

Salem United Methodist Church

May 2022



Thoughts from Pastor Paola...

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. 1 John 4:7

During the month of May, Salem will be filled with many family-oriented celebrations: Mother's Day, a baptism, recognition of graduates, a wedding. The month of May is the Christian Home Month in the United Methodist church calendar; there is no better time of the year to be reminded how a family's love is the greatest source of joy in life.

This May is especially meaningful for me as I will officiate my daughter's wedding at Salem. We hunger for love and for the deep connection that only family provides. God created us and wired us for love, intimacy and connection. Love is a biological necessity such as air, water and food.

There's nothing in the world that matters like family relationships. They are the greatest source of joy and blessing. Family love is considered the most natural kind of love: parents' love for their children, adult children's love for their parents, love for a spouse, love for sibling, love for grandparents & grandchildren, love for cousins, aunts & uncles.... Family was another awesome idea from God to make sure we have care and support throughout our lives all the way until the end.

Yet as natural as family love may be, it can also be the greatest source of pain and grief in our lives. Family love can be natural, yet it doesn't always come easy for us to love our family members, especially those who seems less lovable or hard to love.

As I grow older and hopefully a little wiser, I am discovering that if I want to have family relationships that can be a source of blessing, I need to love my family as God loves me. God loves me so much more than I know. His love is unconditional; he accepts me as I am and creates value in me. It is called AGAPE love.

Every day I need to work on my agape love. Sometimes it comes easier toward other people and even toward strangers, because they don't know me as well; there is no baggage there.

I pray you and I can find ways to love our family a little more like God loves us.
Can't wait to see you in church and celebrate family love this month!!

Blessings,
Pastor Paola



Come together in worship, and give praise to God with word, music, prayer, wonder and gratitude. Remaining Sundays are:

May 1 Shout with Joy
Psalm 100 (Communion Sunday)

May 8 Praisefest (Mother's Day)
One of the most joyous Sundays of the year at Salem! Solos, duets, bells, and many different instruments. Join us as we praise God and thank him for the goodness in our lives, including mothers, grandmothers, and spiritual mothers. We have a little gift for those women special to us.



May 29 (Rev. Michelle Oberwise Lacock will lead) Native American Sunday - Memorial Weekend



June 5 Pentecost (Communion Sunday) Happy Birthday, Church!
Help us to celebrate the birthday of the Church by wearing red!
Acts 2:1-4; 42-47

THE SECRET TO MAKING GREAT DECISIONS



Indecisiveness has skyrocketed since the beginning of the pandemic. Every day we make an average of 70 decisions. A bad decision can have a high cost. Join us as we learn from the wisdom of the Scripture how to make good decisions.

May 15

Long-term consequences and values involved in the decision - Proverbs 19:2
(Baptism of River Ray Nessman)

May 22 Wisdom From on High - Proverbs 3:5-7
Graduation Recognition Sunday

The graduates will be recognized during the service. Please join us after the service for cake and punch! Please inform Pastor Paola if you have a graduate in your family.

Worship Series
June 19 - July 10
**You've Got
a Friend in Me**

Friends are a treasure often overlooked by our society. Friends are God-given gifts, especially when loneliness and isolation are at an all-time high like now. Join us for this intergenerational worship experience as we discover the wisdom of the scriptures about friendship, with a little help by movies clips that will engage all ages.



Chapel Service at New Perspective

Wednesday, May 18, at 11 AM
Pastor Paola will lead worship in the chapel on the 3rd floor. We will now be meeting the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Communion will be served. Please arrive 15 minutes early to check in at the front desk. Future dates: June 15, July 20. Everybody is welcome!

News from Outreach

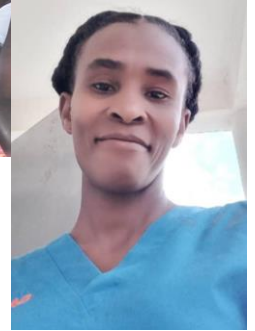
Pie Day Final Report **Many thanks to all of you!**

Our Pie Sunday Fundraiser for Salem House and Easter offering for support of Temba's salary raised a grand total of \$3960! Since we met our commitment for Temba's salary of \$1000, the rest of the money is going towards the electricity, furniture and other needs for the interior. Temba will be sending a personal note of thanks upon his return to Zambia from his sabbatical to see family in Zimbabwe. The Outreach Team thanks you for your extreme generosity to help Mujila Falls and Temba. Once the dorm is completely finished, the Agriculture Center will be able to open its doors to even more people who want to learn about agriculture. Watch the bulletin board for updates!



News from the Haiti Clinic: The Nurse is in!

Due to your generous support of our Banana Bread Bake-Off the St. Joseph Clinic in Haiti has hired a part-time nurse. She will be a wonderful addition to the clinic, supporting Wilner and sharing in the work at the Malnutrition Program.



Annual Ingathering for Wisconsin Annual Conference

This year Salem will join other Wisconsin congregations in collecting monetary donations for Personal Dignity Kits. The Midwest Distribution Center then sends the kits to people who are affected by natural or man-made disasters in the U.S. and around the world.

These personal care items will help people maintain basic hygiene when their world has been turned upside down. Each kit is valued at \$15. What a practical way to send hope and love to those who need both.

Designate your offering for INGATHERING KITS from May 8th through June 5th.

Help Fill the Bucket!!!

Whittier Elementary School is in need of our help to provide snacks for their end-of-year Field Day events. We will be collecting snacks through May 29th to help make this a success. What a wonderful opportunity to provide community outreach to our local children!

Here is a "bucket list" of snacks we are collecting:

- Granola bars
- Goldfish cracker snacks (individual snack-size bags)
- Flavored freeze pops

Please drop off these snacks in the blue bucket near the Outreach bulletin board. Thank you, Salem!





News from our *TRUSTY TRUSTEES*

Goodbye April, Hello MAY!
May, more than any month
of the year, wants to feel
most alive. Let's hope Spring
finally arrives.

The Trustees are looking at repairing the leaks in the old roof in the women's restroom and the family restroom in the back. Leaks occurs sometimes in Spring after the snow melts on the flat roof. Tiles need to be sealed or replaced. Dave Pauly is taking the lead on this project.

Two other members of the Trustees, Caryn Adair and Bonnie Wojcik are compiling a written inventory of the Church as well as a photo/video documentation for insurance purposes and in the event we need a replacement value on an item or items.

Recently, Rob Roszkowski and Bill Hauenstine met with the Complete Lawn Services which we employed for landscaping the North side of the Church. We had hoped that it would have been completed last fall. The landscapers now said it should be completed by May 15, 2022. Of course, this all depends on if the weather cooperates.

The Trustees decided that Salem needs a workday to clean up our flower beds/ shrub areas and to fill in the areas around the two air conditioners with gravel on the north and south sides of the building. The gravel will be there for that task. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those willing to help. When you sign up you can choose weeding one of the several flower beds or placing gravel in one of the air conditioner areas. Dress for your task and bring whatever tool or tools you will need. This event will take place on Saturday JUNE 11th from 9AM to 12PM. When you are finished, you may leave. Donuts, juice, and water will be provided.

Many hands will make quick work of these tasks. Please consider signing up!!! Sharon Seegers is spearheading this workday event. Any questions, please see Sharon.

Finally, Happy Mother's Day early to all Mothers in our congregation.



Healing Hearts offers free peer-support programs for children and the adults in their lives who are dealing with loss due to death, divorce, trauma, addition, abandonment, incarceration, or deportation.

There are two opportunities to support Healing Hearts in the month of May. The "**Celebration of Hope**" dinner will be held at the Pewaukee Marriott on Saturday, May 7th with dinner from 6:30 to 8:30. The table has already been paid for so all donations will go directly to Healing Hearts. Sign up on the kiosk. As in other years there will be a silent auction, raffle and balloon pop.

The **Waukesha Symphonic Band** is presenting a concert to benefit Healing Hearts and ACAP (Adaptive Community Approach Program) at 3:00 pm on Sunday, May 22 in Shattuck Auditorium at Carroll University. Contact Paul or Carol Becher for tickets. More information about both events is available on the Healing Hearts website.



Children and Family Ministries

Coordinator Mary Jo Martin

- May 1** Communion Sunday - No Youth Sunday School, Sunday school for Children
- May 8** Youth and Children Sunday School
Mother's Day Craft
- May 15** Youth and Children Sunday School
- May 22** Graduate Recognition during worship
Youth Jeopardy Game and Last Sunday School Children's Sunday school
- May 29** Memorial Day weekend Children activity if in attendance due to Holiday weekend.

Looking ahead, on Sunday, June 19, we will be working on a craft for Father's Day. In the planning stages is a "Salem Night" with our friends next door at New Perspective. This will be for all ages! More details to come.

We will not have any more children's bell practices due to low participants. The music calls for at least 4 kids. Most music has 8 notes. We are planning on recruiting more kids in the Fall. Thank you everyone who participated, we love your talents.

THANK YOU from Mary Jo

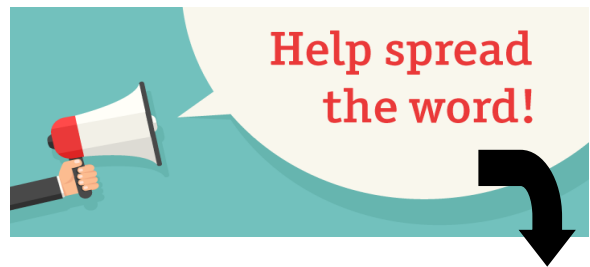
Special Thank you and Shout Out to Bonnie Wojcik for all her time and effort in preparing Youth Sunday School lessons. Thank you for volunteering.

Thank you, to Julie Vang and Maggie Bringa for all your help on the Education committee.

Thank you, to Betty Padgett for doing the wonderful bulletin boards.

Thank you to the congregation and families in supporting me with the Salem Children, Youth, and Family Ministries. It has been my pleasure to serve Salem this way. At this time in my life, I feel I need more time with my family and to work on my own spiritual growth. Your support and kindness is very appreciated.

Thank you,
Mary Jo Martin



Children & Youth Church Event Coordinator

We are hiring at Salem United Methodist Church!

Are you faithful, energetic, creative?
Do you like working with children & youth?
10 hours/week, includes Sunday mornings

Email Pastor Paola:
pastor@SalemOnTheHill.org

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Birthday Thank You

On Sunday, April 24th we celebrated the 104th birthday of Dolores Panahon, Perla Agpoon's mother. The party



truly made Dolores feel special and blessed to be greeted by many Salem members. Thank you for

your cards and for sharing in her 104th birthday celebration!



Lectioary Readings

May 1

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

May 8

Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23:1-6
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

May 15

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148:1-14
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

May 22

Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67:1-7
Revelation 21:10, 21:22-22:5
John 14:23-29
John 5:1-9

May 29

Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97:1-12
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26



May

2 Pastor Paola
3 Nick Tonz
9 Nancy Mueller
19 Debbie Campbell
20 Abby Buxengard
21 Bonnie Wojcik
22 Ashley Scrima
25 Sydney Hernandez
26 Kyle Callen
31 Leonard Lamb

To the Moms Who Are

To the Moms who are struggling, to those filled with incandescent joy.

To the Moms who are remembering children who have died, and pregnancies that miscarried.

To the Moms who decided other parents were the best choice for their babies, to the Moms who adopted those kids and loved them fiercely.

To those experiencing frustration or desperation in infertility.

To those who knew they never wanted kids, and the other ways they have contributed to our shared world.

To those who mothered neighborhood kids and anyone who needed it.

To those remembering Moms no longer with us.

To those moving forward from Moms who did not show love, or hurt those they should have cared for.

Today is a day to honor the unyielding love and care for others we call 'Motherhood,' wherever we have found it and in whatever ways we have found to cultivate it within ourselves.

— Hannah Kardon, Pastor at Urban Village Church, Chicago Illinois