



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

November 2019

*A Note from Pastor Paola...*

***"Blessed are those who put their trust in the Lord"***  
**Proverbs 16:20**

This month we are entering in the season of "Blessing Counting", food eating, and community celebrating... not just in our homes, but at Salem also.

I can't wait to enter in this season with you all...  
We have so many blessings to count and to be grateful for in our personal lives and at Salem this year!



First I would like to invite you to JOYFULLY RECEIVE God's blessings. Remember that blessings start with God, not with us. Blessings are a gift to us all. God does not wait to give blessings out until somebody deserves them; they come just by grace. Embrace and celebrate God's blessings in your life, because we cannot give anybody else what we do not have. We must come to see ourselves as richly blessed by God.

An old song goes like this: "Count your blessings; name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done."

Secondly, I invite you to JOYFULLY GIVE all the blessings you can give. Bless God back. Develop your *blessing detector* and live in gratitude for all those blessings. Bless the people you live with, the people you work with, the people you worship with. Become a person through whom the blessings of God flow. Bless whoever God sends your way throughout the day. It will change your outlook on life!

November at Salem is a time to joyfully receive and joyfully give blessings. Please join us every Sunday as we gather in worship, count our blessings, and receive testimonies of how blessings change our lives.

Be part of the "Dessert First" celebration as we learn to put first in our life *The Giver of All*.

Blessings,

*Paola Demicheli*

# Worship Opportunities



## November at Salem: Stewardship Campaign 2019

How would you like to start every meal with dessert? This is what we are going to do in November at Salem: we are going to put the best first. We will learn how giving to God first leads us to a more joyful and free life. We will remember, celebrate, and give thanks for God's amazing gifts in our life.

### November 3 – Communion

**The Blessing of Abundance** (Deut. 8:7-20)

### November 10

**The Blessing of Giving** (Deuteronomy 26:1-11)

### November 17 - Stewardship Sunday

**The Blessing of Celebration** (Deut. 16:13-17)

Join us after worship for a dessert feast, hosted by our Women in the Middle fellowship group. We are celebrating the many ways God blesses us through Salem UMC and the financial commitments we are making for next year.

**I WILL GIVE GOD  
MY FIRST AND BEST  
SO HE CAN BLESS  
THE REST.**

**Sunday, November 24**

**Speaker: Bill Pardoe,**

**Certified Lay Speaker**

**"Thanksgiving, Now and Then"**



## Advent and Christmas at Salem

### *The Gift*

It is gift-giving time. Let's discover the true gift of the season through the prophetic words of Isaiah.

**December 1 – Communion 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Advent**

**The gift of Vulnerability** – Isaiah 11:6-9

**December 8 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Advent -**

Children and Youth will lead worship!

**The gift we give. Gift giving**

**December 15 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Advent**

**The gift of Service** – Isaiah 52:13-15

**December 22- fourth of Advent**

**The gift of Humility** – Isaiah 53:1-6

**December 24 – Christmas Eve 7:00 PM**

**The Best Gift of all** – Luke 2

**December 29 - First Sunday after Christmas**

**The Gift of the Magi** – Matthew 2:1-16

A Service of Carols (We will sing along of Christmas carols and will hear the stories behind each carol)

*Looking ahead to Worship in January...*

### *The Eight Pillars of Joy*

*Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. (Psalm 126)*  
Let's start this New Year with joy, laughter, love and hope.

## Conference Guidelines:

### Pastor's Sabbath Day (Mondays)

The Wisconsin Conference is emphasizing the importance of respecting the Pastor's established Sabbath Day as a time separated from church business and meetings. We are asked to recognize and follow this guideline. Salem SPRC has established a policy in support of this which asks that no meetings be scheduled for **Mondays**. Our Finance Team and Church Council will be changing their meeting time to the third Thursday of the month beginning in January 2020. Thank you for respecting this important part of Pastor Paola's life and health. Sincerely, the Salem SPRC



### Fall Concert to Benefit the Women's Overflow Shelter in Waukesha

Windy Hill Handbell Choir  
and Windy Hill Brass

Friday, November 15 at 7 PM at Salem

This will be a family friendly concert for all ages and will include musical selections for everyone. A freewill offering will be collected to benefit the Women's Overflow Homeless Shelter in Waukesha. The handbell ringers will play a group of Impressionistic pieces including arrangements of The Little Shepherd and Golliwogg's Cake-Walk from Children's Corner by Claude Debussy as well as Prelude No. 2 from the Three Preludes by George Gershwin.

A second group of handbell pieces on the program will include seasonal favorites including Three Impressions on "This is My Father's World", Thanksgiving Bells, and Count Your Blessings.

The centerpiece of the brass quintet's repertoire will be Kurt Weill's Three Penny Opera Suite. The brass will also perform Scherzo by Cheetham, Stardust by Hoagy Carmichael and a special arrangement of Erik Satie's Gymnopedie No. 1 featuring a tuba solo.

Please join us for a varied program of beautiful music at Salem United Methodist Church in Waukesha!



