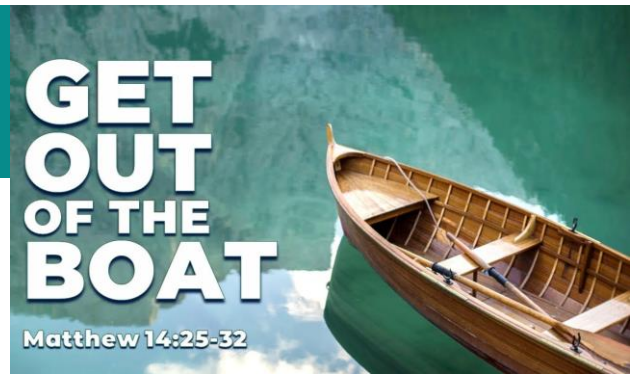


Salem United Methodist Church

August 2022



Thoughts from Pastor Paola...

*Jesus said to disciples: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." Peter replied, "Lord, if it's you, tell me to come to you on the water." Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.
(Matthew 14:22-33)*

"If You Want to Walk on Water, You have got to Get Out of the Boat" is the title of a great book by John Ortberg about learning how to move beyond fear to discover God's unique calling for your life. We all suffer from what Ortberg calls *boat potatoes syndrome*. We may even give up on having the most incredible experience of walking on water rather than leave our comfort zone. So we may just stay put, inside the boat. Each of us have our own reasons: because we don't like changes, because we like how things were in the past, because we are afraid of failure or of the unknown, because we don't like to release control. It is fear in all its forms that is holding us back from having the best experience of our life!!

Every day we face the decision between comfort and risk. But I can tell you this much...to be a follower of Jesus involves renouncing comfort as the ultimate value of your life. That is why they call it FAITH.

It is never a perfect time to get out of the boat. We may feel too old or too young, too introverted, not good enough for the task, not strong enough, not healthy enough, we are too busy, we are too tired... and so we choose to stay inside the boat.

Eleven men stayed in the boat, but one, Peter, jumped into the water. He was far from being perfect. He failed many times. He got paralyzed by fear at times. He not always said or did the right thing, but because he had the courage to get out of the boat, he became one of the rocks on which God built his church (Matthew 16:18).

In what ways can you get out of the boat and start walking on water through Salem Church this fall? Maybe inviting friends to worship with you? Maybe serving and teaching children and youth? Maybe reaching out in our community? Singing in the Choir? Joining the Bell Choir? Helping minister to our neighbors at New Perspective? Being an active part of worship? Taking part in a Bible study? Organizing an intergenerational event? Giving a message in worship? And more...

Let me know how you would like to start walking on water, and if you need ideas I can provide you with some. This fall, let's make it a "walk on water" kind of season.

In Christ love,
Pastor Paola

Stand Alone Sunday: August 7

"Why? Why? Why?" (Violence in America)

Lay Speaker, Bill Pardoe

Rev. Michelle will preside over Communion

Scripture Readings: Psalms 14:1-4

Ephesians 4:17-19

August Worship Series



Most of Jesus' greatest moments and teachings take place in the outdoors. As summer starts to wrap up, let's join Jesus and the disciples in four great adventures in the great outdoors from the Gospel of Luke.

August 14 **Fishing with Jesus** Luke 5:1-11

August 21 **Boating with Jesus** Luke 8:22-25

August 28 **Picnicing with Jesus** Luke 9:10-17

Sept. 4 (Communion Sunday)

Hiking with Jesus Luke 24:13-35



Chapel Service

Next Door

Wednesday, Aug. 17, 11:00 – 11:30 AM

At New Perspective

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. Future services: September 21 & October 19.

BRIDGING THE DIVIDE

September Worship Series

Bridging The Divide:

Jesus the Reconciler

Christ lived and died to unite us across all divides, to make us all part of one human family. Yet racial, political, and social divisions has been escalating out of control in our society with dramatic and paralyzing consequences.

Join us for this worship series as Christ calls us to commit ourselves to a life of reconciliation.

Sunday September 11

Christ's mission: Unity despite differences
Ephesians 2:13-22

Sunday September 18

God and Justice
Micah 6:8, Isaiah 51:4-5, Revelation 7:9

Sunday September 25

United colors of Christ
Psalm 133:1, Galatians 3:26-29

Sunday October 1 (Worldwide Communion Sunday)

First take the plank out of your own eye
Matthew 7:1-6



Join us Thursday nights at 6:30 PM for a Bible Study on Zoom! (We are not meeting August 4th) We hope you can join us.



MIDWEST MISSION
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Mission Trip Opportunity

Wednesday Aug. 31 - Saturday Sept. 3

Who would like to join me for a wonderful opportunity? I will be joining an inter-generational group from First United Methodist Church in West Allis with VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION at the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Illinois. Midwest Mission is one of eight cooperating depots in the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Supply Network. The address is 1001 Mission Dr., Pawnee, IL. (about 4 hours away)

They need help with packaging food and material that will be shipped 50% to Ukraine and 50% all over the U.S. As assigned, our group will work on projects as needed in 4-hour shifts that includes packing rice meal bags, kits for youth and children, counting inventory, sorting materials, and other hands-on work.

Transportation to and from Pawnee, IL and also air-conditioned dorm accommodations will be provided. Meals are on your own. A registration fee of \$20.00 is needed along with the forms. The forms will be in the narthex. **Deadline is Sunday August 14.** I cannot wait to hear from you. Let me know if you have any questions! Blessings, Pastor Paola

Social Ministry at New Perspective!

BINGO!!

Monday, August 15, 2 PM
Bingo at New Perspective
Memory care. We will
provide snacks and prizes
(jewelry, candies and stuffed animals) More
details will be available soon.



Trustees Report

The trustees have voted to accept Doug McGrath as chair of the trustees. Be sure to give him a big "CONGRATULATIONS" the next time you see him!



Trustees are taking a summer hiatus from regular meetings in July and August; but some work continues. This past month we completed our annual inspection/maintenance of the new fire alarm system. Work was done by Martin Systems; the same company who installed the system.

Notice that all of the weeds in mulched areas were cleared by the Trustees Team on the June 11 work day. As of this writing, thistles have sprouted again. If there are any gardeners in the congregation that despise weeds, they are now encouraged to dig them out without waiting for another trustee work day. All help is appreciated.

The Waukesha Food Pantry is experiencing an urgent need for items on their shelves.

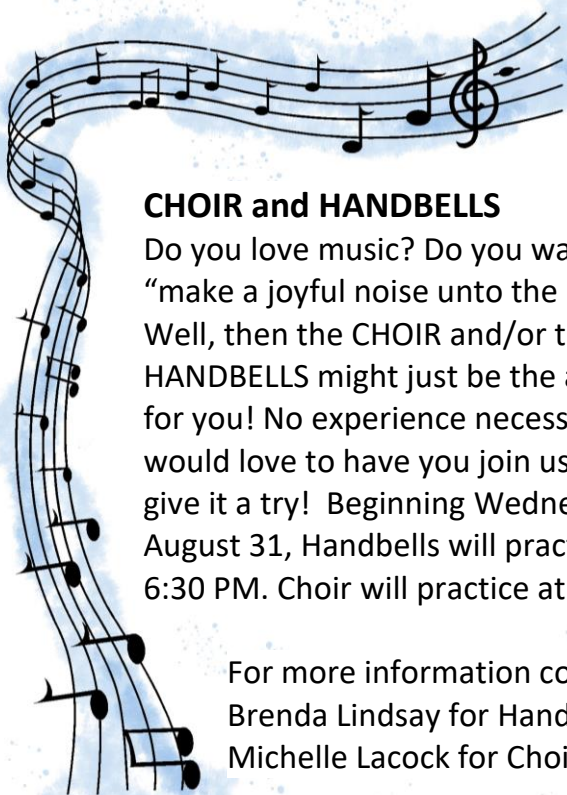


Please bring the following to

church and place in the Pantry basket:

Baby wipes, Diapers/Pull Ups, especially larger sizes (Open packages are accepted), Canned fruits and veggies, Cereals, Personal hygiene items (soap, shampoo, deodorant, laundry detergent, toilet paper, etc.)

If preferred, you may give a monetary donation. Use the pew envelope and label it FOOD PANTRY. Checks can be made to Salem UMC with "Food Pantry" in the memo line. They are also looking for a Spanish speaking volunteer.



CHOIR and HANDBELLS

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! Beginning Wednesday, August 31, Handbells will practice at 6:30 PM. Choir will practice at 7:30 PM.

For more information contact Brenda Lindsay for Handbells and Michelle Lacock for Choir.



Children and Youth:

An opportunity to grow for both kids and adults!

We are very thankful for Mary Jo’s past service as Youth and Children Coordinator and for her love for God and children. We are blessed that Mary Jo decided to volunteer as Sunday School Superintendent. This year we are planning to have three classes:

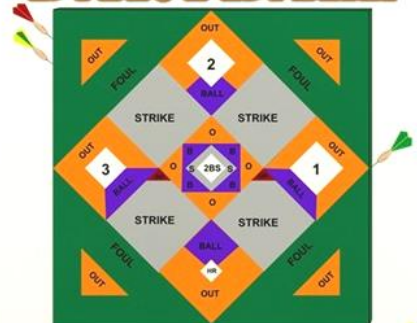
- Noah’s Ark for preschoolers
- Elementary kids
- Youth

Katie Martin will resume her leadership of the Children’s Bell Choir. Sunday School will kick off on Sunday, September 18, with an All Church Picnic with games! If interested in helping to teach Sunday School and/or organizing the picnic, please contact Pastor Paola.

Right now we are actively searching for new opportunities to create a youth group, and reaching out to families in the community. Again, if interested in helping, contact Pastor Paola.

Confirmation class is starting this fall. If you know of any youth in 8th – 12th grade who may be interested in a monthly confirmation class, contact Pastor Paola.

DARTBALL



Take your best shot!

Anyone who would like to learn more about how much fun it is to play dartball, please contact Doug Lindsay at 414-758-5325. We’re getting ready for another season to start up this fall. We play once a week on Tuesday nights at churches in the Waukesha area. We’d love you to join us! No experience necessary!

Salem Softball Team Heading to the Playoffs

Come see the Salem Softball team play! All games are played at Sijan Park (2821 S. Kinnickic Ave., Milwaukee)



- Tues., Aug. 2 PLAYOFFS BEGIN! Games at 9:30 AM and 10:45 PM (Salem is the #1 seed and plays the 10:45 AM game).
- Tues., Aug. 9 End of Season "Final Four" Playoffs and Picnic (food & refreshments for all) Semi Final Games at 9:30 AM and 11:00. CHAMPIONSHIP GAME! (Salem attempts a "four-peat" 4th straight championship!)
- Tues., Aug. 16 is a make-up date if rained out either Aug. 2 or Aug. 9.

On Sunday, Aug. 28, the team will be honored during announcement time in worship at Salem. Following worship, there will be time to meet the team and enjoy cake and refreshments for all in the narthex. During worship that Sunday, Kurt will be play saxophone and sing "You'll Never Walk Alone".

Please continue praying for the 3 injured players on the team.

Any questions, please contact Kurt or Marlys.



Back row: Ken Lester, Tom Kitzke, Harold Timm, Jerry Cramer, Dottie Renier, Bob Weber, Bill Jennaro, Chuck Duhacek, Frank Gittins, Eddie Knurowski, Marlys & Dick Tesch (Co-Sponsor), Former Salem pastor Jorge Mayorga

Front row: John Galewski, Treyton Budreau, Tyrone O'Kelly, Harmony & Kaliyah Budreau (Kurt's granddaughters), Dave Alaimo & Kurt Guenther



Meet Our New Administrative Assistant!

Hello, my name is Kari Schmidt and I am looking forward to being the new Administrative Assistant here at Salem. I have called Waukesha County my home for my entire life. I met my husband Jarrod at Carroll College and we have been happily married for 30 years. We are blessed with 2 grown sons, Jacob and Ryan, and 2 of the most adorable dogs. My family and friends describe me as resourceful and loving. I love fishing, playing board games (especially cribbage), volunteering, and spending time with my family and friends. I am excited to get to know each of you in the coming months.

See you soon.

Sincerely,
Kari



*Kari & Jarrod's pups,
Asher and Buddy*

A Farewell from Rich and Amy Manns



Feb. 11, 1990 – The day we joined Salem

Thirty two years ago, Rich and I walked into Salem with our little 2 ½ year old daughter Allyson. We were looking for a church home where we could raise our children, grow our faith and make new friends. We were so warmly welcomed, and before long we had made a commitment to join this wonderful church family. Allyson enjoyed her first VBS at Salem that summer before she turned 3! She quickly made little friends through Sunday School and Kids Klub. Rich and I also connected with other parents at church and people of all ages who exemplified their faith through their dedication to Salem. Soon we added our son Ben to our little family. I will never forget how the gals at Elisabeth Circle gave me a little baby shower after I had Ben. Elisabeth Circle would continue for years to be a very important part of my life at church.

Our kids were deeply involved in all the kid's activities including very memorable Christmas musicals which were quite the undertaking, as we transformed the sanctuary into a stage where every child had a part in the fun! Some of our early favorite memories of Salem also included VBS on very hot nights in August (no air-conditioning), square-dancing in the fellowship hall with Pastor Mel, Family Camp at Lake Lucerne, and Fall Faith Retreats at Pine Lake Camp.

Rich was very involved with the Finance Committee for many years and in recent years has been a phone-a-friend lifeline for Pastor Paola when she needs consultation on a computer issue.

When our daughter became old enough, I decided to become involved in leading the youth group. The following 10 years of working with the youth at Salem was some of the most meaningful years of my life. Our Youth Sundays hold a special place in my heart. Organizing and leading teenagers to be charge of the entire worship service is quite the experience. But wow, they really stepped up to the challenge. Never underestimate the ability of a teenager to help lead adults in worship! Our youth did the 30-Hour Famine annually for many years. This was a real eye-opening experience, not only for the youth but for the adults who helped lead and chaperone. For several years, our youth also volunteered at the Christian Disciple Farm, an outdoor VBS experience for children with special needs in Sullivan, WI. Again, these were life-changing times for our youth (and other Salem adults who volunteered, including myself).

The past few years, I have enjoyed being Salem's church secretary. I have worked under 3 pastors and an interim pastor. It has been almost a dream job, because I have been able to get to know every member of our church in some way...and I will miss you all so very much. ☹

Thank you, Salem, for being our church family. For helping us raise our kids in faith, for helping us grow in our own spiritual lives, for being there when we've had great losses in our family but also being there to celebrate the many joys in our lives. We will forever be grateful to Salem. We will hold you all very near to our hearts. May God bless you all, and may you continue to be a blessing to all those who enter the doors here.

P.S. We will be back to visit!



August 2	Dick Mueller
2	Sue Yont
5	Betty Padgett
6	Peggy Barnes
10	James Agpoon
14	Gary Wollenzien
15	Bill Crusan
15	Grace Callen
18	Chase Hernandez
18	Rhena Knourek
21	Samie Seegers
25	Julie Vang
27	Penny Feller

Lectionary Readings

August 7

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
 Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
 Luke 12:32-40

August 14

Isaiah 5:1-7
 Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
 Hebrews 11:29-12:2
 Luke 12:49-56

August 21

Jeremiah 1:4-10
 Psalm 71:1-6
 Hebrews 12:18-29
 Luke 13:10-17

August 28

Jeremiah 2:4-13
 Psalm 81:1, 10-16
 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
 Luke 14:1, 7-14



Celebrating the Birth of Isabella Torvi Glover

Congratulations to new grandparents Mary Jo and Larry Martin and to new aunt Katie Martin! Isabella was born July 24. She was 7 lbs 8 oz, 19.5 inches long. Congratulations to new parents Kayla & Nathan.

Prayer Concerns & Joys

- Bob Stuempfig is suffering from several health issues.
- Ed & Betty Padgett's son, Roger, is continuing to recover from heart surgery.
- Art Adair, Caryn's father in law, is recuperating from knee surgery.
- Rhena Knourek recurring UTI infections.
- Caryn's nephew, Jacob who is 12, has leukemia and needs a bone marrow transplant.
- District Superintendent from Tennessee was murdered
- Michelle's friend who is a Pastor in Illinois has been diagnosed with Pancreatic cancer
- Jen and Nick Tonz is celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary.
- Katie Martin celebrated her golden birthday On July 26th.
- Mary Jo and Larry Martin are happy to announce the birth of their first grandchild, Isabella.
- Sharon Link is celebrating a new beginning as she has sold her old house and now lives in a beautiful apartment.