

# Salem United Methodist Church

## April 2022



*The Lord saw that the wickedness of humankind was great in the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry that he had made humankind on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. (Genesis 6:5-6)*

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

Like most of you, I've been watching with sadness and anxiety the events taking place in Ukraine. Seeing Russian rockets fired on Ukraine, troops and tanks heading towards the main Ukraine cities, the many wounded, and the people fleeing is deeply disturbing. So far, 3.5 million people have left for neighboring countries, and another estimated 6.5 million people are thought to be displaced inside the country itself.

Some wars can be morally justified... when it is to prevent greater harm to others or to liberate others. This is not a war that can be justified. We see once again how the dark side of the human heart is led to violence by the desire for power, wealth, control, and revenge.

God is grieving in front of these images. God has been grieving for the violence humans inflict upon one another since the first violence in human history as a brother killed the other over uncontrollable hatred.

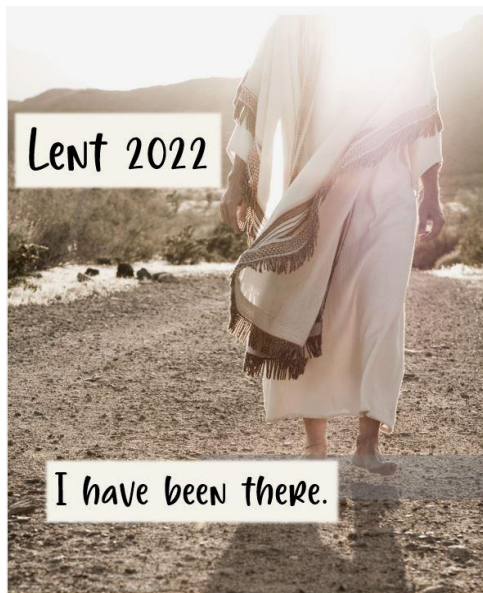
Violence is a demonstration of human corruption and will be part of our world until the end of times. God's heart will continue to be broken over and over every time we chose violence over love.

Yet, this is not the end of our story. On Good Friday, a new story began for all who could hear. On the cross, violence was overtaken by supreme sacrificial love. After three days, life overtook death forever. Because of this, we know our actions of love, our peacemaking even in small things, and our prayers are powerful.

Please join me in praying for the people in Ukraine and in Russia and their leaders. Pray for Bishop Khegay and for the United Methodist pastors and laity in Ukraine and Russia. You can also donate. Every cent of your donation will help people in Ukraine through UMCOR International Disaster Response. Write your check to Salem UMC, specifying is for Ukraine.

*"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9)*

Pastor Paola



Join us through Lent as we travel to the places Jesus visited, highly spiritually symbolic places. Discovering how this can deeply influence our spiritual lives.

#### Remaining Sundays:

**March 27** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent - *The Temple*  
Luke 19:45-48

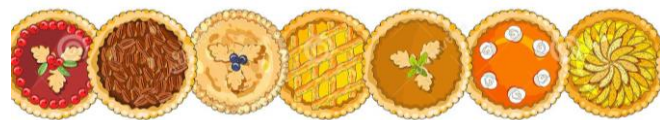
**April 3** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent - *The Garden*  
(Communion Sunday) Luke 22:39-46

**April 10** Palm Sunday - *The City of Jerusalem*  
Luke 19:28-44

**April 15** Good Friday 7 PM

**Our Lenten Study Continues**  
**Every Sunday through April 10**  
**10:15 AM in the conference room**

*Please join us!*



## Pie Day for Mujila Falls

The surveys are in! Thank you! The Outreach Committee will do it's best to have one of your favorite pies ready to taste at our Palm Sunday Pie Sale. All proceeds from a free will offering will go toward helping Temba furnish Salem House.

On Easter Sunday our church offering will go towards Temba's salary. Since Temba has been in charge, many new programs, learning experiences, and structures have been introduced to the community at Mujila Falls as well as to visitors from the Peace Corps, universities and high schools. We hope to have a special video April 3rd with a tour of the interior of Salem House! You will see what your generous donations have done for Mujila Falls!

### Sanctuary Easter Flowers

**Orders due Sunday,  
April 10**



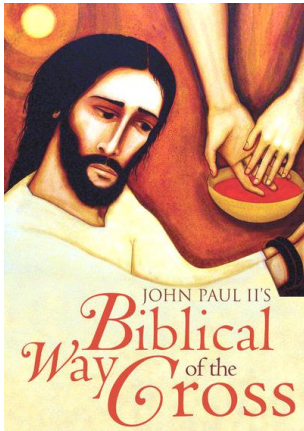
Beautiful Easter flowers will beautify our sanctuary Easter morning. They may be purchased to acknowledge someone, either in honor or in memory. Order forms are in the bulletins on Sunday mornings through April 10. Lilies, tulips, hyacinths, and daffodils are available to order. You may take your plant home following the service on Easter morning. Please pay by check or cash when you place your order. (If paying with a check, make it payable to Salem, with "Easter flowers" in the memo line.) Please see Marlys Tesch if you have any questions.



### Chapel Service at New Perspective

Wednesday, April 13, at 11 AM

Pastor Paola will lead worship in the chapel on the 3rd floor. Communion will be served. Please arrive 15 minutes early to check in at the front desk.



### Good Friday April 15, 7:00 pm Biblical Way of the Cross

You are invited to join us on Good Friday as we accompany Jesus on his Way to the Cross. We'll begin in the Garden of Gethsemane as Jesus prays and struggles with his Father's will. We will continue with him as he is betrayed by Judas, condemned by Pilate, scourged and crowned with thorns. Our journey with Jesus on this Good Friday will provide us with a path to become closer to him and to share in his resurrection. Moving artwork by Michael D. O'Brien will enhance our experience as we move closer to the cross with Jesus.



COME AND  
**CELEBRATE**  
WITH US THIS EASTER



9:00 AM

Celebration of the Resurrection

With Holy Communion

10:15 AM

Continental Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt

## Children and Family Ministries

**Handbells-** The children's handbells will be playing in church on Easter Sunday! We will practice: March 27, April 3, April 10

**Sunday School-** During the month of April, all ages will be using the curriculum: Exploring the Bible.

**Easter Egg Hunt-** On Easter Sunday, April 17, we will be having an Easter Egg Hunt following worship. If the weather is nice, it will be outside. If the weather is bad, it will be in fellowship hall.

### Worship Series: Oh WOW!!

As we enter into the Easter season and new beginnings, let us come together in worship, and give praise to God with word, music, prayer, wonder and gratitude.

**Oh  
Wow!**

**April 24 Give Praise** - Psalm 105:1-5

**May 1 Come and See** - Psalm 66:1-9  
Communion

**May 8 Shout with Joy**

Mother's Day - Praisefest - Psalm 100

**Support Ukraine Give Now**



Donations from Salem for Ukraine relief have totaled \$1,680.00 so far. Every cent of your donation will help people in Ukraine through UMCOR International Disaster Response. Write your check to Salem UMC, specifying it is for Ukraine. Thank you!



### **Hope Center Needs Your Help!**

The Hope Center at 502 N. East Avenue in Waukesha operates a clothing shop which offers free clothing to

Waukesha County residents who are at low to low-middle income levels.

The clothing shop is in need of volunteers.

Available times are:

- Wednesday & Friday from 9:00 to 4:00 when the guests are there to choose clothing,
- Monday, Tuesday or Thursday from 9:00 to 4:00 for help in set-up. (You can select the number of days and hours that fit your schedule.)

Each article of clothing from the Hope Center Clothing Shop allows guests to put more money towards their food or housing needs.

Use this link:

<https://hopecenterwi.org/volunteer-and-contribute/> or call the Hope Center at 262-549-8726 if you can help.

## Outreach Updates:

**The Food Pantry** is in need of more volunteers, especially those that can work Monday or Friday. (9 am-12 pm packing bags and boxes or sorting foods *OR* 1-3 pm helping clients who come to the Pantry. If you are interested, please contact Blake and make arrangements for training. [blake@waukeshafoodpantry.org](mailto:blake@waukeshafoodpantry.org).

**The Overflow Homeless Shelter** has a Facebook page that has a wonderful video showing the change from a fire station to the shelter! Check it out! There are also links to sites that allow you to contribute or purchase needed supplies (Amazon). Thank you for your amazing support!

