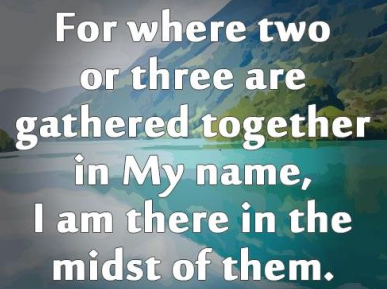


# Salem United Methodist Church

## June 2022



For where two  
or three are  
gathered together  
in My name,  
I am there in the  
midst of them.

- Matthew 18:20

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

*For where two or three gather in my name,  
there am I with them. -Matthew 18:20*

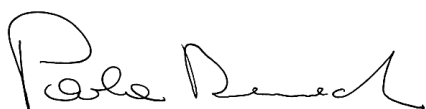
This is what the Church is about. When we gather, Jesus is with us. That means when we are together, lives are changed; grace, forgiveness, and healing happen. You are not alone as you go through heartbreak or loss or illness or despair, because you can always count on others praying for you. When Jesus is with us, we share life, and we can trust that God is using our generous gifts of time, money and talents to build his Kingdom on earth.

So much has changed and is changing in the world. The very institution of the church is changing. Nevertheless, the church is, more than ever, a community that everyday breaks isolation and builds hope for everyone, no matter their race, gender, sexual orientation, political beliefs, or color of their skin. Where Jesus is, everyone is welcome.

In a little over a week, we will celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of church. It will be indeed a celebration for us at Salem!! We will lift up all the new ministries since the pandemic, along with the great ways we have been blessed. We will also face our challenges and changes, because here we speak the truth in love without fear. There is no fear in God.

Our celebration will also include special decorations and of course refreshments! What a great time to invite a friend to worship with you.

Blessings,



Pastor Paola

# Special Sundays



**May 29** Our worship service will be in celebration of Memorial Day. Worship will be led by Rev. Michelle.



**June 5 Pentecost** Worship with Communion. We will lift up and celebrate Salem's new ministries together. Special decorations and refreshments will be part of the celebration. **We encourage everyone to please wear red!**



**June 12 Native American Sunday**  
Rev. Michelle Oberwise Lacock will lead. Pastor Paola will be participating in Annual Conference.



**Let's Worship Together**

Wednesday, June 22  
11:00 – 11:30 AM

**Chapel Service at New Perspective**  
Communion Served

Come worship with our neighbors! 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. Everybody is welcome! (July 20 is the date for next month.)



## You've Got a Friend in Me

Worship Series  
June 19 – July 10

Friends are truly God-given gifts, especially now, when loneliness and isolation are at an all-time high. 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.

### Sunday, June 19 Father's Day

**The need for friendship** - Genesis 2:18, Ecclesiastes 4:9-12  
Movie Clips from *Toy Story 1*

### Sunday, June 26

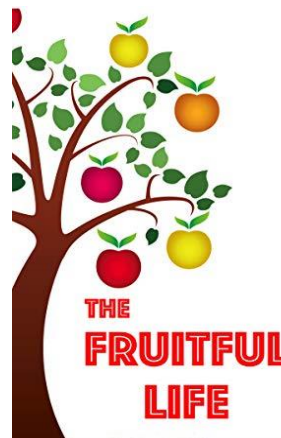
**Friends love you just as you are** - David & Jonathan, 1 Samuel 18:1-5, Movie Clips from *Charlotte's Web*

### Sunday, July 3 - Communion

**The power of intergenerational friendships** - Ruth and Naomi  
Ruth 1:16-17, Clips from the movie *UP*

### Sunday July 10

**What a friend we have in Jesus** - John 15:8-17  
Clips from the movie *ET*



## The Fruitful Life

### Sunday July 17th

Cultivating love, joy and peace

**Sunday July 24th** Growing patience, kindness and generosity

**Sunday July 31st**  
Nurturing faithfulness, gentleness and self-control



## Annual Ingathering for Wisconsin Annual Conference

Don't forget the deadline is  
Sunday, June 5 for your

monetary donations for the WI Annual  
Conference Ingathering. The money will be  
used to purchase personal care items for  
people to 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.  
Thank you!

**JUST ASK!**

*Ask the Pastor*  
**Sunday, August 7 and 14**

Anything you would like to know about God,  
theology, church, faith... Just drop your  
question in the *Ask the Pastor* box in the  
Narthex and I will do my best to answer your  
questions during worship. By the way, light-  
hearted questions are welcome!!



Thursday night  
Bible Study is on a  
break. We will  
resume Thursday,  
July 7th!

## Children and Family Ministries

*Coordinator Mary Jo Martin*

On Sunday, June 5, we will recognize and thank  
the following:

- Bonnie Wojcik and Don Callen for teaching  
Sunday School classes and helping with  
Children's Time.
- Maggie Bringa and Julie Vang for being on  
the Youth and Education committee.
- Betty Padgett for the wonderful bulletin  
boards.

Last Sunday School Class will be May 29. There  
will be a special Sunday School class June 19th  
to make a Father's Day gift.

### Ministry at New Perspective



#### SING-ALONG

Join us on  
Wednesday June  
29th at 7PM for a

sing along in the chapel at New Perspective. It  
will be patriotic theme.

#### BINGO

Coming soon! We will be  
inviting our kids and  
teenagers to lead bingo at  
New Perspective Memory  
care. We will provide snacks  
and prizes (jewelry, candies and stuffed  
animals) Details will be soon available.



*Looking ahead...*

**UNDIE SUNDAY**, coming September 4th-25th  
Just a reminder that Undie Sunday will be here  
before we know it, so keep your eye out for  
good buys, especially on the clearance  
racks and for upcoming Back to School sales for  
underwear for the HOPE CENTER!

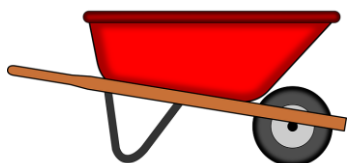


## News from our *TRUSTY TRUSTEES*

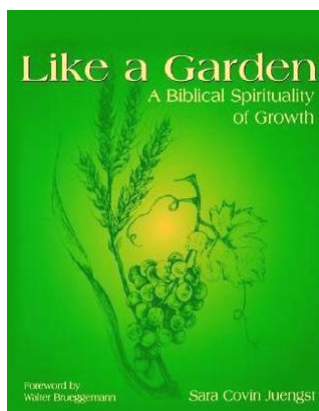
One of the main jobs of the Trustees is to oversee the physical aspects of the Church which includes the interior of the building and exterior property surrounding Salem. With this in mind, in the last month the Trustees have repaired the roof leaks around the vent pipes in the restrooms, repaired the damaged Exit light in the back of the Church, and fixed the malfunctioning paddle on the automatic north door which leads to New Perspectives. We will soon be installing under-cabinet lights in the kitchen.

Although we have a lawn service for cutting the grass and mulching our planting beds, the Trustees still need help with the outside weeding of the gardens and sweeping and washing of the salt from the entrance stones. HERE is where the congregation can help by signing up for our...

**Work Morning at Salem!**  
**Saturday, June 11th from 9 am – Noon**



The sign up sheet is in the narthex. Donuts, coffee, and water will be available. Please bring gardening tools that you will need and dress for the project. You can leave whenever your task is done. We hope to see many of you there. PLEASE sign up for this work Saturday and remember ask not only what Salem can do for you, but what you can do for Salem. ☺



**How can we grow spiritually and nurture our soul?** We can learn a lot from gardening on how to care for our soul. And summer is a perfect time for it. Pastor Paola will be teaching 3 sessions of Adult Sunday School this

summer on this subject.

We will meet Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> after worship from 10:20 to 11:20 AM. The study will be based on the book **“Like a Garden: A Biblical Spirituality of Growth”**. You would not need to purchase the book, but you can find it on Amazon (\$20). Your interest in gardening would be part of our discussions. This Bible Study will go along with the Worship Theme at the same time: Fruitful Life.

Hope you can join us. A sign up sheet will be available soon in the narthex.

Blessings, Paola



## **Fruit and Food of the Spirit:** **A multi-generational event**

Sunday, July 31, 5 – 7 PM

Salem will be hosting a multigenerational event with New Perspective. All are invited! We ask everyone attending to please bring a dish to pass. Suggestions: pasta salads, salads of any kind, and fruit. We will provide banana splits for dessert. Activities include blindfolded smell and taste test contest, scavenger hunt get-to-know-you, fruit relays, crafts and possibly music. There will be weekly announcements every Sunday with more information and a sign up in the narthex starting June 5th. Hope to see everyone there.





**We are hiring!**

We are hiring a Children & Families  
Ministries Coordinator  
10 hours/week, includes Sunday mornings  
Email Pastor Paola:  
pastor@SalemOnTheHill.org



### **Blessings on your move!**

Sue Dick has had a long history at Salem. She joined Salem in April 1944. That means she has the longest membership of anyone

at Salem today! On June 9th, she will be moving to an assisted living facility in Hudson, WI to be near many of her family members. If you would like to send a note or card and wish her well, her address is: Susan Dick, 431 Stageline Rd. #206, Hudson, WI 54016



<b>June 7</b>	Harriet Marks
11	Jim Tonz
12	Gloria Rongstad
13	Anna Hobbins
19	Giovanni Hobbins
24	Patrick Tonz



## *Lectionary Readings*

### **June 5**

Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Romans 8:14-17  
John 14:8-17 (25-27)

### **June 12**

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31  
Psalm 8:1-9  
Romans 5:1-5  
John 16:12-15

### **June 19**

Kings 19:1-4 (5-7) 8-15a  
Psalms 42 and 43  
Galatians 3:23-29  
Luke 8:26-39

### **June 26**

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14  
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20  
Galatians 5:1, 13-25  
Luke 9:51-62



SUNDAY, JUNE 19TH

