Salem United Methodist Church SLETTER June/July 2025



Thoughts from Pastor Paola...

When its branches sprout and start putting out leaves, you know that summer is near. So when you see all these things happening, you will know that the time has almost come. Matthew 24:32-33

This Summer: Have Fun, be inspired, make a difference!

The warmth, the long days, the green grass, and the flowers are finally here. The best part of the long, cold, and dark Wisconsin winter is that it helps us to welcome summer every year with the same joyful excitement that a child has in front of a big present.

But every year we seem to get caught in the hectic schedule of summer, and before we know it is over, leaving us exhausted and disappointed.

My hope and prayer is that this summer we will all find time to slow down a bit, take some time off, have fun with family and friends, and have some unforgettable experiences.

I hope this summer will also be a time to be inspired and grow closer to God. I would like to invite you to come to church every Sunday you are not out of town. We are planning new, fresh, inspiring, relevant, and exciting sermon series throughout the summer. New fun children's times, special music every Sunday, and of course, great fellowship time.

Throughout the summer, Salem continues to serve and reach out in love. Check out all the service opportunities we have and consider taking on something you never did before, make a difference in your life and in someone else's.

Be sure to make Salem your summer destination and invite some family and friends to join you for the fun!!

Blessings, Pastor Paola

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, June 1st Communion LOOK IN: Sharing God's Love within Salem Acts 2:37-47

Sunday, June 8th Pentecost Lay speaker Maggie Bringa PENTECOST *"Have you RSVP'd to the Pentecost Sunday"* 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





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 22nd Watered Down - Matthew 3:13-17

Sunday, June 29th Pastor Pete

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

Sunday, July 6th Communion Caught in Troubled Waters - Mark 4:35-41

Sunday, July 13th In Deep Water - Matthew 14:22-33



JEREMIAH: Walking by Faith, Living by Hope

Sunday, July 20th Hope Bringers - Jeremiah 29:1-9

Sunday, July 27th A Lot More Than Optimism - Jeremiah 29:10-14



Stand-alone Sunday Sunday, August 3rd Communion Service dedicated to Mujila Falls Fundraiser



What Brought Me To God?

It is very hard to talk about God, yet we may all have experienced moments that led us to Him and shaped our faith. Join us during this worship series as we hear faith stories and unpack the **4 B's** on why we believe.

Sunday, August 10th - *Believing* Hebrews 11:1; Romans 15:13; Philippians 4:6-7

Sunday, August 17th - *Becoming* 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Sunday, August 24th - *Behaving Roman 12:1-3; 9-21*

Sunday, August 31st - *Belonging* 1 Corinthians 12:12-20

Renewal of Baptism Service

Join us on Sunday, June 22nd for a special Renewal of Baptism Service. This meaningful service invites us to remember our baptism, reaffirm our faith, and renew our commitment to Christ. We will be handing out small vials for each family to bring water from your own homes.

> All are welcome come and be refreshed in God's grace.

"Remember your baptism and be thankful."



Perspective! Pastor Paola will lead worship in the chapel on the 3rd floor. Communion will be served.

Future services: July 16th and August 20th

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!



Having trouble hearing Pastor Paola's message?

Salem offers hearing support through T-Coil (for compatible hearing aids) and over-the-ear assistive devices. T-Coil must be enabled in your hearing aid. For others, assistive units are available at the Sound Booth—just ask an usher for help. Thank you!



Congratulations to our 2025 GRADUATES!

Join us on Sunday, June 22nd as we celebrate the achievements of our graduates.

Perla Chavez: Graduated with an associates degree from MATC. In the fall, she plans on transferring to either UW Milwaukee or Marquette University to complete her Bachelor's. Her major will be Political Science and her minor most likely Business Admin.

Savannah Grachek: Graduated from Brimfield High School and plans to attend UW Whitewater in the fall. She plans to study business management, and to continue pursuing music.

Anna Hobbins: Graduated from Tulane University with a BA and BSM majoring in Latin American Studies and Legal Studies in Business. Anna will be moving to Ecuador in September to work as an English Teaching Assistant with the U.S. State Department Fulbright Scholar Program.

