

Salem United Methodist Church

August 2023



Thoughts from Pastor Paola...

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

A group from Salem just returned from a mission trip to Italy. The first week we led a Vacation Bible School at Casa Mia, a Methodist Center outside of Naples. Casa Mia opens their doors all year long to underprivileged children and youth, caring for many of their needs.

The second week we traveled in some of the most beautiful, best known places along the Amalfi coast and Rome. We saw beautiful views, incredible art, and eat awesome food.

As we gathered for a meal or during worship every night our main conversations revolved around the children of Casa Mia. All the travel and sightseeing faded compared to those kids who stole our hearts.

The good byes at Casa Mia were heart breaking for both us and the kids. A great deal of tears were poured out from everyone's eyes and the hugs were never ending.

Jesus has it right, when you let the children into your life, they show you a glimpse of God's kingdom.

The reason is not because children are perfect!! Trust me!! Some of those kids were so naughty ☺ !!! (thank God we had American candies that we promised to distribute at the end of the day in exchange of nice behavior)

They showed us a glimpse of the Kingdom not because they were perfect but because they didn't have any hesitancy in giving us their love fully. They loved us without questions nor prerequisite, no special skills required.

They loved us with passion and vulnerability, with no fear to show their weakness, dependency and neediness.

And... the Salem team gave the best to those children. All of us with different personalities, backgrounds and service experience, poured love, energies and talents to them. *(no wonder we were exhausted at the end of the day!!)*

We took Jesus' call to welcome the children to heart and the reward was great.

I would like to invite all of us to respond to the same call at church and in our lives:



Value children like Jesus does.

There is no substitute for time, attention and love. Welcome and receive children. That means setting down your work, stopping what you're doing, and investing time in them. Volunteer to work and spend time with them.



Bring your kids to Jesus.

Parents grandparents, mentors and spiritual parents you are the primary spiritual leaders for your children. They will take their cue from you. Pray with them, bring them to church, help to know how to serve and give



Learn from children.

God uses children to teach us how to be vulnerable, dependent, trustworthy and show our weaknesses with no fear. Remember Jesus often comes to us disguised as a child.

*Blessings,
Pastor Paola*



Baptism

Please join us on Sun, Aug 6th for the baptisms of:

Stella and Sloane Cababa



SALEM GOES TO THE MOVIES

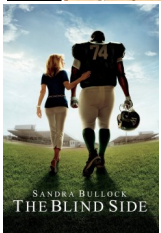
Join us each Sunday for fun, and a look at how popular sport movies help us to better understand the power of our faith.



Sun, August 6 - Communion
Angels in the Outfield
Believing is Seeing
 Hebrews 11:1-3



Sun, August 13
McFarland USA
Don't Give up
 Hebrews 12:1-3



Sun, August 20
The Blind Side
Discover Your Purpose
 (Hebrew 12:24-29)

During our mission trip this summer in Rome, we visited some of the amazing work of Michelangelo. His astounding works of arts reveal a deep inner spiritual struggle.

Until the end, Michelangelo was divided between faith and disbelief, wondering if he was good enough to receive God's love and salvation.

Through the work of Michelangelo, led by the Gospel of John, we will unfold our ultimate spiritual question. ***"How Can I Know I'll Go to Heaven."***

Sun, Sept 10 *La Pieta'* (1498-1499)
 John 11:25-26

Sun, Sept 14 *The Sistine Chapel* (1508-1512)
 John 10:10;14-18;27-30

Sun, Sept 25 *The Deposition* (1547-1555)
 John 3:16

STANDALONE SUNDAYS

Sun, August 27
 Pastor Pete - Paola on vacation

Sun, Sept 3 - Communion
 Lay preacher Bill Pardoe - Paola on vacation



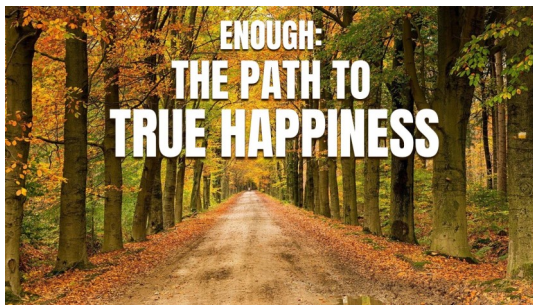
WORLD **COMMUNION** SUNDAY

Standalone - Sun, Oct 1

Come to the table

Celebration of United Women of Faith Sunday





We live in the land of plenty and abundance. Everything we want is just a click away 24/7. Yet, our society has never suffered like now with depression, anxiety and deep discontent. During this month we will learn 4 simple practices that God reveals in the Scripture that have the power to bring satisfaction, peace, and joy back into our lives.

Sun, Oct 8

The Practice of Gratitude and Praise
Philippians 4:4-6;10-12

Sun, Oct 15

The Practice of Letting Go
2 Corinthians 12:9-10 and 1 Timothy 6:6-10

Sun, Oct 22

The Practice of using our Spiritual Gifts
1 Corinthians 12:1-7 and 1 Peter 4:10-11

Sun, Oct 29

Stewardship Sunday
The Practice of Giving
2 Corinthians 9:6-15



Standalone Sun, Nov 5
All Saints Day

Join us for a special service of remembrance of all the loved ones are gone back to the father.

Please invite families and friends who have lost a dear one.



Chapel Service
Next Door

August 16th

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Hymn Sing at 10:30 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: September 20th & October 18th



We will be having a pop up choir

THIS SUNDAY - July 30, 2023

Everyone who would like to sing may come. Practice is at 8:30 am before the service starts.

We would LOVE to have you join us.

Now hiring!!!

Pianist



www.salemonthehill.org

If you know anyone who would be interested in the Pianist/Organist Position, please contact Pastor Paola.

Vacation Bible School

Sunday, August 6th
Salem United Methodist Church
541 Hwy 59 Waukesha, WI
(262) 547-5231



10:30 am - 1:00 pm
Lunch will be served.

CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES

Join us for an action packed day!

This is an awesome opportunity for our kids to grow in love with God and in community with each other.

It is also a great opportunity to reach out to families with kids who are not here yet!!



VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

FLYERS & REGISTRATION FORMS

Find them in the Happenings Center!

Volunteers are still needed for station leaders. Please pass the flyer along to neighbors, friends, & family. Spread the word so that many more can be part of our fun superheroes event.

All ages welcome.

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to volunteer.

Kick Off
Sun, Sept 10



Volunteers are needed to help with teaching a few Sundays this fall. If you are interested, please contact Mary Jo Martin.

Sunday Mornings:

There are activity bags at the front counter if you would like to use during service.



HOSPITALITY



FELLOWSHIP REFRESHMENTS...OH SO GOOD!

Please sign up to bring Sunday Morning refreshments. It can be SIMPLE.

Coffee is provided.

Sign up at the Snack Bar.



Greeters are still needed throughout the summer and into the fall.



- A big thank you Jim Seegers for getting the free dirt and the equipment for grading and seeding around the shed and for looking for volunteers to help water. He has been coming to church in the morning and night.
- Also, thank you to all who have brought snacks and volunteered to be a greeter this summer!

Community Outreach



Many hands make light work!

What's new at Mujila Falls?



Check the Outreach bulletin board to read some exciting news from Temba! You will be amazed at the latest project he has come up with! As our former missionary, Paul Webster accomplished so much getting Mujila Falls off the ground. Temba has continued to find ways to improve the lives of the people in his community. Under his guidance, the following buildings have been erected: an office, a new Day Care Center, a primary school, Salem House, and now another structure which will give young people the opportunity to learn skills which will enable them to be self-employed. Yes, a vocational school is going to be constructed, teaching agriculture, brick laying, tailoring, plumbing, carpentry and other skills. Imagine that! A vocational college at Mujila Falls. Watch for more news coming from Temba later this summer!



We will 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.

DIGNITY begins with the basics!

UNDIE SUNDAY



Undie Sunday begins in September. We will be collecting new underwear and socks for the men, women and children in our community, through the Hope Center, who have a need for these basics. It's never too early to shop for Undie Sunday, especially with the Back-to-School sales happening right now! In September we will be putting out the collection basket for new underwear and socks. As usual, if you'd rather make a cash donation, the shopping will be done for you. They need all sizes of men's and children's undies and size small for women and mostly men's socks. They have helped thousands of people over the years obtain free quality clothing because of generous donations from this supporting congregation, won't you consider continuing this?



The FOOD Pantry
SERVING WAUKESHA COUNTY

GREAT NEED NOW!

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

Fresh Veggies from your garden are always welcome.

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.



NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN

Thank you to the United Women of Faith for cleaning and re-organizing the kitchen. The cupboards and drawers have been labeled so you can more easily locate things and put them back where they belong. A huge amount of unused Melmac dishes were donated to The Hope Center. The dishes will be given to clients who are setting up their new homes. The Hope Center is very appreciative of this donation. It's nice to know we are reaching out to the community in this way!



The Nurture Committee will be hosting a Luncheon Gathering at Salem in the Narthex on **Saturday, August 12th at 11:00 am** for our friends from New Perspective. Salem is the place to bee!



Thank You Celebration for Sue Lewinski
Sunday, August 20th
After the worship service

We hope to see you all as we celebrate Sue Lewinski. We are so thankful for all of the musical gifts she has shared with Salem throughout the years.

She is such a blessing to us all!



Salem Softball Team is Heading to the Playoffs **Come watch the Salem Softball team play!**



The championship team would LOVE to have you at the PLAYOFFS! Every year, at least 30 friends, family & Salem members have been there **wearing red** to cheer us on!

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE:

Tues, Aug 8th

9:30 am Quarter Finals (4 games that day)

Tues, Aug 15th

9:30 am Semi Finals

10:45 am Championship Game

Location:

35th & Burnham Streets in Milwaukee

(NOT far from State Fair Park & about 12 minutes from Milwaukee Brewers stadium)

The team is one you'd be proud of. They pray before every game & have demonstrated sportsmanship and grace...WIN or LOSE...for years!

Contact Kurt Guenther (920)210-2650 OR Marlys Tesch for questions or to confirm times.

A full article about the team written by Kurt Guenther can be found on the Community News Board.



Front row: L to R: Treyton Budreau (Kurt G.'s grandson and batboy), Hancer Gonzalez-3B, Linda Duhacek-RF, Karen Komassa-OF/2B, Harmony Budreau (Kurt's granddaughter), Kurt Guenther-LCF & manager, plus Kaliyah Budreau (Kurt's granddaughter)

Middle row: Marlys Tesch ("Co-OWNER") & Dick Tesch

Back row: L to R: Butch Goetzke-P, Ron Krause-SC, Bill Farrow-C/RCF, Stan Bullock - 1B, Peter Fritsch-C, Bob Kosky-LF, Everett Curry-2B & John Galewski-SS & Assistant Manager.



- Continued prayer for Jim Newman, who is in rehab.
- Please continue praying for Karen Weddig (New Perspectives) who had surgery and is still in a lot of pain.
- Pray for Franklin, his hamster died.
- Please pray for Patrick Roger's mom, she is having surgery again.
- Praise for Dominic, Mary Jo Martin's brother . He is doing better.
- Praise that Katie Martin is celebrating her birthday this week.
- Praise that Isabella, Mary Jo Martin's granddaughter is celebrating her birthday her first birthday.
- Celebration of Brenda and Doug Lindsay's grandson Sawyer's baptism.
- Praise that Laura Padgett is recovery.
- Kristen Hintze lifted up the birthday of her grandma Betty in heaven.
- Marsha Everson asked for prayer for her niece Danielle who has breast cancer and for her brother-in-law who has been diagnosed with lung cancer.
- Please pray for Charlotte. She is 11 years old and is dealing with cancer.
- Please pray for Sue Lewinski
- Please pray for Dana and Nathan, Bonnie Wojcik's niece and nephew. They are both having brain surgery.
- Please pray for Brandon Fong's grandpa Kenny who is undergoing chemo and radiation again.
- Praise for Sue Lewinski's great grand daughter, Valerie Sue, who is now home with oxygen. Pray for her continued healing.



August BIRTHDAYS

2 Dick Mueller	15 Grace Callen
2 Sue Yont	15 Bill Crusan
5 Betty Padgett	18 Chase Hernandez
5 Kathy Young	21 Kara Hintze
6 Peggy Barnes	21 Samie Seegers
10 James Agpoon	25 Julie Vang
14 Gary Wollenzien	27 Penny Feller



Lectionary Reading

August 6

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

August 20

Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133
Romans 11:1-2a,
29-32
Matthew 15:(10-20)
21-28

August 13

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22,
45b
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

August 27

Exodus 1:8-2:10
Psalm 124
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20