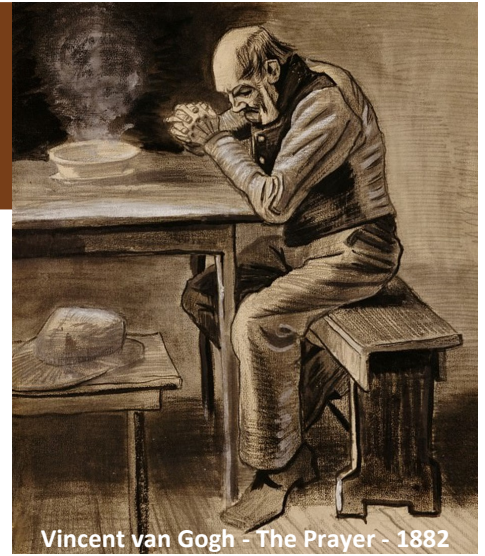


Salem United Methodist Church

November 2022

Thoughts from Pastor Paola...

Then the whole community of Israelites began complaining again. They complained to Moses and Aaron in the desert. They said, "It would have been better if the Lord had just killed us in the land of Egypt. At least there we had plenty to eat. We had all the food we needed. But now you have brought us out here into this desert to make us all die from hunger." Exodus 16:2-3



Vincent van Gogh - The Prayer - 1882

When I first saw this drawing by Vincent van Gogh on the cover of a book, I couldn't take off my eyes from it. It reminded me so much about my paternal grandfather who was a farmer in North Italy during a very challenging time. He was working very hard to support his family. He would come home at the end of the day physically exhausted from his land. Sometime his hard work would be completely wiped away by a storm or a drought. Yet, as disappointed and worn out as he might have been, he would sit at the table in front of his simple food, take off his hat, and give thanks to God for what he had.

Often gratitude doesn't come easily or naturally. Many of us don't like to feel indebted to others for something they did for us. We would rather do it ourselves. We don't like to receive something we didn't merit and didn't deserve. Conversely, we may feel entitled to receive something and then we take it for granted. Thanksgiving is a skill we have to learn.

It often helps me to learn things when I know WHY. So here are some WHYS. Thanksgiving brings us closer to God. Gratitude helps us to see the goodness of God even when we may not get what we want. Thanksgiving keeps us away from two of the most detrimental enemies of our souls, our relationships and our happiness: *complaining and comparing*.

The people of Israel got freedom after 400 years. They received the Promised Land. They had manna and quails and water, but they got caught in the ungratefulness so that all they wanted was the comfort they knew from the past.

My grandpa's saving grace was his ability to stop and reflect on all he had and because of that, he remained thankful, peaceful, and joyful during his long life. As we enter into this blessed season, I am inviting you to sit down, stop, and reflect and give thanks. Start your day that way. Close your day that way. You will see your negativity melting away.

Join me in worship as we stop and reflect together on God's goodness. Make sure to prepare yourself for Thanksgiving Day by coming to our Thanksgiving Eve service at 7 PM at first United Methodist church (see details inside the Tidings).

Blessings,
Pastor Paola



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



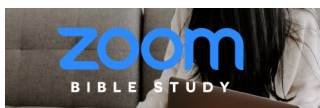
Chapel Service
Next Door

Wednesday, November 16th
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: December 21 & January 18



Every Thursday night at 6:30 PM for a Bible Study on Zoom! A link will be sent by email in our weekly update. We would love for you to join us.



Thanksgiving Eve

Wed, Nov23

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. The address is:

7520 W Lapham St, Milwaukee, WI 53214

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.



Confirmation

Upcoming Classes

Oct 30th & Dec 4th from 10:30 - 12:30

New Testament

Advent • Christmas • Epiphany



Class Schedule

Nov 6

No Sunday School / Mrs. Martin out of town

Nov 13 Nov 20 Nov 27

Sunday School Classes for Children and Teen

Dec 4

Communion Sunday - Sunday School for Children

Dec 11

Children & Teens help with Service

Santa Visits after Service

Dec 18

Sunday School for Children & Teens

Dec 25 & Jan 1

No Sunday School



The holiday season is coming soon and we encourage anyone who would like to join the choir for the Christmas season. We would be more than happy to have you. We practice on Wed nights at 7:20-8:20 and on the Sunday morning that we sing we practice at 8:30. Would love to have you join us, especially for the Christmas Eve service.

