

Salem United Methodist Church

October 2024

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Thoughts from Pastor Paola...

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So they can be responsible for the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the cattle, And, yes, Earth itself, and every animal that moves on the face of Earth."

God created human beings; he created them godlike, Reflecting God's nature

He created them male and female. God blessed them:

"Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge! Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air, for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth."

God looked over everything he had made; it was so good, so very good!

Genesis 1:26-28;31 (The Message)

We were made to count. God made us to reflect His image. He made us to love, care for each other, and be good stewards of His creation. He made us to grow and bear fruits. He made us to work and be creative with the gifts we have. He made us use our talents, time, energy, passion, and money so that our life makes a difference in this world. We are made to count and become God's co-workers in His Kingdom.

I remember well my paternal grandmother's living room. The door was always closed so that no grandchildren or dust or any living thing would get in there. She worked hard to buy the furniture and didn't want anything or anyone to ruin it. As a kid I was afraid to go in that room, I knew I would get in trouble if Nonna would find me there. After Nonna passed away I was an adult then, I remember entering her untouched living room, looking around and thinking: *what a waste! We could have had parties and a great time in this beautiful room! Now it is too late.*

What we have, all we are, and what we own are beautiful gifts. We may have worked hard to grow them, but it is God who created us and empowered us with abilities, talents, and energies so we have these gifts. When we don't use them because of fear, or because we want to save them and store them up, we actually waste them. When we realize that it may be too late.

During the month of October, we will learn how we were made to count and how to trust God and step into the reality of His Kingdom.

We will find out how Jesus teaches us how to invest and grow the talents God gave us.

We will receive some messages from leaders in our community who will share how Salem's generosity has been making an incredible impact on many people's lives.

On Sunday, October 20th Stewardship Sunday, we will be given the opportunity to pledge our 2025 financial gift to Salem, consecrate those pledges to God, and celebrate them after the service.

You are made to count all your life from birth to the very end. When we use our gifts with generous spirit we become part of God's Kingdom.

Can't wait!

Blessings,
Pastor Paola



What gives you hope these days?

As our country is getting closer to another presidential election, we are again facing concerns about how our future will look like.

Meanwhile, at all levels, we are dealing with discouragement and uncertainty.

Let's learn together from some of the Old Testament stories how faith restores true hope in our lives.

Sunday, Sept 29 - The Story of Ruth:

More Powerful Than Perseverance - Book of Ruth
Message by Lay Speaker Bonnie Wojcik



STAND ALONE

Sunday, November 3

All Saints Day

During the service, we will be blessed and enhanced by New Horizons Brass band directed by Craig H. Hurst. They will play several pieces related to All Saints Sunday.



When we generously give our money, time, and talents, our lives blossom and make a difference. In return, we find joy and purpose.

Join us as we discover how we are made to count through stewardship.

Sunday, Oct 6 - Stewardship Campaign

Fall Harvest Fest

Made to Count by Living Fully

Matthew 19:16-22

Sunday, Oct 13 - Stewardship Campaign

Budget 2025 presentation Kermit Bohning

Made to Count by Investing Wisely

Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday, Oct 20 - Stewardship Sunday

Made to Count by Making a Difference

Matthew 25:34-40



Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit

November 10th - November 24th

Often we struggle to understand the role of the Holy Spirit in our faith life. In truth, the Holy Spirit can become an incredible source of power if we open up to it. Let us discover what the

Holy Spirit is and how we can be empowered by it.

Sunday, November 10

The Life Giver

John 3:1-8

Sunday, November 17

The Comforter

John 14:25-27

Sunday, November 24

The Equipper

1 Corinthians 12:4-14



STAND ALONE SERVICE

Sunday, October 27

Who Are We

The Heart, Faith, and Character of the United Methodist Church

This Christmas Season...



This Advent we are invited to welcome Jesus into our lives by receiving the words of the angels in the Christmas story and recognizing the angels in our lives.

December 1st 1st Sunday of Advent - Hear Communion

An Angel Visits Zechariah - Luke 1:5-24;57-66

December 8th 2nd Sunday of Advent - Believe

The Angel Sent to Mary - Luke 1:26-38

December 15th 3rd Sunday of Advent - Accept

Worship led by Children and Youth

December 22nd 4th Sunday of Advent - Obey

An Angel Appears to Joseph - Matthew 1:18-25

December 24th Christmas Eve – Candle lighting

4:00 pm – Welcome

An Angel Appears to the Shepherds - Luke 2:1-20



December 29th

First Sunday After Christmas

Carols service



January 5th Epiphany Sunday - Protect Communion

Angel comes to Joseph - Luke 2:1-15



Chapel Service
Next Door

October 23, 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.

Future services: Nov 20th and Dec 18

*A special thanks to **Susie** for playing the piano, **Dave** for playing flute, and **Bill** for prep & planning.*



Bells practice at 6:30 pm every Wednesday

Please contact Brenda Lindsay (262) 894-0644 if you'd like to join the bells. You do not need to read music to play bells just be able to count up to 4!



