

# Salem United Methodist Church

## September 2021

### *Thoughts from Pastor Paola...*

“Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary.”  
- Psalm 150:1

### **Rejoice, Remember, Renew**

Dear Salem Family,

The day of celebration is almost here. On September 12, we will praise the Lord in His sanctuary for all the incredible gifts he has been giving to us, filling us with so many blessings in the time of uncertainty and great hardship for our world.

We are ready to rejoice and give thanks for our newly remodeled building and for the new beginning and opportunities we have been receiving from God. Please get ready and come to the celebration. Invite friends and family!

There will be...

- time to give thanks and remember all those who made this possible.
- time to receive the word of God from our bishop.
- time to re-dedicate to God: our ministry, our new building and ourselves.
- time for music, joy and cake!!
- time to rejoice, remember and renew.

Can't wait!

On a personal level, let me share how honored I am to be your pastor. This was my 4th major church remodeling. They have been all challenging, exhausting, exhilarating and hope-filled. Nevertheless, I have never witnessed so much passion, faithfulness, and commitment before. Your love for God and the ministry of Salem overwhelmed me! And for all of this, I give thanks to God. Experiencing God's hand over all of us and this big project has been renewing and refreshing my faith.  
Thank you, Salem.

See you all Sunday!

Blessings,

*Paola Rened*



# Worship Opportunities at Salem



## Fall Worship Series

### How Will You Measure Your Life?

God created us so that we live a purposeful and joyful life from beginning to end. Join us this fall as we learn how to make our life count through stories of characters from the first book in the Bible.

**September 19**

**Find your purpose**

**Go, Abraham!**

Genesis 12:1-3

**September 26**

**Be Open to the New and Surprising**

**A Surprise Visit for Sarah and Abraham**

Genesis 18:1-15

**October 3** (Communion Sunday)

**Put Your Treasure Where Your Heart Is**

**Noah's new job**

Genesis 7

**October 10**

**Give Yourself to Others**

**Joseph's new beginning**

Genesis 45:1-15

**October 17**

**Invest in Your Relationships**

**Jacob's very, very large family**

Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30



**Stewardship** talent  
planning  
commitment growing vision LOVE support PLEDGE time  
blessing caring faith community  
treasure

**Stewardship campaign 2022**

**October 24 and 31**



**All Saints Sunday**

**November 7**

Matt. 5:1-12, 14-16  
Remembering those who let God's light shine through them

**Have You Filled a Bucket Today?**



**Worship Series**

A children's story reminds us we were all

born with an invisible bucket. Our bucket holds love and blessings. When our bucket is full we are happy, and when it is empty we are sad. God fills our bucket everyday with great blessings. People around us fill our bucket too with their love and generosity. Through this worship series we have the opportunity to learn how to fill other people's buckets by blessing them with our love and generosity.

**November 14 Living the blessed life**

Psalm 112

**November 21 The secret of true blessing**

Deuteronomy 15:10 - Proverbs 11:24-25

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



Time: 9:15-10:00 AM

Activities for children and teens!

Theme: We are Fishers of Men

We would like to decorate with fishing equipment. Do you have anything we could borrow? Example: Fishing rods, nets, small boats. Please label items and place them in Mary Jo's office/supply area by September 12.

In October, the Children & Youth are collecting canned pasta and children's cereals for the food pantry. This is their outreach project for the month. Donations are welcome. Thank you.

Children's Handbell Choir practices begin October 3rd during Sunday School!

### Refreshments are Back at Salem!

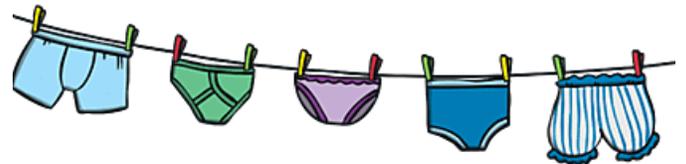
If you could bring something to share at

Fellowship time, please sign up at the coffee bar. If you don't bake or don't care to shop, please donate some money for snacks to Marlys Tesch and she will shop for you!



