

Salem United Methodist Church

November 2024

Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them space where change can take place.

Henri J.M. Nouwen

Thoughts from Pastor Paola...

Dear Salem family,

This is what I often hear from visitors who come to worship with us:
Salem is such a warm and hospitable place. It feels like home.

This is the best compliment for a community of people who follow Jesus. Hospitality is the foundation of the early Christian church. Jesus' followers opened their homes to anyone who needed to be fed in body and spirit. The Table of Communion is the symbol of how God welcomes in love and grace all who come to Him.

We have now the opportunity to grow in our spiritual gift of hospitality. Our brothers and sisters from Restauración, a United Methodist Hispanic ministry asked us to make their temporary home at Salem. They now worship at Watertown Methodist Church, but 80% of their congregation is actually from Waukesha. They need to travel an hour and a half for worship on Sunday. They are now a community of about 25 people. Their pastor, Carlos, and I had the opportunity to meet and get to know each other and grow in mutual trust and respect.

The bishop and the cabinet approved the relocation of Restauración Hispanic Ministry. The next step is for our congregation to approve a covenant between Salem and Restauración including all the details about the relocation. Salem's vote is part of the church conference agenda on Tuesday, November 19 at 7 PM. Restauración will hold worship in Spanish at noon every Sunday and a weekly Bible study on Thursday at 7 PM.

We will be able to welcome Restauración on Sunday, November 10 for a combined worship service.

Meanwhile, Salem's and Restauración's leaderships are working together to make sure all concerns are answered. If you have any questions, please email or call me. We will be glad to include your question in our discussion.

I believe welcoming Restauración into our building would be an incredible blessing. It not only allows us to grow in Jesus' call to Christian hospitality but also introduces changes and growth for both ministries. I cannot wait to see what the Lord will be doing at Salem as we open our doors to these new brothers and sisters.

Blessings,
Pastor Paola



STAND ALONE
Sunday, November 3
All Saints Day

On November 3rd, All Saints Sunday, we will have the SE Wisconsin New Horizons International Brass Band sharing their gifts of music. The band is part of the New Horizons International Music Association which is an organization devoted to providing musical experiences for older adults. The SE Wisconsin New Horizons Brass Band is an adjunct ensemble to the SE Wisconsin New Horizons Band. The brass rehearse Wednesdays at 9:30 am at Whitehouse of Music in Waukesha and perform throughout the year often as part of concerts by the band. They are under the direction of Craig Hurst. Come and join us that day as we celebrate the lives of those who have graced our lives and are now in the blessed presence of God.



**Living in the
Power of the
Holy Spirit**
Nov 10th - Nov 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 Equipper - 1 Corinthians 12:4-14
Combined service with Restauración

Sunday, November 17
The Comforter - John 14:25-27

Sunday, November 24
The Life Giver - John 3:1-8
We will have a Thanksgiving Celebration during refreshment time.

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

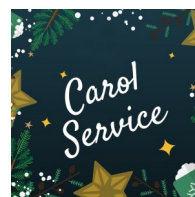
An Angel Visits Zechariah - Luke 1:5-24;57-66

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*

November 20, 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: Dec 18th and Jan 15th

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.

We play one Sunday a month.

You do not need to read music to play bells just
be able to count up to 4!

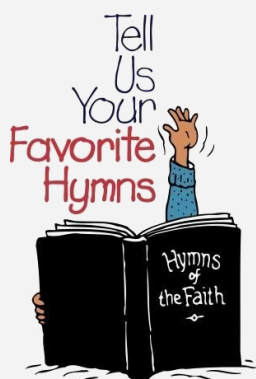
**Choir practice on
Sunday Mornings
See calendar for times**



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!

Select your favorite hymns

What is your favorite hymn?????
Let us know so that we can sing it during an
upcoming worship service.
There is a basket located on
the counter in front of the
sanctuary. Use the forms to
let us know the name of your
favorite hymn. Please include
the page number and hymnal.
We look forward to hearing
from you and learning what
you would like to sing!



CHILDREN'S *Sunday School*

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

November 3rd **Communion Sunday**

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

November 10th - Mrs. Seegers is teaching

November 17th - Mrs. Martin is teaching

November 24 - Mrs. Martin is teaching



Bible Presentation

Join us on **Sunday, November 17th** for the
Presentation of Bibles to
**Damian, Illyana, Logan,
Mason, Molly, and Owen**
during our worship service.

Santa Claus is coming to town...



**PANCAKES
WITH SANTA**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH | 10 AM



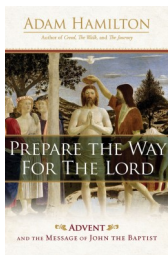
Please mark you calendars....
On Dec 15th, the Children and Youth will
help with our Worship Service and enjoy
pancakes with Santa in Fellowship Hall
after the service.



Order forms for Christmas Poinsettias will be available in the bulletin from 11/17 - 12/1. Simply put in the offering plate. They may be purchased to acknowledge someone, either in honor or in memory. You may take your plant home following the Christmas Eve service. Specific details to come.



Join us on Sunday, November 24th at 10:00 am for The Hanging of the Greens. Help us get the sanctuary, the church and yourselves ready for the Advent Season. Hope to see you there.



UPCOMING ADVENT CLASS

Meeting after worship
all 4 Sundays of Advent
(Dec 1 - Dec 22)
Prepare The Way of The Lord
by Adam Hamilton

Prepare to receive Christ this Advent with the message of John the Baptist and bestselling author and pastor Adam Hamilton in Prepare the Way for the Lord. In each of the Gospels, the story of Jesus is intertwined with that of his cousin John, the one whom the prophets foretold would come to "prepare the way of the Lord." When we hear the message of John the Baptist, it makes us and our world ready to receive Christ.

**A sign-up sheet will be in the Happenings Center.
Books will be available to order. Cost = \$14.00**

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Let us prepare for Christmas by reading the liturgy and lighting the Advent Wreath during worship. You can do it with family or friends



Sign Up in The Happenings Center in November

Christmas Giving at Salem



**Holiday Giving
2024**



It's not too early to start thinking of Christmas! Salem will be supporting **ERAS Holiday Giving Program** by collecting \$10 Pick n Save and Walmart gift cards, and books of stamps. The Holiday Giving program supports seniors, adults with disabilities and family caregivers in Waukesha and Milwaukee Counties.



Christmas Clearing Council
of Waukesha County



We will also be collecting toys and gift cards for the **Christmas Clearing Council**. Donations of new toys, books and other gifts for children birth to 11 are welcome. Children 12-18 will receive gift cards: Target, Walmart, Ulta, Sephora, Bath and Body Works, TJ Maxx, Kohls etc. in the amounts of \$10, \$15, or \$25 are welcome.



Blessing of the Toys

**Help Us Help Them Celebrate the Season of Joy!
Thank you!**



Healing Hearts is an organization that offers grief support groups to children, youth, and families who grieve loss due to death, divorce, addiction, incarceration, deportation, or military deployment.

Upcoming events:

Nov 4th: Outreach meal

Nov 9th: Windy Hill Orchestra Fundraiser

Nov 10th: Waukesha Area Symphonic Band

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.



Waukesha Area Symphonic Band led by Music Director James Ripley is holding a concert to benefit Healing Hearts of Waukesha County and Positively Pewaukee

Date: Sunday, November 10, 2024

Time: 3:00 PM

Place: Shattuck Hall

Carroll University, Waukesha

Cost: Admission \$15.00 (\$10.00 in advance)

www.wasband.org - (262) 333-8012



More information can be found at the Happenings Center.



A group from Salem attended the Bowling Fundraiser for Healing Hearts on Sun, Oct 20th. Everyone had a wonderful time while raising funds for this important organization.





UNDIE SUNDAY RESULTS

A BIG THANK YOU!!!

To all who donated to Undie Sunday, you gave dignity to many needy people going into our Wisconsin winter!

571 Totals Items were donated

433 Items Donated

(259 pairs underwear, 169 pairs socks, 5 bras)

138 Items Purchased with donations of \$310 & \$30 in Kohl's cash

(133 pairs underwear & 5 pairs socks)

A letter from the Hope Center to Salem...



Salem United Methodist Parishioners & Friends,

Thank you very much for the donation of underwear!

Today we have been seeing an ever increasing need to help prevent homelessness and those of lower economic levels of poverty.

As the number of clients we serve increases, the valuable gift of underwear ^{and socks} you have given to Hope Center, will help those who visit our clothing shop.

With your continued support we are making a difference!

Our guests, volunteers, staff along with our Board of Directors, THANK YOU for your support of those in need in Waukesha County.