Kid's summer camp 2025



2025 Registration is now open for Pine Lake. You can register for camp until a week before camp starts. Camps run through the end of August.More detailed info is in the Happenings Center.

MISSION & OUTREACH



Save the Date!!! AUGUST 3, 2025

We will have our annual Mujila Falls Fundraiser and will be seeking donations to build a new goat house/fence, purchase 10 new breeding goats & plant goat fodder. The goat milk is greatly needed to help mothers who cannot feed their infants due to health reasons.

So please join us for a yummy piece of pie and know that your freewill donation will go toward a worthy project!!!



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!

Snack Collection



Salem for School Snacks! A little history! Our snack collection began in May of 2022, when we learned of the need to help Whittier Elementary School in Waukesha with their end of the year celebrations. The school held 2 outdoor Field Day events, and Salem stepped up to provide snacks for these events. Whittier Elementary subsequently merged with Hadfield Elementary that fall. Outreach applied and secured a 3-year grant for support of the school. We purchased clothing for the health room, additional snacks, and also supported the teachers with purchasing needed classroom supplies. The grant will end in December 2025. In the fall of 2022, Salem began to have an ongoing snack collection for the children. For the school year, 2022-23, we delivered 1,609 snacks to the school! Total donations for 2023-24 was 2,573! To date, for 2024-2025, we have delivered 2,218 snacks to Hadfield...can we top last year??? We will end our collection on June 8th for the summer months and resume in the fall. What an impact Salem has made!

The Outreach team and Hadfield Elementary School would like to thank all of you who have make this such a success!

SUMMER SERVICE OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR YOUTH

Help us to serve our neighbors at New Perspective to celebrate:

Saturday, June 14th from 11:00am -1:30pm about 5 volunteers for *Fathers Day Celebration*

Wednesday, July 2nd from 11-1:30pm about 5-7 volunteers for 4th of July Celebration

If your youth are interested in serving, please contact Pastor Paola at pastor@salemonthehill.org

New Perspective



Your generosity was Pawsitively AMAZING!

Thank you to Mary Jo Martin and to all of the children for sponsoring the Pet Food Drive. Your generosity will provide much needed pet supplies to families in need. A special thanks to Debi Oswalt for delivering all of the items to the Food Pantry.







Hope Center Meal

A special thank you to everyone who helped with the Hope Center community meal. The milk and cookies were loved by everyone. (They especially enjoyed the chocolate milk served by Pastor Paola.) We had 7 volunteers who helped serve the meal and clean up afterward. It was appreciated by everyone who was served.







Thank you for everyone who signed up to be a Pen Pal Volunteer. This will be a great opportunity for Salem Seniors and Students to learn from and about each other. Each senior who has volunteered has been matched up with one of Salem's Sunday School students.



The road work has begun on Highway 59. We encourage everyone to use the entrance from New Perspective on E. Broadway. *Please drive slowly in parking lot.*

For lane closures and up-to-date WIS 59/US 18 (Les Paul Parkway) Pavement Replacement project information, visit: <u>https:// projects.511wi.gov/us18/</u>

SALEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES MONTHLY REPORT

May was a busy month cleaning up a couple of projects before our traditional summer break

Many Thanks to: Jim Seegers for his efforts on the landscaping. The New Perspective walkway has been landscaped and grass seed planted, God willing we will get some rain and we'll see grass soon. Jim then took on and completed the spreading of 7 yards of mulch around the building. It looks great.

A big thanks to: Doug and Cathy McGrath and their family, Caryn Adair and several others who took on Sophie's Garden with a variety of native perennial flowers and then mulch to match the rest of the scheme.

Thanks goes out to Bill Hauenstine and Rob Roszkowski for their reports on highway construction and keeping the trustees informed.

Thanks to Caryn Adair and Kari Schmidt for their efforts in engineering the security camera system. New notices indicating that surveillance cameras are in use have been posted at the doorways, and the system is planned for a go live in June.

A big thanks to David Pauly on the ongoing bell tower cross project. David has been spotted at the top of the bell tower again this month and has reported that this project is a go as there is adequate metal structure to attach the new cross to. This is a long term project as the new cross has to be fabricated and powder coated

A **thanks to Bill Watt.** His input is always appreciated.

