



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

August 2019

A Note from Pastor Paola...

“Salem shines Christ’s light of hope and compassion, inviting all to grow, connect and serve.”

This is Salem new mission statement approved by church council in June. This is what will lead our choices and form our priorities in the next few years. It is, of course, inspired and founded on Jesus calling and vision for His church:

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:14-16

Jesus calls us to go out of our comfort zone and be **light** for others. We are called to carry out the light into the world, because this world is constantly overwhelmed with darkness and because humanity cannot live and grow without the **hope and compassion** Christ modeled for us. We are not called to carry the light because we are perfect, nor because others are weak and we are strong, nor because they're wrong and we are right. Carrying the light is a constant reminder of our own need of light, in our own struggle with darkness.

When I carry Christ’s light to others something happens inside of me. I get a little less self-absorbed. My mind focuses more on how I can serve somebody else and a little less on my own life, my unfulfilled demands, and my own desires. I discover this joy that there is meaning and purpose in my life that gives me energy beyond myself. I have the dignity and even the thrill of being used by God.

There are three ways in which we carry the light of hope and compassion: ***inviting all to grow, connect and serve.***

- Leading people to **grow** in faith and in their relationship with God,
- Helping people to **connect** face to face, to care and to be cared for,
- Challenging people to go out and **serve** everywhere they are.

This is what a vital, exciting and growing Christian church is called to do. We are called to do it for **“All”**. Firstly, **“All”** includes myself. I need to grow spiritually and in my relationship with God, connect with a church community where people care for each other, and then go out and serve in my community and in the world. **“All”** means everyone. **Everyone** is invited to grow, connect and serve, no matter what is his/her political stand, sexual orientation, racial, social, or educational background.

I can’t wait to be in worship with you all during the month of August as we dive into our new mission statement through the Scriptures. Salem’s Marketing team is preparing a special gift for you for each Sunday to keep as reminder of the theme of the day.

As always, please remember to invite family, friends, neighbors to worship with you.

You are the light of the world, don’t hide it!

Blessings,

Pastor Paola

Worship Opportunities



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
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Inviting all to.....

Grow August 11 John 15:1-4

Connect August 19 John 15:5-8

Serve August 25 John 13:1-17

Salem's Mission Statement T-SHIRTS

You now have the opportunity to order your own Salem T-shirt! Visit the kiosk today to order. Small, Med, Large are \$15.00, and XL – 4 XL are \$16.00. The shirts are pre-shrunk 100% cotton. **Shirts are black with white designs.** Make your checks payable to Salem UMC, and write "t-shirt" in the memo line of your check. Orders are due Sunday, August 25!

Front of
Shirt:

Back of
shirt:

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SEPTEMBER:

♪ All you
need is...



We need love to live.

Love is the most powerful, transforming force ever known. Nevertheless, being compassionate and loving is often a challenge. Jesus, who was the most compassionate and loving person who ever existed, reminds us that love is a lot more than a feeling: it is a way of life, a commandment, a choice we need to make every day.

September 1 (Communion)

Love the Lord your God with all your heart

How can I love God? **Mark 12:28-30; Mark 12:41-44**

September 8 Love your neighbor (part 1)

How can we learn to love others the way they need to be loved? **Luke 15:11-31**

September 15 Love your neighbor (part 2)

How can I have the courage to be compassionate?
Luke 10:25-37

September 22 Love yourself

Why do I sometimes feel like I am *all out of love*?
Luke 19:1-10

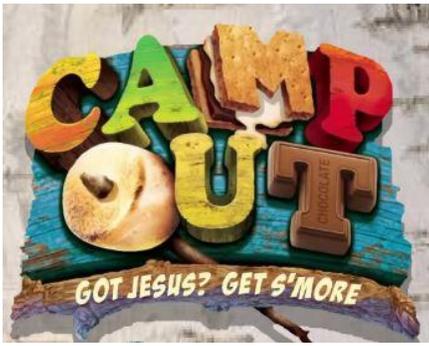
September 29 Love your enemy

How can I love the unlovable? **Luke 19:1-10**



Food Pantry Sunday

Our August Food Pantry Sunday is August 11.
Thank you for supporting this vital community outreach program!



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.

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



Summer Gatherings!

WE have already had two of our three gatherings, and they have been fun! Members of the newly-formed *Building Team* have been attending in order to receive ideas and suggestions from everyone regarding updating our building/sanctuary. Here is the final opportunity:

Friday, August 2, 6:00 PM at Kermit & Pat Bohning's
S103 W22145 Kelsey Ave., Big Bend
Please sign up on the poster in the narthex. Thanks!



Undie Sunday coming August 25th

Doesn't matter the color, the size, or the brand. The 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.

Choir & Bells Begin Again!

On August 28th, both the choir and the handbells will begin their fall season! Practice for the bells will begin at 6:30pm and choir at 7:30pm.



We are really looking forward to the coming year! If you know of anyone interested in choir or in handbells, please bring them August 28th! The choir will sing the first Sunday in Sept.

Salem Prayer Team

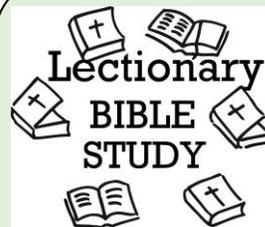
Did you know that Salem's Prayer Team has 18 members? As each prayer request is received (either via Pastor Paola or the church office), it is shared as an email to the entire Prayer Team.



****Important:** If you have a prayer request, please decide if you would like it to be shared with:

- 1) The Salem Prayer Team **OR**
- 2) The Salem congregation in an all-church email.

Let us know which one you prefer and we'll promptly pass along your request. Praying for each other during difficult times is very important in a church family. It increases our care and love for one another and also has a huge impact on our own walk with God. If you would like to join the Salem Prayer Team, please speak with Pastor Paola or with Amy Manns.



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!

Esther-Rachel Circle News

Esther-Rachel Circle will be volunteering (making lunches) at the Salvation Army at 9:00 AM on Thursday, August 8th.

Medika Mamba Malnutrition Program: An Update from Betta Hobbins

Hello Salem Family!

I recently had the opportunity to get a full update on the Medika Mamba Malnutrition program at St. Joseph's Clinic in Thomassique, Haiti where I served as one of the Global Health Fellows in 2017-2018. The Global Health Fellow that took over my place expressed enormous gratitude on her and Wilner's behalf, as well as from the Clinic and all the patients' families. She said that without your support over the past 1 ½ years, the program may have completely dismantled. Instead, it has continued to grow both in patients enrolled and in services rendered. Salem's fundraiser this year went so well that we were able to raise Wilner's salary to a fair and livable wage, as well as provide extra funds to buy infant formula every month.



One challenge that has arisen in the past few months is a shortage of peanut butter-based nutrition packets or "Medika Mamba" that are provided to every malnourished child in the program, as there is a lack of consistent supply from the Haitian Ministry of Health. Other clinics have resorted to setting up their

own fundraising pages to buy their own reserve supply for when the Ministry of Health is unable to provide Medika Mamba. Medical Missionaries has followed suit and set up a separate fundraising page just for this cause. Each box of Medika Mamba costs \$70 plus transportation expenses and will provide enough life-saving packets to treat 5 patients for 1 month. If you feel called to support this pressing need, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/medikamamba>. If you are unable to use the fundraising page but would like to donate, please contact me at bettahobbins@gmail.com or 920-410-8606.

Wilner has continued seeing patients at Clinic, mobile clinic, and their homes to track their progress, refer to doctors as needed, provide infant formula and rice packs, and educate families on nutrition and hygiene. For this, I want to thank you all again for your continued support and look forward to our next fundraiser. In the meantime, any support you are able to give to help purchase Medika Mamba will go a long way to help save the lives of malnourished children in Thomassique, Haiti. Please contact me or visit the Medical Missionaries website for more information: <http://www.medicalmissionaries.org/>

God Bless,
Betta Hobbins

In the Spotlight



In this edition of Tidings, we shine the spotlight on two of our new members, **Jeff & Marsha Everson**. They recently moved from Big Bend to Waukesha. Both Jeff and

Marsha are retired. Jeff worked for Sensient Technologies for over 34 years in the Information Technology field, and Marsha had worked for Xylem, Inc., a water & wastewater company.

Jeff & Marsha have two children, Kelly and Michael. Michael and his wife Kim have three children. Their daughter Kelly and her boyfriend have three children as well.

Jeff enjoys golfing, fishing, and traveling. Marsha enjoys golfing as well, along with reading, and watching movies with their grandchildren. And she loves Hawaii!

They celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary on July 5th.

We are so happy Jeff & Marsha have joined our Salem family, and we look forward to getting to know them better in the days to come.

Tales from the Trustees



The new laptop computer has arrived and been put into service. Among other things, this overdo "upgrade" will allow us to further enhance our worship services. Thanks to Rich Manns, Gary Wollenzien, Ken Bringa, Greg Trombley and Kermit Bohning for your invaluable input into the selection process.

We replaced the light fixture which illuminates the front facade of our building (which faces the highway). The new, LED light fixture is much brighter; we will use about 50% less electricity. At "current" rates (bad pun intended 😊), we expect to save more \$60 per year on our electric bills. Thanks to Bob Cooley for installing the new light fixture!



The first meeting of the **Building Team** was on June 19, 2019. At that time, we reviewed what



concerns and needs came out of the Leadership Retreat (Jan. 2019) and the Facility Task Force Report of June 2018. As a team, we will have to identify Salem's priorities for the **updating of the building including the sanctuary**. In order to do this members of the Building Team have been attending the Summer Gatherings (6/30, 7/11, 8/2) to listen to your ideas and get feedback on what you see as being important. We are also going to be visiting several churches that have had recent major remodeling to gather some ideas and solutions to problems that we may have in common.

