

Salem United Methodist Church

May 2023



Thoughts from Pastor Paola...

Every day the disciples continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 1:46-47

As we enter into the season of Pentecost, we celebrate the birthday of the Christian church. All start in the upper Room when Jesus broke bread with the disciples. After the gift of the Spirit on Pentecost, the church spread all over like wildfire. Christian met at first in people's homes and eventually in church buildings.

I am well aware many people think of the church as a powerless institution made of ancient traditions and stuffy buildings. I am also well aware church has become for too many people a place of judgment and rejection. Over the centuries, the church has been using violence to hurt and oppress those whom Jesus came to rescue. Those are sins we can't excuse nor accept!

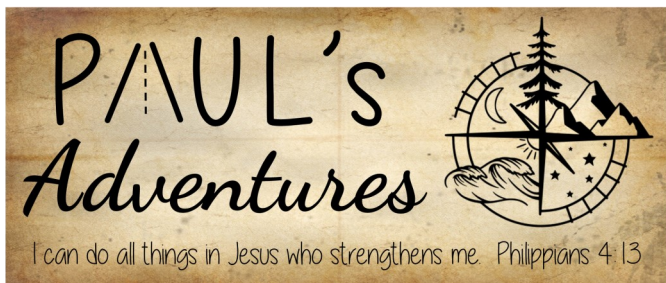
Nevertheless, the church has also been an incredible place of love, grace and healing that has bringing hope throughout the world in the most inhumane situations. The church is the new community of God's people. It's filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. And it has as much to say to the world today as it did two thousand years ago. In the church you will find the pathway to authentic community. You will learn how to grow as a worshiper. And you will deepen your passion to invite others into the fellowship of Christ-followers we call the church.

During the pandemic many left their communities of faith and never returned. Yet it is also during the pandemic when many rediscovered the value and the yearning for community gathering, people of all generations coming together in love. I feel the pandemic gave us truly a new opportunity, a new beginning, a new church start just like we read in the book of Acts. *They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.*

I certainly experience the same excitement every Sunday morning at Salem as well as throughout the week. I experience it in worship; in our fellowship time; in the amazing outreach ministry we have; in the mission team getting ready to leave for Italy; in our kids and youth that learn how to serve and walk around church as they would do at home; I experience it in Salem's welcoming spirit; in all the many expressions of faith throughout all ministry teams.

It is exciting! It really feels like the first Pentecost.
Happy Birthday Salem!!

Blessings,
Pastor Pala



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 30th - Confidence

Lay Speaker: Bill Pardoe

Ephesus - Extraordinary Healings - Acts 19:1-20

Sunday May 7th Communion - Courage

Malta – Storm and Shipwreck - Acts 27

STAND ALONE: Sunday, May 14th



New Horizons Band, from the White House of Music will be celebrating with us on Mother's Day for our praise fest. It will be a service of music and celebration.

Please come and join us on this special day.



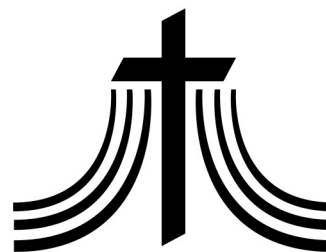
STAND ALONE: Sunday, May 21st

Confirmation Sunday

Worship led by Confirmation Kids

Congratulations!

**Abigail
Franklin
Savannah**



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

This Pentecost season let's celebrate the birth of the church by renewing our vision and mission at Salem.



Sunday May 28th - Pentecost

Grow and Connect: Acts 2:42-47



Sunday June 4th - Communion

Serve: Acts 2:42-47

STAND ALONE: Sunday June 11th

Speaker: Maggie Bringa





SNEAK PEEK

Salem is not going on vacation this summer!
Take a sneak peek at the new “hot” worship series and themes coming up...

ASK

{upcoming sermon series}
the PASTOR
“Biblical Answers For Today’s Tough Questions”

Do you have a question for Pastor Paola?
The “Ask the Pastor” Box is in **The Happenings Center**. Drop off your questions before June 4th.

Sunday June 18th - Ask the Pastor

FATHER'S DAY



Mission Trip Send Off

Sunday June 25th - Ask the Pastor

UPCOMING STAND ALONE SUNDAYS

Sunday July 2 Communion

Pastor Pete - Pastor Paola on Mission Trip

Sunday July 9

Pastor Pete - Pastor Paola on Mission Trip

Sunday July 16

“This is My Father’s House”

Worship led by mission team to Italy

Including Video and Pictures



TO THE MOON AND BEYOND



As NASA prepares the mission Artemis II to the moon and farther, let’s take some time to reflect on the difficult relationship between faith and science.

