	Cornerstone install
Mary Jane Hopf	Recycling containers
Helen Jenkins	UMW- Northcott House
Barb Seeger	Hand Bell music & supplies; choir music
Wilson Tucker	Choir handrail
Mildred Walsh	Choir music
Barbara Bringa	Portable speaker
Robert Lewinski	Music subscription for Sue

Endowment Fund

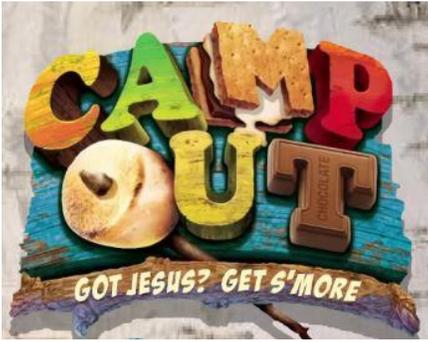
Our endowment fund provides a distribution of earnings which is used for ministry related expenditures that are requested by church ministry teams. Examples of approved funding include:

- Outreach team provides monthly baby products for the food pantry.
- Annual supporting member of Healing Hearts
- Women in the Middle guest programming
- SALT activity
- Leadership retreat
- Wi Fi in sanctuary and fellowship hall

Esther-Rachel Circle News

Esther-Rachel Circle will go out for lunch at the Chancery on Tuesday, July 30 at 11:30 AM.

Also, they are volunteering (making lunches) at the Salvation Army at 9:00 AM on Thursday, August 8th.



VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL
2019

CAMP OUT:
"GOT JESUS?
GET S'MORE"

Sunday August 11

10:30 - 1:30

One Day. Three Hours. Serious FUN!!

We are very excited to invite all families to take part in this year Vacation Bible School. We will start with lunch, then singing and story time around the campfire. We will then break up into camping crafts, games and music. Grandparents and parents are invited to join a special time with pastor Paola on the same camping scripture the kids are learning from. We will close the VBS together for more fun time around the campfire.

This year we have are welcoming among us as VBS director, Mary Jo Martin, who has been working with Pastor Paola in planning the event.

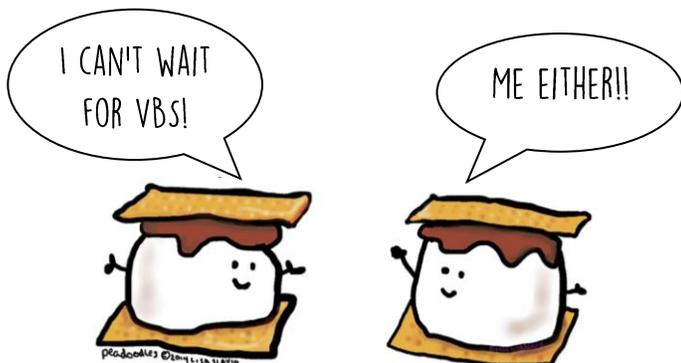
We need VOLUNTEERS:

- Youth, 8th to 12th graders will be "Camp Counselors" (to lead groups around to stations),
- Craft Helpers
- Game Helpers
- Food (set up, serve, or clean up)

Please see the poster in the narthex. Cost \$5 per family, and scholarships are available.

Big thanks go to Greg Trombley and the Marketing Team for all their work toward marketing the event.

Now it is up to each of us to spread the word... pick up some flyers and pass them out to family and friends!



JUNE & JULY BIRTHDAYS

June

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

July

- 1 Bob Teschner
- 1 Lenny Hernandez
- 1 Sue Dick
- 2 Kendra Fischer
- 4 Sharon Lutzen
- 7 Laurie Buxengard
- 9 Frank Kosednar
- 12 Scott MacMurray
- 14 Robert Tomaszczak
- 15 Steve Broege
- 17 Tina Tonz
- 17 Ken Bringa
- 21 Brooke Nease
- 23 Dorothy Rohde
- 24 Colin Henderson
- 27 Kermit Bohning
- 27 Judy Schimpf
- 28 Amy Manns
- 31 Betta Hobbins
- 31 Alison Campbell
- 31 Alexis Tonz

Serving Salem in June

June 2 – Past

June 9

Greeters: Scott McMurray
Acolyte: Brooke Nease
PowerPoint: Harriet Young
Worship Leader: Judy Schimpf
Liturgist: Carol Becher
Song Leader: Bill Watt
Children's Time: Pastor Paola
Flowers: Rob & Gladys Roszkowski
Refreshments: Caryn & Rhena

June 16

Greeters: Doug & Chris Taylor
Acolyte: Zach Buxengard
PowerPoint: Paul Becher
Worship Leader: Bill Pardoe
Song Leader: Bill Watt
Liturgist: Greg Trombley
Children's Time: Pastor Paola
Flowers:
Refreshments: Friend of Salem

June 23

Greeters: Bob & Ruth Teschner
Acolyte: Anna Hobbins
PowerPoint: Greg Trombley
Worship Leader: Maggie Bringa
Song Leader: Bill Watt
Liturgist: Sheryl Crusan
Children's Time: Pastor Paola
Flowers:
Refreshments:

June 30

Greeters: Bob & Michelle Lacock
Acolyte: Abby Buxengard
PowerPoint: John Klopp
Worship Leader: Kermit Bohning
Song Leader: Bill Watt
Liturgist: Bonnie Wojcik
Children's Time: Pastor Paola
Flowers:
Refreshments:

Serving Salem in July

July 7

Greeters: Bill & Harriet Young
Acolyte: Sydney Hernandez
PowerPoint:
Worship Leader: Marlys Tesch
Song Leader: Bill Watt
Liturgist: John Klopp
Children's Time: Pastor Paola
Flowers: Dick & Marlys Tesch
Refreshments: Bob & Ruth Teschner

July 14

Greeters: Ralph & Sue Yont
Acolyte: Cole Nease
PowerPoint:
Worship Leader: Michelle McMurray
Song Leader: Bill Watt
Liturgist: Don Callen
Children's Time: Pastor Paola
Flowers:
Refreshments:

July 21

Greeters: Ken & Judy Schimpf
Acolyte: Seth Hernandez
PowerPoint:
Worship Leader: Harriet Young
Song Leader: Bill Watt
Liturgist: Bonnie Stuempfig
Children's Time: Pastor Paola
Flowers: Sue Lewinski's daughters
Refreshments:

July 28

Greeters: Ken & Maggie Bringa
Acolyte: Chase Hernandez
PowerPoint:
Worship Leader: Bill Pardoe
Song Leader: Bill Watt
Liturgist: Sydney Hernandez
Children's Time: Pastor Paola
Flowers: Brian & Eileen Fischer
Refreshments: