

Salem United Methodist Church

October 2022



Thoughts from Pastor Paola...

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” Jeremiah 1:5

We are all wonderfully made and set apart so we can go into the world and make a difference. God gives us a life that counts. We are charged by God to go out and be fruitful.

I hope you all know that you were created to make a difference. Also, I hope you have the opportunity to share this truth with others, especially with those who are crushed by disappointment and failure and don't see any value in their life.

Now, how can we make our life count?

Jesus explained it well. Remember the parable He told us about the man who before leaving for a journey gives talents to his servants? (Matthew 25:14-30) One received 5 and went out and made 5 more, the second received 2, and went out and made two more. The last received one and for fear of losing it, he hid it in the ground. Do you remember what happened when the man comes back from his journey? He was pleased with the two servants who used the talents and multiplied them but he was deeply disappointed with the one who for fear of losing the talent put it in the ground.

Which of the servants made their life count?

As we enter into the month of October we are given the incredible opportunity at Salem to reflect on how we make our life count and what we do with the gifts God gives to us. Hiding away these gifts for fear of losing them, is like you never received the gifts. Having instead the courage to use our gifts generously is the only way to multiply them and be fruitful.

During our stewardship campaign that will end on Sunday, October 30th we will be given the opportunity to reflect on how we can make our life count and how we can let God multiply what we give.

This year to be honest, we have plenty of reasons to go and hide away what we have for fear of losing it. The economy is raising so many concerns.

Yet, in so doing we will let fear take over our lives. We will live like the gift was never given to us.

We are people of faith, we live under God's economy, an economy of abundance.

Step up in faith this October. Make your life count. I know I will. I know you will.

In Christ love,

Pastor Paola

BRIDGING THE DIVIDE

Final Sunday of the Series

**Bridging The Divide:
Jesus the Reconciler**

Sunday October 2

(Worldwide Communion Sunday)

All are Welcome at God's Table
1 Corinthians 11:23-26



October 9th
Stand alone Sunday

SALEM SHINES *Christ's Light* OF
HOPE & COMPASSION, INVITING ALL TO
grow, connect & serve.

Matthew 5:14-16



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

*Please join us for cake and punch after the
service on October 30th in celebration of God's
blessing in our life.*



Chapel Service
Next Door

Wednesday, October 19th
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: November 16 & December 21



Sunday, November 6th

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

Please invite families & friends who have lost a dear loved one.



Let us dive into the story of Jonah, a prophet who resisted what God asked him to do and ran away.

What happens when we run away from God? Join us during this series as through Jonah we may discover deep truths about ourselves and our faith.

Nov 13: Fear and Prayer

Chapters 1-2

Nov 20: Courage and Anger

Chapters 3-4



On **Wednesday, November 23rd**, please join in worship as we prepare for Thanksgiving.

For the first time, we will worship with First United Methodist Church in West Allis. West Allis will host us.

Pastor Paola will share the message.

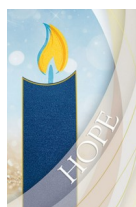
Salem and First UMC will combine choirs.

After the service you can drop off a food item for the First UMC food pantry.

The Season of Advent

The Light is coming into the world!

During the season of Advent, we will meet those who have been bearing the Light into the world and we will be inspired by them to become Light-bearers ourselves.



Sunday, November 27
First Week of Advent - **HOPE**

Mary - Luke 1:26-38



Sunday, December 4
Second Week of Advent - **PEACE**

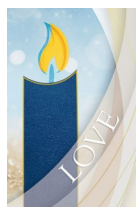
Joseph - Matthew 1:18-25



Sunday, December 11
Third Week of Advent - **JOY**

Elizabeth - Luke 1:39-45

Toy Drive and Visit from Santa



Sunday, December 18
Fourth Week of Advent - **LOVE**

John the Baptist - Luke 3:4b - 14



Saturday, December 24 - 4PM
Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service
LIGHT of LIGHT

The Light has come into the world!
John 1



Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Carol Service



NOT JUST A NEW YEAR...A NEW YEAR *with God!*

John Wesley introduced the annual covenant renewal service in 1755. This service reminds us of our commitment to be witnesses to Jesus Christ in the world by the way we live and love every day in the new year.



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.