Join us for our 26th Annual HOPE Dinner

Please join us on Thursday, November 21st for Hope Center's biggest fundraiser of the year. As always there will be dinner, drinks, and live and silent auctions.

Location: Brookfield Conference Center

Time: 5:00 pm

Register at hopecenterwi.org/events/



Here are the "bee-tails" for a pre holiday "SWEET" Deal! Every Sunday in November, local honey will be available for purchase. Pick up a 16 oz (1 1/3c) for \$10, 1 pint (2c) for \$14 or 1 quart (4c) for \$28.

All sales are cash only.

For each 16 oz jar sold, **\$2.00** will be donated to the Food Panty. For each pint and quart, **\$3.00** will be donated.

Please sign up in The Happening Center so we have an idea of how much honey to bring the first day.

Snack Collection



Snack collection for Hadfield Elementary School continues throughout the school year! **We already collected 891 snacks this school year.** **THANK YOU** for bringing snacks and placing them in the basket found at the Happening Center. It was a blessing to have Hadfield's Principal, Mike Elliot share a testimony with us this past month.



Salem recently received a letter from the General Secretary of UMCOR thanking Salem for the gift of **\$3222.00** for **Mujila Falls Agriculture Center**.
“Through your financial support you are serving within a vital web of interactive relationships, partnering to engage globally in direct ministry to people in need. Together, may we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate the healing power of the gospel with those who suffer.”
Thank you Salem for your generosity.

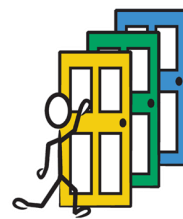


If you would like to donate money for the victims of the recent hurricanes, please specify “Hurricane Relief” and the amount on the memo of your check. Salem will deliver all donations directly to UMCOR. 100% of your donations are used for disaster response and recovery.

UMCOR US DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY



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.



Opportunity Knocking

The Outreach Committee would like to call your attention to a posting on the Community News Bulletin Board located in the Narthex. Throughout the year, the Outreach Committee receives requests from many organizations. Our feeling was that we have a full slate with the 8+ fundraisers and or meals we support. But, we decided to pass the info on to you and yours! Maybe you need a community project at work? A school or club project? Something for your family or neighborhood to work towards? We put together a short list of organizations that have contacted Salem for help. Feel free to take a picture of our flyer. That way, you'll always have the document on hand when the subject comes up. Thank you for all you do for our community.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

2025 PLEDGE CARD		Name(s) _____	
		We thank you for your 2024 pledge and giving. <i>Proverbs 11:25</i> The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.	
MY OPERATING FUND PLEDGE		MY MUSTARD SEED PLEDGE (Mortgage support)	
\$ _____		\$ _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly		<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	
<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly		<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	
<input type="checkbox"/> Annually		<input type="checkbox"/> Annually	

We had a wonderful celebration of our financial pledges on Stewardship Sunday. Thanks to everyone!! Please know that if you were not in church you can still turn in your pledge card by putting it in the offering basket or you can send it in by mail.



HOSPITALITY



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



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.

Lectionary Reading for November



November 3

Ruth 1:1-18

Psalms 146

Hebrews 9:11-14

Mark 12:28-34

November 17

1 Samuel 1:4-20

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Hebrews 10:11-14

(15-18), 19-25

Mark 13:1-8

November 10

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Psalms 127

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

November 24

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Psalms 132:1-12

Revelation 1:4-8

John 18:33-37



On **Sunday, Nov 3rd**, please roll back all of your clocks by one hour, sleep an extra hour and come to church refreshed!

MANY THANKS FROM THE TRUSTEES...

An amazing group of super hard working people cleaned out the dead wood and underbrush in the pine tress south of the church parking lot. This group was led by Dave Pauly and included Jim and Samantha Seegers, Kermit Bohning, Don Callen, Jeff Seeboth, & Caryn and Tyler Adair. Thank you very much. It looks amazing.



Thank you to Kermit Bohning, Bill Hauenstine, Cory and Zach Buxengard, Dave Pauly, Jeff Seeboth, Don Callen, & Jim Seegers for the work done on the pathway lighting project between Salem and New Perspectives.

A special thank you to the Hauenstine family for providing the funds for the project as a memorial for Jo Ann.

Happy Thanksgiving!
May you have a blessed and
joyous holiday!



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NEWSLETTER

The deadline for article submissions for the December Tidings will be Thursday, November 21st.