

# Salem United Methodist Church

June/July 2024



## *Thoughts from Pastor Paola...*

*"Why were you searching for Me?"* Jesus asked his parents.

*"Didn't you know that I had to be in My Father's house?"* Luke 2:49

This is what preteen Jesus said to his worried sick parents who had been looking for him for days and they finally found him in the temple. Even though it is Jesus speaking, I can't help but hear in his words a teenager's attitude very familiar to all parents.

Nevertheless, Jesus was also explaining to them something about his identity: He was at home with the Father and the temple was the physical place where he belonged.

This is what church is about, the physical place where we can be at home with God. Of course, there are many other places where we feel at home with the Father, (in our hearts, in nature, with people we love...). Nevertheless, when we are at church something special happens: together we become the body of Christ, different people with different views of the world, different journeys, and different social backgrounds united in Christ. Our differences are not something we have to deal with and endure. Our differences are actually where we find God. This is the explosive Good News of Pentecost, God's dream for humanity: a community where everyone is accepted and welcome, where differences are a gift, and where everyone feels safe. This is the Father's House.

This is what we continually strive to be at Salem: a place where many different people can find God. A place that is safe. A place where everyone is welcome and walls of division come down. This can become a challenge at times as we all have a natural attraction toward people like us and a fear of diversity. As challenging as that may be at times, remember it is in the differences that we find God. We have a calling to make Salem a place where everyone can experience the Father's house.

We come together in fellowship, prayer, worship, celebration, service, generosity, and spiritual growth. We rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. (Romans 12:15).

I am sure in your own family, among friends and neighbors there are people who have a hunger for love, God and community but they are not sure where to find it. Invite them to come to worship with you.

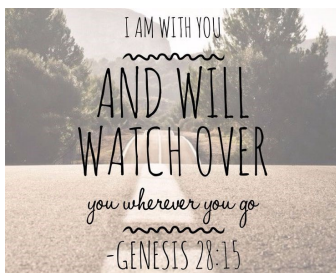
They may find at Salem the Home they have been yearning for.

As you can read in this Tidings, Salem is not closing for summer. We will have a summer filled with new worship series, mission, outreach, and opportunities for service and fellowship.

I'll see you in church.

Blessings,

Pastor Paola



**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 16<sup>th</sup> Father's Day**

**My Father's Blessings**

Genesis 12:1-2; Genesis 49:26



**From Generation to Generation:**

**Blessed – Bless - Blessing**

**Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Blessing Youth who Worry and are Anxious**

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

**Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Recognition of Graduates**

**Blessing Our Children**

Luke 2:41-52



**Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> Communion**

**Blessings from Spiritual Grandparents**

Luke 2:22-40

**Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**

**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 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Anger, Grievance, and Resentment**

Matthew 5:21-26

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**Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>**

**STAND ALONE**

Reverend Michelle Lacock

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**Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> Communion**

**Dishonesty and Lies**

Matthew 5:33-37

**Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Revenge and Unforgiveness**

Matthew 5:38-48

**Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Greed and Hoard**

Matthew 6:18-21



**With Pastor Pete Peterson**

**Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup> Communion**



Please hold our delegate  
Bonnie Wojcik and  
Pastor Paola in your  
prayers as they head to  
the Annual Conference  
June 7th to June 9th.



## Chapel Service Next Door

**June 19th, 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 service: July 17th**

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



*Lucia Catherine Tyrriver*  
baptized 5/5/2024



PopUp  
**CHOIR**



We will be having a pop-up choir on

**Sunday, July 28th**



We would LOVE to have you join us.



If you are interested in sharing your musical talent this summer we have openings during the summer. If you are interested, please let us know. Michelle at [mlacock54@gmail.com](mailto:mlacock54@gmail.com) or Kari @ [office@salemonthehill.org](mailto:office@salemonthehill.org). We would love for you to join us.



## Summer Camp 2024

Camp offerings  
can be found in the  
Happening Center



**Join us for Vacation Bible School**

**Sunday, August 11th**

**10:30 am to 12:30 pm**

We will start with lunch after church followed by fun music, awesome crafts, and games. Pencil the date in your calendar and invite friends. All ages are welcome.

Registration forms will be soon available

*VBS will be led by the youth and adults from last summers mission trip to Italy.*

**ASK**

the **PASTOR**

"Biblical Answers For Today's Tough Questions"

Is there a scripture you find hard or problematic? Do you want to know more about a controversial issue? Is there a theological theme you would like to explore in depth? Do you struggle to understand part of the Christian faith? Well, you are in luck. Please write your questions and put them in the **Ask the Pastor Box**, starting Sunday, June 2nd until June 19th. Pastor Paola will answer them in worship or during a special group meeting.



Undie Sundays will begin Sept 9th through Sept 29th. We will be collecting new underwear & socks for the men, women and children in our community, through the Hope Center, who have a need for these basics. 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?



## Snack Collection



## Hadfield School Snack Collection and Grant Expenditures

**Thank you**, Salem for your continued support of our snack collection for Hadfield Elementary School. Another 136 snacks were delivered to Hadfield School, making our **total donation 2,573** for the 2023-2024 school year.

We will be suspending the snack collection for the summer months.

We had \$1,665 from the 2024 WUMF grant available for Hadfield School. After speaking with them, the Outreach team decided to purchase requested school supplies for 25 classrooms for fall. They were delivered in May, as they were excited to receive them now. We will contact them in late summer for any other supplies that they may need. We have \$1,050.91 remaining from the grant which must be spent before the end of December. When the delivery was made, Hadfield said it was like "Christmas in July" except of course, it was May. They expressed their gratitude to Salem for all we have done.



### **THANK YOU SUNDAY**

**Save the Date**  
**Sunday, June 9th**

The Outreach Ministry Team will be providing sundaes for everyone in gratitude for the congregation's generous giving for all of the outreach events this year. Salem is amazing!

Thank you all for your generosity throughout the year!



**Year Round Storage**  
**Undie Sundays**  
**Christmas Toy Drive**



If you are a bargain shopper or just like to buy year round for items for Undie Sunday and the Christmas Toy Drive, we now have a place to store your donations at Salem until the fundraising event. Please bring your items to the office and we will store them for you.

**THANK YOU!!!!!!**

## **Outreach Pie Sale on August 4<sup>th</sup> - Temba & Mujila Falls**



For over 40 years Salem has shown support for Mujila Falls Agriculture Center in Zambia, Africa. Every year we have committed to provide money for our missionary's salary as do numerous other churches in WI and the mid-west. We also have had yearly fund-raisers to help with anything necessary to continue the purpose of Mujila Falls which is, to put it briefly, "To help people help themselves with dignity." The Center creates employment opportunities, contributes to rural development, has started a primary school and is establishing a vocational college

among a myriad of other things. Through the years, Salem has contributed money for many diverse projects including money for concrete to build a chicken house, baby chicks, chicken feed, power tools, and tilapia for new fish ponds. Several years ago, we raised enough money for a dormitory to be built which houses visitors to the Center including Peace Corps workers who get an introduction to life in Africa, and students desiring to have a future in agriculture. We were so honored when Temba announced the dorm would be called Salem House! Once the dorm was built, we provided funds to furnish it; beds, tables, chairs, sofas, etc. Last year we donated money for the start of an orchard around the dorm. The primary school started



last year with a first grade of 50 students with some children having to be turned away. That is why this year another classroom will be started and needs to be furnished. Ideally, if enough funds are raised, a new well can be dug for the school also. So, as we start thinking about "Back to School", remember the Outreach Pie Sale on Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>! Let's help the students at Mujila Falls have a positive learning experience in a completely furnished classroom!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

## Getting to know more of our Members...

We welcomed the following members in September 2023



**Amanda and Patrick Rogers** – Amanda moved here from Chicago, IL and Patrick from Kansas. With very busy jobs as a pediatrician and Safety Manager, they don't have much free time. When they get a break, they love reading with their children **Maura** and **Logan** or playing with the family dog. Patrick is a big fan of Jiu jitsu.

We welcomed the following members in January 2023



**Kristin and Brian Hintze** – About 10 years ago Brian and Kristin moved to New Berlin from Milwaukee. They own Silver Lining Property Restoration, specializing in insurance work. Their three children, **Isley**, **Illyana** and **Kara** keep them busy with sports and other activities. Two dogs are also part of their family. They are big fans of the Milwaukee Brewers and the Bucks. They both love to play card and board games, bowl, have campfires and travel when they can.

**Julie Vang and son Franklin** – Julie works with numbers in the operations dept. of a parking company. She is a real homebody, enjoying good books and a great nap when possible! Franklin, who will turn 16 this summer has logged in 10 hours of driving and hopes to get his license this summer or early fall.



Sign up sheets are available in the Happening Center. Please plan on signing up for 1 gathering.  
**Thank you.**

**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

**A big thanks to the hosts.**

*Fellowship Snacks*



**HOSPITALITY**



**NEEDS:** Greeters AND Fellowship Snacks during the summer months. Please check out the sign up sheets by the snack bar and the Happenings Center. **Thank you!!!!**



*Congratulations*

**ELLA LOPPNOW**

*Prom Queen*

**Tidings**  
**NEWSLETTER**

There will not be a Tidings in July. The August Tidings will be sent during the last week in July. Deadline for submissions is July 23rd.

Hello ladies,

Good news! Women in the Middle will be starting up again this Summer . We will be meeting at Pastor Paola's house for 3 Tuesdays.



We will start at 6:00pm, have a meal together and then get to know each other a little better and have our discussion afterwards. Paola and Joan Callen will provide dinner the first week and people can sign up to bring meals for the other 2 weeks.