Leaders:

Pastor Paola and Pastor Sam Royappa

Flyers with lots more information can be found on the kiosk in the narthex.

Confirmation Classes begin NEXT WEEK

Sun, Oct 9 from 10:30 - 12:30



The Big Book

Ways we experience God:

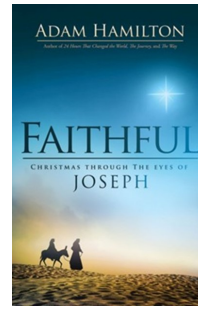
Old Testament Creation and the
Story of God's people.



If you know any youth 8th–12th grade that are interested in monthly confirmation classes, please contact Pastor Paola.



Join us every Thursday nights at 6:30 PM for a Bible Study on Zoom! A link will be sent by email in our weekly update. We hope you can join us.



UPCOMING ADULT CLASS

Meeting after worship
all 4 Sundays of Advent
(Nov 27 - Dec 18)

Faithful by Adam Hamilton

From his beginnings as a humble carpenter to his all-important role as the earthly father of Jesus Christ, Joseph's place in the nativity story is sometimes overlooked but contains valuable lessons for all of us. Join Adam Hamilton as he examines Christmas through the eyes of Joseph. Absent from much of the biblical narrative, Joseph never spoke a word, but his courageous actions were crucial to the birth of Christ and God's salvation plan for humanity.

Keep a look out for a sign-up sheet soon. Books will be available to order.

ITALY Mission Trip

June 30 - July 14 2023



FUNDRAISER

DINNER

FRIDAY, MARCH 6 2023 @ 6 PM

Viva Italia...Live Italy!!!

The Mission Trip to Italy group will be sponsoring a fundraiser dinner to help raise funds for the mission trip scheduled June/July 2023. Please mark your calendars and join us for a delicious meal, fun, fellowship, and an overview of the mission trip.

Welcome New Members

Welcome to the Salem Family!

This **Sunday, October 2nd**
new friends will join Salem.

Betty Lou Buzard

Marilyn Nelson

James Newman

Delores Wuttke

Our newest members call New Perspectives home. Betty loves to travel, Marilyn loves knitting, reading, and Soduko puzzles, James loves to travel and enjoys flowers and gardening, and Delores loves reading and has traveled abroad to many places. If you have not had the opportunity to get to know each of them, please introduce yourselves and welcome them to our family.



**Salem T-Shirt
Order Sign-Up**



ORDER YOUR SHIRT NOW:

Sign up sheet is in the Narthex or email
office@salemsonthehill.org to order

COST:

\$18.00 sizes Small - X-Large

\$21.00 2XL and larger

DEADLINE: Orders due by October 9th

PAYMENT: Payment due at pickup. Cash or check made payable to Salem UMC.

A minimum order of 12 t-shirts is needed for prices listed above.

Waukesha UNLOCKED

Sat, Oct 8 and Sun, Oct 9
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.

Volunteers Needed for...

We are in need of 2 volunteers every 2 hours. You will be meeting, greeting, giving tours, and answering questions for people from our community who are visiting Salem as part of Waukesha Unlocked.

Sign-Up in the Narthex



SALEM ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Tuesday, November 15th at 7 PM

Please pencil in Tuesday November 15 at 7PM we will have our annual church conference in the sanctuary. I hope you can be part of this opportunity to review and vote on our 2023 budget, lay-leadership along with other items.

We expect the conference to last between 45 minutes and an hour.

Hope to see you there!

Snack Collection



For Hadfield Elementary

Salem will be having an ongoing snack collection to provide low-income children snacks throughout the school year. There will be a basket on the counter in the narthex.

Snacks ideas include:

Individually packaged Goldfish, Animal Crackers, Fruit Snacks, Granola Bars, etc

For more info contact The Outreach Ministry

Next due date is October 30th



First Delivery was already made.

THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR DONATION!



The FOOD Pantry
SERVING WAUKESHA COUNTY

URGENT NEED

Please consider the Food Pantry with any donation.
They are very low at this time.

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)

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.

Christmas Clearing House Toy Collection 2022



Less than 3 month until Christmas! 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 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

Collection begins in late November and continues through December 11th.

Santa will be visiting Salem on the 11th.

