

Salem United Methodist Church

June/July 2023



Thoughts from Pastor Paola...

This past Sunday we had a wonderful celebration of our confirmands who entered full membership at Salem. This Sunday is Pentecost, the birth of the church. This is the best time of the year to reflect on what it means to be a church together. This is also a great time to refresh our memory about our vision and our mission statement.

Salem shines Christ's light of hope and compassion inviting all to grow, connect, and serve.

Our mission statement embraces the three movements that are central for the vitality of the church UP, IN and OUT!

UP is about growing in our relationship with God

We gather together on a regular basis. We worship God, we learn, we are challenged by His Word and we pray. We find out how we arrange our lives around certain practices; we are reminded we live by Grace; we learn that we can, by the power of God, be freed from sin and our lives can be filled with love and joy. That's up.

IN is about connecting with each other

At Salem we're invited into an authentic community with each other. Nobody grows spiritually all by themselves. When we get to know other people we connect in Christian love. They can encourage me, and they can help hold me accountable. I can tell them where I'm struggling. I'll know they will not judge me but always accept me as I am. Being a community is a critical piece in learning how to become a disciple of Jesus.

OUT is about to going out to serve

Out is really important because the church is the one organization that does not exist for its own sake. We exist for the sake of others in our community and in the world. At Salem, we learn how to serve and how to be generous, how to use the gifts God gave us, and how through Christ our gifts are multiplied to bring healing and grace to many more. At Salem, we learn we can make a big difference in many people's lives.

UP, IN, and OUT is why we are at Salem.

Here is a challenge for you this Pentecost: In which one of the three movements do you need to grow? Is in your relationship with God? Is in the connection with our Salem Family? Or maybe you feel like you should grow in service and outreach? I would love to hear from you about that. Let me know if I can be of any help to you.

May God help you to grow UP, IN, and OUT.....See you in church!

Blessings,
Pastor Paola



This Sunday we will honor the brave men and women who have served our country and made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. We remember and pay tribute to those who have given their lives in service to our nation.

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



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



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
Isaiah 6:1-13; Romans 8:31

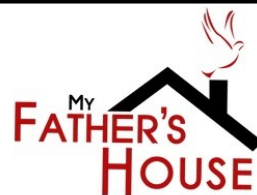
STAND ALONE SUNDAYS in JULY

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



{upcoming sermon series}
ASK 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

Sunday June 18th - Ask the Pastor



All fathers, grandfathers,
male mentors,
spiritual Fathers.
Please join us in church.



Italy Mission Trip Send Off

Sunday June 25th - Ask the Pastor



Graduation Sunday

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
Psalms 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

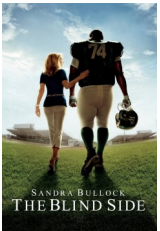
Join us each Sunday for fun, and a look at how popular sport movies help us to better understand the power of our faith.



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)

STAND ALONE SUNDAYS

Sunday, August 27

Pastor Pete - Paola on vacation

Sunday, September 3 - Communion

Lay preacher Bill Pardoe - Paola on vacation



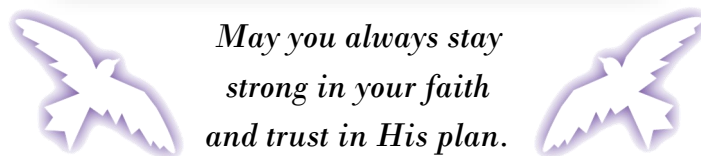
Chapel Service Next Door

June 21st & July 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: August 16th & September 20th

**Congratulations on your Confirmation
Abigail, Franklin, and Savannah!**



*May you always stay
strong in your faith
and trust in His plan.*

Congratulations Isley and Maura!



*May the Lord bless you with His
guidance from this day forward and
may you have faith in His Plan.*

During the service on **Sunday, June 25th** we will **Celebrate our Graduates**. If you know of anyone who is graduating from high school or college and is part of the Salem family please contact the office.