This session we will again be discussing the book The Gift of Years by Joan Chittister. Joan Chittister is a celebrated spiritual writer. She encourages us to cherish the blessings of this special period of our lives.

The book is broken down into several very short chapters and we will only be discussing a few of them this session. The schedule is as follows:

7/30: Fulfillment

8/6: Relationships

8/13: Success

Again, the book is available on Amazon but please feel free to come regardless if you choose not to get the book or haven't done the reading. I'm sure we will have plenty to discuss. While we would love it if you could all attend all 3 dates, please come even if you can only attend 1 or 2. We would love to have you.

Please let the church office know if you are able to come. Looking forward to us all getting together.

# THANK YOU

**Thank you Bob Teschner!**

Bob Teschner has again conducted a complete audit of all of Salem's financial activity and accounts for 2023. His attention to detail and in depth review is much appreciated, this is no small effort! Thank you Bob!

-Salem Finance Team

## News from the Trustees...

The Trustees have accomplished so much in the last couple of months that they felt they would not need to meet until September. (Except for an emergency. )

Signs & Lines cleaned the light bulbs to see if this will improve the outside lighting.



*We are so blessed to have such a willing and talented bunch of people in the trustees.*

## With Much Thanks and Gratitude to...

**Dave Pauly** put down the grass seed & straw around the damaged areas.

**Jim Seegers** for getting and spreading dirt for the landscaping project. This saved the church a lot of money.

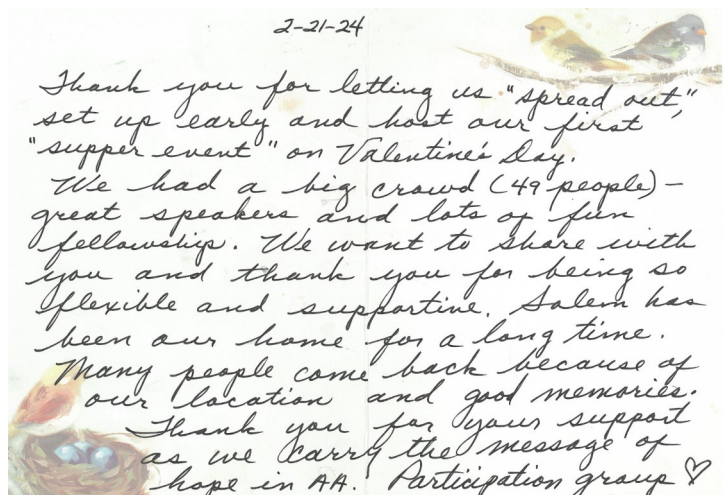
**Jim Seegers, Caryn Adair, & Rob Roszkoski** for laying netting for the new grass that was planted on the sides.

**Dave Pauly, Caryn Adair, Doug & Cathy McGrath, & Pastor Paola** for helping to clean up the homeless encampment area.

**Dave Pauly** for putting no-trespassing and no unauthorized use signs.

**Dave Pauly, Caryn Adair, Jim Seegers, and Jeff Seebboth** for patching the cracks in the driveway and parking lot.

**Tyler Adair** for repairing the shield for the light in front to help with the light issue.







Our Salem Knitting Group is taking a summer break and will resume in the Fall. Thanks so much for all the wonderful work you have done that is bringing love and healing to many.



Looking ahead...**Intergenerational Fall Kickoff**  
**Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup>** after church

Picnic, games, crafts outdoor in the open space between church and New Perspective.

# GRADUATION sunday

Graduation recognition will be Sun, June 30th. If you have a graduate in your family please let us know. We would love to have her or him as part of our graduation Sunday.

## High School Graduates:

Zach Buxengard,  
Connor VandeYacht,  
Alyssa and Callie Buczek



## College Graduate:

Liz Scrima

*Educational Specialist Degree in School Psychology*

*Congratulations Graduates!!!!*



On Sun, June 23 there will be a special session at 10:30 am for an update on the General Conference and Annual Conference. Special attention will be dedicated to changes in the book of disciplines related to Human sexuality.



## Lectionary Reading for June and July



### June 2

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
2 Corinthians 4:5-12  
Mark 2:23-3:6

### June 9

1 Samuel 8:4-20; 11:14-15  
Psalm 138  
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1  
Mark 3:20-35

### June 16

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13  
Psalm 20  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10,  
(11-13), 14-17  
Mark 4:26-34

### June 23

1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49  
Psalm 9:9-20  
2 Corinthians 6:1-13  
Mark 4:35-41

### June 30

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27  
Psalm 130  
2 Corinthians 8:7-15  
Mark 5:21-43

### July 7

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10  
Psalm 48  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10  
Mark 6:1-13

### July 14

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19  
Psalm 24  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 6:14-29

### July 21

2 Samuel 7:1-14a  
Psalm 89:20-37  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

### July 28

2 Samuel 11:1-15  
Psalm 14  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
John 6:1-21