

Thoughts from Pastor Paola...

A friend of mine called me this morning and announced:

It is spring! Yeah! It actually happening!
I wanted to believe her so bad...

To be truthful it doesn't feel like Spring nor does it look like Spring, but Spring is here.

It has been a very long winter, especially for those who among us have been sick or struggling with pain, grief, and seasonal sadness.

Everything outside still appears dead but even though we cannot see it, the seeds are growing underground, nature is coming back to life. Seeds are one of the greatest of God's creations. They are small but powerful! There is a great joy in the little seed.

No wonder the seeds are mentioned 337 in the Bible. Seeds requires faith. It is so tiny you can barely see it. It seems inactive, but through faith you know it will grow to be large and beautiful when you put it in the good ground and properly nourish it.

The seeds grow slowly. We want to hurry, but God works steadily and slowly. There is a reason for each season. The time that it takes for the seed to become fruit is when God does his best work.

In this season of Lent, we are reminded that Jesus used the image of the seed to talk about what was going to happen to him. Once the seed is planted, it has to die in the ground in order for the new life to come. There is no resurrection without the cross.

When we die to ourselves and let go of our ego, something new starts growing within us. With God's nourishment, we grow in kindness, generosity, service, and forgiveness.

The seed is underground. By faith, we know the seed will grow into a beautiful plant.

God put the little seed in you.

Let's prepare our hearts for the celebration of the Resurrection!

See you on Easter morning.

Blessings,
Pastor Paola

While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.



Genesis 8:22 KJB



This Lent we will follow Jesus through the Gospel of Mark, from Galilee to Jerusalem as He brings hope, healing, and grace into the lives of the people he encounters.

March 30th 4th Week in Lent

Location: Jordan River

You Lack One Thing

The Young Rich Man - Mark 10:17-31

April 6th Fifth Week in Lent Communion

Location: On the Road to Jerusalem

Whoever Wishes to Become Great

James and John - Mark 10:32-45

April 13th Palm Sunday

Location: Jerusalem

Save Us

Entrance into Jerusalem - Mark 11:1-11

April 18th Good Friday 7:00 pm

Travel with us the Way of the Cross

April 20th Easter Sunday - Communion

Surprised By Joy

Mark 16



Sunday, April 27th

Sunday, May 4th - Communion

YOU have the opportunity to ask Pastor Paola questions about faith, the Bible, church, Salem, or whatever you are wanting to ask. She will respond to your questions during the message on April 27th and May 4th.

An Ask the Pastor box is located in the Happening Center to collect your questions.

Please turn in all ?s by April 20th

Sunday, May 11th Mother's Day

Join us on Mother's Day for Praise Fest.
Music-filled service & celebration of
Mother's Day.

Stand Alone Sunday, May 18th

Pastor Pete

Look at the ordinary, See the extraordinary



Looking through God's glasses and led by the story of Pentecost we will see how He brings the extraordinary among us. During this worship series, we are putting on His glasses to envision what God is calling Salem to become.

Sunday, May 25th Memorial Sunday

LOOK UP: Receiving Vision from God's Love

Acts 2:14-21

Sunday, June 1st Communion

LOOK IN: Sharing God's love within Salem

Acts 2:37-47

Sunday, June 8th Pentecost

Lay speaker Maggie Bringa

Pastor Paola at Annual Conference



Sunday, June 15th Father's Day – Trinity Sunday

LOOK OUT: Reaching Out with God's love

Acts 3:1-10



Chapel Service
Next Door

April 16, 2025

10:30 AM Hymn Sing

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Come worship with our neighbors during Holy Week at New Perspective! Pastor Paola will lead worship in the chapel on the 3rd floor. Communion will be served.

Future services: May 21st and June 18th

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



You may purchase Easter Flowers in memory of or in honor of someone until **Sunday, April 6th.**

Order forms will be in the announcements. Completed forms with payment can be put into the offering plate.



Holy Week



9:00 am
Sunday, April 13th



7:00 pm
Friday, April 18th
The Way of the Cross



9:00 am
Sunday, April 20th
Easter Worship Service - Communion
Special Music and Celebration

*Join us during Holy Week at New Perspective for chapel service. Wednesday, April 16th
10:30 Hymn Sing and 11:00 am worship service.*



Join us following the worship service for a visit from the Easter Bunny and an Easter Egg Hunt. Please invite your family & friends.



April 6th: No Sunday School - Communion Sunday
April 13th: Sunday school
April 20th: Easter Sunday - Easter Bunny & Hunt
We will also be making Easter Baskets!
April 27th: Sunday School



Kid's Summer Camp 2025

2025 Registration is now open for Pine Lake. More information is in the Happenings Center.

HAPPY
Mother's Day



Praise Fest is coming on Mother's Day May 11th, a day to celebrate mothers and praising God through music. Windy Hills Brass group will be playing along with music by many other groups, such as our Recorder group, the Adult choir will sing, hymns will be sung, we will have flutes playing, and much more! Come and celebrate with us on this day.

If interested in our 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!

*Choir practice is on Sunday Mornings.
Please see the monthly calendar for exact times.*



The last day for Handbell Practice will be on Wednesday, May 14th
We will resume in the Fall.



ATTENTION PALS...

There are already five Salem youths looking for pen pals. Come join the fun, kids. The Salem Senior Care group is also looking for senior members/friends who would like to share the joy of having a young friend that gets a thrill out of hearing from you by mail. Please sign up in the happening center or contact Sally Kellicut at aa88gooma@gmail.com.



FOOD Pantry
OF WAUKESHA COUNTY



Waukesha's food pantry began their pet program in 2023, after a client asked for pet food. The client was worried about having to surrender her dog because she couldn't afford her own food, let alone food for her pet.

Many clients face difficult choices while going through tough times, and it is important to try to ensure that the pets stay with their families! This alerted the food pantry of the need to start a pet program to prevent four-legged family members from being surrendered.

Although the food pantry's primary mission is "people" food, they recognize how beneficial a pet food distribution program is, so that all the members of a client's household have access to food. With this in mind, we will have a **Youth Sponsored Pet Food Drive** beginning on April 27th and ending on May 11th. Dog food, cat food, toys, and treats are all welcome! We will even be having a special service for our pets.

More information will be coming soon!



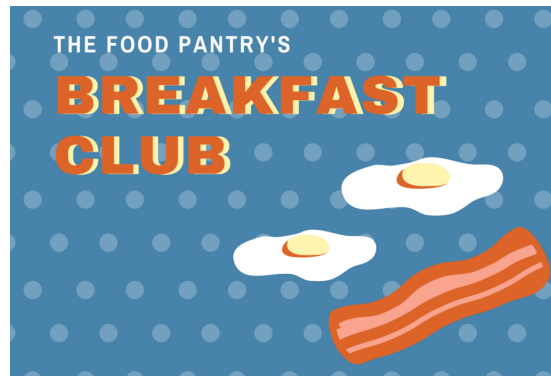
USPS Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

Saturday, May 10th

Volunteers Needed!

Brookfield or Waukesha Post Office

Please contact Debbi Oswalt for information.



Food Pantry's Annual Breakfast Fundraiser

May 17th 10am - 12pm

Breakfast at The Red Circle Inn

\$50 per ticket

You can buy your tickets online through the Food Pantry's website.

They are also looking for raffle items: themed baskets, tickets, sports items etc. Also, dining gift cards for their Fork Pull. Each gift card is to be worth \$25 or more. For the cost of a \$25 donation, you get to select a fork that matches a dining gift card worth what you paid or more! See Debbi if you'd like to donate raffle item(s).

**Healing Hearts of Southeast Wisconsin
Invites you to join us**



Saturday, April 12, 2025

5:00 pm Social

6:30 Dinner

TUSCAN HALL

409 Delafield Street, Waukesha



*Weaving together threads of support by
engaging generations and supporting seniors.*

Thursday, May 8, 2025

Brookfield Conference Center

5:00 - 6:00 pm

Registration, Silent/Online Auction
& Cocktail Hour (cash bar)

6:00 - 7:30 pm

Dinner with complimentary wine,
program, and call to care

7:30 - 9:00 pm

Reception with DJ



Volunteer Opportunity

Friday, May 9th

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.

Snack Collection

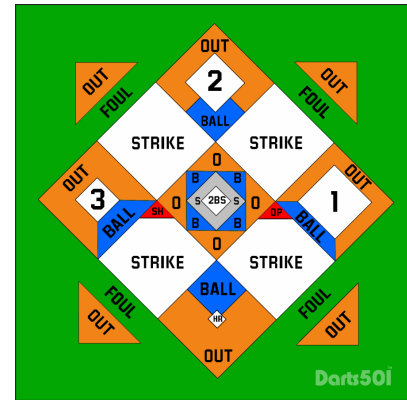


TOTAL SNACK DONATIONS:

2039

THANK YOU SALEM!

We will continue to collect snacks until summer vacation. Please put in the basket located in the Happenings Center.



Congratulations Salem's Dartball League

Congratulations on a great year! Salem's Dartball team took 4th place overall. So much fun and fellowship each week. The league banquet will be held at The Loft at Cedar Ridge on Tuesday, April 1. Cocktail Hour (cash bar) from 6-7pm. Dinner from 7-8 pm. Program and awards to follow dinner with door prizes and included for the attendees. See you at the banquet!



Kwik Trip Cards Available

We still have \$50 and \$100 gift cards available.

Email Kermit at kbohning1@gmail.com or office@salemtheonthehill.org if you are interested in purchasing. Thank you!



April Greetings,

Happy to report that all toilets are now functional and open for use with the exception of the bathroom by the kitchen. Research is being done to better understand the sewer lateral system to determine future needs.

The bell tower cross is on hold due to the discovery of significant rot found in the bell tower structure.

Insurance concerns have been addressed with a new insurance carrier, more to follow.

Security cameras have been proposed for the doors and parking lot, this is an approved project and will move forward.

As a result of the high winds, a portion of the roof on the outside shed blew off. This was addressed and the roof was successfully repaired.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Seeboth
Chairman of the Trustees



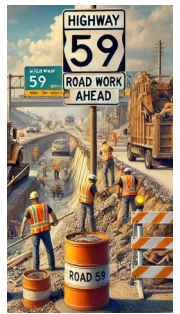
A special thank you to Jim Seegers for assistance with the plumbing problems, fixing the roof on the shed, and repair to the boiler. Thank you to Jeff Seeboth for overseeing the plumbing issues.



We are still having some plumbing issues....

The bathroom by the kitchen is not operational and should not be used.

construction zone



For the next two years we will be in the midst of the Highway 59 pavement replacement project. Generally, the Salem entrance on 59 will remain open except for a few week days when actual construction is in the immediate area. Plans call for rebuilding our driveway in stages so that there will always be a way in or out, even though the highway is being excavated.

Notice that, except for winter shut down and a short period on either end of the project, traffic on Highway 59 will be limited to one lane in each direction.

This may make turning into or out of the Salem entrance on 59 very uncomfortable in morning and afternoon weekday traffic peaks; not to mention the forest of orange barrels.

The entrance to New Perspectives, Salem auxiliary access, will remain open for Salem use. This may provide some anxiety relief due to less and slower traffic, along with signals at the intersection of 59 and Broadway.



A special thank you to everyone who helped with the funeral for Bob Lacock. The set-up, take down, serving and clean up. You are truly appreciated.

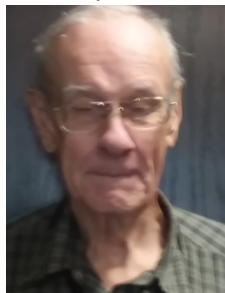


"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." — 1 Peter 4:10

Getting to Know... THE USHERS



The next few months you will get a chance to “meet” the many who serve you at Salem. This month – The Ushers



Jim Prescott - Jim hails from Clear Lake, Iowa. He moved to Wisconsin to work for a packaging corporation in Burlington. After 23 years there, he worked at another company (now CGI) before retiring. He keeps up on current events and is a frequent visitor to the Waukesha Public library.



Ralph Yont - Ralph is a Waukesha native, and married Sue, who was from Oconomowoc. He worked for the Waukesha County Expo and Sue was in Real Estate. They came to Salem from First Church in 1989. Of their three children they have one surviving daughter who lives in Madison. In their leisure time they have enjoyed traveling, gardening, reading, and playing sheephead, with Ralph being a sports enthusiast and Sue dabbling in cake decorating. They have helped prepare Salem's communion elements for at least 25 years!

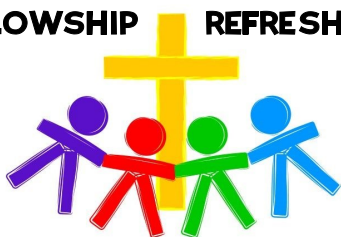


Gary Wollenzien – Gary, a Waukesha native, came to Salem with his parents and was confirmed here. He is an Internal Auditor Officer and Compliance Officer for a local bank. His only sister lives in CA. and he enjoys visiting her and his niece and nephews when he is able. Besides ushering, Gary can be found at the Tech board, hanging the Paraments, and straightening up the narthex and Fellowship Hall after church. In his free time, he mostly keeps busy with Salem book work.



Steve Stachowicz – Steve participated in Salem activities as a child with his mom, Carol, but also attended the Catholic church with his dad. He joined the Navy and was stationed in Hawaii. Steve now works as a metal fabricator. He has one sister and niece who live in FL. Free times finds him reading or playing video games. He joined Salem a couple of years ago.

FELLOWSHIP REFRESHMENTS



Please consider serving refreshments during Fellowship time. It can be simple. Coffee and paper products are supplied for you.

Sign up is at the snack bar.



Thank you to everyone who has signed up to greet during lent. We are still in need of greeters for a few Sundays.

Please sign up in The Happenings Center.

In Loving Memory of

Robert W. "Bob" Lacock

February 28, 1952 - February 28, 2025



A service celebrating Bob's life was held at Salem on February 6th at 5:00 pm.

Bob will be deeply missed. Please continue to pray for Michelle and the Lacock family.

Richard W. "Dick" Mueller

August 2, 1939 - March 20, 2025



A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, April 26th at Redeemer UCC in Menomonee Falls. Visitation at 1:00 pm, Memorial Service at 2:00 pm and a reception immediately following the service. Please keep Nancy and the Mueller family in your prayers.



We're thrilled that so many of you have already accessed our online directory! If you haven't had a chance to explore it yet, we encourage you to take a look. We'd also love for you to upload a photo of yourself or your family—or if you prefer, you can send it to the office.

Having photos helps both old and new friends connect names with faces.

If you'd like a printed copy of the directory or have any questions about the online version, don't hesitate to reach out to Kari at office@salemonthehill.org. We're happy to assist!



April 6

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

April 13

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Psalm 31:9-16
Luke 19:28-40

April 17

Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4,
(5-10) 11-14
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 18

Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25
John 18:1-19:42

April 20

Easter Sunday

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Acts 10:34-43
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
John 20:1-18

April 27

Psalm 118:14-29
Acts 5:27-32
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31