## Pie Sale Fundraiser for Temba & the Mujila Falls Agricultural Center

Many thanks to all of you! Salem House (a dormitory for visiting students of agriculture) at Mujila Falls is on its way to being completed! The Pie Sunday Fundraiser, plus extra funds coming in from those not present was \$4,238. \$1,000 will go towards Temba's salary and the rest for electricity, windows and furniture for Salem House. The Outreach Committee thanks all who gave so generously for a cause near and dear to our hearts. Temba does such fine work and has big plans for Mujila Falls. Thanks to you, those dreams are becoming a reality. **Temba's personal note of thanks is on the Outreach bulletin board!**



### Undie Sundays

#### **DIGNITY begins with the basics!**

Undie Sundays begin on Sept 26th and will run through Oct 10th. We will be collecting new underwear and socks for the men, women and children in our community who have a need for these items. It's never too early to shop for Undie Sunday, especially with Back-to-School Sales happening right now! We will be putting out the collection basket in the narthex for new underwear. As usual, if you'd rather make a cash donation, the shopping will be done for you. Here is the list of most-needed items:

- men's boxer or boxer briefs, sizes M, L or XL
- women's cotton, any style, sizes 5, 6 or 7
- boys sizes 2, 4, or 6
- girls sizes 2, 3, 4 or 5
- socks for women or children

## Thursday Night Zoom Bible Study

Please join us on Thursdays at 6:30 PM for a Zoom Bible study. We use the lectionary as our Scripture readings. The link and password for the Bible study is found in the Pastor's weekly email. Let Pastor Paola know if you need the information to join us!

## Library Lingo

It's almost that time again! Time for another Salem Book Sale! Several of you are ready to part with many of your books, and we will accept donations for the sale starting September 15. The sale will take place October 10-17.

We have purchased books 1 & 2 of *The Covenant Houses* by Connilyn Cossette. She is the author of award-winning fiction based on actual events in the Bible. The titles are *To Dwell Among Cedars* and *Between the Wild Branches*. We have also acquired the 4th book in *The Cities of Refuge* series titled *Like Flames in the Night*, also by Cossette. Once you start these books, they are very hard to put down!

On a personal note... At the beginning of the pandemic, I connected with a 91-year-old cousin of my father's whom I had never met. She offered to send me copies of her book. She sent six copies, so I added one to Salem's library in the hopes some of you would enjoy reading it. It's a short and easy read. These are recollections of living in Montana in her youth. The book is actually a compilation of articles she wrote for the newspaper. Look for *The Way It Was* by Betty Hartmann Reed.

- Gladys Roszkowski



## Trustees

The Fellowship Hall is now available for Salem members to use for their own personal events such as baby or wedding showers, birthday or anniversary celebrations. If interested, you need to contact Amy Manns and get your date and time on the Church calendar. This is necessary to avoid any conflict with the five outside groups that meet here on a regular basis. Also, all groups using Fellowship Hall are responsible for putting up their own tables and chairs and taking them down. The Church does not provide this service.

If anyone is interested in a large wood framed bulletin board (approx. 4 x 10 ft.) it is theirs for the taking. Contact Rob Roszkowski if you are interested.

The windows on the north side of the Church including the library windows were replaced the last week in August. If you haven't seen them yet, you will be delightfully surprised at the crystal-clear views and the way the windows even further enhance our remodeling project!

The Trustees moved the extra roof tiles from the north side of the building to an area behind the new storage shed which is located behind the Church. This cleared the area for work on the windows as well for the upcoming landscaping project between New Perspective and Salem. Hopefully, the landscaping will be completed by late summer/ early fall.

These are just some of the projects that the Trustees are working on. However, new projects are always popping up.



Anyone who is interested in playing dartball, or wants to learn to play dartball, with the Salem dartball team, please contact me. I will need to know so I can let our league know ASAP! For more information, call Doug Lindsay at 414-758-5325.



