

Salem United Methodist Church

April 2024

Thoughts from Pastor Paola...

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers Acts 2:42



We are blessed with a wonderful faith community. In a time of great struggles for mainline churches, Salem has been steadily growing in number and spirit. We have been welcoming new friends in full membership, baptizing babies, increasing worship attendance, and growing in generosity and outreach. God has been using Salem to bring healing and hope to our friends at New Perspective, and to our local and global community. The joy we experience in worship and fellowship is truly a gift in a society that suffers increasingly from isolation and division. The flourishing of intergenerational connections we have been experiencing is truly a gift in a society where different generations live in separate worlds.

We are blessed. What we have is what the scripture calls *koinonia* a Greek word often translated as fellowship. Koinonia happens when we share life together, especially spiritual life. Koinonia is when something happens to you and people pray for you, send you cards, provide food, call you, and help you. Koinonia is about worshiping and serving together to bless many others.

Of course, we can pray alone, and we can be in the presence of God alone but we cannot grow spiritually or heal alone we need each other. We need each other prayers, encouragement, generosity, and challenge. Jesus himself needed a community in order to spread His love.

The presence of God is much more powerful when we are together. Koinonia changes the world one connection at a time.

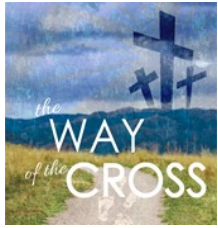
Now, since we have been growing steadily, not everyone had yet the chance to get to know everyone. Some people are still sitting alone on Sunday. Some may still be feeling isolated and not part of the koinonia. Here is a little challenge for you: I would like to organize a few small gatherings this summer so that we can grow in Koinonia. Anyone interested in hosting one of the gatherings? It could be in your backyard, in a park or wherever you like. It could be a cook-out, potluck style. Or coffee and dessert. Please let me know if you are interested in growing Salem Koinonia and we will make it happen together.

Blessings,
Pastor Paola

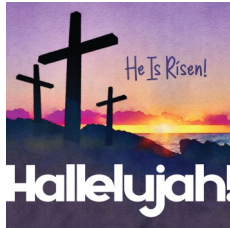
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7:00 pm
Friday, March 29th
Good Friday:
Travel With Us
The Way of the Cross



9:00 am
Sunday, March 31st
He is Not Here, He is Risen
Easter Worship Service
with Communion



Please join us following the worship service for fellowship and refreshments. There will be a visit from the Easter Bunny, Crafts, and an Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

THIS LITTLE
LIGHT
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Stand Alone
Sunday, April 7th
Lay Speaker Bill Pardoe
Let Your Light Shine
John 1:1-9

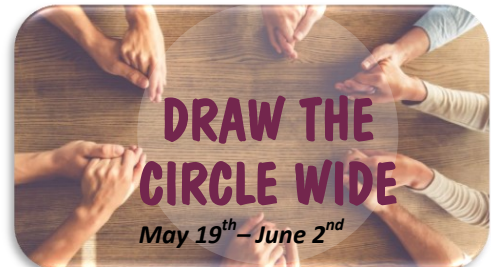


Why? It's a simple word, but a deep question everyone wrestles with at some point in their lives. When bad things happen, our prayers seem unanswered, and God seems far away, we cry out, "Why?" In this series of messages, we will look to the scriptures that help us to answer our WHYS.

- Sunday, April 14th Communion
Why is it so hard to hear God's voice?
1 Samuel 3
- Sunday, April 21st
Why is God not answering my prayers?
Psalm 22:1-11, 19-21
- Sunday, April 28^h
Why does God allow suffering?
Genesis 1:27-31, Psalm 6:6-7
- Sunday, May 5th Communion
Why is it so hard to understand God's purpose for my life?
Jeremiah 1:4-10



Standalone Sunday, May 12th
Mother's Day
Join us on Mother's Day for Praise Fest. A music-filled service and celebration of Mother's Day.



Time to draw the circle wide at Salem.
No one alone!

- Sunday, May 19th - Pentecost
Our Foundation, the still point God
Acts 2, Psalm 100:5
- Sunday, May 26th - Trinity Sunday
Inclusion lets our loving know no borders
The Church
Galatians 3:28-29
- Sunday, June 2nd - Communion
Dream large dream Christ dream
The Mission/The Vision
Ephesians 3:20

Stand Alone Sunday, June 9th
Pastor Paola will be at the Annual Conference
Worship led by Maggie Bringa



Chapel Service Next Door

April 17, 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: May 15th and June 19th



A special thanks to **Susie Brown** for playing the piano, **Dave Pauly** for playing the flute, and **Bill Watt** for leading the singing.



Children and youth Sunday School.
All are welcome to Sunday School, we start after Children's Time in the Service.



Join the Fun this Year...
Vacation Bible School on
Sunday, August 11th
10:30 to 1:00 PM.

Kids of all ages are welcome!



Practice

- April 7th at 8:30 am
- April 14th at 10:00 am
- April 21st at 10:00 am
- April 28th at 8:30 am

We will be singing on:

- April 7th
- April 28th



Sunday, March 17th: Maci Marie Damske



Sunday, March 24th: Kaiya Elizabeth Fong



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.

Getting to know our New Members...

These people recently became members of Salem.

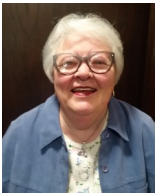
Please make them feel welcome and get to know them!



Judy Katzung – Judy is the former manager of the UW Campus book store in Waukesha. She has lived many years in both WI and FL and now resides at New Perspectives. When she is not reading, she loves to play mahjong and card games. Her family consists of three children, five grandchildren and two great grands.



Sally and Scott Kellicut are natives of Wisconsin. Scott was an insurance agent, and Sally was an accountant. Retirement has allowed Sally more time to crochet and make greeting cards. Scott, a former hunter, still enjoys the outdoors and any Wisconsin sports teams. Three children and eight grandchildren keep them busy!



Kathy Knoll is a former resident of South Greenfield, now residing at New Perspectives. She worked for Bucyrus Erie for many years. Her hobbies are making fabric cards, quilting, painting with acrylics and reading.



Ellen McFarland is from Wisconsin but retired to MT. and now is back “home” again, living at New Perspectives. She was a psychotherapist and has written a book which will be available in our library! In her free time, she enjoys reading and playing Mexican Train. Three children, 7 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren complete her family.



Barb and Jeff Seeboth are Pewaukee residents. Jeff worked at Husco International. Upon leaving there, Jeff purchased an auto repair shop in Brookfield with Barb helping out upon her retirement from a 40-year career in teaching. Now retired, Jeff loves to hunt and sail and Barb is an avid gardener. They have two children and two grandchildren.



Michelle Thielen, with her job as a scheduler of mechanical maintenance for South West Airlines, travels to TX once a month. She enjoys many kinds of hand crafts like sewing, knitting and scrap booking etc. She is the world’s best aunt!



From left to right: Michele Thielen, Sally Kellicut, Scott Kellicut, Ellen Macfarland, Kathy Knoll, Judy Katzung, Barbara Seeboth, and Jeff Seeboth



The offering on Easter Sunday will go towards the \$1,000 we committed to Temba's salary.

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



**7th Annual Fundraiser for HAITI
THANK YOU SALEM!!!**

Thank you to everyone for your support of the Haiti fundraiser bread bake-off in February. And a special thanks to our amazing bakers, Sally Kellicut, Sharon Seegers, Sherrie Kellogg and Zoila Chavez, for sharing their time and gifts to provide the delicious treats. Thanks to Salem's generosity, we were able to raise over \$5,700 to help support the St. Joseph Clinic in Thomassique, Haiti. These funds will help support the salary of Wilner, the program coordinator, and all the great work they do through the clinic including the Child Malnutrition program. Your kind donations are essential to the continued efforts of this incredible initiative. Thank you!

Snack Collection



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



*Healing Hearts
of Southeast Wisconsin*

April 20, 2024

Celebration of Hope Dinner

Western Lakes Country Club in Pewaukee

Tickets are \$100 per person with a dinner choice of Chicken Florentine or Porcini Mushroom Truffle Ravioli. The dinner, silent auction, raffle and balloon pop will benefit grieving children and their families. Festivities start at 5:00 pm with dinner and program at 6:30.



Sign up in the Happenings Center if you are interested.

May 5, 2024

**Waukesha Area Symphonic Band
Shattuck Hall, Carroll University
218 N. East Avenue, Waukesha**



Healing Hearts would like to invite you to a concert held by the Waukesha Area Symphonic Band. Titled "**North by Southwest**" with music of Canada and the Southwestern US. The cost of a ticket is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. If you are interested in a ticket, please email the office or contact Paul or Carol Becher.

Thank you.