And finally a **thanks to Barb Seeboth** for keeping our meeting minutes, this has been a great help.



Thank you to everyone who helped plant Sophie's garden. A heartfelt special thanks to the McGrath family for organizing the effort and generously donating the plants.





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.



Getting to Know...

The next few months you will get a chance to "meet" the many who serve you at Salem. Here are a few more people serving our church...





Our very competent Admin. Assistant, **Kari Schmidt**, is originally from Wales, WI and her husband, Jarrod from Kaukauna, WI. They met at Carroll U. where Jarrod received a degree in Psychology and Kari, in Social Work. In addition to working at Salem, Kari has her own business providing payroll and bookkeeping for small business etc. Jarrod is Sales Director at a 3D measurement tech company. They have 2 sons who live in Waukesha and 2 dogs. In their free time they enjoy cribbage, fishing, and swimming. Jarrod is also on the Salem Dartball team.



Mary Jo Martin is the Family & Children Ministries Coordinator. She is originally from PA, and her husband, Larry is from Waukesha. They met while working at an outpatient medical clinic. They have two daughters and two granddaughters. Mary Jo is an elementary reading school specialist and Larry a retired High School teacher. Larry enjoys bowling and golf while Marijo likes to walk her dog and read. They both love babysitting their grandkids.



Sharon Seegers is a Sunday School teacher at Salem. She has been in finance her entire life and now works for Dana investments. Her husband, Jim, worked for the Town of Brookfield for 20+ yrs. and after a short retirement went back to work part -time. Sharon was originally from Wauwatosa and Jim from Waukesha. They met on blind date – proof these dates can work out! They have 2 daughters, and 2 grandsons. Everyone is going on a trip to Alaska this summer. Sharon's free time is spent running the Waukesha County Special Olympics and Jim's is "doing projects" at home and for friends. They are both active Trustee members.

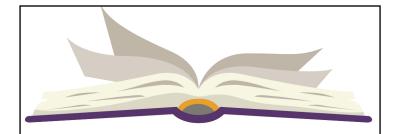
"A heartfelt thank you to Gladys Roszkowski for taking the time to conduct interviews and for helping us all get to know one another better here at Salem."

Volunteer Opportunity: Special Olympics

We are looking for help for our Special Olympics Bocce Tournament on Saturday, July 26th from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm.

Come be part of an inspiring day filled with fun, sportsmanship, and community spirit. Whether you can join us for the full event or just a portion, your support means the world to our athletes. If you are interested in helping with this special event, please contact Sharon Seegers at (262) 893-7384.





June Lectionary

<u>June 1</u>

Psalm 97 Acts 16:16-34 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John 17:20-26

<u>June 22</u>

1 Kings 19:1-15a Psalm 42 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39

<u>June 29</u>

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Acts 2:1-21 Romans 8:14-17 John 14:8-17, 25-27

June 8

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62

<u>June 15</u>

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15

July Lectionary

<u>July 6</u>

2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 Galatians 6:1-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 13

<u>July 20</u>

Amos 8:1-12 Psalm 52 Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42

<u>July 27</u>

Amos 7:7-17HosPsalm 82PsColossians 1:1-14ColossLuke 10:25-37Luk

Hosea 1:2-10 Psalm 85 Colossians 2:6-19 Luke 11:1-13



RECRUITING Senior Musicians

New Horizons Band for Seniors and Retirees is recruiting more musicians. Weekly rehearsals at the White House of Music in Waukesha on Wednesdays from 10:15 am to NOON

For more information contact Noreen Knepel at (262) 408-9388

See flyer on the counter in front of the office for more info.



A long-time member of Salem has not only suffered a stroke but has also had a serious fall and was hospitalized for broken ribs. She is currently in rehab and could use some cheering up. She would love a greeting from anyone at Salem, as she is not yet comfortable having visitors. Her address is: Margaret Wogaman c/o Cheryl Brewer

1932 Tree Line Lane Waukesha, WI 53189

We are in need of greeters and fellowship snacks 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!