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

During the holidays, Salem partners with Eras Senior Network and accepts donations of gift cards and stamps for seniors in our community.

More information to come.



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated during Undie Sundays in September. There will be updates coming soon.



THE LATEST FROM THE TRUSTEES

After a two-month recess in which needed parts were ordered and working conditions could be optimized, trustees and volunteers completed many “small” (but important) tasks to keep Salem running:

- Repaired overhead lights in youth room
- Installed base moldings in youth room
- Stored ladder, excess moldings, and spare light parts that had been temporarily stored in youth room
- Arranged for the use of narthex by Woods Edge Condo Assoc. for their annual meeting
- Replaced key pad on the east door
- Sealed limestone facade to prevent damage from sidewalk salt
- Sprayed weeds in the mulched planting beds
- Collected spare batteries for un anticipated malfunctions
- Eliminated wasp nests at our front door

These were in addition to now starting to prepare for winter heating season by repairing our boiler and maintaining the new HVAC units. Volunteers are also aiding trustees in arranging for filling of holes and smoothing the irregular surface in the north yard between Salem and NPSL.



Practices are Tuesday evenings at
7PM at Salem

First game is on Oct 11

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 need at least 9 to 12 people (men,
women, and children) to field a team.

We'd love you to join us!

No experience necessary!



Family Grief Support Group

Monday Nights 6 pm - 7:30 pm
First UMC Waukesha

*Healing Hearts
of Southeast Wisconsin*

A support group for children, teens, and parents
for loss due to death, divorce, trauma,
abandonment, incarceration, or other life altering
events. A meal is served and participation is
FREE. Register through their website or call.

www.healingheartswisconsin.org (262) 751-0874

Knitting Ministry

We meet every Thursday
from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.

All are WELCOME. We would
love to have you join us.

Contact

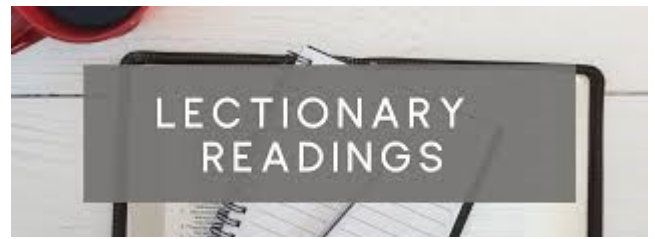
Becky Henderson w/questions.



Prayer Concerns & Joys

- Bonnie Wojcik's sister Lois has a worsening breathing condition with fluid in her heart. Also, her husband Jim fell and broke his hip. He had surgery and is recovering.
- Keep praying for little Jacob, Caryn Adair's nephew who is recovery at home after having a bone marrow transplant.
- Prayers for Bonnie, Sandy Pardoe's sister. She has returning cancer.
- Michelle Lacock's friend Fred passed away, please keep his family and congregation in your prayers.
- David McGrath, Doug's brother, is doing much better. Thank you for praying for him.
- Please pray for John Anastasi and his family as they mourn the loss of their sister Mary.
- Prayers for Mary Jo's neighbor Bob battling Leukemia.
- Prayer for Jonalee Feller as she fell and broke her foot.
- Continued prayer for Rhena who is recovering from issues related to her heart.
- Prayer of thanksgiving from Bob Stuempfig. He is doing better and is grateful for everyone's prayers.
- Please pray for Rita, Cathy McGrath's friend who had a massive stroke.
- Pray for Joseph and Benjamin who were baptized this past Sunday.
- Please pray for Harriet Marks. She fell but did not break anything. She is in the hospital for observation.
- Please consider the Food Pantry with any donation. They are very low at this time.

Carry each other's burdens and so you will fulfill the law of Christ. -Galatians 6:2



October 2nd

Lamentations 1:1-16
Psalm 137
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

October 9th

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Psalm 66:1-12
Luke 17:11-19

October 16th

Jeremiah 31:27-34
Psalm 119:97-104
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

October 23rd

Joel 2:23-32
Psalm 65
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

October 30th

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalm 119:137-144
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10



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| 18 | Grace Olivia Tonz |
| 20 | Jim Harasha |
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| 26 | Rei Lesada |
| 28 | Ralph Yont |
| 29 | Vicky Nease |
| 30 | Bryan Callen |
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