

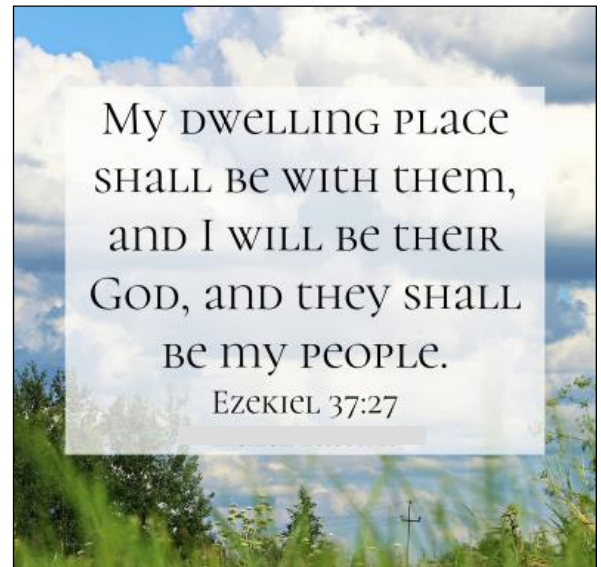
# Salem United Methodist Church

April 2021

## *Thoughts from Pastor Paola...*

**"I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; and I will bless them and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary among them forevermore. My dwelling place shall be with them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

Ezekiel 37:26-27



At the beginning of this Scripture, the Spirit takes Ezekiel to a valley where millions of lifeless and dried bones are scattered everywhere. These dry bones are an image of grief and lack of hope during a devastating time in the life of Israel. But all of sudden, the bones come back to life; the winds breathe life into the restored beings. It is a new beginning filled with hope. God is breathing new life. Signs of this new beginning are: God will bless us, multiply us and set his sanctuary among us.

No Scripture can better describe what this past year has been for our country and around the world, but it is also showing us clearly the new beginning that God is bringing among us. As Easter is approaching, we can truly see God's work of new life and resurrection blossoming.

This new beginning is more than ever visible at Salem.

Our major remodeling is coming really close to being complete.

We are getting ready to gradually and safely come back to an in-person worship and full ministry. As it stands now, Sunday May 16th will be our first day back to in-person service. Plans are being made for a special service of dedication of the new sanctuary this summer with the presence of the Bishop, and all those who have been instruments in the remodeling. We are beginning to plan a special Sunday to invite to Salem our new neighbors at New Perspective, as well as special events for families and children.

It is indeed a new beginning.

Salem is blossoming. This is very exciting! Together, let us ask God to continue to breathe His Spirit among us so we can receive his blessings, grow, multiply, and be the dwelling place of His presence among us. I can't wait to see what God is doing at Salem!

Have a blessed Easter, Salem Family

Pastor Paola

### **Good Friday, April 2**

Live Zoom (Tenebrae Service) at 7:00 PM. The Passion of Christ with special music.



### **Easter, April 4**

Worship/Celebration of the Resurrection; Holy Communion. Available on Salem's YouTube channel



### **Native American Ministries Sunday**

**April 11, 2021**

Available on Salem's YouTube channel  
Speaker: Michelle Lacock  
Special Offering taken

## **“Discovering Joy through Simplicity & Generosity”**

### **Stewardship Campaign Spring 2021**

Last fall, as we were getting ready for the start of our Church Remodeling project, we launched our Remodeling Capital and Loan “Mustard Seeds” campaigns. Because of that, we decided to delay our normal Fall Stewardship Campaign for 2021 until the Spring of 2021.

As we re-open our church and return to normal worship, ministry and staff members to their regular hours, our financial needs are going back to our regular budget. For this reason, we will have a Spring Stewardship Campaign, over three Sundays (April 18, April 25 and May 2). This campaign will help us fund these increased costs during the remaining months of 2021.

On Sunday, May 2, we will have a live Zoom service followed by a drive-thru when we will be able to drop off our commitments. You may also mail them to the church ahead of time.

With our beautiful, remodeled building ready to help us expand our ministry outreach to our community and congregation, let all of us again make the commitment to generously grow that ministry effort with a portion of our financial resources and volunteer support.

Thank you, Salem's Finance Team

## **Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity**



### **Stewardship Campaign Spring 2021**

*(See next column for more details)*

#### **April 18 Generosity: Living a Full Life**

(Luke 19:1-10) YouTube Service

#### **April 25 Simplicity: The Power of Self-Control**

(Matthew 6:25-34) YouTube Service

#### **May 2 Joy: Finding True Satisfaction**

Consecration Sunday – Drive-thru Commitments

(Matthew 13:44-46 & Matthew 6:19-24)

Live Zoom Service, Communion



Welcome Home!

#### **May 16 Ascension Sunday**

**Homecoming** (Luke 15:20-24)

#### **May 23 Pentecost Sunday**

**A Home Built on a Firm Foundation**

(Matthew 7:24-27)

#### **May 30 Full House** (Luke 14:15-24)



### **From the Salem Building Committee:**

The remodel of Salem is starting to wind down. There are only a few areas like the library, narthex hallway and sanctuary and in the back of the Church, the dividers for the pass thru area in the kitchen that need to be completed.

Metro Sound has finished the installation of the video monitors, speakers, and sound booth in the sanctuary. The sound in the sanctuary is fantastic. We can't wait for you to hear it. Five members of Salem have already completed the Metro Sound training on how to use this new audio and video equipment. Other members could be trained in the future.