Choir practice on Sunday Mornings

See calendar for times

If interested in choir, please contact Rev. Dr. Michelle Oberwise Lacock (630) 336-2317. We'd love to have you sing with us and Michelle is happy to teach you how to read the music line that fits your voice!
Come one and all and make a joyful noise!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please join us for Sunday School after Children's Time. Our October teaching schedule:

October 6th **Communion Sunday**

Children are welcome to stay in church for service and communion. Busy bags will be available with sermon themed activities.

October 13 Mrs. Martin will teach

October 20 Mrs. Seegers will teach

October 27 Mrs. Martin will teach



Meet me at the *Pumpkin Patch!*
Fundraiser
Sunday, September 29th

Pumpkins and Gourds
While supply lasts!

Proceeds go to our
Outreach Projects



Join us for an **ALL CHURCH Fall Harvest Fest** during our regular refreshment time in **Fellowship Hall**.

We will be having Chili Dogs, Hot Dogs, Chips, Caramel Apples and Rice Krispie Treats. Join us for Pass the Pigs game during refreshment time.

Sunday, October 6th

A sign-up sheet is available in the Happening Center with items we need.

If you have any questions see Sharon Seegers or Mary Jo Martin



Fall Get Together

Salem's **Women in the Middle** will be starting up again soon. We will continue to discuss Joan Chittister's book, *The Gift of Years*. The book is broken down into very short chapters and it is not necessary to have read the book to participate. We will have plenty to discuss. While it would be great if you could attend all 3 sessions, please feel free come if you can only attend 1 or 2.

We will meet from 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Thursday, October 3rd at Caryn Adair's Home
Weather permitting, we plan on meeting outside around a fire.

Please bring a simple appetizer of your choice.
Discussion: Possibility

Thursday October 10 at Pastor Paola's Home
Discussion: Spirituality

Thursday October 17 at Pastor Paola's Home
Discussion: Faith

Please email office@salemsonthehill.org with any questions.



Winter Retreat at Siena

February 7th to February 8th

Leader: Chris Taylor

Reminder! The Women in the Middle retreat is again scheduled at Siena Retreat Center in Racine. **We will meet from 6pm Friday**

February 7 to 4:30pm Saturday February 8.

Please contact the church office at your earliest opportunity to let us know if you plan on attending as space is limited. Final participant cost will be available soon.



Hadfield School Support

Hadfield School recently expressed a need for dry erase markers to supplement their new reading and phonics program. Through grant money from United Methodist Wisconsin Conference, Salem was able to deliver a pack of 24 dry erase markers for each classroom. A great way to launch a new school year! See letter below from Hadfield Elementary School. Thank you SALEM!!!!!!

HADFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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September 11, 2024

Pastor Benecchi
Salem United Methodist Church
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Waukesha, WI 53186

Pastor Benecchi,

On behalf of Hadfield School, I would like to thank you and your congregation for the very generous donation of school supplies and snacks for our students.

A special shout out to Paul and Carol Becker for organizing the collection of EXPO markers. This donation has saved our families the huge expense of purchasing them. Thank you also to Mrs. Henderson for gathering the snacks to donate to our students all year long.

Hadfield School is just really blessed to have Salem United Methodist Church and all its members as one of our community partners.

Sincerely,

Lori Roth
Hadfield Secretary

Snack Collection

Proudly Serving Waukesha Since 1888



Snack collection for Hadfield Elementary School will continue throughout the school year! Please help us by bringing in healthy snacks, and placing them in the basket found at the Happening Center.



LAST WEEK FOR UNDIE SUNDAY

This is the last week that the Outreach Team is collecting underwear and socks for the Hope Center, which has been a tradition at Salem for years. The need is always great but this year more than ever with grocery prices so high.

If you have already donated, we thank you. If not, you may make a monetary donation today and Outreach will shop for you. Let's fill those bins at the Hope Center so that we can help provide a very basic need.



Dust off your bowling shoes and ball, and come join us for a fun afternoon of bowling for a great cause! Healing Hearts of Southeast Wisconsin has a bowling fundraiser on October 20th from 1-4 at Sunset Bowl. There will be prizes, a raffle, and fun for all ages. \$25 includes all you can bowl, shoes, pizza, and soda! We are hoping to have a team to represent Salem and have an afternoon of fellowship and fun. Please let Becky Henderson or know if you are interested. A sign up sheet will be in the Happenings Center. Thanks!

HEALING HEARTS OF SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN

BOWLING Fundraiser

Prizes Raffle *Fun for all ages*

SUNSET BOWL
333 W. Sunset Drive, Waukesha

Sunday October 20 2024	1:00 Registration begins
	2:00 - 4:00 All you can Bowl
Registration Fee: \$25 / person	
Includes: Bowling, Shoes, Pizza & Soda	
sign up at healingheartswisconsin.org or call 262-751-0874	



Thank you to everyone who helped with the Community Meal at the Hope Center on September 20th. Many people were blessed.



Healing Hearts Volunteer Opportunity

Mon, Nov 4th 5:00 - 6:30 pm



We have the opportunity to serve a meal to kids, families, and volunteers at *Healing Hearts* at First UMC Waukesha. This is a great opportunity for **ALL** ages to volunteer a few hours of your time or contribute to the meal. Thank you.

Sign up to serve and/or bring food!

Sign up at The Happenings Center coming soon!



Windy Hill Fundraising Music Concert
to benefit Healing Hearts
Salem United Methodist Church
Saturday, November 9th at 7 PM

On November 9th at 7:00 pm, the Windy Hill Handbells, Brass and Recorder Consort will be presenting a free concert.

A free will donation to benefit Healing Hearts on behalf of Salem UMC will be taken. This event is for all members of the family!! All are welcome and encouraged to attend.



A NOTE from your Outreach Com-

We would like to THANK YOU for supporting all the "causes" that we have presented to the congregation. Your support has been amazing! **The Meijer Simply Give food pantry campaign brought in \$780 (Meijer contribution brought the total up to \$2,340!).**

What you may not know is that Salem receives many other requests throughout the year from a variety of organizations. Too many for us to add to our current list. BUT maybe your workplace is looking for a community program to support. Your school? Your Club/Organization? Or just a family holiday donation. We would be happy to share some of the requests we have received.

Feel free to ask.



A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone who has signed up to be a greeter and has brought fellowship refreshments already this **FALL**. You are appreciated! A sign up sheet for greeting is located in the Happenings Center and on the snack counter for Fellowship Refreshments.

Looking ahead...



Christmas Clearing Council
of Waukesha County

Toy collection for the Christmas Clearing Council will begin On Sunday November 24th. The Christmas Clearing Council pairs families in need with organizations, individuals and families who buy Christmas presents for children. The collection ends on December 15th with the blessing of the toys during our worship service.



Blessing of the Toys



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!**

KWIK TRIP

"KWIK SALE"

"DOUBLE OUR PROFIT"

Cards For Sale

Use for gas or in the store
Sign up in narthex TODAY
Available October 6





WITH GRATITUDE from the Trustees...

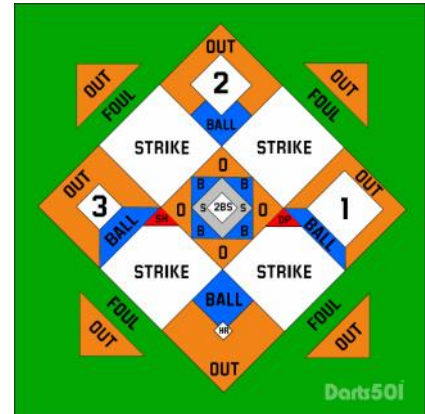
- ✂ Thank you to Bill Hauenstine and Kermit Bohning for all of the work they did in preparation for a new insurance company.
- ✂ Thank you to Jim Seegers for trimming the trees.
- ✂ Thank you to Dave Pauly for helping clean up and remove Buckthorns from our property.
- ✂ A special thank you to Sharon Seegers for all of the hard work she did on the Board of Trustees. We wish her many blessings as she works with the children here at Salem.

HELP NEEDED:

Dave Pauly will have his wood chipper at church **Monday, September 30th, Tuesday October 1st, and Wednesday October 2nd**, if you are able to help trim and chip, please come. Start time is **8:00 AM** for each day. Long sleeves, ear plugs, safety glasses, sturdy shoes, gloves, and drinking water are needed.

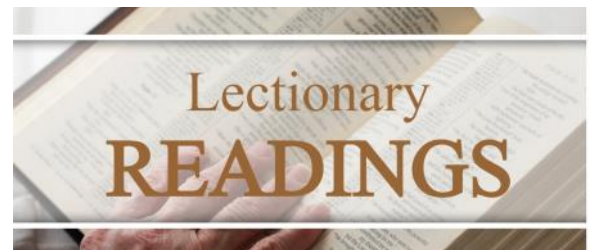


Please drive slowly in the both parking lots. Thank you!



DARTBALL will be starting soon. The schedule will be posted in the Happenings Center as soon as it is published. Games are held at Salem and other community churches on Tuesday nights. If you have any questions, please contact Doug Lindsay.

We would love to have you join us!



October 6

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

Psalm 26

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

October 20

Job 38:1-7 (34-41)

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

October 13

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Psalm 22:1-15

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

October 27

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

SALEM ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Tuesday, November 19th at 7 PM

Please add our **Annual Church Conference** on **November 19th** from **7 PM to 8 PM** to your calendar. During the conference we will be voting for the 2025 budget, Pastoral compensations, and leadership teams. Pastor Pete Peterson will be presiding. We hope to see you there.