A member of our team is also interviewing visitors and new members of our church to get their impressions of the building and grounds. Fresh eyes often see things that need to be improved or changed!

Members of the Building Team are: Chairperson Becky Henderson, Kermit Bohning, Laurie Buxengard, Bob Cooley, Brian Fischer, Nick Tonz, Pastor Paola, and Bonnie Wojcik.



You are Invited!

Salem friends & family, you are all invited to come and support the Senior (age 50+) Softball Purple Team! Kurt Guenther is the manager/leadoff hitter and our former pastor, Jorge Mayorga, is a catcher and "designated runner". For the 6th straight year, the Purple Team is in the playoffs, but most importantly they are having lots of fun with 14 players age 55-86!

The Senior Softball 41st Annual Picnic & Playoffs will be **Tuesday, August 13** at Rogers Field, 1755 S 32nd Street, Milwaukee (not far from Miller Park). Music will be provided starting at 9:00 AM. Free food will be served 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. **PLAYOFF GAMES** are at 9:15 & 10:30. The Purple team has a first round bye and will be playing at 10:30. IF they win, they will play in the Championship game at Noon!

You may want to bring a lawn chair & sit on the 3rd base side. The last 3 years, we had over 25 Salem & family members attend! **RAIN DATE: Aug. 20**



Salem Goals & Priorities

- What do you think our priorities should be as a church?
- How well do you think we're doing in important areas?

Throughout the month of August, Church Council will conduct a survey as part of our strategic planning process. The survey is organized around the goals identified earlier this year at the Leadership Retreat. We invite your feedback as we turn these goals into priorities. The survey will include some questions regarding our pastor's leadership in these areas.

The survey will be an anonymous online-survey, and we will have paper copies as well for those of you who prefer that. We will also have versions of the survey for our children and youth. **ALL** our voices matter! You'll receive more information about the survey during the first week of August.



The Art of Christian Grandparenting September 21 10:00 am – 4:00 PM

Grandparents, your grandchildren need you on their team to strengthen their faith and model a Christian lifestyle. Here's your chance for encouragement, energy and ideas from a talented Christian Educator and other grandparents.

Whitefish Bay UMC, Community UMC: Elm Grove, and Gethsemane UMC: Pewaukee (along with the United Methodist Foundation) are bringing the Rev. Dr. Tanya Campen Ph.D. to the Metro Milwaukee area to guide us in the fine art of walking with the young people we love on their journeys of faith.

Mark your calendars for this important event, and watch for more information on location as well as details of the program by following on our Facebook Events page [CLICK HERE](#).



Join Our Salem Family!

On Sunday, August 18th from 4-6 PM, we will have a meeting for those wanting to become new members at Salem! Please see Pastor Paola for more information.



Meals on Wheels Drivers Needed

A hot nutritious meal with a smile can do amazing things for a senior in need. Now more than ever, Meals on Wheels drivers are needed to deliver meals to homebound seniors living in the Waukesha area. Drivers use their own vehicle but are reimbursed for their mileage. Meals are delivered over the lunch hour, Monday-Friday, excluding holidays. They can be flexible with your schedule. If interested, call 262-548-7829.



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| August 2 | Dick Mueller |
| 2 | Sue Yont |
| 2 | Katie Trombley |
| 5 | Betty Padgett |
| 5 | Bob Cooley |
| 6 | Peggy Barnes |
| 9 | John Klopp |
| 10 | James Agpoon |
| 14 | Gary Wollenzien |
| 15 | Bill Crusan |
| 15 | Grace Callen |
| 18 | Chase Hernandez |
| 18 | Rhena Knourek |
| 22 | Roger Heilert |
| 27 | Penny Feller |

Serving at Salem in August

August 4

Greeters:
Acolyte: Aaron Buxengard
PowerPoint: Gary Wollenzien
Worship Leader: Kermit Bohning
Liturgist: Peggy Barnes
Children's Time: Pastor Paola
Flowers: Ralph & Sue Yont
Refreshments: Paul & Carol Becher

August 11

Greeters:
Acolyte: Brooke Nease
PowerPoint: Harriet Young
Worship Leader: Michelle Lacock
Liturgist: Bob Lacock
Children's Time: Pastor Paola
Flowers: Ed & Betty Padgett
Refreshments:

August 18

Greeters:
Acolyte: Zach Buxengard
PowerPoint: Greg Trombley
Worship Leader: Cory Buxengard
Liturgist: Aaron Buxengard
Children's Time: Pastor Paola
Flowers: Ken & Maggie Bringa
Refreshments: Ken Bringa

August 25

Greeters:
Acolyte: Anna Hobbins
PowerPoint: John Klopp
Worship Leader: Amy Manns
Liturgist: Rich Manns
Children's Time: Pastor Paola
Flowers: Doug & Brenda Lindsay
Refreshments: