

Salem United Methodist Church

May 2024



Thoughts from Pastor Paola...

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.
Romans 12:21

We live in a hurting world, filled with hatred and violence. Once again we are witnessing the escalation of the conflict in the Middle East with so much pain and suffering striking not just the military but civilians including children

Philippe Lazzarini, Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East said: "This war is a war on children. It is a war on their childhood and their future," about 13,000 children have been killed in the last months in Gaza since last October Hamas attack to Israeli civilians.

Tensions over the war in Gaza are escalating on U.S. college campuses and everywhere around the world.

How does all of this impact our being followers of Jesus?

Jesus was very aware there is evil in the world. He called it and condemned it. We cannot live in our little bubble pretending nothing is happening.

Violence, brutality, and evil are very complex and enter into power, systems, and human hearts, including mine. It is beyond any of our personal ability to control and has been going on forever spreading over other countries and creating layers of complexity of hatred, suffering, injustice, displacement, and poverty.

To the government is giving the power of "Bearing the sword" (Romans 13:4) the ability to punish evildoers when needed. Nevertheless, the governments too often act unjustly adding more violence and tensions.

In the midst of the conflict that was happening at his time between Israel and the Roman empire, Jesus didn't join the violence, didn't cooperate, didn't try to take over, he firmly named injustice and evil but he loved all, no matter what was their part in the conflict.

Above all, we are called to love and to will good to people.

Jesus was not naïve. Yet, He knew the power of love is infinitely greater than the power of evil.

Please join me in praying for what is happening in the Middle East and for all those who are grieving, starving, and hurting.

Also, let's find concrete ways to help and bring to relief suffering in the Middle East and in the world. <https://advance.umcmmission.org/p-641-umcor-international-disaster-response-and-recovery.aspx>.

And as we act and pray, let's remember that the hope of our world doesn't lie in politics or military strength. The ultimate hope rests in love and forgiveness. This and only this is what has the power to redeem our humanity.

Blessings,
Pastor Paola



April 7th – May 12th

Sunday, May 5th Communion

Why is it so hard to understand God's purpose for my life?

Jeremiah 1:4-10

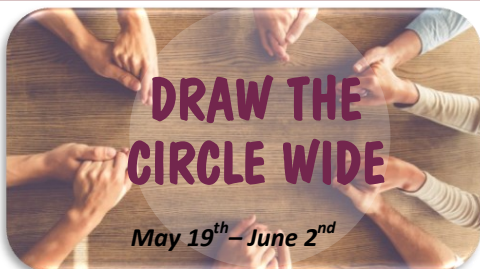


Lucia Catherine Tyriver



Standalone Sunday, May 12th Mother's Day

Praise Fest is coming on Mother's Day May 12th, a day to celebrate mothers and praising God through music. Windy Hills Brass group will be playing along with the Bell choir, our Recorder group, the Adult choir will sing, hymns will be sung, we will have flutes playing, saxophone and more! Come and celebrate with us on this 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

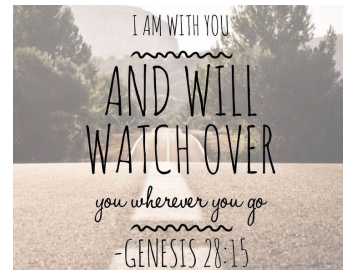
Galatians 3:28-29

Sunday, June 2nd - Communion

Dream large dream Christ dream

The Mission/The Vision

Ephesians 3:20



Stand Alone Sunday - June 9th

"God Be With Me"

Genesis 28:10-15

Led by Maggie Bringa



Pastor Paola will be at the Annual Conference June 7th - 9th



From Generation to Generation:

Blessed – Bless - Blessing

I will bless you so that you will be a blessing.

(Genesis 12:2) **With this promise of blessing, God started the journey of His people. Let's discover together how we can pass on God's blessings from one generation to the next.**

Sunday, June 16th Father's Day

My Father's Blessings

Genesis 12:1-2; Genesis 49:26



Sunday, June 23rd

Blessing Youth who Worry and are Anxious

Joshua 1:1-7; Philippians 4:6-7

Sunday, June 30th Recognition of Graduates

Blessing Our Children

Luke 2:41-52



Sunday, July 7th Communion

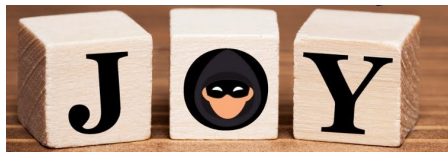
Blessings from Spiritual Grandparents

Luke 2:22-40

Sunday, July 14th

Bless My Parents

Ruth 1:15-18; Exodus 20:12



STEALERS

Walk with us through the sermon of the Mountain as Jesus shows us the way to free our souls from the enemies that steal joy and hope from our lives.