Sunday July 23

The Wonder of Creation and Human Knowledge
Psalm 8

Sunday July 30

Faith and Science: Are there really 2 rival explanations of how things are?
Genesis 1-2

SALEM GOES TO THE MOVIES

Join us each Sunday for fun, and a look at how popular sport movies help us to better understand the power of our faith.



Sunday, August 6 - Communion

Angels in the Outfield

Believing is Seeing

Hebrews 11:1-3

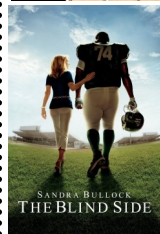


Sunday, August 13

McFarland USA

Don't Give up

Hebrews 12:1-3



Sunday, August 20

The Blind Side

Discover Your Purpose

(Hebrew 12:24-29)

A FEW MORE STAND ALONE SUNDAYS

Sunday, August 27

Pastor Pete - Paola on vacation

Sunday, September 3 - Communion

Lay preacher Bill Pardoe - Paola on vacation



Chapel Service *Next Door*

May 17th 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: June 21st & July 19th



Confirmation

Upcoming Class

May 7th from 10:15 - 11:30

"God Needs Me!"



Join us every Sunday following Children's Church!



Would you like this event to be held on a Saturday afternoon or Sunday after service? Or another date? Please let Mary Jo know.

Sunday July 30th 10:30 am - 2:00 pm

Sunday August 6th 10:30 am - 2:00 pm

Saturday July 29th 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Saturday August 5th 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Also, if anyone would like to help plan VBS, the theme will be Superheroes. Contact Mary Jo Martin for more information. Thank you.



Summer Camp 2023

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



HOSPITALITY



UPDATE



VOLUNTEER TO BRING SNACKS

...it can be simple!

Snack Bar in the Narthex.

NEXT AVAILABLE DATES:

May 14th & 28th

June 4th, 11th, & 25th

SIGN UP TO BE A GREETER



EXTEND A Warm Welcome

Thank you for considering this ministry.

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

THANK YOU! SALEM!

TREES for TEMBA!!!!



Once again, Salem members and friends have shown extreme generosity in supporting our missionary, Temba, and his orchard project this year at the Mujila Falls Agriculture Center. We raised **\$2619** for the planting, care and fencing around a new orchard which will provide fruit, for many in the years to come, as well as jobs for harvesters, and possibly profits from sales of some of the fruit. Through part of our Easter offering, we raised our yearly commitment of \$1000 for Temba's salary. ***Thank you for realizing what important work is done to teach the Zambian people the skills they need to provide for their families.***



The **FOOD**
Pantry
SERVING WAUKESHA COUNTY

FRESH VEGGIES NEEDED!

The Food Pantry loves fresh veggies! If you plant a garden, please consider adding a row for the Pantry. They usually have an over abundance of zucchini and tomatoes but green beans, onions, beets, peppers, and other types of squash would be appreciated. If you aren't a gardener, donating canned fruits and veggies would be wonderful.

Remember, if you have them bagged separately, you can drop them in the Pantry collection barrel at the store. More convenient than bringing them to church.

Hadfield Elementary School Outreach Update



Salem is pleased to partner with Hadfield Elementary School to help meet the needs of low-income children in our community. With our Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation grant we have been able to continue to supply daily snacks for those children who do not have any.

Since September 1,534 snacks have been delivered. To the school's clothes closet we supplied 15 pairs of waterproof gloves so those without gloves could enjoy Wisconsin winters. The school health room was in need of clothing for emergency situations, and we sent 15 pair of athletic pants along with 24 pair of underwear.

For children who were having trouble swallowing medications, we supplied cups of applesauce to help the medicine go down. We will be addressing other needs as they arise and hope that these small gestures make the day easier for both students and staff.

The Outreach team would like to thank all of you who have make this such a success.

THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR DONATION!



The intergenerational meal Salem served at Healing Hearts this past month was a wonderful experience for all involved.



Healing hearts serves children and families who experience loss and grief. Thank you!



On Sunday, June 18th at 10:00 am, Outreach wishes to **THANK YOU** for your generosity. We invite you to make your own Sundae complete with plenty of toppings. **YOU DESERVE IT!!!!**

The Outreach team wants to thank Salem for your continued generosity! We are always amazed at the support received for all of our projects.



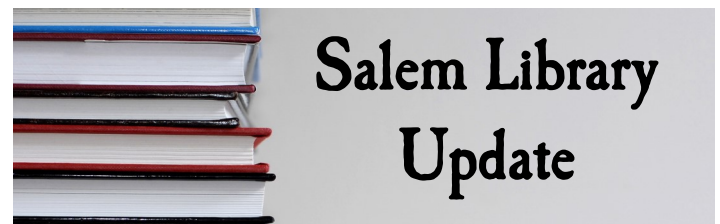
We have been looking at our calendar, and are working to make some changes to better schedule fundraising events. This year, we will begin to alternate years on the collection for the Ingathering Event at the Wisconsin Conference.

Therefore, we will **not** be collecting for Ingathering this year, but will collect next year.



THE LATEST FROM THE TRUSTY TRUSTEES

- ⇒ 2 new chair racks will be coming soon. The smaller one is easier to move and will cause less damage to the walls and floors.
- ⇒ The Seegers purchased a Recycle bin for the kitchen please remember to use it.
- ⇒ Kermit found and reset the breaker for the Fellowship Hall & Kitchen outlets, they're working fine now. The breaker just needed to be wigged. Thank you, Kermit.
- ⇒ We have purchased a WetVac and Caution for Wet Floors signs. If you need these items they will be stored in the boiler room.
- ⇒ Acknowledgment of Dave's purchase & installment of the new clock in the Sanctuary.
- ⇒ The Geocache on the Salem property is now a religious theme.
- ⇒ Doug bought a hook for the bathroom in the rear of the church and installed it. Looks great.



For the next few weeks, we are highlighting some books which originally were bought and read by Esther Rachel Women's Circle. These are NOT just books for women!

Among them you will find:

Born on Third Base – Chuck Collins

A one percenter, gave away his inheritance at age 26 and spent 30 yrs. mobilizing against equality.

A House in the Sky

The story of Amanda Lindhout's 15 months of abduction in Somalia. Compassion was the key to her survival.

You Don't Know What War Is

An eyewitness account of the war in Ukraine by a 13-year-old girl.

On Pluto

A book about Living, not dying with Alzheimer's

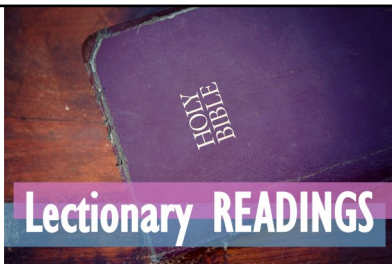
Bus to Corinth

Joys, tensions and lasting impact of travel with close friends as they retrace the steps of Paul the Apostle in Athens and Corinth.

These books and others are found on the table in front of the bulletin board. If you're looking for a good fiction read, the bottom two rows of books in the library shelves are fiction.



We plan to have another Book Sale in Fall, if you have any books to dispose of, save them for the sale. The profits will allow the library to buy more new books!



May 7

Acts 7:55-60
 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (UMH 764)
 1 Peter 2:2-10
 John 14:1-14

May 14

Acts 17:22-31
 Psalm 66:8-20 (UMH 790)
 1 Peter 3:13-22
 John 14:15-21

May 21

Acts 1:6-14
 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (UMH 792)
 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
 John 17:1-11

May 28

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
 Acts 2:1-21
 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
 John 20:19-23
 John 7:37-39



2	Pastor Paola	21	Bonnie Wojcik
3	Nick Tonz	22	Ashley Scrima
9	Nancy Mueller	25	Sydney Hernandez
19	Debbie Campbell	28	Kristen Hintze
20	Abigail Buxengard	31	Leonard Lamb



- Thanksgiving that Olivia Lindsay is home. Continue to pray for complete healing.
- Please hold in your prayers Bill and Harriet Young. They both contracted COVID. Bill is at New Perspective and Harriet is at home.
- Prayers for the Buxengard's close friends. Debby and Glenn were in a severe car accident. Debby is showing some improvements but remains in ICU. They are expecting her to need to go to a long term facility.
- Please continue holding Adam Zimmerman in your prayers. He is Joann and Brian Zimmerman's son. He is home from the hospital, but has a long recovery ahead of him.
- Continued prayer for Caryn Adair's brother in law's brother Chris who is recovering from surgery.
- Healing prayers for Jim Prescott.
- Prayer for Roger, Bonnie Wojcik's cousin. He entered into hospice and has a short time left on earth.
- Please keep holding Sue Lewinski in your prayers as she deals with some health issues.
- Please pray for Grandpa Joe, the grandfather of the children Leah Fong nannies for. He had a six foot fall off of a bleacher and has 2 major brain bleeds.



Save the Date...

The Nurture Committee will be hosting a Luncheon Gathering on **Saturday, May 20th at 11:00 am** for our friends from New Perspectives.
 Salem is the place to bee!