

*Thoughts from Pastor Paola...*

***Joy adapts and changes, but it always endures, even as a flicker of light born of our personal certainty that, when everything is said and done, we are infinitely loved.” Pope Francis***

What an incredible celebration of Jesus’s resurrection we had at Salem this past Sunday!! Truly an explosion of unstoppable joy!!

Thanks so much to all our amazing musicians and singers; to the readers, the tech people, the greeters, the ushers and the communion servers. Thanks to all who did the refreshments and to those who prepared the egg hunt for the kids. Thanks to all those who worked behind the scenes (and there were many of them).

It was wonderful to have among us, families and friends, many visitors, and the highest attendance ever recorded in recent years. If you missed the service, you can catch it on YouTube.

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Can you only imagine if we could always have this kind of joy and participation? I think this is what Heaven is about and we caught a glimpse of it on Sunday.

On Easter morning I was reading the editorial of the New York Times. The title was ***America Needs a God*** (by Lauren Jackson April 20, 2025). She has been conducting an extensive research on America faith and concluded that is becoming evident that more people than ever are returning to God and church life. For years Americans have been attracted to a more spiritual life, but this is different.

It appeared that people from different backgrounds, different political views, and different education are now looking for an active faith life within different religious community styles.

People are looking for a deeper joy than a feeling. A joy that doesn’t depend on the circumstances of our lives. They are looking for God and for a life of love and service.

We are very divided in this country and in many different ways we are troubled by what happens here and around the world. I believe that troubled times are the best times to find the center and the foundations of our lives in Christ.

Sooooo...you and I have work to do. This is the season of Joy and now more than ever we are called to share that Joy. Take the courage to talk with friends and family members, coworkers, and neighbors and invite them to come to Salem with you.

Spring and summer is coming...a great time for Joy.

Check out in this Tidings the many opportunities for worship and service that are coming up.

**Christ has Risen!**  
**He is Risen Indeed**

Pastor Paola



**Sunday, April 27th**

**God Loves our Furry Friends and More...**

It is all about our kids and furry friends.  
Genesis 1:24-25;28; Deuteronomy 31:6-8;  
Mark 10:42-45

**Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> - Communion**

**Don't Let Your Heart Be Troubled**

Overcoming anxiety and worry with God.  
Philippians 4:6-7; John 14:27; John 20:19-23

**Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day  
Praise Fest**

HAPPY  
Mother's  
Day



Join us on Mother's Day for Praise Fest. A music-filled service and a day to celebrate mothers and all the women among us by praising God through music. New Horizons 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. We are thrilled with all the gifted musicians who will be sharing their talents with us this year.



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

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 25<sup>th</sup> Memorial Sunday**

**LOOK UP: Receiving Vision from God's Love**

Acts 2:14-21

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

**LOOK IN: Sharing God's love within Salem**

Acts 2:37-47

**Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> Pentecost**

**Lay speaker Maggie Bringa**

Pastor Paola at Annual Conference



**Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> Father's Day – Trinity Sunday**

**LOOK OUT: Reaching Out with God's love**

Acts 3:1-10

**High Dive:  
Daring To Go  
Into Deep Waters**



**Summer is here! And with summer comes water, boating, fishing, and swimming. Jesus loves water and used water to teach us to get out of our comfort zone and start living in the God's adventure.**

**Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

*Watered Down* - Matthew 3:13-17

**Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**

*Feeling Like a Fish Out of Water* - Luke 5:1-11

**Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup> Communion**

*Caught in Troubled Waters* - Mark 4:35-41

**Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>**

*In Deep Water* - Matthew 14:22-33

**Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**

*Uncharted Waters* – John 13:1-17





## Chapel Service *Next Door*

**May 21, 2025**

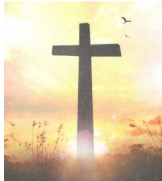
**10:30 AM Hymn Sing**

**11:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

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: June 18th and July 16th**

A special thanks to **Susie Brown** for playing the piano, **Dave Pauly** for playing flute, & **Bill Watt** for planning & leading for the services at New Perspective!



*I am the  
resurrection, and the life.*  
JOHN 11:25

*Special Offering*

**A special thank you to Salem.** Our Easter Offering will provide \$1000 to our mission in Mujila Falls Agriculture Center, Zambia. It will be used specifically for Temba's salary (He is the director of the Center). Mujila Falls Agricultural Center is a powerful agent of hope impacting the lives of many.

## *Easter Celebration*



We had a wonderful Easter Celebration filled with much joy. A special thank you to everyone involved in the worship service, Mary Jo Martin and Sharon Seegers for all you did for the children, and also to the Easter Bunny!



We will be having a pop-up choir on

**May 25th**

Please join us...**ALL are WELCOME!**

Practice at 8:30 am

During the summer months we will be having a variety of musician perform during the service.

If you are interested in sharing your musical talents please contact Michelle at (630) 336-2317. We will be having a

**Pop Up Choir on JULY 27th.**

Practice at 8:30 am. Everyone is welcome!



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



## **MAY SCHEDULE**

May 5th: No Sunday School - Communion Sunday

May 11th: Mother's Day - Stay with your moms

\*Last Day for Pet Food Collection

May 18th: Mrs. Seegers will be teaching

May 25th: Mrs. Seegers will be teaching



## Kid's Summer Camp 2025

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



## Hope Center Meal

Salem is scheduled to serve the evening meal at the **Hope Center on Friday, May 9, 2025.** The Hope Center serves needy Waukesha County residents and is located at 101 W. Broadway in Waukesha.



*The following help is needed:*

- 4 servers
- 6 dozen cookies or bars
- 8 gallons of milk

Sign up at the Happenings Center. Arrive at 5:00 and help serve the meal. Then help with clean up by clearing dishes, washing tables and sweeping the floor. We should be finished shortly after 6:30.



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



## Pet Food Drive

For the Waukesha Food Pantry



**NOW - MAY 11th**

We will be collecting pet food for families in need of food to sustain their pets. Drop off at Salem. Collection will take place in the Narthex. Look for the dog crate and see the Sunday School Board and flyers for more information.

**Sponsored by Salem Youth Group**



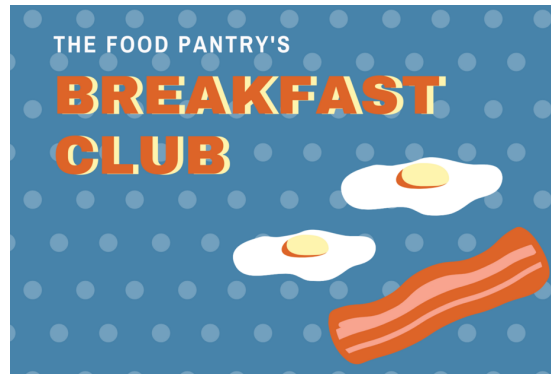
## USPS Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

**Saturday, May 10th**

**Volunteers Needed!**

Brookfield or Waukesha  
Post Offices

*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).



## Snack Collection



The total snack donation to Hadfield School is **2064**. We will continue to collect snacks until summer vacation. Please put in the basket located in the Happenings Center.

*Thank you Salem!*

## Outreach News!

Outreach is pleased to announce that we have a new member on our team! Barb Hollander has agreed to join us, and will be in charge of fundraising for projects at the Mujila Falls Agricultural Center.

**Looking ahead, save the date!**



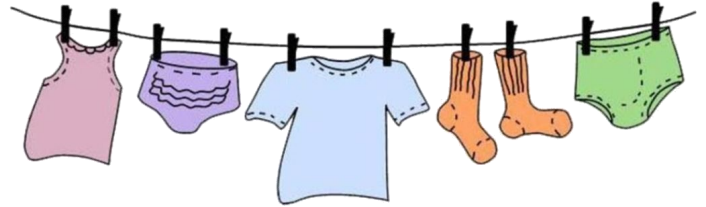
On **August 3rd** we will have our annual Mujila Falls fundraising and will be seeking donations to support a project at the center. In years past we our efforts have gone towards purchasing chickens, purchasing tilapia for their ponds, building a barn, building a dormitory, and support their school program, just to name a few! So join us this summer for a yummy piece of pie and know that your freewill donation will go towards a worthy project at Mujila Falls!

