



Thoughts from Pastor Paola...

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them.

When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.' Mark 10:13-16

With these words, Jesus revolutionized the way the society thought and treated children. In the ancient world, children's mortality was very high. 50% of children died before 5 from illness and malnutrition. For that reason, they were not even considered part of the community. They were also considered incomplete human beings because they were dependent on adults and didn't have the ability to contribute. They were often sold into slavery for little money.

Jesus changed all by welcoming the children in His community. He firmly scolded anyone who excluded them. He even lifted up the children as a model for our faith and life in the kingdom of God. Because of Jesus, children became part of the society. The first Christians started to care for the poor and abandoned children, and eventually created orphanages and homes for them.

Today, children have a primary place in the family and in society; in many cases, they have even become the main center of attention, creating a new set of concerns. Nevertheless, we don't often remember that Jesus said the children belong to the kingdom of God, and because of their trustworthy nature, they are a model of faith for us. Plus...They are so much fun!! Children's time is often my favorite time in the service. I never know what is going to happen...I love that they keep me on my toes.

Our children need to be active and visible at Salem. We need to hear their voices and their dreams if we want to grow in faith as a community together. Contrary to common belief, they are the church of today and not only the church of tomorrow. Salem has a lot to give to the children.

At church, they can learn

- That they are deeply loved by God
- How to serve and use their gifts
- That they are surrounded by a safe and caring intergenerational community, something extremely rare in today's society.

I am well aware that families are much busier than they were in the past. Children's sport organizations now schedule practices and games on Sunday. Nevertheless, we cannot give up. We need to face the new challenges and figure out ways to provide Christian education and spiritual and service opportunities to our children. In this Tidings, you will read about some of the changes that are going to take place this year. I count on you all. Pray for our children, listen to them, volunteer to help in children events, and learn from them.

Blessings,
Pastor Paola



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 31st - Belonging
1 Corinthians 12:12-20

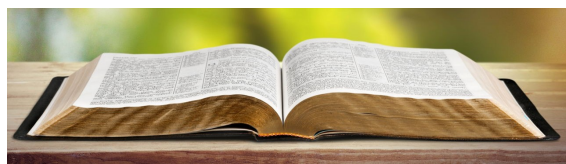
SEPTEMBER STAND ALONE SUNDAYS



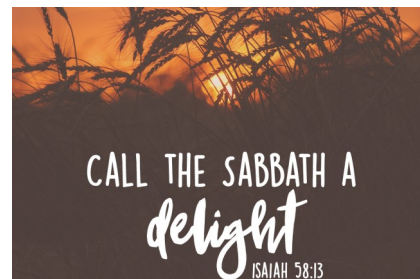
Sunday, September 7 - Communion
Kick off Sunday: *WELCOME HOME!!*
Luke 15:11-32



Sunday, September 14
Rev Dr Michelle Oberwise Lacock
Native American Sunday



Sunday, September 21
Pastor Pete Peterson



Sunday, September 28

Pastor Paola

Stories from my vacation:
Sabbath, slow down and rest

Exodus 20:8-11; Isaiah 58:13-14



Stewardship Campaign 2026

Generosity is good for our hearts, when we are generous we prosper; our material and spiritual wealth grows; our happiness and community life flourishes. Christ's followers devoted themselves to generosity and on this foundation they built the first Christian church.

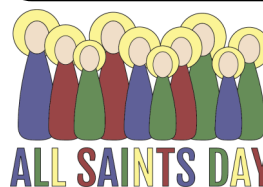
Let's learn how to become
devoted to generosity.

Sunday, October 5
Generosity Creates Community
Acts 4:32-37

Sunday, October 12
Generosity Can Only Flow Out of Grace
Acts 5:1-11

Sunday, October 19
Generosity Takes Down Walls
Acts 11:19-30

Sunday, October 28
Generosity Produces Blessings
Acts 20:32-35



Sunday, November 2nd
All Saints Sunday



Welcome Home Fall Kick Off - September 7th

Join us on Sunday, September 7th, for a special kick-off Sunday. We will have lots of fun for all ages after church from 10 AM to 12 PM.

Piña Mexican Eats food truck with their awesome Mexican food will be there. You will be able to purchase what you want from their menus. The menu will be available at church ahead of time and preorders are available.

In addition, the youth will be having a fundraiser selling Pete's Pops. Locally delicious gourmet popsicles made with natural and fresh ingredients. Many flavors to choose from.

