

Salem United Methodist Church

April 2023



Thoughts from Pastor Paola...

Monday morning, I woke up with an unusual noise, a loud honk. Could it be true? The Canadian geese are back!! First day of spring and they show up on the little pond in front of my condo. They make a mess and they are loud but I love them. I know they will nest right in the pond and later in May I will see mom and dad taking the babies around and teaching them about life!! I can just stare at them for a long time!! They make me happy. Along with the geese, suddenly all kinds of birds are flying everywhere and singing. How do they know it is spring? It is amazing they have an internal clock that follows the change of the season to the date!

We may still have some snow here and there. Some cold may be still ahead of us, but it is spring. I am so happy and excited!! And I am not alone. Anywhere I went on Monday, from the doctor office to the store, at the bank...everyone couldn't help but talking about the arrival of Spring. That is a major perk about living in Wisconsin. We don't take the arrival of Spring for granted!! It is a gift !! It fills my heart with joy! The days are getting longer and warmer!! It is happening!! Halleluiah!!

As we look at the awakening of the creation around us we can have a glimpse of the transformation that God is bringing into our life everyday: from darkness to light, from mourning to dancing, from despair to hope, from death to life, from the cross to the resurrection.

You may recognize this prayer of joy and praise. It is part of the liturgy of Worldwide communion Sunday. It is actually an ancient prayer that goes back to the third century AD. Christians in the midst of persecution and dangers were starting the day like this:

Leader: ***Lift up your hearts.***

People: ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Leader: ***Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.***

People: ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

Leader: ***It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.***

Lent is making room to the Easter. Please join me as we enter into Holy Week walking together toward the Easter celebration.

***You have turned my mourning into dancing for me;
You have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
That my soul may sing praise to You and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to You forever. (Psalm 30:11-12)***

Blessings,
Pastor Paola

Holy Week Schedule



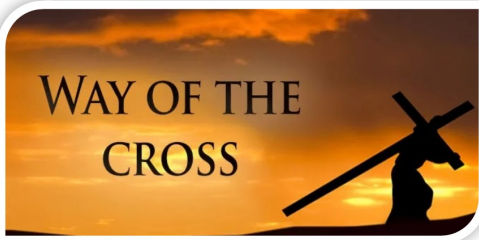
Palm Sunday April 2nd - Communion

We will open worship with a Palm Parade. The service will be dedicated to Mujila Falls and the agricultural ministry.

Palm Sunday Pie Sale

On Sunday April 2nd, we will have a visit through ZOOM with Temba, our missionary at the Mujila Falls Agriculture Center in Zambia, Africa. He will show us around the Ag Center, including the dormitory that was previously built with our funds. We will collect funds to plant a fruit tree orchard near Salem House and the other new buildings at the Falls. By making a donation you will receive a ticket for a slice of delicious pie! (Check the "pie chart" in the Narthex to see what pies are available.) We thank you in advance for donating to Mujila Falls which Salem has helped fund for about 20 years!

If you are unable to attend, please send your donation to church by Apr. 16th. Mark your donation with "Mujila Falls." Thank you in advance for your generous support.



Good Friday April 7th at 7:00 pm

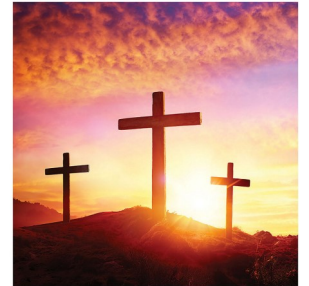
Join us in a special worship as we walk with Jesus step by step toward the cross.

Easter Sunday April 9th

"Woman Why are you Weeping?"

New life raised from grief - John 20:11-1

Join us for a celebration time filled with joy, flower, music and hope. Continental breakfast will be available after the service along with a special visit by the Easter bunny and an Egg Hunt.



Calling all of our favorite



Please join us for an

EASTER EGG HUNT

April 9th - Easter Sunday

9:00 am Easter Morning Worship Service

Continental Breakfast

10:00 am Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt

Easter Flowers



Purchase flowers in memory of or in honor of someone. Last day to order is

Palm Sunday, April 2nd

Order forms at The Happenings Center.

WORSHIP AFTER EASTER



After His resurrection Jesus calls Paul to become one of the leaders of the new Christian Church.

Lets' travel together with Paul to new places, and learn how we too, are called to be part of God's awesome adventure.

Sunday April 16th - Risk Taking
Damascus - called and sent off
Acts 9:1-19 and 13:1-3

Sunday April 23rd - New Freedom
Philippi - Faith in Prison
Acts 16:11-40

Sunday April 30th - Confidence
Lay Speaker: Bill Pardoe
Ephesus - Extraordinary Healings
Act 19:1-20

Sunday May 7th Communion - Courage
Malta – Storm and Shipwreck
Act 27



Chapel Service
Next Door

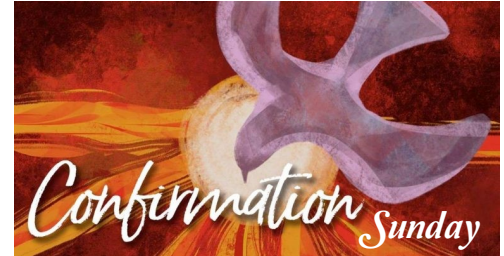
April 19th 11:00 – 11:30 AM

Come worship with our neighbors at New Perspective! 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: May 17th & June 21



Sunday May 14th Praise Fest
Celebration of Mother's Day



Sunday May 21st
Confirmation Sunday



Sunday May 28th Pentecost Sunday
Happy Birthday Church

ASK THE PASTOR SERIES

Begin thinking what you would like to ask to Pastor Paola and she will answer it in church.

Be looking for the "Ask the Pastor" Box in **The Happenings Center** soon where you will be able to drop off your questions.

Sunday June 4th Communion Sunday

Sunday June 18th Celebration of Father's Day
Thank you SUNDAY!



WISCONSIN CONFERENCE
of THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday June 11th Annual conference



CHILDREN'S *Handbell Choir*

The Children's Handbells play on Easter Sunday, April 9th. Please arrive at 8:30 am for a quick practice before the service. A special thank you to Katie Martin for helping with this.



Confirmation



Upcoming Class
April 16th from 10:30 - 12:30
"Who invented the church?"



Planning for Vacation Bible School will begin soon. Please let Mary Jo Martin know what month works best for you...

JULY or AUGUST??



Summer Camp 2023

There are lots of wonderful opportunities. Take a look at the brochure and discover the many camp offerings for this summer.



HOSPITALITY



UPDATE

The kiosk has been removed from the Narthex. Church Council voted for the removal to allow for more space for tables and chairs. All items that were in or on the kiosk have been organized and put in various locations in the Narthex.



GREETERS

There continues to be a great need for Greeters. Sign up at the Happenings Center.



VOLUNTEER TO BRING SNACKS

...it can be simple!

Snack Bar in the Narthex.

NEXT AVAILABLE DATES:

April 16, April 23, April 30
Month of May

Snack Collection



Ongoing Snack Collection for Hadfield School. **Drop off at the Happenings Center.** Thank you!



Volunteer Opportunity

Monday, April 17

5:00 - 6:30 pm

Salem will be serving a meal for Healing Hearts participants on Monday, April 17th at First United Methodist Church in Waukesha. This is a church wide Intergenerational meal to be provided and served by both the youth and adults. We will be serving approximately 60-70 people.

You will find Sign-up sheets for servers, and for food items at **The Happenings Center!**

As many of you are aware, Healing Hearts is an organization whose mission is to serve and support grieving children and their families. In 2009, Salem was one of 6 churches and two funeral homes that started Healing Hearts to provide a safe place for children and families to grieve. They recognized the many types of loss including death, divorce, trauma, and other life altering events, and hope to offer support, hope, and joy to the children.



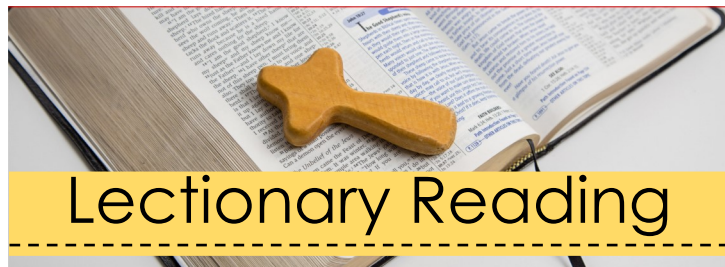
Viva Italia was a wonderful evening and a great success. The mission team to Italy wants to extend a big thanks to all who came to the event, and support us with time, talents, donations and prayer.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- ⇒ Kari ordered the chair rack from Amazon, we received it and Dave put it together so far it looks good, so we decided to try it out for a month before we order more.
- ⇒ Trustees and Church Council are working on Hospitality Improvements.
- ⇒ Acknowledgment of rock placement by Dave Pauley by Garage Cans. This was done to avoid cars going into the lawn and ruining the lawn. Thank you, Dave.
- ⇒ Thank you to Doug and Cathy and Dave for changing the clock time and also double checking the alarm system clock is also updated.
- ⇒ Dave is also looking if anyone from the church has a drone to use to look at the roof.





Lectionary Reading

April 2 - Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839)
 Matthew 21:1-11
 Matthew 26:14-27:66

April 6 - Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10) 11-14
 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (UMH 837)
 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
 John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 7 - Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12
 Psalm 22 (UMH 752)
 Hebrews 10:16-25
 John 18:1-19:42

April 9 - Easter Sunday

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839)
 Acts 10:34-43
 Colossians 3:1-4
 Matthew 28:1-10
 John 20:1-18

April 16

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
 Psalm 16 (UMH 748)
 1 Peter 1:3-9
 John 20:19-31

April 23

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (UMH 837)
 1 Peter 1:17-23
 Luke 24:13-35

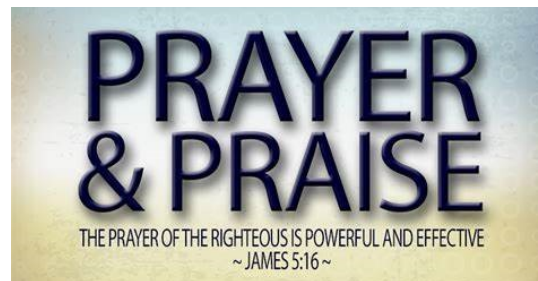
April 30

Acts 2:42-47
 Psalm 23 (UMH 754 or 137)

APRIL

Birthdays

1 Dave Feller	21 Karen Teschner
2 Doug McGrath	22 Dolores Panahon
15 Seth Hernandez	28 Karen Hernandez
19 Laura Padgett	29 Mark Mattiacci
21 Mike Padgett	



- Pray for Jeff and Marsha Everson and their family. Jeff's father Bud passed away peacefully this past week.
- Pray for Bill Pardoe. He is recovering from some heart issues.
- Please pray for the Buxengard family for the loss of Corey's 2nd cousin Lauren.
- Please pray for Amanda Roger's dad Bruce as he is part of a medical team to Vietnam.
- Please continue to pray for Leah Fong and her family. Her grandfather's funeral is this week.
- Please pray for Pastor Meg Erickson. Her husband passed away.
- Please continue to pray for the Padgett family. Ed's sister passed away.
- Continued prayer for Bob Stuempfig as he adjusts to a new drug treatment.
- Please pray for Caryn Adair's brother in law's brother Chris who's colon cancer has returned.
- Share in the joy with Ava Tonz. She had a musical at school and created new friendships.
- Praise for the presence of Bob Lacock's son in law Nick and granddaughter Savannah in the service.
- Praise that Sharon Links daughter in law received her broker's license.