**Thank you Salem!**

Also, congratulations to Temba's family. They have been blessed with a beautiful baby girl Lindiwe Tessie.



## LOOKING AHEAD



### Undie Sunday is Coming This September!

Help us support the **Hope Center in Waukesha** by donating **new socks and underwear** throughout the month of September.

#### How you can help now:

Keep an eye out for after-school sales and clearance racks—it's a great time to grab a few extra items for those in need!

#### Got donations early?

No problem! We have a storage space ready, so feel free to drop off your items in the office **anytime before September**.

Together, we can make a real difference—one pair at a time!

## Cheer up a friend...



A long-time member of Salem recently suffered a stroke. She has not attended Salem in recent years, but she is a strong member of Esther Rachel Circle. She is as sharp as can be at age 92! Her right side and speech are areas she is working hard on in therapy. She would love a greeting from anyone at Salem, as she is not yet comfortable having visitors.

Her address is

**Margaret Wogaman  
1625 Coldwater Creek Drive  
Waukesha, WI 53188**



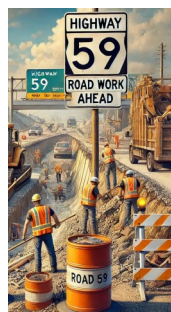
### ATTENTION PALS...

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](mailto:aa88gooma@gmail.com).



If you know of a student from our congregation that is graduating from High School or College, please let us know. You can email [office@salemonthehill.org](mailto:office@salemonthehill.org). We will be having a Graduation Sunday some time in June.

## construction zone



The contract for the two year project on Hwy 59 (\$24,000,000) has been awarded and is waiting for acceptance by the contractor. There will be more details available after the May 1 coordination meeting. Utility work is beginning now.

Weekday traffic peaks will make turning into or out of the Salem entrance on 59 difficult, especially with the added congestion from construction barrels. However, the New Perspectives (Salem auxiliary) entrance will remain open, offering a less congested alternative with traffic signals at 59 and Broadway for smoother access.



### BOARD OF TRUSTEES THANKS & NEWS

April was a busy month requiring the talents of the entire trustee team.

#### **Special Thanks to:**

- Jim Seegers for his help on the roof of the shed, a few kitchen plumbing projects and repairing the Boiler air compressor. Jim has now moved onto spring cleanup which includes putting the finishing touch on the excavated run along the side walk to New Perspective with top soil and grass seed and Sophie's Garden.
- A big thanks to Dave Pauly for his work on the bell tower cross, this is a bit of an engineering project and then construction of the new cross. The challenge will be the installation of the cross hopefully by the end of June. Dave also has made the arrangement for a man lift at a very reasonable rate.
- Thanks goes out to Bill Hauenstine for his work on our insurance coverage, we finally have all of our coverage in place.
- Thanks to Caryn Adair and Kari Schmidt for purchasing the security cameras and coming up with an installation strategy, this will be completed in June.
- Thank you to Bill Watt and Doug McGrath for their continued guidance and Barb Seeboth for coming on board to manage meeting minutes.
- Thank you to Jeff Seeboth for leading the large plumbing project and for being a wonderful chair of the trustees.

#### **TRUSTEE NEWS:**

All sewer work has been completed and will give us many years of trouble-free service. The plumbers will return with top soil and seed after the excavation site settles. Most likely sometime in June.





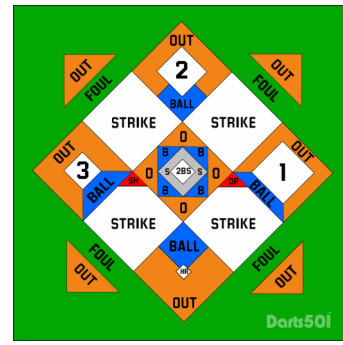
## Sophie's Garden

Salem has a garden that is dedicated to the memory of Sophie Loppnow, a bright spirit whose time with us was far too short. This spring the garden is going to be renewed. Many new plants and grasses that are native to WI will be planted.

**Please join us May 3rd at 10 AM** to help plant and renew this special garden. The garden is located on the northeast side of the parking lot by the Kitchen Door entrance. May this space offer peace, reflection, and a gentle reminder of the beauty she brought into the world.



**The Wisconsin Annual Conference** of the Methodist Church will be held June 6-8 in Madison at the Marriott West Convention Center. This year's theme is "Grace is Sufficient" and will be presided over by our new Bishop, Dan Schwerin. Pastor Paola and Bonnie Wojcik will be representing Salem at the Conference. One of the main order of business will be the laity voting on 4 proposed amendments to the Constitution of the United Methodist Church. It is also at this time that Salem turns in our donations to the Midwest Mission program.



## Salem's Dartball League

The Salem Dartball League wrapped up an incredible season, finishing in 4th place overall for the first time ever! To celebrate this milestone, they'll be having a special Celebration Dinner on May 2nd. Thank you Pastor Paola for hosting. Salem's Dartball team would love to have you join us next fall. Contact Doug Lindsay if you are interested.



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.



### May 4

Psalm 30  
Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)  
Revelation 5:11-14  
John 21:1-19

### May 11

Psalm 23  
Acts 9:36-43  
Revelation 7:9-17  
John 10:22-30

### May 18

Psalm 148  
Acts 11:1-18  
Revelation 21:1-6  
John 13:31-35

### May 25

Psalm 67  
Acts 16:9-15  
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5  
John 14:23-29

# Getting to Know...

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



**Perla Chavez** – Our very talented and super ambitious organist from Milwaukee will be graduating in May with an Arts degree, and will finish with a Bachelor’s degree in Business Admin. Her ultimate plan is to go to law school. Perla works part-time as a Legal Assistant. Her mom is a teacher and her dad owns an upholstery shop where her brother helps out. Music is her main hobby, but she is also an avid reader, saying her bedroom looks more like a library! She also enjoys badminton and cuddling with her cats.



**Dr. Rev. Michelle Oberwise Lacock** – Michelle is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church. She serves at Salem as the Music Director. Michelle is a Clinical Pastor Educator, where she teaches clergy and laity of a faiths how to work effectively as a chaplain. She plays French horn with Gracenote Orchestra and has performed with the Windy Hill Brass Ensemble at Salem. Michelle loves reading mysteries and caring for her dog and cats.



**Bill Watt** – Bill is from Northern Minnesota and his wife, Mary, from Northern New York. They met while attending college in Bemidji, MN. Bill worked for the Boy Scouts and Mary was an elementary school teacher and librarian. They belonged to Bethel Hill Methodist Church until it closed in 1988 when they joined Salem. Bill is co-leader of our hymn singing, leads music at New Perspectives and music is his one major activity. Mary is an avid reader and delicious cookie baker!



**Brenda Lindsay** is the Handbell Director and is from Waukesha, while Doug, as a “Pastor’s Kid,” lived in various cities in Wisconsin. They met while attending college in Eau Claire. Brenda has attended Salem since the 3rd grade. She and Doug were married at Salem in 1985, then moved to West Allis where they attended Doug’s father’s church. They moved to Waukesha in 1999, and have been members of Salem ever since. Brenda is a Paralegal and Doug is a Sterile Processing Tech. Doug is obsessed with hunting, and leads the dartball team! Brenda plays handbells with the Windy Hills Handbell choir and also likes to read and ride her bike.

## ♥ HOSPITALITY ♥



We are in need of greeters and fellowship snacks in the coming months and during the summer. Signing up is easy—just stop by The Happening Center and snack counter to add your name to the list.

***Thank you for helping us extend Salem’s hospitality to all!***