June 11th will be the last children's Sunday School class until kick off again in September.

Thank you for a great Sunday School year.

-Mary Jo Martin



Summer Camp 2023

There are lots of wonderful opportunities.

For Children and Adults

SAVE THE DATE FOR...

Vacation Bible School

**Sunday, August 6th
10:30 am - 1:00 pm**



CALLING ALL SUPERHEROS...

Join us for an action packed day!
Lunch is included.

If anyone would like to help plan VBS, contact Mary Jo Martin for more information. Thank you.

♥ HOSPITALITY ♥ UPDATE



VOLUNTEER TO BRING SNACKS

...it can be simple!

We are looking for volunteers to bring snacks for Sunday morning fellowship. If you are interested in providing some, please use the sign-up sheet at the **snack bar in the Narthex**.

We appreciate your help and support.



A special thank you to everyone who signed up to be a greeter.



There continues to be a need for Greeters throughout the summer months. Sign up at the Happenings Center.

Check out our new WELCOME sign in the Narthex!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH NEWS



Salem has donated over **1,600 snacks** to **Hadfield School** since September! Starting in June, when school is out, we will stop our collection of snacks for the summer, but plan to restart this fall.

Just a reminder...we will **not** be collecting for Ingathering this year, but will collect next year.



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!!!!**

LOOKING FORWARD

Watch for information about our **Undie Sunday Fundraiser** in September-this annual collection of socks and underwear benefits the Hope Center.



We will also be serving an **Outreach meal at the Hope Center** on Wednesday, September 20th. This is a great opportunity to volunteer a few hours of your time, or contribute to the meal.

*Thank you, Salem
for your on-going support!*



KAREN TREDWELL
wednesday, june twenty-first

The Waukesha FOOD Pantry Board of Directors invite you to celebrate Karen Tredwell's 26 years of service to the community and wish her well in her retirement.

Join us for an open house event from 4:00-6:00 PM on Wednesday June 21 for complimentary appetizers and dessert at Waukesha's Tuscan Hall to celebrate Karen's achievements. At 6:00 PM we will have a brief program in recognition of Karen's contributions during her tenure as Executive Director of The FOOD Pantry and toast to her next stage.

A fund has been established through the Waukesha County Community Foundation in Karen's name honoring her legacy to The FOOD Pantry. Donations can be made to the fund online or via check referencing the Karen Tredwell Fund.



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.



Please Pray for our Mission Trip to Italy



Our mission trip to Italy will leave on June 30th and will return on July 14th.

Please pray for us...

Pastor Paola Benecchi
Caryn Adair
Tyler Adair
Abigail Buxengard
Laurie Buxengard
Grace Callen
Joan Callen

Don Callen Jr
Jeff Everson
Marsha Everson
Anna Hobbins
Franklin Hughes
Morgan Murray
Julie Vang

For the mission part of the trip, we will be working with 50 children coming from low income families. The children attend the United Methodist center near Naples (<https://www.casamianitti.com/>) The center cares for children all year long. They feed them two meals and snacks every day, provide for clothing and other needs, supports them with school work and organizes activities and games for their entertainment.

Our intergenerational team will work daily with the children bringing special activities, games, music, and supply resources etc.

The group will be sent off during the worship service on Sunday, June 18th.

We will be sending updates via emails and photos throughout trip.

Come and hear all about our mission trip on Sunday, July 16th.

The Mission Team will lead the service.



WE CAN DO IT!!!!

Thank you for your response to our Extra Mile campaign. While striving to trim our deficit, we also need to continue to meet our monthly expenses in order to keep from adding to the deficit. Please consider giving to the Extra Mile campaign.

Blessing from the Finance Team!



Thank you Bob Teschner!

Again this year Bob has conducted the official audit of all the church's financials. This is a big undertaking and we appreciate all his work and attention to detail. -The Finance Team



From June 9th - 11th, Pastor Paola and Lay Leader Bill Pardoe will be at the Annual Conference in Green Bay. Please hold them and the entire conference in your prayers.

June

LECTIONARY

June 4

Genesis 1:1-2:4
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

June 11

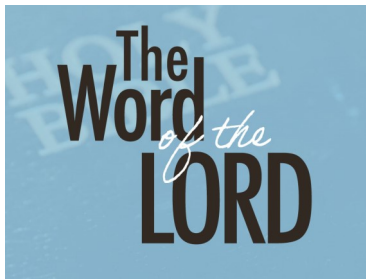
Genesis 12:1-9
Psalm 33:1-12
Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 18

Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:8
(9-23)

June 25

Genesis 21:8-21
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Romans 6:1-11
Matthew 10:24-39



July

LECTIONARY

July 2

Genesis 22:1-14
Psalm 13
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

July 9

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49,
58-67
Psalm 45:10-17
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 16

Genesis 25:19-34
Psalm 119:105-112
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 23

Genesis 28:10-19a
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 30

Genesis 29:15-28
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



Book Sale Coming in fall

We will be holding a book sale to benefit Salem's Library this fall. Clean off your book shelves, save books you've read or no longer need. Hold onto them until late this summer when we will announce a collection date. We will take all kinds of books: fiction, non-fiction, children's books, craft and cook books, and complete puzzles.



trustees

Managing the Property, Equipment, and Investments God Has Entrusted to Our Ministry

Serve the Lord with gladness

-Psalms 100:2

UPDATES FROM THE TRUSTEES

We could like to thank Jim Seegers who found a used "Stop" sign to be placed at the Hwy 59 exit. Jim will install it once the water pipeline construction is complete.

Thank you to Dave Pauly for installing the new mailbox.

Dave also made some roof repairs finding numerous potential entry points which may have been responsible for the large water intrusion (Narthex) in late winter. We hope this will help with the wet spots.

Look for the new chair racks. By using these racks we will save the wear and tear of the floors and walls and ceilings.

Welcome new trustee Patrick Rogers.



7 Betty Buzard
 11 Jim Tonz
 12 Gloria Rongstad
 13 Anna Hobbins
 16 Jim Kellogg
 19 Giovanni Hobbins
 22 Illyana Hintze



1 Sue Dick
 1 Bob Teschner
 3 Isley Hintze
 5 Mary Jo Martin
 7 Laurie Buxengard
 11 Janet Lamb
 13 Franklin Hughes
 14 Robert Tomaszczak
 17 Ken Bringa
 17 Tina Tonz
 21 Sue Lewinski
 21 Brooke Nease
 23 Simona Jacobson-Agpoon
 24 James Newman
 26 Katie Martin
 27 Kermit Bohning
 27 Judy Schimpf
 28 Amy Manns
 31 Alison Campbell
 31 Alexis Tonz
 31 Betta Tyriver

Prayer & Praise



- Please pray for Julie, Gladys and Rob's daughter in law who will be having surgery this Friday.
- Praise for the confirmands Abigail, Franklin, and Savannah.
- Congratulations to all of the upcoming graduates.
- Please be praying for Laura Padgett who is in the hospital with pneumonia and some cardiac concerns. Pray for Ed and Betty as they care for Damien and Owen while Laura is in the hospital. And also prayers for Mike, her husband.
- Please pray for Amanda's friend Allison who is in ICU after a brain aneurysm.
- Please pray for Maggie Bringa's brother, Jim whose cancer has returned.
- Praise for Leah and Brandon Fong who are expecting a baby in October.
- Praise from Kurt Guenther for his wedding anniversary
- Please pray for Sue Lewinski's great grand daughter Valerie Sue who is in the NICU and for her parents Marcus and Hillary.
- Please pray for Sue Lewinski, she is taking the summer off to rest and recuperate.
- Please pray for the residents at New Perspective memory care as many have contracted COVID.
- Healing prayers for Jim Prescott.