The Building Team is investigating what the D.O.T. will allow us to do concerning widening our driveway

entrance. The present configuration goes back to 1965. It was an agreement with the County (now the State), Salem, and our driveway neighbors. The entrance worked back then because there were fewer cars traveling the road and less lanes of traffic. In 2019, this is not true and it does not work. It is very difficult entering when traveling from the South because traffic does not slow down even though you have signaled a turn. Likewise, getting out is also difficult whether you are turning right or left if another car is entering at the same time. There is just not enough room. It is an accident waiting to happen.

The Committee has asked Rob Roszkowski, a former employee of D.O.T. to lead the inquiry. We will be gathering more information and getting official approval so that by Spring, we may be able to move forward on this issue.

Another matter the Committee is working on is getting a new outdoor electronic sign for our Church. All messages could be put on the sign via a computer instead of finding volunteers each week to change the message by hand in fair and foul weather. The idea of taking a ladder out in cold and icy weather is also a safety concern for our committee. This issue was brought up by several members of the congregation at our Leadership Retreat and listening sessions.

So far, we have found out from the City of Waukesha that reader board signs cannot be perpendicular to the highway. They propose that the sign be at a 45-degree angle which would reduce the light impact on our neighbors and also increase visibility.

Anything we decide on will have to be approved by the City Planning Board. Presently, the Committee is getting more information and bids on the project. We are getting the ball rolling, but again nothing can be done until spring/summer since it will probably involve masonry and electrical work. The Committee will keep you updated.

The Building Committee will have another meeting later in the month of October.



# Outreach News

## OUTREACH CHRISTMAS NEWS ALERT!!!!

**This Holiday season, we are doing something a little different!** The Outreach team together with the Salem youth will be hosting a Toy Drive to benefit the Christmas Clearing Council of Waukesha County. For many years, we have supported this organization by “adopting” families, but this year we are mixing it up! Here is the “SCOOP!”

Bring your **unwrapped** toys, books, or gift cards (for teens) to Salem by December 8th. The toys collected will be distributed at CCC’s one-day Toy Shop in December. The Christmas Clearing Council is grateful for donations of any new toys, books or gifts for children ages birth to 11, and for gift cards for children ages 12-18.

### Toy Donation Wish List:

- Gift cards: in \$10, \$15 and \$25 increments from Kohl's, Walmart or Target.
- Mittens and gloves (especially waterproof), and hats: ages birth to 11.
- NEW books: birth to 11, including dual-language books in English/Spanish.
- Licensed Items: Finding Dory, Disney, Paw Patrol, Star Wars, Pokémon, Zoom, Zoom, etc.
- Infant and toddler toys: especially riding toys for toddlers.
- Other: sleeping bags, blankets, STEM-related craft items.

### ERAs Holiday Giving Program

In November, Outreach will be collecting gift cards and stamps for ERAs (formerly Interfaith) for their Holiday Giving program to benefit seniors and adults with disabilities. Watch for information on the Outreach bulletin board soon!

Gifts we are collecting this year:

- Books of Forever Stamps
- \$10 Walgreens Gift Cards
- \$10 Pick 'n Save Gift Cards
- \$10 Walmart Gift Cards
- \$5 McDonald's Gift Cards
- Thin Crossword/Word Search Books



## REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR!

You and your family are invited to participate in our first ever Reverse Advent Calendar! You might have seen this idea on Facebook. How does it work? We’ve compiled a list of requested items from the Waukesha Food Pantry (see pew pads). Purchase any or all items (substitute if you wish). Every day, you place an item in your collection box or bag. Once Advent is over, take your items to the Food Pantry so they can be shared with others in our community. Feel free to be as creative as you wish: 1) You could wrap your collection box or use a cloth bag that can be given to new food pantry clients. 2) Share the list with family and neighbors or collect together! 3) Family members could bring a donation when they come for holiday dinner. I’m sure you can come up with more fun ideas. Start in November or wait until December. Or you can start in the middle of November and go to the middle of December. Whatever fits your schedule! The idea is to share the holiday joy by giving. Hope you will join in the fun!

### Waukesha Winter Overflow Shelter Facts and Figures!

Last winter, The Waukesha Winter Overflow Shelter (WWOS) opened for women and families on March 3 and closed on May 1, 2019. WWOS was open for 60 days and 59 nights and provided 899 shelter nights for 38 unduplicated individuals.