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

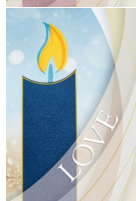


Sunday, December 11

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!



LIGHTING THE
ADVENT WREATH

Throughout Advent, we are in need of people to sign up to read the liturgy and light the Advent Wreath during worship. This is a wonderful opportunity to prepare for Christmas. Sign up with your family or with some of your friends.

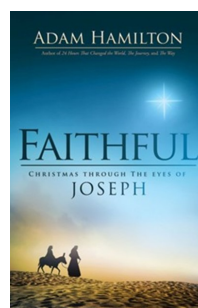
Sign Up sheet is located in the Narthex.



Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Carol Service



UPCOMING ADULT CLASS

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

Faithful by Adam Hamilton

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.

A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex. Books will be available to order.

Annual Christmas Party & Free Concert Save the Date

December 4, 4:00 pm

Everyone is invited...the Civic Broadway Singers will be singing at Salem for our annual Christmas Party, hosted by the United Methodist Women in Faith. This free concert includes festive songs of the season both old and new. Following the concert join us for light refreshments and sweet treats. If you have a favorite food you'd like to share, we'd love to have it.

You won't want to miss this great way to start the holiday season!

Sunday January 1, 2023



SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL

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.



THE LATEST FROM THE TRUSTY TRUSTEES

- ◆ Caryn bought new under-cabinet lights for the kitchen. They not been mounted yet, but the trustees tried them out and feel they will give enough light, unlike the others.
- ◆ Esther Rachel Circle will be putting up new Bulletin Boards in the Fellowship Hall for announcements, and events so the public can see what is happening at Salem.
- ◆ Jim Seegers replaced the handicap sign and he filled around the shed, both look great.
- ◆ Thanks to Doug McGrath the wasp nests and the wasps are gone.
- ◆ The Youth Room was cleaned out and the Cove base issue is resolved.

New Business:

- ◆ The Trustees would like to thank Bill Hauenstine who had to leave the Board for personal reasons. He will be missed.
- ◆ The Trustee will have a hard time finding his replacement.
- ◆ The Trustee will be meeting at 5:30 instead of 6:30 but will still meet on 2nd Wednesday.
- ◆ Please be CAREFUL when moving the chair rack someone put gouges in the floor tiles by the youth room and kitchen, we believe it was caused by the chair rack.
- ◆ We have also had some damage to our exit sign using that big rack, as a result, the Board decided to investigate getting smaller racks that can be moved more freely and maybe store some chairs upfront so that we would not be moving that big rack down the hallway.

Salem's Knitting and Crocheting Ministry



Salem's Knitting and Crocheting Ministry began in 2013 under the guidance of Betty Henderson. One of the first projects was to make prayer shawls for all of our shut-ins. In December of 2013, each shut-in was gifted with a prayer shawl that was either knitted or crocheted with love and care.

Presently, we knit and crochet "love wraps" to be given to Salem members or friends, that are in need of a special blessing and a prayer.

Pastor Paola has delivered many of the wraps to someone in need, and we pray that this gift gives them comfort. There is also a basket of love wraps located outside of the sanctuary for Salem members to give to someone in need, be it a family member or friend.

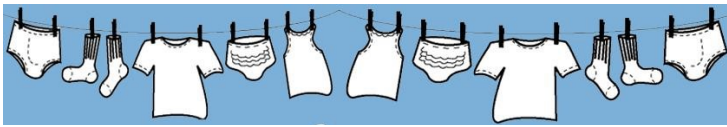
Another way we try to help in the community, is by gifting hats and mittens, of all sizes!

Recently, we delivered 52 hats and 85 pairs of mittens to the Women's Center in Waukesha. Currently, we have 5 knitters and crocheters in our group. We meet on Thursday mornings at Salem's library from 10-12pm, and would love to have more!!! If this time isn't convenient, or if you would like just to knit or crochet for the ministry from home ***please contact Becky Henderson, for more information.***

Thank you!