Volunteer Opportunity

Friday, May 10th
5:00 - 7:00 pm

Salem will be serving a community meal at the Hope Center in Waukesha. This is a church wide intergenerational opportunity for both the youth and adults. We will be serving approximately 50-60 people.



The Tapestry Annual Benefit Gala is our spring flagship event. Tapestry recognizes each thread that our staff, board, clients, volunteers, donors, and community stakeholders bring to our programs; weaving a tapestry of compassion and intergenerational connections.

Thursday, April 25, 2024

BROOKFIELD
CONFERENCE CENTER

Registration is open until April 5th

\$150 for an individual, \$300 for a pair



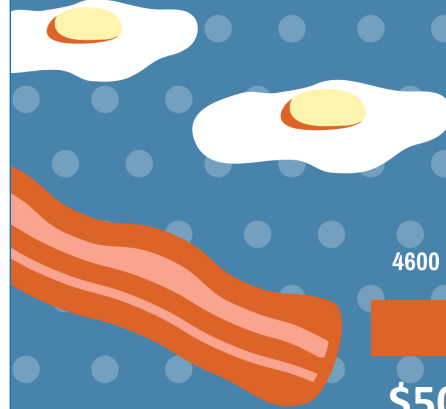
Please visit:

www.eras.org

For more information and to purchase tickets.

THE FOOD PANTRY'S

BREAKFAST CLUB



Join us for brunch on
May 18, 2024 | 10:00am
The Backyard at UNITY
4600 Pilgrim Road, Brookfield

SAVE THE DATE

\$50.00 a ticket

The FOOD Pantry's Breakfast Club

A scholar, an athlete, an artist, a musician - the possibilities for the future are endless for a child who has the support they need to be happy and healthy. The Breakfast Club is an opportunity to help each child in our community have the nutrition they need to succeed. This event will support The FOOD Pantry Serving Waukesha County's programs that provide our neighbors with foods like milk, eggs, cereal, and fruits - all the foods that give kids the energy to learn and grow!

The event will feature:

- A brunch buffet, served by Tuscan Hall with coffee provided by Inclusion Cafe.
- Live Jazz performed by the Dennis Klopfer trio.
- The Judy Cesarec Volunteer Award, honoring outstanding volunteer service.
- The R. David Helling Founder Award, honoring outstanding mission support.
- Fundraising activities to help further The FOOD Pantry's mission of providing food, hope, and dignity to our neighbors in need.

Please visit:

www.waukeshafoodpantry.org

For more information and to purchase tickets.

For questions, please contact Debbi Oswalt.



S.A.L.T / NEW PERSPECTIVE BINGO

Sunday, April 14 after church at 10:45

The Nurture Team will host lunch and Bingo for New Perspectives residents and the Salem S.A.L.T. (Senior Group) members. Come with an appetite and competitive spirit for a fun time!



Salem's Knitting ministry invites you to bless others with a wrap of love. If you know someone who needs the comfort of one of our hand knit blankets, feel free to take one. The love wraps are located on the counter (right side) in front of the Sanctuary. We ask that you please sign our book, so that we know who is being blessed. **Thanks!**

Church Directory Updates

An updated directory is located on the counter outside of the office. Please check to make sure all of your information is correct. Make corrections directly on the copy. If the information is correct, please initial so we know it was verified. **Thank you for your help!!!**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS



The Trustees are getting ready for Spring...

- Hiring a Lawn service to cut, trim, and weed our outdoor area.
- Improve our outdoor lighting and finish the landscaping from the remodeling and road construction.

Just a reminder ants are still in the kitchen.

Please do not leave any food on the floor.

A Special Thank You...

- Dave Pauly for caulking the roof in some areas the leak issue seems to be under control now and placing the rocks to save the lawn.
- Dave Pauly & Jim Seegers for repairing the cement at the three entrances
- Dave Pauly & Doug McGrath for setting the clocks ahead for Daylight Savings Time.



When storing leftovers in the Church Refrigerator, please label with contents and date. Label FREE, if it is okay for anyone to use.



New Perspectives has a concern about people driving **TOO FAST** in the back parking lot that connects to Salem. We ask that you please **SLOW DOWN**.

IN LOVING MEMORY



A Celebration of Life Service for **Jo Ann Hauenstine** will be held on Thurs, March 28th at Salem. Visitation 9:30 -11:30 am Service 12:00 pm Luncheon 1:00 pm



A Celebration of Life Service for **Bill Young** will be held on Friday, April 5th at Salem. Visitation 9:00 -11:00 am Service 11:00 am