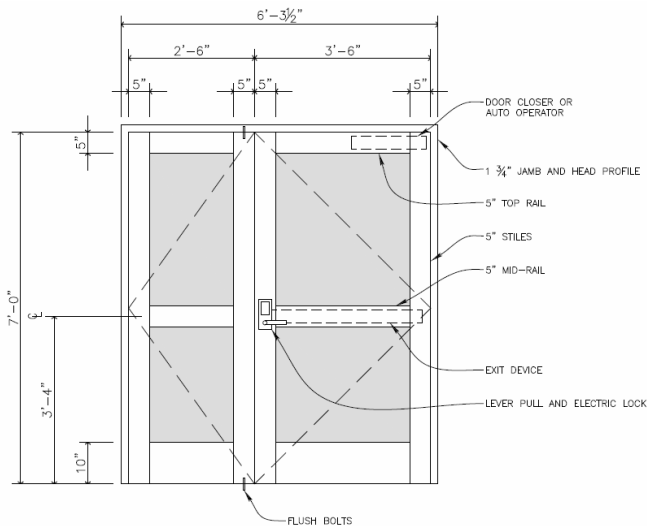
The WWOS for the 2019-2020 winter season is located at 1210 Sentry Drive, and will reopen again with 20 beds. It will be open to women and families, Dec. 1 until April 30. Facility preparation will be starting in November and volunteer opportunities will be available through United Way. A sign-up for providing meals will also be available soon. Last winter, a group of Salem volunteers helped to get the shelter ready for its opening in March, and several groups from Salem provided meals!

**Salem’s support is amazing!**

## Tales from the Trustees

The Trustees are closing in on the replacement of our entry doors including the two sets of double doors at the Narthex as well as the one set of double doors at the SE end of our building. These doors will not only add beauty to our church, but they will also be very functional providing us with many additional security options. The doors and frames will be aluminum with a dark brown, anodized finish. The wider door in each assembly will be the "active" door. The "active" doors will be 42" wide to accommodate our new, extra wide, wheelchair. Each of the active doors will be equipped with a lock with a keypad – no more keys. Every member (or group of family members) of our church who wishes to be able to unlock the church will select a unique, 4-digit code which will be programmed into the lock. When the building is locked, the primary entrance for everyone (except use groups such as AA) will be the SOUTH doors at the Narthex. The EAST doors at the Narthex will be equipped with an automatic door opener/closer for handicapped individuals. If everything goes well, the project should be complete before Christmas.

As you know Salem has purchased an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and the device is mounted on the wall near the water fountain in the Narthex.



The First Aid kit has been moved from the lounge and mounted on the wall just below the AED. It is not necessary to be trained to use the AED but training would provide additional confidence to the responder in the event of life threatening emergency. Nick Tonz is AED Certified. If there are others in the church that possess AED certification please let Amy Manns know, as we are preparing a list of names to be posted near the AED. If you are interested in receiving training or becoming AED certified, please go to [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) for information.



## Women in the Middle

Mark your calendars for our next two gatherings! We will meet Thursday, Nov. 7 & 14 at 6:00 pm at Pastor Paola's. The subject these two nights will be: "Gratefulness in the Midst of Challenges".

As women in the middle, we face struggles...any one or more of the following: Preparing for, or in the midst of empty-nesting, aging parents or coping with the loss of our parents, parenting adult children, changes in our physical, emotional being as we ourselves age, relationships with our spouses and friends in these years, etc. Wouldn't it be a gift to learn how to find joy and gratitude despite of our circumstances? We'll start with a soup supper. Please see Pastor Paola if you are interested in joining us!

## Mark Your Calendars...

Salem Annual Church Charge Conference

Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM  
Join us for this important event in the life of our church.



## Food Pantry Sunday

Our November Food Pantry Sunday is Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>  
Thank you for supporting this vital community outreach program!



Join us as we decorate the church for Advent and Christmas! We'll meet at 9:00 AM on Saturday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>

## Mark Your Calendars...

Plan to join us on Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> for a Christmas Worship, completely led by our children and youth. They will help us to find out what is the true Christmas gift we want to find under the tree. It will be a worship filled with music, fun and surprises. Children, youth and their families are invited to join us in the fellowship hall after the services.



## 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!



Nov. 2	Paul Wojcik
3	Cindy Loppnow
7	Bill Hauenstine
7	Bill Watt
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

Refreshments  
needed! Sign up  
on the kiosk.  
Thank you! ☺

## Serving at Salem in November

### November 3

Greeters: Roger & Lisa Teutschmann  
Acolyte: Abby B.  
PowerPoint: Gary Wollenzien  
Worship Leader: Cory Buxengard  
Liturgist: Aaron Buxengard  
Children's Time: Pastor Paola  
Flowers:  
Refreshments:

### November 10

Greeters: Greg & Kim Newton  
Acolyte: Sydney Hernandez  
PowerPoint: Greg Trombley  
Worship Leader: Michelle Lacock  
Liturgist: Bob Lacock  
Children's Time: Pastor Paola  
Flowers:  
Refreshments:

### November 17

Greeters: Bob & Michelle Lacock  
Acolyte: Cole Nease  
PowerPoint: Paul Becher  
Worship Leader: Amy Manns  
Liturgist: Richard Manns  
Children's Time: Pastor Paola  
Flowers:  
Refreshments:

### November 24

Greeters: Brian & Eileen Fischer  
Acolyte: Seth H.  
PowerPoint: John Klopp  
Worship Leader:  
Liturgist: Greg Trombley  
Children's Time: Pastor Paola  
Flowers:  
Refreshments: