

# Salem United Methodist Church

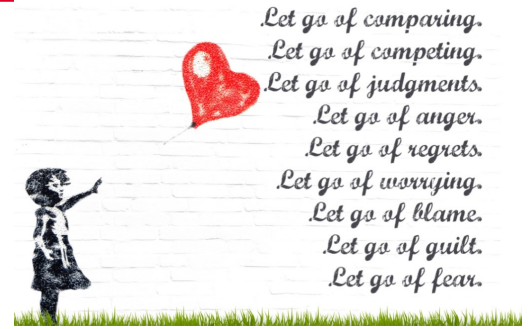
## February 2024

A TIME TO SEARCH AND A TIME TO GIVE UP.  
A TIME TO KEEP AND A TIME TO LET GO.  
ECCLESIASTES 3:6

*Thoughts from Pastor Paola...*

***There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under the heavens:  
a time to search and a time to give up,  
a time to keep and a time to throw away. -Ecclesiastes 3:1,6***

### ***Lent: A Time for Uncluttering***



They say the world is divided between keepers and throwers. Often each family has one of each which makes our life more interesting and exciting. *(not really!!)*

Recently as I was visiting my son and daughter in law, I asked my son if I could do anything to help. He said: "getting rid of everything in the fridge that is expired would be a big help". Not my favorite activity, but...

As I start digging through the several layers of food I discovered the most interesting things. It happens to everyone, especially when you work as much as they do. I start throwing away...When my daughter in law came back home after work, I informed her with enthusiasm about the major cleaning. I saw her face turning pale and troubled. As it turned out my son failed to mention he and his wife have a very different understanding about how long things should stay in the fridge.

I am pleased to report my daughter in law still likes me after the uncluttering fridge incident!!

It is hard to go through a process of uncluttering both material and spiritual: letting go is scary.

On February 14, Ash Wednesday, we enter in the season of Lent.

I believe the season of Lent is an uncluttering time, when we can make room in our heart and in our life to see what God has been and is doing.

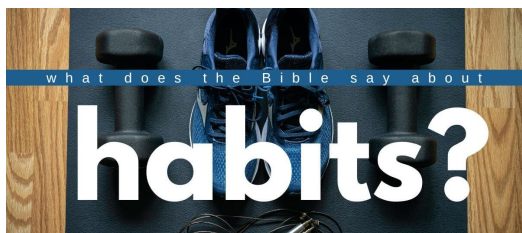
For some us uncluttering may mean getting rid of material or spiritual things that are blocking our view. For some, it may mean distancing ourselves from some of the hurry and busyness that occupy our time and mind. For some, it is letting go of some of the habits that control us.

Lent is always a wonderful opportunity to make room for God.

Christians have been observing Lent since the 4<sup>th</sup> century. Lent is a 40-day journey marked by humility, reflection, and repentance intended to shift our attention toward what can truly satisfy our souls.

Please join me this Lent as we unclutter our lives and make room for the Resurrected Christ to enter in our world.

Blessings,  
Pastor Paola



## NEW YEAR, NEW HABITS

*Join us as we learn how to bring God into our habits, one day at the time.*

**Feb 4 Bill Pardoe - Money Habits**

Proverbs 3:9-10; 11:24-25; Matthew 6:19-24

**Feb 11 - Rest habits Transfiguration Sunday**

Exodus 20:8-11; Matthew 11:28-30



Join us this Lent as we discover how Jesus brings the new life of Easter into each of us.

**Feb 18 First week of Lent: Forgiveness**

The Woman with the Jar of Oil

Luke 7:36-50

**Feb 25 Second week of Lent: Haiti Fundraiser**

The Miracle of the 5 Loaves and 2 Fish

Luke 9:10-17

**Mar 3 Third week of Lent: Healing**

Woman Restored to Life

Luke 8:40-48

**Mar 10 Fourth week of Lent: Compassion**

Prodigal Son

Luke 15:11-24

**Mar 17 Fifth week of Lent: Acceptance**

Zacchaeus

Luke 19:1-8

**Mar 24 Palm Sunday: From Celebration to Grief**

Jesus Cries over Jerusalem

Luke 19:28-44

**Mar 29 Good Friday: Travel With Us  
The Way of the Cross**

**Mar 31 Easter: He is Not Here, He is Risen**

The Women at the Tomb



Come anytime during the day on Ash Wed, Feb 14th. There will be scripture readings and ashes available for you.

## Virtual LENT Bible Study



**Thursdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm  
February 15 - March 21**

Walk with us through lent. Join us via Zoom on your computer or phone. We are kicking off our Zoom Bible study the day after Ash Wednesday, February 15 and will end it on March 21.

Our 6 week sessions will focus on the most influential (most studied, most contested, most quoted, most impactful) speech in history of human race: **Jesus' Sermon on the Mountain**. This is a wonderful opportunity to make this Lent a time to grow in love and discipleship.



**Chapel Service**  
*Next Door*

**February 21, 2024**

**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: March 20 and April 17**



A special THANK YOU to Bill Watt for leading music and Susie Brown for playing the piano for the service.



### February Rehearsal Schedule

Feb 4th 8:30 am  
Feb 11th 10:00 am  
Feb 18th 10:00 am  
Feb 25th 8:30 am

**We will be singing on Sun, Feb 4th and 25th!**



Would you like to learn how to play Handbells?  
Salem's Handbell group practices every  
Wednesday night at 6:30, and we play the third  
Sunday each month. For more information  
contact Brenda Lindsay.



All children are invited to come to Fellowship  
Hall every Sunday immediately following  
Children's Time.



### **Special Super Bowl Sunday**

**February 11th**

Please join us for a special Superball Sunday  
Event. Fun games and Nachos.

***Please bring a friend!***



### **Volunteer Opportunity**

The Hope Center has moved and is now located  
in the old Chase Bank building at  
101 W. Broadway in Waukesha. Their clothing  
shop distributes donated clothing free of charge  
to families in need. They would welcome  
volunteers to sort and place clothing.

**Contact the volunteer coordinator at  
262-549-8726 Ext 203.**



**The FOOD  
Pantry**  
SERVING WAUKESHA COUNTY

### **Join the Salem Food Pantry team!**

We have a great need for volunteers. We  
volunteer on the 2nd Monday of every month.



***Do you need more honey????***



There is more honey for purchase and a portion  
will go to the Food Pantry.

Please contact Debbi Oswalt for more  
information regarding volunteering at the Pantry  
and purchasing more honey.

### **Snack Collection**



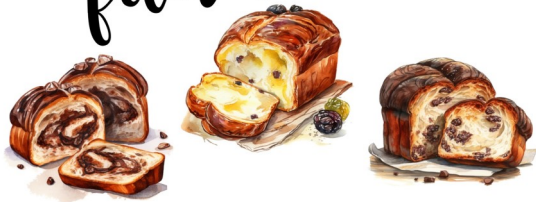
The need for snacks continues throughout the  
school year. Please bring snack items and place  
them in the basket at the Happenings Center.

They are delivered to the school on a  
regular basis. Thank you SO much for your  
continued generosity for the children.



# JOIN US FOR SALEM'S ANNUAL BAKE OFF

## fundraiser

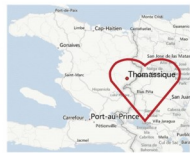


**Sunday, February 25th**

**Support for St. Joseph Clinic**



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Haiti**



**Save the date!** On Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting our annual cook-off fundraiser to support the St. Joseph Clinic in Haiti.

During the church service we will learn about the clinic and the programs it supports including the Child Malnutrition program that provides Medika Mamba to enrolled children, a fortified peanut butter substance that has been shown to restore 90% of severely malnourished infants to health. We are also planning on an opportunity to virtually meet Wilner, the program coordinator who runs the program.