The Hearing Loop in the sanctuary, which was part of the remodel plan, will be installed the week after Easter. However the 20 year old carpeting in the sanctuary which is glued to the concrete could not be slit in order to put in the copper wiring and then pulled together without it being an eyesore. Therefore, the Building Committee decided to replace the sanctuary carpeting which had a life expectancy of about 5 more years. Using money saved in some areas of construction, money from the contingency funds, and money from the Capital Campaign, we will be able to cover the cost for new carpeting in the sanctuary, narthex hall, and the library. The Building Committee decided that these common areas needed to have the same carpeting just as they presently do. The carpeting will be installed after the Hearing Loop is in place.

The organ and piano will be moved back into the Church very soon but will not be usable for awhile. The organ needs to be hooked up and then tuned. Likewise, the pianos will need to be tuned.

(continued) The big task for the Building Committee now is to complete the "punch list" for all areas of the Church. This list identifies areas that need to be corrected by the various sub-contractors and Ott Construction. The end of this major project is in sight! I know that everyone is waiting, not only to see the newly remodeled Salem, but also for the reopening of the Church. We just need to stay the course and be patient. We will all be together again soon!

### **Reopening Task Force**



In a few days we will send out by email a brief poll asking your feedback on coming back to in-person worship. Please take a moment to answer those questions and get back to us. We are working toward reopening for worship on May 16th. The service will be a bit shorter than usual and some changes will be implemented to keep everyone safe. We are hoping to get back to our normal service later in the summer. Of course, this is a very fluid situation. It can go faster than planned, or it may need to slow down if the number of infections start rising again. We will create a video, virtual tour of the building and send it to you all as soon as the work is completed. Small groups of virtual tours will be also organized. All church committees are represented in this task force so that we can all walk together toward our common goal.



### **Thursday Night Zoom Bible Study**

Our Thursday 6:30 PM Zoom Bible study will take a small Easter break. It will resume on Thursday, April 15. We will start again the study of the lectionary.





Our taped Worship Services are online.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQY7kQoYMJH1n\\_XsHnetCrQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQY7kQoYMJH1n_XsHnetCrQ)

You will be able to find our worship services, special events, Children's Times, and youth lessons.

## TRUSTEES REPORT

Salem has a new Board of Trustees, composed of both old and new members. We have been working on many issues, to include helping with some projects as part of the renovation, cleaning hot water heating lines and vents and re-installing covers. We are also working with the Task Force for Reopening to insure a safe environment within the church. Also, we have begun to make up binders for use by the Trustees for Maintenance responsibilities. So, sure as spring follows winter, hope springs eternal and we look forward with hope and trust that things will continue to improve.

-Your Board of Trustees

## A sneak peek – Salem House Dorm

Salem House has now been erected at Mujila Falls in Zambia, Africa. If you remember, last year Salem donated a very generous amount of money towards a small dormitory at Mujila Falls Agriculture Center. The Salem House dorm, will be used for high school and college students, Peace Corps volunteers learning about agriculture, as well as other volunteers coming to the Center. Temba, our missionary, has sent the picture of the finished exterior of the building. More pictures will be forth-coming before our Fundraiser in June. Read your May Tidings for more information.



## From our Children, Youth & Family Ministries Coordinator, Mary Jo Martin

I look forward to seeing everyone in person soon! To prepare for the reopening of Salem, I will be asking for feedback from you and your families on, "What would you like to see in your Sunday School curriculum?" I will be sending that out in an email. More information to come, as our committee plans out how to worship and stay safe.

Youth, I hope The Lent-stagram helped you experience the Lent season.

Children, I hope you are enjoying your Easter centerpieces.

Something to look forward to: This summer we will host a Family Event (outside). We are looking to get the Children's Hand Bell choir up and running for next fall.

## 2021 Celebration of Hope Dinner

**Saturday, May 15, 5-8 PM**

Milwaukee Marriot West

W231 N1600 Corporate Ct., Waukesha

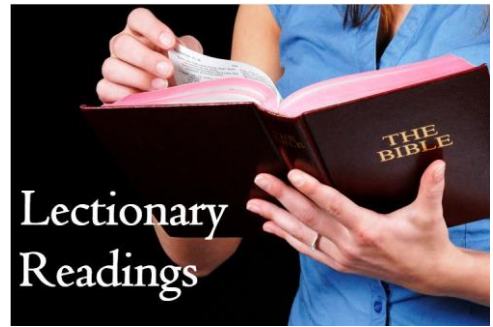
\$80 per person

Contact Paul & Carol Becher for more information and to reserve a seat. There will be a limit of 150 people in attendance and each table will have only 6 people. The tables will be spread throughout a larger area than in the past. The auction will be held online instead of in person to reduce the amount of time people spend together. There will be an in-person raffle spread out through the halls and balloon pop. If unable to join us in person, consider participating in the virtual auction and balloon pop. Visit at [www.healingheartsofwaukeshaco.org](http://www.healingheartsofwaukeshaco.org)

## IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep Bonnie Wojcik and Harriet Young in your prayers as they both continue with treatments for breast cancer.

*If you have a prayer concern you would like to share with our Prayer Team or with the congregation, please contact Pastor Paola.*



### April 4

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel John 20:1-18

### April 11

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133:1-3

Second Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2

Gospel John 20:19-31

### April 18

First Reading: Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4:1-8

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

Gospel Luke 24:36b-48

### April 25

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23:1-6

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

Gospel John 10:11-18



### From Rich & Amy Manns...

Thank you all for your prayers and words of congratulations on the birth of our first grandchild, Elsie Jo. Her parents are Allyson (Manns) and Daniel

Poland. Elsie was born on March 3 in St. Paul, MN. We are loving being grandparents already! (And thank you, Pat Bohning, for filling in for Amy in the church office!)



April 1	Dave Feller
2	Doug McGrath
15	Seth Hernandez
21	Karen Teschner
22	Dolores Panahon
28	Karen Hernandez
29	Mark Mattiacci