Sunday, July 21st

Anger, Grievance, and Resentment

Matthew 5:21-26

Sunday, July 28th

Lust and Temptations

Matthew 5:27-30

Sunday, August 4th Communion

Dishonesty and Lies

Matthew 5:33-37

Sunday, August 11th

Revenge and Unforgiveness

Matthew 5:38-48

Sunday, August 18th

Greed and Hoard

Matthew 6:18-21



Stand Alone
Sundays

With Pastor Pete Peterson

Sunday, August 25th

Sunday, September 1st Communion



Chapel Service
Next Door

May 15, 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: June 19th and July 17th



A special thanks to
Susie for playing the piano,
Dave for playing the flute,
and **Rick** for leading the singing.



May Choir Schedule

Practice

May 5th at 8:30 am

May 12th at 8:30 am

May 26th at 8:30 am

We will be singing on:

May 5th

May 12th - Praise Fest

May 26th - Pop Up Choir



PopUp
CHOIR



We will be having a pop-up choir on

Sunday, May 26th

We would LOVE to have you join us.



HANDBELL
CHOIR

Thank you to all who have participated in Handbells this past year. Our last practice will be **Wednesday May 8th at 6:30 pm**. Our final performance will be during Praise Fest on May 12th. We will start back up in the fall.

For more information contact Brenda Lindsay.



Summer Camp 2024

Camp offerings
can be found in the
Happening Center



A Big thank you to Sharon Seegers and her family for all their help with the Easter Celebration!! Thank you to everyone who donated prizes, your kindness and generosity does not go unnoticed. Special thank you to the Easter bunny.



If you are a 3rd grader please let Mary Jo know when is a good date in June for our Sunday School students to receive their Bibles.

Volunteers needed...

Mary Jo will not be available any Sundays in July. We need someone to teach a special Sunday school class.

From Mary Jo...A special Thank You to Bill Pardoe. He has helped me brainstorm Sunday School lessons and the technology as well. Bill has faithfully guided youth here at Salem for many years, and shared that guidance with me. Good luck to you and Sandy and God Bless.

Thank you to the Padgett family for the donations in the nursery.

♥ HOSPITALITY ♥ **GREETERS AND FELLOWSHIP SNACKS**

We have a need for Greeters AND Fellowship Snacks in the month of May. Please check out the sign up sheets by the snack bar and the Happenings Center.

Thank you!!!!

BAKE SALE



Fundraiser for Casa Mia in Italy

Join us **Sun, May 5th** during refreshment time. We will have a variety of baked goods available for your enjoyment. We will be taking a Free Will offering and 100% of all Funds will benefit the children of Casa Mia (low income children center in Italy) to purchase material for this year's summer camp.



We already have 3 get togethers planned.
A big thanks you the hosts.

Sunday, June 23rd at 2 PM

Hosted by Jeff and Barb Seeboth

W298 N2778 Shady Lane
Pewaukee, WI 53072

Friday, July 19th at 5PM

Hosted by Ed and Betty Padgett

S57 W22641 Woodside Court
Waukesha, WI 53189

Sunday, August 11th at 5PM

Hosted by Cory and Laurie Buxengard

W184 S8961 Racine Avenue
Muskego, WI 53150

More details to come regarding each outing. We hoping to have 2 more get togethers. If you are interested in hosting please contact Pastor Paola.
Thank you.



Ingathering at Annual Conference 2024

Salem will again support the WI Conference Ingathering with **monetary donations** to be used for items in **Personal Dignity Kits**. Midwest Distribution Center will send the kits to those in need throughout the US and around the world.

Personal Dignity Kits will contain a hand towel, washcloth, toothbrush, bar soap, shampoo, deodorant and lotion. Kits are valued at \$15.00 each, **but the contents of each kit are priceless to the recipients.**

Contributions will be received until May 27th. Indicate "Ingathering" in the memo of a check or on a note if donating with cash. Both can go in the offering plate. Thanks.

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.

 *Healing Hearts
of Southeast Wisconsin*



USPS Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

Saturday, May 11th

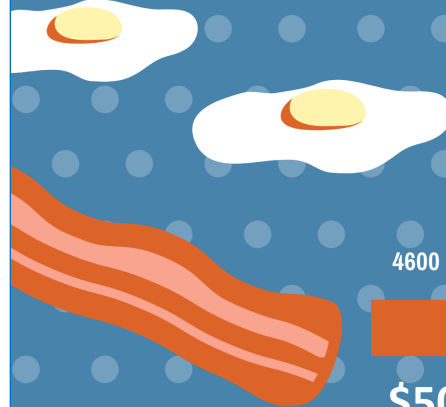
Volunteers Needed!

Brookfield or Waukesha Post Office

Please contact Debbi Oswalt for information.

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.



Thanks so much to everyone who has signed up to serve a meal at the Hope Center on Friday, May 10th.

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.

Summer time is Temba time!



The Outreach Committee will have our ANNUAL 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!



Thank you so much for all the cards, prayers and support received during the last few weeks of Bill's life as well as after his death. It is wonderful to have the prayers and support of our Salem family. -Harriet Young

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

Trustees are still working with Lines & Signs to make our outdoor lighting better. Hoping to be done just in time for Summertime.

No more ants have been reported in the building. Please continue to keep areas free of food.

Caryn is looking for people to practice dartball. Will be holding practices a couple of times this summer in Fellowship Hall. This is a GREAT time to try out and see what dart ball is all about. Plus you might get to know some other church people while having fun.

Jim Seegers is going to finish the landscape at the end of April. We are looking for people to help with some raking.

YOU ARE APPRECIATED...

This church is functioning because of YOU!

- Thank you to Jim Seegers for welding a shield to the front light. This should take care of the issue with light shining by New Perspective and the Church Parking Lot.
- Thank you to Dave Pauly for putting down grass seed and straw around the rocks and the damaged areas getting us ready for spring. Thank you for the hard work on the roof, there were no leaks in the recent heavy rains. 1st time ever that there was no rain in Church.
- Thanks to Dave Pauly & Jim Seegers for clearing the Buckthorn and the Parking Lot culvert. The drain parking lot looks like water is finally draining.
- Thanks to Dave Pauly & Jeff Seebboth for filling all of the cracks on the driveway.
- Thank you to Doug McGrath for dealing with issues with the boiler.
- Thank you to the Sherrie Kellogg for the donation of new coffee makers.
- Thank you to Ed and Betty Padgett for installing and decorating the new Bulletin Boards in the Fellowship Hall.

Getting to know our Members...



We welcomed the following members in September 2023



Brandon and Leah Fong – Kaiya – Brandon and Leah are native Wisconsinites; both having lived in areas close to Waukesha. Leah has been a nanny for 4 ½ years, most of that time with one family. She enjoys reading, being with friends and family and doing her own nails. Brandon is an entrepreneur and host of the Beyond Curious podcast. He enjoys spike ball, and billiards. As a couple they love to play board games and spending time with their new baby, Kaiya.



Wayne Haws – Wayne farmed in Manitowoc, was in the Army for 3 years, and worked on electronic assembly and repair. He loved playing tennis and volleyball and now enjoys watching many different sports events. Wayne has a son and daughter and 6 grandchildren.



Steve Stachowicz - Steve's mother was a long-time member of Salem. He remembers being in a Scout troop sponsored by Salem back in the day. He now works for Wenthe-Davidson, a metal fabricator, and makes housing for electric motors. He enjoys outdoor events, helping the elderly, and writing science fiction stories.

We welcomed the following members in January 2023



Jim and Sherrie Kellogg – Both of the Kelloggs worked in the insurance business. They have one daughter and 3 grandchildren. Jim is an avid golfer and Sherrie loves horses! They both enjoy get aways to AZ. Sherrie is our new funeral lunch coordinator!



Ramona Liegel - Ramona is back in Waukesha after living in Elcho. She raised three children here and worked part-time in the banking business. She loved her travels to China, Japan and England. Her family is now enhanced by 7 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren



Pete and Joy Peterson – Joy is a part-time ultrasonographer and full-time wife to Pete. She enjoys all aspects of music and has been a church musician for 45 years. Joy comes to us from Gethsemane Church in Pewaukee where Pete retired from the pastorate. They both enjoy adventures in their camper.

We welcomed the following members in October 2022



Betty Buzard – Betty was born in TX, then moved to New Jersey as a child. While there, she was a registered nurse and raised 3 children. She now has 7 grandchildren. She really especially enjoys the activities at New Perspectives and Salem.



Marilyn G. Nelson – Originally from Illinois, Marilyn has lived in France, Calif. and 3 mid-western states while her husband was in the Navy. While last stationed in Racine, she worked for Tenneco Automotive retiring as the Manager of the Catalog and Labeling dept. She enjoys, knitting, other handwork, reading, and being close to her daughter, Michelle



Jim Newman – Jim, who came from PA, was later stationed in the Air Force at Mitchell Field. He was a school bus driver for fifty years! His wife often remarked that they should visit Salem. When she passed away, Jim moved to New Perspectives and joined Salem.



Dolores Wuttke – Dolores and her late husband owned a CPA Business in New Berlin. Upon retiring, she traveled around the world with Vagabond Tours, visiting China, India, Australia and other countries. Dolores is a very avid reader.