After the service we will be having a bread bake-off. The bakers have been identified! Thanks to those who have volunteered to be our mystery bakers. Come taste some delicious food, vote on your favorite, and help support the great work that Wilner and his team do. Reach out to Amanda Rogers (708-710-2610) if you have any questions.



**Dining FUNdraiser for  
Healing Hearts of SE Wisconsin**



**Tuesday, February 13th  
4:00 - 8:00 pm**



**1210 W Sunset Drive  
Waukesha, WI 53189**

**ONLINE ORDERING CODE: Giving25**

**25% of qualifying online and in restaurant sales will  
directly benefit Healing Hearts of SE WI.**



**Just a reminder...to save the date!**

The Outreach Committee will again have our Pie Sale Fundraiser for Mujila Falls in the summer time.

The offering on Easter Sunday will go towards the \$1,000 we have committed to Temba's salary. Money above that amount will be used for Salem needs.

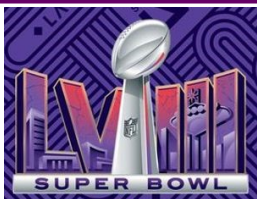
Just keep those taste buds hankering for pie in the good old summertime! We can't wait to see what project we can help Temba with this year!



We are taking orders for **Kwik Trip cards** in **February**. Car wash cards will also be available. Denominations available are \$10, 20, 25, 50, 100, 200. Sign up in the narthex or email Kermit at [kbohning1@gmail.com](mailto:kbohning1@gmail.com). Make checks payable to Salem and note Kwik Trip in the memo.

**Salem will receive DOUBLE profits!!!**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**



## Special Super Bowl Sunday February 11th

The children's Sunday School program will have their own Football Game during church.

**We will be serving NACHOS during fellowship hour after church.**

Find out how you can help...see the sign up sheet in the Happening Center.



See Sharon Seegers if you have any questions.



## Bishop Jung's Clergy Day Apart

Thursday, Feb. 15  
Lake Street UMC,  
Eau Claire

Friday, Feb. 16  
Beaver Dam  
Trinity UMC

Wisconsin Conference  
of The United Methodist Church

Visit [www.wisconsinumc.org](http://www.wisconsinumc.org) for more information



We have a need for Greeters in the month of February. Please check out the sign up at the Happenings Center.

**Thank you!!!!**



## Membership

Interested in joining Salem Church as a full member? Would you like to know more about Salem and the United Methodist church?

Please email Pastor Paola ([pastor@Salemonehill.org](mailto:pastor@Salemonehill.org)) or call her at (920) 420-7205 if you are interested.



## Women In The Middle Retreat February 23 - 24

We are looking forward to our time together.  
Thank you to everyone who has signed up.

## NEWS FROM THE TRUSTEES

*The Trustees have been busy even though they did not meet in December.*

- Dave Pauly used a lift truck and looked over our roof and repaired items on the roof-top units. They are running well now. He also put in endless hours in the cold weather taking care of some trees that came down on our property.  
**Thank you so much Dave.**
- Doug has been meeting with companies regarding our boiler issues. He was there when Teko did the repairs. The strainer was plugged into the water supply to the heat exchanger, so he had them clean and flush it out. Doug also had them replace the Hot Water Return Pump. **Doug thank you for taking care of all our heating issues.**
- Patrick Rogers made a call to Jason, an electrician we used before to come out for a lighting issue. If anyone has ideas regarding lighting please talk to him.
- We would also like to **thank Jim Seegers** for contacting Habitat for Humanity. They took away the kiosk closet. Jim replaced the oil and installed a filter on the air compressor that runs the thermostat for the perimeter heat, put together the 2 new chair carts that Kari ordered, and installed shelves, that he donated, into the closet in Fellowship Hall. He also replaced the outside light.
- We are still looking for referrals for a lawn mowing company. Please talk to one of the Trustees if you know of someone.

**Last of all Thank you Rob for all the years as a trustee...we will miss you. We are so lucky to have such talented hard-working trustees.**