

Salem United Methodist Church

January 2023

Thoughts from Pastor Paola...

***“Remember not the former things,
nor consider the things of old.
Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.***

Isaiah 43:18-19



*New Year
New You
Same God*

Happy New Year to you all!!

It would be nice to start this New Year by completely erasing all the events and situations that caused us fears, worries, and grief during the 2022. We can't. We enter into 2023 with a lot of darkness, fears and worries from a past that none of us can control. The natural reaction is to despair or to live like nothing is happening, in our little cocoon. Some of us may decide to close the doors of our homes and just hold tight onto what we have, protecting our families, from all the ugly that is out there. Well, it is tempting....

As followers of Christ, we instead live with a vision, God's vision. That it is bigger and more powerful than any ugly that surrounds us. We live by faith. And because of faith we embody and keep hope not just for us but also for those who have experienced hopeless situations.

God specializes in new beginnings and fresh starts. It is only in Jesus Christ where fresh starts can happen. One thing I love about God's grace is, in spite of all the complaining, God's grace is so amazing that he has given us one more year to be here. This year, God is hoping to tell you, 'Don't turn over a new leaf—I want to give you a whole new life.' It is time today for a fresh start.

And at Salem Church we have so many incredible visible signs of God's fresh start and new hope. God is the only true source of hope that can give us a fresh start.

Have a Blessed New Year,

Pastor Paola

Sunday January 1, 2023

SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL

LED BY *Reverend Michelle Oberwise Lacock*

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.

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

hospitality

(n.) beyond being friendly



January 8 - 22

Hospitality is the very heart of Christianity. Let's learn together how to go beyond being friendly.

- January 8 **Be Hospitable to Each Other**
Ephesians 4:2-6; 11-13; 15-16; 31-32
- January 15 **Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors**
Hebrews 13:2
- January 22 **Welcoming & Serving our Local & Global Community**
Matthew 25:34-40



Chapel Service
Next Door

January 18th
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: February 15 & March 15

New Horizons Brass Ensemble



We are excited to announce that Southeastern Wisconsin New Horizons Brass Ensemble will play on Sunday, January 29th. Our very own Cathy McGrath is part of the ensemble. Please join us for this special music during our worship service.

LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF DAVID



Spiritual Lessons from the Life of David

Join us as we learn Spiritual Lessons from David.

- Jan 29 **God is Bigger than Your Fears**
The Story of David and Goliath
1 Samuel 17
Pastor Pete Peterson
- Feb 5 ***Worship Dedicated to Our 6th Annual Haiti Fundraiser***
- Feb 12 **Trusting God in the Midst of Transitions and Transformations**
1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23
- Feb 19 **Finding God in your Lowest Points**
2 Samuel 12:1-15, Psalm 51

Confirmation



Upcoming Classes

Jan 15th from 10:30 - 12:30

Why do we worship the way we do?





Happy New Year Outreach

Last year Salem began an exciting, new ministry of support for children at Hadfield School in Waukesha. We just received news that the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation has approved a significant grant to help us continue our support of Hadfield School.

We will be working with the school principal to determine specific student needs in regards to nutritional snacks, and outdoor winter clothing such as snow pants, gloves and hats. This grant can also help to provide needed student and teacher supplies.

With this additional funding for 2023 and Salem's continued outreach support, we can touch the lives of children in our neighborhood school to make it a happy, new year!

Results are in!

Salem's love and generosity has provided much comfort and joy to so many in our community! A special thanks to the all who participated in our "Blessing of the Gifts," including the youth, children, and Santa!

Thanks to Salem's generous support, we were able to provide for **ERAS Holiday giving:**

40 \$10 gift cards

24 books of stamps, 8 boxes of chocolates

Total monetary value of \$688!

For the **Christmas Clearing Council's Toy Shop**, we collected:

\$305 in gift cards

35 books

87 toys



Thank you all for making these projects a success and spreading Christmas joy this season!



Waukesha's Overflow Homeless Shelter is OPEN and will 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>

Snack Collection



For Hadfield Elementary

Salem is 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, Apple Sauce

For more info contact The Outreach Ministry



Deliveries have already been made.

THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR DONATION!

MORE snacks are needed for the WINTER months. Drop off in Narthex.



Our Thursday Night Bible Study is taking a Break. We will resume on Thursday, January 12th!

Birthday Bags for The Food Pantry

Jan 1st- 8th we will be collecting cake mixes and tubs of frosting in order to pack Birthday Bags for the Food Pantry. These birthday bags ensure that a child will have a cake for their birthday. Please bring in the frosting and/or mixes and place them in our Food Pantry collection area. If you'd like to make a monetary contribution, please use a pew envelope and write BIRTHDAY on it. Then, drop it in the collection plate. Thank you for your support. The Outreach committee.



Happy Birthday!

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The **FOOD**
Pantry
SERVING WAUKESHA COUNTY

CONTINUED NEED

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

Volunteers and Diapers are greatest need right now.

Please bring items to church
and place in the Pantry basket:

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.



Greeters Needed

We are in need of greeters each Sunday to welcome our family and friends when they arrive at Salem.

*Sign up & information at
The Happenings Center*

A very special thank you....

To those who gave to the special Christmas offering for Healing Hearts of SE Wisconsin.



www.healingheartswisconsin.org
(262) 751-0874

Healing Hearts
of Southeast Wisconsin



Financial Update

A couple of weeks ago our finance team reached out to us all to let us know we were running behind and shared the concern we would have finish the year in red.

We made some very nice progress in reaching the goal to close the year in black. We still encourage anyone who felt so called to step up their giving and go the extra mile.

Thank you for your wonderful generosity.



Directory & Birthday Updates

Be on the lookout for an updated Directory and Birthday list. It should be ready mid-January. You will be emailed a copy. If you would like a hardcopy, please email the office and one will be mailed to you.



Fellowship Refreshments

There is a need for

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Coffee is provided. Refreshments can be SIMPLE! Please sign up at the Snack Bar in the Narthex. **THANK YOU!**

Looking ahead:

Sunday, Feb 5th 2023



Fund-Raiser for Haiti

On Feb. 5th, Paola's oldest daughter, Betta, will be with us to tell us about the work being done at St. Joseph Clinic in Haiti. We are hoping to have a Zoom call at that time with Wilner, the Program Assistant Director, for the malnutrition program.

To have fun and fellowship for this fund-raiser **we need two more bakers** to make cookies. When you make any size donation to the clinic, you can vote on your favorite cookie and the winner will be awarded a unique trophy! There will also be an opportunity for you to win a bag of cookies for yourself!

More details to follow. Please ask Gladys for details as to how many cookies, what kind, etc. and consider baking for this worthwhile project!

WE NEED:

Three people who like to bake
One Baker has already signed up!

WHERE:

Salem Church after the worship service



VIVA ITALIA!



Authentic Italian Cuisine

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



Viva Italia Fundraiser!

There will be a silent auction at the event.
More details to follow.



DRONE NEEDED

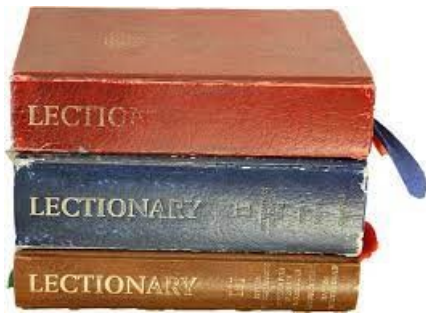
We are looking for someone who owns a drone that can survey the roof of the Sanctuary for us.

Please email Dave Pauly at druid58@att.net if you are able to help. 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!



Lectionary Readings

January 1

Matthew 2:1-12

January 8

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalms 29

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

January 15

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalms 40:1-11

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

January 22

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalms 27:1, 4-9

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

January 29

Micah 6:1-8

Psalms 15

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12



2	Bill Young
5	Ryan Tyrriver
8	Josh Lindsay
8	Zachary Buxengard
11	Ken Schimpf
12	Carol Becher
13	JonaLee Feller
14	Brenda Lindsay
15	Brian Campbell
19	Gladys Roszkowski
30	JoAnn Hauenstine
31	Judy Roberts



- Please pray for Marsha Everson's mom. After living with cancer for several years she now decided to stop doing any therapy and is in Hospice. Please pray for her, Marsha and the entire family
- Please pray for Paul Wojcik. He is facing lots of health challenges.
- Please pray for Rhena Knourek. She is in hospice.
- Please hold Sue Lewinski along with the rest of her family in your prayers. She was taken to the hospital last Sunday. She had a heart episode and has some other issues the doctors are looking into.
- Pray for those who will be filling in for Sue Lewinski as she recovers. She has large shoes to fill. Praise for Joy Peterson and Susan Brown for their willingness to help.
- Please pray for Bob Stuempfig. He is dealing with pain and not receiving answers from doctors.
- Pray for the Linch family. Friends of Mary Jo Martin's friends. They had two deaths in their family.
- Please pray for Charlotte who is 10 years old and has cancer. She is Peggy Barnes's niece.
- Praise for Mason Tonz. He did a great job with the microphone and it was his birthday.

