

Lent letting God lead



Salem United Methodist Church Growing Together on the Journey with Christ

A note from Pastor Paola

Signs from God...



Lenten season is here. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Lent lasts for 40 days until we celebrate Palm Sunday on April 5th, followed by Easter Sunday on April 12th. How will you observe Lent this year? The three traditional Lenten practices are praying, fasting and giving.

This year I would like to challenge you to one more practice: paying attention to God's signs in your life.

Do you ever ask questions such as:
How can I make sense of God's will for my life?

What direction I should take?

Why is it so hard to hear God's voice?

I have asked these questions, and I have discovered that when I am mindful and present, I can see, hear and feel a lot more clearly God speaking to me. The problem is that

so often we are distracted by the noises inside and around us that make it very hard to see, hear and feel God's signs.

Please make time for silence this Lent.

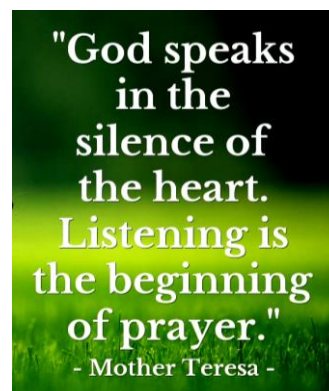
It is in silence that we can learn how to be mindful and pay attention.

This Lent our worship series will be about recognizing God's signs in our lives. God speaks today as He did in the stories of the Old Testament. During the next six weeks, we will unpack several of these stories. We will learn how paying attention to signs from God can point us toward a greater purpose for which we were created.

Join us in worship and remember to invite a friend who may be confused, in pain, or in search of answers.

I can't wait to start this Lenten journey with you all.

Blessings,
Pastor Paola



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Lent 2020

Stop! One Way! Road Narrows!

Watch out for road signs!

Have you noticed any special signs on your path recently? Did you ever wonder how to recognize God's signs?

Join us during Lent in March & April as we learn how to pay attention to signs from God that point us toward our greater purpose for which we were created.

March 1 (Communion) The First Sunday in Lent
The Burning Bush **Exodus 3**

March 8 The Second Sunday in Lent
The Gentle Breeze **1 King 19:11-18**

March 15 The Third Sunday in Lent
The Ladder **Genesis 28:10-22**

March 22 The Fourth Sunday in Lent
A Mighty Storm **Jonah 1**

March 29 The Fifth Sunday in Lent
(Lay Speaker, Bill Pardoe)
A Friend's Voice **2 Samuel 12:1-15**

April 5 Palm Sunday
A Humble Donkey **Matthew 21:1-11**



Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 5

9:00 am Worship

The triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem as he is greeted with palm branches. Join the celebration!

Maundy Thursday, April 9

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." It refers to when 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. There will be a combined choir.

Good Friday, April 10

7:00 pm Tenebrae Service

The Tenebrae is an ancient service that makes use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles to symbolize the events of holy 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.

Easter, April 12

**9:00 AM Celebration
of the Risen Lord**

Followed by
continental breakfast
& Easter Egg Hunt



Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, March 1, there will be a congregational meeting in the sanctuary after worship. We will hear about the progress of our Building Team and an update on our new outdoor sign. Exciting changes at Salem will affect all of us, so please plan on attending. ☺



Scout Sunday



During worship on Sunday, March 1, we will be honoring boy scouts and girl scouts. Several past & current scouts will help serve in worship. Please plan on joining us as we recognize the importance of scouting for our young people and for our community.

Discover five spiritual practices to help you
WALK CLOSER
with GOD

Adult Lenten Class:
"The Walk"

Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM, March 8 – April 5

We will be exploring five practices, their New Testament foundations, and what it looks like to pursue these practices daily in our personal lives and together in the life of the church. Deepen your walk with Christ this Lent. See the poster in the narthex for details and to sign up! If you want to purchase the book used in our class, it is available at Cokesbury.

Food Pantry Sunday

Our Next Food Pantry Sunday is March 8th. Please bring in non-perishable food, personal care products, and monetary donations for the Waukesha County Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity!

Tales from the Trustees

A contract has been made with a vendor to install the new entrance doors, including the Narthex and the single door on the east end. The new doors are currently being made, and we hope they will be installed either in April or May or on a succession of several warm days, whichever comes first!

The Trustees are also looking at the new entrance on the north side of our building for access to New Perspective.

The sewer connection has been delayed due to other construction concerns farther "downstream". We anticipate the connection will be completed in the next few weeks. During this time, a porta-potty will be available for a couple of weeks.

Lighting upgrades are also being planned and will happen in the near future.

Although it may seem that not much is happening, the Trustees are making careful and measured decisions, trying to use foresight both logistically and financially. Sometimes the wheels turn slowly, but for good reason.

Upcoming Retreats

Women in the Middle: March 13-14 at the Siena Retreat Center in Racine. The theme is "Self Compassion" and will be led by Kathy Dahlk.

Mom's Time Out: April 17-18 at the Cedar Valley Camp in West Bend. Pastor Paola will lead this retreat for moms of Children and teenagers. The topic will be on how faith can help moms to better take care of their children and themselves. There will be time to chat, have fun, walk outside and eat!!



