



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

September 2019

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*A Note from Pastor Paola...*

***"May God give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed." Psalm 20:4***

David mostly likely sang this psalm on the day he was anointed King: a day of blessing, joy for all he was able to accomplish through God.

I feel this is our Psalm today. In January our leadership met and worked hard under the leadership of Chris Taylor. We developed plans and ministry goals. Eight months later, we can celebrate the attainment of a great number of those goals. Here they are:

- We created a **Mission Statement** that will lead our choices in the future. This was shared with the congregation as our worship theme for the month of August.
- A large portion of the proceeds from the land sale will be used for major **updates to our facility** to become more inclusive, welcoming and functional. The Building team has been created and began its work.
- We continue to grow relationship with the leadership of **New Perspective**, our new neighbors. In January, as they begin their hiring process, we will be able to start planning for new possible ministries that will support our seniors as well as reaching out to our new neighbors.
- A new part-time paid **position for Children and Family Ministry** has been created. We believe this is essential for the growth of families with children at Salem and outreach to families in need in our community (see article enclosed).
- **New learning opportunities** for adults are in the making, with a class on Compassion in September and a class on World Religions in October.
- **Mission trip opportunities** are also in the planning stage, and you will hear about these soon.
- An **Evaluation of staff and ministry**, based on our ministry goals, is coming out very soon.
- **Care for the sick and lonely** has been growing thanks to our Care Ministry who has been providing meals, rides and support to those in need in our congregation.
- **New opportunities to serve** has been provided by our awesome Outreach team and will grow once the new position of Children and Family Ministry will be in place.

And of course there is a lot more to do, yet the Lord surely blessed us with many accomplishments and successes so far!! We need to stay focused on our goals and work toward the next chapter in the life of Salem.

In closing, I'd like to share a verse from Psalm 127 written by King Solomon. Solomon was the builder of the great First Temple in Jerusalem. He was given this task when the Lord refused to let his father David build it after David let his success and pride make very destructive choices for himself and his people. Solomon was a wise builder, and he knew that building on goals was important, but he would not forget who the ultimate builder was.

***"Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain." Psalm 127:1***

Let's not forget our true builder, without whom all work will be in vain!

Blessings,

# Worship Opportunities

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**

October Worship Theme

Go  
off  
the  
beaten  
path



As comfortable as it is to stay on a beaten path, the best things in life happen as we venture off. Join us this month as Jesus meets us where we are and calls us to take risks and follow Him on new paths.

### **October 13 – A path toward new birth**

**John 3 (Nicodemus)**

### **October 20- A path toward living water**

**John 4 (The Samaritan Woman)**

### **October 27- A path toward light**

**John 9 (The Blind Man)**



**New Class  
Sundays at 10:30 AM**

**“Practicing Compassion”  
September 8, 15, 22, and 29**

Beginning Sept. 8 Pastor Paola will lead a class inspired by the book “Practicing Compassion” by Frank Rogers Jr. Please sign up on the kiosk if you would like to attend the class. You may purchase a book if you’d like (is not necessary). Book orders are due Sunday, Sept. 1!!

### **September 8**

**Compassionate God and the Way of Jesus**

### **September 15**

**Self-Compassion**

### **September 22**

**Cultivating Compassion for Others**

### **September 29**

**Compassion into Action**



**WORLD  
COMMUNION  
SUNDAY**

Sunday, October 6

United Methodist Women Sunday

## NEW STAFF POSITION!

# Children and **FAMILY** MINISTRY

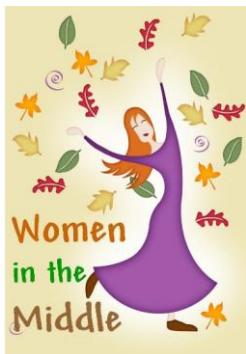
*From Our Staff Parish Relations Committee:*

We are pleased to announce that the position of **Children and Family Ministries Coordinator** has been approved at Salem. Goals are to help our younger members and their families grow in faith, Christ's love, and in active participation in the life of the church. We expect this will ensure growth in the number of families with young children and youth in our congregation. Special projects and activities in outreach to children and families in the surrounding community will provide opportunities for service and mission for our children and youth in coordination with our Outreach Team.

This will be a part-time paid position, with an average of 10 hours per week, dependent on a varying work load, with the understanding that total hours per quarter will not exceed 130 hours. It is proposed to seek approval to use a portion of the proceeds from the land sale to support the start of this position and program for up to 5 years, at which time we hope to have established a successful program that can continue to grow and be supported through the church's general funds.

Anyone interested in this position, or with questions should reach out to Cory Buxengard, SPRC Chair, for a detailed job description.

Corybuxengard@gmail.com  
262-442-1355



### Women in the Middle

We will meet at Eileen Fischer's home on Thursday, September 26th at 6:00 pm. We'll plan on sharing supper together and a service project. Hope to see you there! See Pastor Paola if you have any questions.



Sunday School starts September 8<sup>th</sup>!

We are so excited to get back to Sunday School! Our fall season will start on Sunday, Sept. 8, for all ages. Following class, breakfast will be served to all children, teens, teachers and parents! This year's teachers are Eileen Fisher, Katie Martin, Greg Newton and Bill Pardoe. As in the past, the first Sunday of each month there will be no Sunday School so that children can participate in Holy Communion in worship with their families. The Teen Class will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Let your Light Shine and invite a friend to Sunday School!



### Food Pantry Sunday

Our September Food Pantry Sunday is September 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for supporting this vital community outreach program!

## LET YOUR HEART Sing

### Wanted: Singers!

Do you enjoy singing in the shower? Do you ever sing along with the radio? Then we have an opportunity for you! Come and sing in the choir! We enjoy making a joyful noise and praising God with song and maybe even sometimes with a clanging cymbal! We meet on Wed. nights at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary, beginning Wed., August 28th. We have fun while singing and create wonderful friendships as well. If you have questions, please contact Michelle at mickiol@aol.com or call her at 630-336-2317.

## 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!





## New Members!

On Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> during worship, we will welcome four new members to Salem! We are so glad they are becoming part of our church family. Let's learn a little about each of them:

**Mary Jo Martin** has lived in this area for 3 years. She moved here from Milwaukee, where she had lived for 26 years. She was born and raised in Irwin, Pennsylvania. Mary Jo plays golf with her husband Larry. She enjoys going to the movies and walking her dog, Ava. Mary Jo and Larry have been married for 28 years, and have two daughters: Kayla who is 26 and Katie who is 23. Mary Jo is currently a teacher in West Allis/ West Milwaukee School district. She is a Reading Specialist for grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>.

**Katie (Katelyn) Martin** is Mary Jo's daughter. Katie works at the White House of Music in Waukesha in an apprenticeship with instrument repair technicians. She loves playing volleyball and likes to read anything fiction.

**Dave Pauly** has been attending Salem for a few weeks and you will recognize him as the talented flute player we enjoy occasionally in worship. Dave has lived in the area for 25 years. He was formerly a welder and is now semi-retired. Dave enjoys working with trees and of course enjoys playing the flute!

**Sharon Link** has lived in New Berlin since 1974 when she married my husband Wayne. She grew up in Oshkosh and has also lived in Eldorado. Her latest church membership was at St. James UMC in East Troy, but when the minister left to head Agape UMC, she felt it was time to join a church closer to home to prevent those snowy drives in the winter.

Sharon's husband Wayne died in 2014. Her son Daniel and his wife Lucille live in Dixon, Missouri. Her son is retired from the Army and has a motorcycle business, and her daughter-in-law is the CFO of a Century 21 office. Sharon has a companion named Sapphire, a beautiful long-haired tortoiseshell cat. She retired in 2013 from North Shore Bank after 38 years in banking. In June Sharon sold her RV trailer and lot at Riverbend Resort in Watertown after 24 years. After spending weekends at the trailer for so many years, she has had an interesting few weeks discovering new activities. Sharon loves to travel and has enjoyed many wonderful trips and cruises and hopes to continue with new adventures in the future.



With the help of our Youth Group, the Outreach Team will be preparing **Personal Hygiene kits** for the local homeless community. The kits (\$10 each) will contain shampoo, deodorant, a bar of soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, wash cloth and comb. We will need one-gallon freezer bags to hold the kits. Outreach will be purchasing the combs and washcloths but would appreciate help with the rest of the items. Collection of money and/or these hygiene products will be **September 15 through October 13**.

## Book Sale

**September 22 and 29**

We will be holding a book sale to benefit Salem's Library this month. Clean off your book shelves, donate books you've read or no longer need, and bring them to church starting Sunday, September 15. Place them in the library for us to sort. We will take all kinds of books: fiction, non-fiction, children's books, craft and cook books – whatever you have! Proceeds will go to our church library. Thank you!



## Tales from the Trustees...

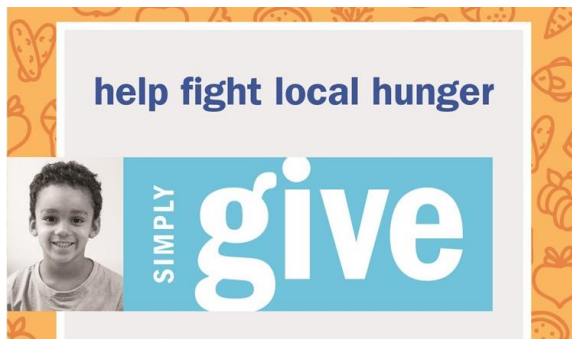
### Our New Wheelchair Just Rolled In

After several months of considering options, the Trustees decided to give our old wheelchair some time to rest, and buy a new wheelchair. It has already arrived. Thanks to Rob Roszkowski for leading this effort.



### And ... Our Defibrillator is on the Way

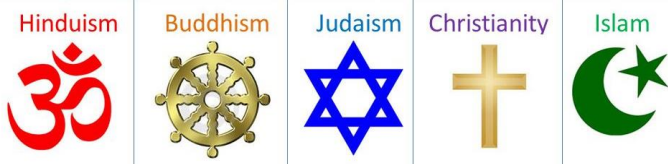
The Trustees also decided to purchase a defibrillator. Watch for information on training opportunities and more. Thanks to Bill Hauenstine for making this happen.



## Meijer Simply Give - Double Match Days August 30 and September 13

**Meijer Simply Give Campaign** has two opportunities to increase the impact of your gift this fall. Purchase a Simply Give Donation Card at the Waukesha Meijer Store (Sunset Dr.) on August 30 and/or September 13 and Meijer will give a matching gift of twice that amount. Meijer Simply Give donations are then given to The FOOD Pantry in the form of gift cards to purchase foods from Meijer.

## Sunday morning Adult Class in October: World Religions



There are 5 main religions in the world: Christian, Buddhism, Judaism, Hinduism and Islam. We may have neighbors, co-workers, and friends of different religions, nevertheless we usually know very little about what they believe.

The fear and ignorance about people who have faith different from ours have brought, and continue to bring, a great deal of violence, conflict and war near and far.

In the month of October, we will welcome among us during Adult Sunday School (10:30-11:30 AM) leaders of the main world religions to teach us about their beliefs, the way they worship, how their faith leads them to live and make choices in everyday life.

During each session we will have the opportunity to experience firsthand different religions and ask direct questions. We hope you can all join us!



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO  
VOLUNTEERED AT VBS!

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THANK YOU FOR ALL WHO ATTENDED!





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| September 4 | Clarisse Crusan |
| 5           | Don Callen      |
| 6           | Doug Lindsay    |
| 7           | Kurt Guenther   |
| 8           | Edna Lesada     |
| 9           | Pat Bohning     |
| 10          | Dick Tesch      |
| 10          | Maggie Bringa   |
| 18          | Marlys Tesch    |
| 19          | Bob Stuempfig   |
| 19          | Michelle Lacock |
| 20          | Noah Mitchell   |
| 20          | Eve Paddock     |
| 22          | Jacob Lindsay   |

## September Special and Wacky Days:

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| Sept. 1 | National Cherry Popover Day          |
| 2       | Labor Day First Monday of month      |
| 5       | Be Late for Something Day            |
| 6       | Read a Book Day                      |
| 7       | National Salami Day                  |
| 11      | Make Your Bed Day                    |
| 12      | Chocolate Milk Shake Day             |
| 13      | Fortune Cookie Day                   |
| 14      | National Cream-Filled Donut Day      |
| 15      | Make a Hat Day                       |
| 16      | Collect Rocks Day                    |
| 17      | National Apple Dumpling Day          |
| 18      | National Cheeseburger Day            |
| 19      | International Talk Like A Pirate Day |
| 21      | Miniature Golf Day                   |
| 22      | Elephant Appreciation Day            |
| 27      | Crush a Can Day                      |

## Serving at Salem in September

### September 1

Greeters: Rob & Gladys Roszkowski  
 Acolyte: Abby Buxengard  
 PowerPoint: Gary Wollenzien  
 Worship Leader: Amy Manns  
 Liturgist: Rich Manns  
 Children's Time: Pastor Paola  
 Flowers: Dick & Marlys Tesch  
 Refreshments: The Tonz family

### September 8

Greeters: Ed & Betty Padgett  
 Acolyte: Sydney Hernandez  
 PowerPoint: Harriet Young  
 Worship Leader: Marlys Tesch  
 Liturgist: Carol Becher  
 Children's Time: Pastor Paola  
 Flowers: Bob & Bonnie Stuempfig  
 Refreshments:

### September 15

Greeters: Jon & Vicki Nease  
 Acolyte: Cole Nease  
 PowerPoint: Paul Becher  
 Worship Leader:  
 Liturgist: Sheryl Crusan  
 Children's Time: Pastor Paola  
 Flowers: Michelle Lacock  
 Refreshments:

### September 22

Greeters: Paul & Carol Becher  
 Acolyte: Seth Hernandez  
 PowerPoint: Paul Becher  
 Worship Leader: Maggie Bringa  
 Liturgist: Greg Trombley  
 Children's Time: Pastor Paola  
 Flowers: Dick & Marlys Tesch  
 Refreshments:

### September 29

Greeters: Kermit & Pat Bohning  
 Acolyte: Chase Hernandez  
 PowerPoint: John Klopp  
 Worship Leader: Kermit Bohning  
 Liturgist: Paul Wojcik  
 Children's Time: Pastor Paola  
 Flowers:  
 Refreshments: