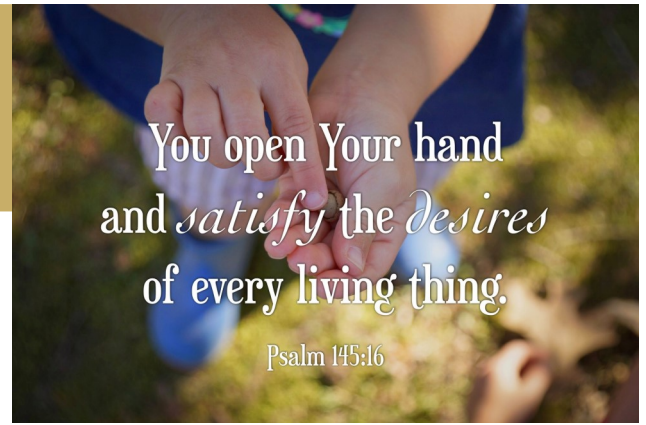


Salem United Methodist Church

September 2022

Thoughts from Pastor Paola...

The Lord open His hand and satisfies the desires of every living thing. Psalm 145:16



On August 15, one of the most influential theologians, writer and pastor of our time passed away at age 96. His name was Frederick Buechner. One of my favorite quotes by Buechner is: *"The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."*

We were created to make a difference and have an impact over this world, yet often we are not sure how to understand what our call is and how we can make a difference. Buechner simply states where our calling can be found: it is the place where our joy and the greatest needs meet.

We are not supposed to hate what we do for God. That is not where God calls us to be and act. God gives us the desire and the passion to do what God needs us to do. The desire is the indicator of God's calling. Yet the desire alone can be misleading and can simply be our ego speaking. True calling is where our joy and our passion grows as we serve where the need is.

When we follow our calling we should not be feeling exhausted, unhappy, and out of place. When we follow our calling we should feel gladness, deep satisfaction, a sense of being useful as we make a difference in the world. Our deep gladness is what makes our work sustainable. The world's deep hunger is what makes our work meaningful.

This doesn't mean we will not experience failures, frustration, suffering, and discouragement. We will. Yet, God often uses our failures and frustrations so that we remain grounded in Him and keep our spirit humble. He uses our suffering and discouragement to raise our sense of empathy toward those who are suffering. That way we can speak hope in their life in ways that we would not be able to do if we didn't experience it ourselves.

I personally find a great gladness in serving God through my ministry at Salem. I am grateful to all of you who are part of this community. I am deeply blessed.

As we kick off a new church year please open your heart to hear God's calling to serve through Salem.

What is an area of deep gladness for you? What is a desire that God placed in your heart? Where is the place of deep hunger where God calls to act upon?

Please pray about this.

In Christ love,
Pastor Paola

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 every Thursday nights at 6:30 PM
for a Bible Study on Zoom!



Chapel Service
Next Door

Wednesday, September 21st
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: October 19 & November 16.



THE SECRET OF BEING CONTENT

PHILIPPIANS 4

Stewardship Campaign 2022

October 16th

How to Live a Happy Life
Philippians 4:4-7

October 23rd

Rejoicing in God
Philippians 4:10-13

October 30th

Commitment Sunday
Finding Joy at Salem
Philippians 4:14-19



ALL SAINTS' DAY

Sunday, November 6th

Join us for a special service of remembrance of all the loved ones who are gone back to the Father.



NEW this Year. Plan to join us for Thanksgiving Eve Service on **Wed. Nov 23rd at 7:00 pm** We will be worshipping with First United Methodist Church in West Allis. They will be hosting the service. Combined choirs will be singing.

Children & Youth

An Opportunity to Grow for Kids and Adults

The kids and adults had such a great time playing BINGO at New Perspective Memory Care.



October 7th and 8th

We are very excited to invite all youth and friends to our Youth Retreat at Pine Lake.

Games, devotions, and lots of fun. The best part of all...the youth from First United Methodist West Allis will be joining us for the retreat.

Leaders: Pastor Paola and Pastor Sam

FALL KICKOFF

Welcome back to Sunday School !!

Sunday September 18th is **Sunday School Kickoff!**

We will have a short Sunday School class after children's time to meet the teachers and discuss the year. After our service we will be participating in Salem's fall kickoff picnic and activities.

Middle and High School Students

Teacher: Bonnie Wojcik

Theme: *People of the Bible*

Note: There is no Middle or High School Sunday school on the 1st Sunday of the month (Communion)

Preschool and Elementary Children

Teacher: Mary Jo Martin

Theme: *Noah and the Ark*

We will be starting our new preschool class 2-4 year old.

Sunday School volunteers are needed!! If you would like to help 1 Sunday a month or when ever you can please see Mary Jo or Bonnie. All lessons and materials will be provided.

The bulletin board in the Narthex will have all the information, calendars, and events posted.

Children's hand bells: We do not have enough kids currently to start back up. We will keep you posted.

We need at least 6 kids to perform the music.

Welcome back, if you have any questions, please see Mary Jo Martin.



Confirmation classes start this fall. If you know any youth 8th—12th grade that are interested in monthly confirmation classes, please contact Pastor Paola.

Come and make a joyful noise!



MUSIC MINISTRY POTLUCK



Wednesday, August 31st at 6:15 pm

Join us for a potluck if you are interested in bell choir and/or Adult Choir.

Chicken and drinks will be provided.

Please bring a dish to pass.

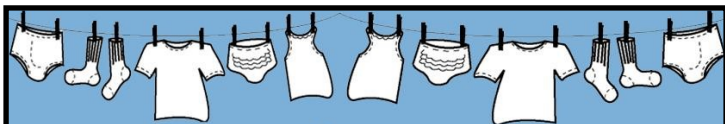
Bells meet on Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

Adult choir meets on Wednesday at 7:30 pm.

We'd love to have you join one of the choirs!

We had very positive feedback about the pop-up choir. We will have the opportunity once again on **October 30th!** Practice on Sunday at 8:30 am
More information to come.

Any questions, please
call Michelle at (630) 336-2317



Undie Sunday

September 4th - 25th

Undie Sunday collects underwear and socks for the Hope Center every year.

The Hope Center's motto is:

Hope Center - Helping Hands Building Hope

They believe that helping people with their basic needs is essential for them to have dignity and respect in their lives. Their clothing shop has helped tens of thousands of people over the years to obtain free quality clothing because of generous donations from their supporting congregations like ours.

Won't you please consider donating a package of underwear and/or socks? There are good

Back to School sales right now or you can check the clearance racks. If you would like to donate money instead and let the Outreach Committee shop for you, please give to Salem and indicate it for Undie Sunday. Thank you.



September 18th

after Church Service

Join us for a picnic and activities!

Hotdogs, sloppy joes, water and coffee will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to pass.

Games and crafts will be outside unless weather forces us to the Fellowship Hall.

Helpers on **Saturday, Sept 17 @ 10 AM**
for setting up would be GREATLY appreciated. Thank you.

Suggest attire: Casual with fall colors (yellow, orange, etc) or Fall Activities (Sports Jerseys)

From The Education and Nurture Teams

Waukesha UNLOCKED

Saturday, October 8th and Sunday, October 9th
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Salem is participating in Waukesha Unlocked. The doors to many City buildings, businesses, restaurants and more will be unlocked highlighting the City's architecture, community, history, and operations. Come explore all the City has to offer. Join us for the fun!

Visit the website below for more information:
https://www.waukesha-wi.gov/_T10_R143.html

Christmas Clearing House Toy Collection 2022



Looking Ahead! It's not too early to start thinking **about helping** bring Christmas smiles to children in struggling families across Waukesha County. More details about collection dates will be coming soon from the Outreach team. For those who like to plan ahead, these are the most-needed items:

- Hats and waterproof mittens and gloves:
Ages birth to 11
- New books:
including Spanish or dual-language books
- Infant and toddler toys:
Especially riding toys for toddlers
- Sleeping bags and blankets
- STEM-related craft items

Thank you Salem for your continuous support of the toy collections for the Christmas Clearing Council!

Baptism

Sunday, September 25th

Please join us in celebrating the Baptisms of

Benjamin Van Dusen
&
Joseph Hill



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. Games will start either late September or early October. We need at least 9 to 12 people (men, women, and children) to field a team. Practices will be held Tuesday nights.

We'd love you to join us!
No experience necessary!



We are going full force BUT there is an increase in clients and a decrease in some foods. Don't get me wrong. Clients still leave with food but, less canned fruits/veggies and dried beans or canned (especially baked beans). Pantry also supplies diapers and wipes when needed. They repackage smaller quantities of diapers so they go further but still need sizes 5 and 6.

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)

For the gardening families, Pantry also welcomes fresh garden items. These, of course, would need to be dropped off at the Pantry.

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.

September Birthdays



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

Lectioary Readings

September 4th

Jeremiah 18:1-11
 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
 Philemon 11:-21
 Luke 14:25-33

September 11th

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
 Psalm 14
 1 Timothy 1:12-17
 Luke 15:1-10

September 18th

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
 Psalm 79:1-9 or Psalm 4
 1 Timothy 2:1-7
 Luke 16:1-13

September 25th

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
 Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
 1 Timothy 6:6-19
 Luke 16:19-31

Prayer Concerns & Joys

- Bob Stuempfig has a persistent sinus infection.
- Bonnie Stuempfig continues to have pain in her injured leg.
- JoAnn Hauenstine continued prayer for her heart condition.
- Bonnie Wojcik's sister Lois has a worsening breathing condition with fluid in her heart.
- Richard (Dick) Harris passed away at the age of 86. Funeral was Thursday, Aug 18th at Thelen Funeral Service in North Prairie. Please keep his family in your prayers.
- Please pray for Kathy Knoll who is recovering from shoulder surgery.
- Pray for Tina, Mary Jo's sister. She has been battling a serious form of COVID for several weeks.
- Pray for students who are leaving for college.
- Bill Hauenstine is recovering from a fall.
- Please pray for Michelle's friend, Pastor Fred who has pancreatic cancer.
- Please hold in your prayers, Rhena, Caryn Adair's daughter as she is recovering from an UTI.
- Pray for the family of Mary Dunn, a close friend of Doug Lindsay. Mary passed away Saturday morning.