SPRING POTTERY CLASS

Sunday, April 4, 10:00 AM

Learn the ins and outs of pottery making and take home your own masterpiece! We'll meet at A Touch of Glaze in the Meadow-brook Shopping Center, corner of Merrill Hills Rd. and Hwy. 18 (Summit Ave.) for an informational class and selection of projects to create, priced from \$16 - \$36. Following the class, we'll have lunch at the Machine Shed. Salem's Nurture Committee and SALT group are sponsoring this event. Please use our sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Hope you can join us!



March Sunday School Schedule:

- March 1** Communion Sunday – Children’s Bell
Choir play in worship
No Sunday School
- March 8** Children & Teens and Sunday School
Teachers: Bill Pardoe and Greg Newton
- March 15** Children’s Sunday School
Teacher: Mary Jo Martin
**Children’s Bell Choir practice 10:00-10:20
- March 22** Children & Teens Sunday School
Teachers: Bill Pardoe and Eileen Fischer
** Children’s Bell Choir Practice 10:00-10:20
- March 29** Children’s Sunday School

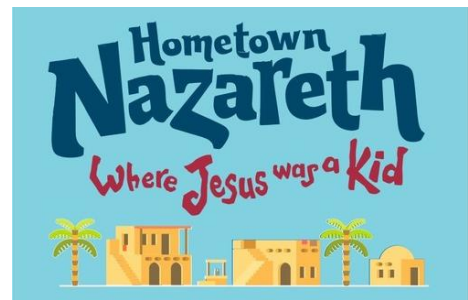
FAMILY & CHILDREN MINISTRIES NEWS

Our Teens will help kick off Holy Week by playing handbells in worship on Sunday, April 5th.

Our Children’s handbell choir will play on Easter Sunday, April 12th.



There will be an Easter egg hunt following our Easter Service! Come join us for an Easter egg hunt and other fun Easter activities like egg races, guess what is in the egg, and a scavenger hunt!



Save the Date: VBS August 23, 2020

Let’s go back in time to see what Jesus was like as a boy. Visit the market place, shepherds with their real sheep, Mary’s house, Joseph the carpenter leading us in a craft, games, and music. Tell your friends, family, young and old, and your neighbors! All are welcome to visit Hometown Nazareth.

Spaghetti Dinner! Sunday April 26th following worship

The team that is getting ready for their trip to Italy is inviting you to come and enjoy a delicious (authentic) Italian meal with Spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread and dessert.



Spaghetti Dinner

There will be a free offering. The money collected will be used to purchase the material we will be using for the mission project in the Methodist center in Naples for children of low-income families.

During the dinner served by the team, you will also be able to hear a lot more about the work we will be doing.

Please keep in your prayers the sixteen members of the Salem team to Naples as they are getting ready for the trip which will be June 16-30, 2020.



March Birthdays

March 9	Mary Watt
17	Aaron Broege
18	Ben Manns
20	Perla Agpoon
20	Jo Bentley
30	Sandy Pardoe

Upcoming Worship Opportunities:

April 19 Earth Sunday / Native American Sunday

April 26 & May 3 “Ask the Pastor” is Back!

It's time for Pastor Paola to tackle some more of your questions! Place questions you have for her in the box on the kiosk in the narthex. Pastor Paola will answer them during her sermon. Do you have questions about the Bible, faith, God, moral choices, doubts.? This is your chance to ask her! It can be anonymous.

May 10 Mother's Day, Praisefest



MARCH LECTIONARY

March 1	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11
March 8	Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17 or Matt. 17:1-9
March 15	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42
March 22	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41
March 29	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45

March 1

Greeters: Scouts

Acolyte:

PowerPoint: Gary Wollenzien

Worship Leader: Scouts

Liturgist: Scouts

Children's Time: Pastor Paola

Flowers: Michelle Lacock

Refreshments: Kelly Wojcik & scouts

March 8

Greeters: Ed & Betty Padgett

Acolyte:

PowerPoint: Paul Becher

Worship Leader: Michelle Lacock

Liturgist: Bob Lacock

Children's Time: Pastor Paola

Flowers:

Refreshments: Bill & Harriet Young

March 15

Greeters: Greg & Kim Newton

Acolyte:

PowerPoint: Harriet Young

Worship Leader: Cory Buxengard

Liturgist: Aaron Buxengard

Children's Time: Pastor Paola

Flowers:

Refreshments: Dick & Marlys Tesch

March 22

Greeters: Brian & Eileen Fischer

Acolyte:

PowerPoint: Greg Trombley

Worship Leader: Doug Lindsay

Liturgist: Brenda Lindsay

Children's Time: Pastor Paola

Flowers:

Refreshments:

March 29

Greeters: Bob & Bonnie Stuempfig

Acolyte:

PowerPoint: John Klopp

Worship Leader: Kermit Bohning

Liturgist: Sheryl Crusan

Children's Time: Pastor Paola

Flowers:

Refreshments: Bill & Sandy Pardoe