We play every Tuesday at 7PM at local churches. The Schedule for the Season is posted on the kiosk in the Narthex. For more information, please contact Doug Lindsay at 414-758-5325. We'd love you to join us!



A BIG THANK YOU - UNDIE SUNDAY

To All Who Donated to Undie Sunday... you gave dignity to many needy people going into our Wisconsin winter!! We donated 638 Basic Items of Underwear & Socks after donations of 271 items and monetary donations of \$445.97, plus \$30 in Kohl's cash!!!!!!



Waukesha's Overflow Homeless Shelter will open in November and stay open until April. This shelter is available to men and women (different floors) and families (3 rooms so families can stay together). ***They would welcome some help with cleaning supplies and client snacks. Check out this link for their items.*** <https://a.co/705Z9gM>

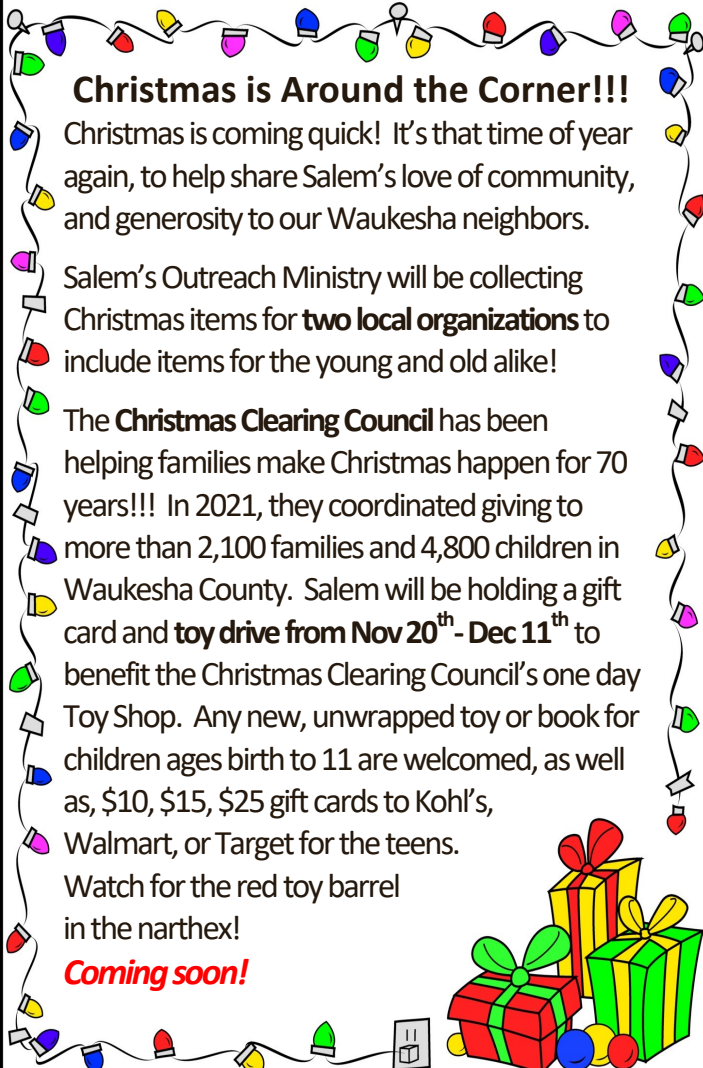


Honey Sale

We are again offering local honey for sale benefitting the **FOOD PANTRY** of Waukesha Co.

\$8 for a 12 fl. oz bottle (1 lb weight)

A **SWEET** holiday host gifts! Bottling supplies have increased so \$5 will go to the beekeeper's expenses and \$3 (or more if you'd like to round up!) to the FOOD PANTRY. Honey will be available in November after services.




Christmas is Around the Corner!!!

Christmas is coming quick! It's that time of year again, to help share Salem's love of community, and generosity to our Waukesha neighbors.

Salem's Outreach Ministry will be collecting Christmas items for **two local organizations** to include items for the young and old alike!

The **Christmas Clearing Council** has been helping families make Christmas happen for 70 years!!! In 2021, they coordinated giving to more than 2,100 families and 4,800 children in Waukesha County. Salem will be holding a gift card and **toy drive from Nov 20th - Dec 11th** to benefit the Christmas Clearing Council's one day Toy Shop. Any new, unwrapped toy or book for children ages birth to 11 are welcomed, as well as, \$10, \$15, \$25 gift cards to Kohl's, Walmart, or Target for the teens. Watch for the red toy barrel in the narthex!

Coming soon!





ERAs Senior Network's goal is to provide a package for approximately 900 local older adults through their Holiday Giving Program. They are focusing on the basic needs, and will fill the packages with gift cards and stamps.

Eras 2022 Wishlist items:

\$10 Walgreen Gift Cards

\$10 Pick 'n Save Gift Cards

\$10 Walmart Gift Cards

Books of Forever Postage Stamps

**Please include receipts with each gift card.*

We will be collecting the items from November 20th through December 11th. Our items will be presented by our youth, and blessed during Worship on December 11th. More information to follow on the Outreach bulletin board.

Thank you, Salem for your support!

Snack Collection



For Hatfield 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



Deliveries have already been made.

THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR DONATION!



The FOOD Pantry
SERVING WAUKESHA COUNTY

CONTINUED 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.



www.healingheartswisconsin.org

262) 751-0874

*Healing Hearts
of Southeast Wisconsin*

Family Grief Support Group

Monday Nights 6 pm - 7:30 pm

First UMC Waukesha

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.

ITALY Mission Trip

June 30 - July 14 2023

We have an intergenerational group of 14 signed-up for our trip. Our next meeting is scheduled for Sun, Nov 20th after church.

VIVA ITALIA!



*Fri, Mar 10, 2023 @ 6PM
A night of food and fun at Salem!
Fundraiser for Italy Mission Trip*



SALEM ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Tuesday, November 15th at 7 PM

All members are encouraged to participate in our annual Church Conference on Tues Nov 15 at 7PM in the sanctuary. We will review and vote on our 2023 budget and lay-leadership and discuss other church business for 2023.

We expect the conference to last about a half an hour.

Pastor Sam Royappa from First UMC West Allis will be presiding.

Hope to see you there!

Waukesha UNLOCKED

A **SPECIAL THANK YOU** to everyone who volunteered. We had 19 visitors. Church Council decided to take part in it next year!



November BIRTHDAYS

2	Paul Wojcik
7	Bill Hauenstine
7	Bill Watt
13	Karla Henry
13	Rich Manns
13	Elliot Agpoon
14	Joan Callen
15	Aaron Buxengard
16	Rob Roszkowski
20	Jim Prescott
20	Bill Pardoe
21	Ruth Teschner
24	Margaret Wogaman
26	Aimee Agpoon
27	Dale Henry

Prayer Concerns & Joys

- Liz Slovnik, a former Salem member was in a rollover accident with her husband. She is in ICU with multiple injuries and fractures. Her husband, John, was banged up, but was released from the hospital.
- Please keep Bonnie and Paul Wojcik and family in your prayers. Prayer for their brother in law, Jim who is returning home from rehab after losing his wife. Prayers for Paul who has been admitted to the hospital with an elevated white blood cell count.
- Prayers for Bonnie, Sandy Pardoe's sister. She has returning cancer.
- Prayer for Carol, Delores Wuttke's daughter is in end stage liver cancer.
- Also hold in your prayers Harriet Marks. She has fallen again. She is at home, but they will need to increase help for her.
- Prayers of healing for Bob, Janet and Leonard Lamb's friend.
- Prayer of healing for Andy, Kurt Guenther's friend.
- Please hold in your prayers Mary, Joan Callen's youngest sister. She had a second stroke. She is now in the hospital.

LECTIONARY Readings



November 6

Haggai 1:15b-2:9
 Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
 2 Thessalonians
 2:1-5, 13-17
 Luke 20:27-38

November 13

Isaiah 12
 Isaiah 65:17-25
 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
 Luke 21:5-19

November 20

Jeremiah 23:1-6
 Colossians 1:11-20
 Luke 1:68-79
 Luke 23:33-43

November 27

Isaiah 2:1-5
 Psalm 122
 Romans 13:11-14
 Matthew 24:36-44