### **Medika Mamba Fundraiser Final Report**

Your generosity towards the Medika Mamba Fundraiser this year exceeded all expectations. We sent \$6250 to Thomassique, which included late donations from last year's fundraiser and \$500 allocated from the Outreach Budget. We met our goal of supporting Wilner's salary with a surplus of \$3325. Recently, the Clinic was also able to secure a new, very large Rotary grant for the Malnutrition Program, which will cover many of its needs and expand the program's scope. In light of all this amazing news, the Clinic staff and the Outreach Committee discussed the most cost effective use of our fundraiser's surplus funds this year. The joint decision was made to support the salary of a part-time nurse dedicated to the Malnutrition Program. This decision applies only to the coming year, but we are hopeful that our fundraiser will continue to be successful enough to maintain or increase our support and impact. Thank you again for your support!







## News from our

### TRUSTY TRUSTEES

A new bubbler and bottle filler has been installed by Dave and Jim Seegers. Thank you! Of

course, it was a bigger project than expected due to aging plumbing (57 years). Thanks to Jim and Dave for their perseverance in this project.

Caryn and Tyler Adair installed “blinders” on the west outdoor floodlight. The glare that was facing drivers and nearby apartments has been greatly reduced. Thanks, Adairs!

In the fall we will be setting up training on alarm systems again and will be offering a refresher course. Sharon Seegers is taking the lead and is going to update the procedure if an alarm goes off. We will find some more people that live closest to church. If you are interested, please see Sharon.

In June we are putting together a day for outdoor projects like weeding, adding crushed stone to air conditioning units, etc. Please look for a signup sheet in May.

Rob will continue month to month until we find a new chairperson. Until then, the rest of the trustees are splitting up the work.



### Salem Renewable Energy

Several years ago, our congregation made the decision to help our environment by

purchasing renewable energy for our church electricity needs, instead of electricity generated by petroleum or coal. This choice adds about \$25 to our monthly WE Energies electric bill. Various members over the years have made contributions to cover this additional cost so it does not increase our Operating Budget. If you would like to help support this effort, mark your contribution for “Renewable Energy”.

# Waukesha UNLOCKED

**Saturday, October 8, 2022**

**Sunday, October 9, 2022**

**10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

In celebration of the City of Waukesha’s 125th Anniversary, businesses, properties, and organizations will be showcased through tours and activities. Inspired by architecture, community, history, and operations, each site will tell its own story. Salem UMC has volunteered to open our church for Waukesha Unlocked! The intent of the event is to build a sense of belonging, pride and understanding of what our city has to offer. We are excited to show our church and what WE have to offer the community! More details to come.



### Children Youth Event Coordinator

Salem United Methodist Church

541 Hwy. 59, Waukesha, Wisconsin

We are hiring a Children/Youth Event Coordinator

Are you...

**Faithful Energetic Creative**

**Love working with children and teens**

10 hours/week, includes Sunday mornings

Email Pastor Paola: [pastor@SalemOnTheHill.org](mailto:pastor@SalemOnTheHill.org)

**Salem**



(Copies of this flyer are available in the narthex on the kiosk. Please post at school, work, stores, and share with everyone!)



Hello Salem family! I wanted to thank you all for your outpouring of love and support on Sunday at my Bridal Shower, even from those that could not make it. Sandy, Sharon, Mary, and the nurture team went

above and beyond to make a truly special afternoon. Ryan and I cannot wait to start our married life together - now made a little bit easier with your love, advice, and gifts!

*Sincerely, Betta Hobbins*



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

## *Prayer Concerns*

- Bob Stuempfig – Low oxygen levels and breathing problems
- Prayers for the Ukraine people and their leaders
- Prayers for the Russian people and their leaders
- Caryn Adair who is recovering from surgery
- Those traveling for Spring break & vacations
- Rhena Knourek recovering from dehydration
- Prayers of thanksgiving for the Salem Dartball team who finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place



## *Lectionary Readings*

### **April 3**

Isaiah 43:16-21  
Psalm 126  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
John 12:1-8

### **April 10**

Liturgy of the Palms  
Luke 19:28-40  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
Liturgy of the Passion  
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Luke 22:14-23:56

### **April 17 EASTER**

Acts 10:34-43  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
1 Corinthians 15:19-26  
John 20:1-18

### **April 24**

Acts 5:27-32  
Psalm 118:14-29  
Revelation 1:4-8  
John 20:19-31