### Women's Fellowship Circle

All women are invited to join the Esther-Rachel UMW Fellowship Circle! We will be meeting on Monday, September 13, at 1:30 PM in the fellowship Hall. Please call if Gladys Roszkowski if you have any questions: 262-594-5099.



Do you love music? Do you want to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord"? Well,

then the CHOIR and/or the HANDBELLS might just be the answer for you! No experience necessary. We would love to have you join us! Come give it a try! Handbells practice on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. Choir practices on Wednesdays at 7:30 PM.



Salem honored the Senior Softball Team in church on Sunday, Aug. 22. Eight players from the team (sponsored by Dick & Marlys Tesch + Kurt Guenther ) attended with their families! The team has been in the playoffs seven straight seasons.

## Eras Senior Network Volunteer Opportunities

Eras is a community-centered nonprofit organization Serving Milwaukee County and Waukesha County, Wisconsin. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for any of the following things, please contact Marisa Strothenke at [Marisa.Strothenke@Eras.org](mailto:Marisa.Strothenke@Eras.org) or (262) 522-2402

### Friendly Phone Call Program

The Friendly Phone Call Program seeks to decrease social isolation and reduce the feelings of loneliness in our senior clients. Though guidelines are constantly changing regarding COVID-19, the Friendly Phone Call Program allows clients a safe and consistent way to socially engage with others from the comfort of their own homes. There are currently 70 clients in Milwaukee County and 50 clients in Waukesha County in need of a Friendly Phone Call volunteer.

### Fall Yard Clean Up

This fall, we will need many volunteers to help local seniors and adults with disabilities prepare their yards for winter. Duties include: raking leaves, cleaning flower beds, pulling weeds, trimming bushes, cleaning gutters, storing lawn furniture, washing windows, etc. Right now, we are still following our COVID-19 procedures which includes wearing a mask at all times while serving, remaining at least 6 feet away from others, and limiting the group size to no more than 4 volunteers per home.

### Holiday Card Decorating

Feeling crafty or in the holiday mood? We have more than 3,500 blank holiday cards in stock and are in need of creative decorators to make them festive for our older adult clients. Cards will come in bundles of 25. For a single person or a family, we suggest starting off with 25-50 cards at a time. For groups, we can give up to 100 cards at a time. Instructions with an example on how we would like the cards decorated are included with your bundle of cards.

Pick-ups and drop-offs will be available at our Waukesha offices Monday-Friday, 9 am to 4 pm. To help with social distancing, we have a table outside our office suites for you to pick up undecorated cards and return decorated cards.



**“THANK YOU” from  
Harriet Marks**

Thank you for your kindness and friendship in the celebration of another milestone in my life. You were very generous with prayers,

gifts, and many, many cards with heartfelt, cheery messages. I am grateful for the love and respect from my Salem Church Family.

I am thankful for the gift of life from God. He is my constant companion during my life’s journey as I talk with Him each day. He talks with me, we listen to and love each other, and I am open to His guidance. He knows me so well. His blessings and support go with all His children. God is Great, God is Good! Alleluia! Amen!

*From Doug Lindsay...*

Thank you to everyone for your prayers and support during my Dad's illness and death. My family is very appreciative for all of the cards, phone calls, prayers and kindness you have shown us. Thank you, Doug



Our deepest sympathies go to the family of Richard Dick. Richard passed away on August 30th. Please hold in your prayers Richard’s wife Sue and their daughters Chris and Cathy. There will be a service at Salem on Saturday, September 18th at 12:00 PM. Visitation will be from 10:30 AM – Noon. A luncheon will follow in the church fellowship hall.



Sept. 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	Eve Paddock
22	Jacob Lindsay

## Lectionary Readings

### September 5

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23  
Psalm 125:1-5  
James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17  
Mark 7:24-37

### September 12

Proverbs 1:20-33  
Psalm 19:1-14  
James 3:1-12  
Mark 8:27-38

### September 19

Proverbs 31:10-31  
Psalm 1  
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a  
Mark 9:30-37

### September 26

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22  
Psalm 124:1-8  
James 5:13-20  
Mark 9:38-50