Only \$5.00 per pop.

Water bottles, dessert bars and fruit cups will be available for everyone.

Before, after, and in between eating the food... we will have games, crafts, and music. Pencil it on your calendar now!! You don't want to miss it!! ***Make sure to invite a friend!***



Our **Church Choir** will begin September 7th at 8:15 am prior to church. Our first Sunday to sing will be September 14th.

If you enjoy singing we would love to have you as part of the choir. Please contact Michelle Oberwise Lacock at (630) 336-2317 or by email at mlacock54@gmail.com. You can also just come to the first practice!



Handbell Choir

Handbell choir practice resumes on September 3rd at 6:30pm. If you are interested in becoming a handbell choir member please reach out to Brenda Lindsay (262) 894-0644 or by email blindsay001@wi.rr.com. We would love to have new members! Our first Sunday to play will be September 21st.



Chapel Service *Next Door*

September 17, 2025

10:30 AM Hymn Sing

Pastor Paola will be in Italy on vacation, but we are still having Hymn Sing. We hope everyone will join us for this special time.

Future services: Oct 15th and Nov 19th

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!

Confirmation Class

Confirmation Classes will be meeting one Sunday each month September to May after church from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Please let Pastor Paola know if your child is interested. Thank you!





Thank You

After many years of faithful service in Salem's Children's Ministry, Mary Jo Martin is stepping down from teaching Sunday School. We are deeply grateful for her constant love for both our children and for Jesus. While we will miss her presence in Sunday School, we are thankful that she will continue to bless our kids by helping with special events such as *Welcome Home* on September 7th, as well as Christmas and Easter.

Sunday School Teacher NEEDED

Part Time Paid Position

Do you or someone you know have a "passion for working with children"? Is there someone you know who is pursuing the education field and would like some hands-on experience?

Salem is looking for a part-time paid Sunday School Teacher to lead and guide children of varying ages in a one-room setting, fostering their spiritual development.

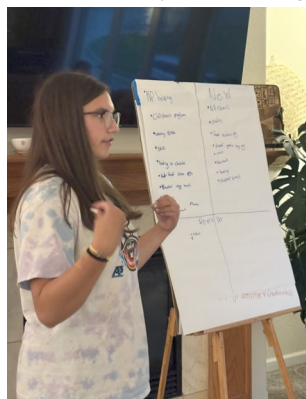
The position requires 3 Sundays per month (May through September), approximately 5 hours per week. Curriculum will be provided by Salem.

Teacher will be responsible for housekeeping before and after Sunday School as well as the safety of the children. Must be comfortable asking for volunteer help when needed.

Please contact the church office or Marsha Everson at marshaeverson@hotmail.com with any questions, concerns, or ideas.

-Marsha Everson, Staff Parish Chair

Ministry Planning FUN at Pastor Paolas.....



A planning meeting for the upcoming year of Sunday School was held at Pastor Paola's house this past month. The parents and kids had a wonderful time brainstorming ideas.



SALEM FALL OUTREACH

Undie Sunday September 7th - 28th



"SHOW YOU CARE WITH UNDERWEAR"

Reducing the risk of poverty by helping people in Waukesha county meet basic needs such as food, shelter and clothing is done through community collaboration such as Salem UMC, services and partnerships.

Undie Sunday is coming, September 7th-28th.

On Facebook you can search for The Hope Center of Waukesha to see what their current needs are. There are good Back to School sales on now. Thanks for your support.

The Outreach Committee



MUJILA FALLS FUND RAISER



Thank You for Your Generosity Salem!

We are overjoyed to share that, through your incredible generosity, our congregation has reached our fundraising goal for our mission at Mujila Falls in Zambia!

This gift will go directly toward supporting their goat project, which plays a vital role in providing food, income, and sustainability for the local community. Your donations will help expand the herd, improve facilities, and ensure that more families can benefit from this life-giving ministry.

Thank you for being a church that responds with open hands and hearts. Because of you, the mission of Mujila Falls continues to grow and bring hope in tangible ways.

May God bless you for your generosity and your partnership in sharing His love across the world!

A very special thanks to Barb Hollander and the outreach team for organizing our annual Mujila Falls fundraiser!



The **FOOD**
Pantry
SERVING WAUKESHA COUNTY

simply give
by meijer

The Meijer *Simply Give* fall campaign will run through Sept. 27th. Meijer will double match any cards purchased on Saturday, Sept. 13th, effectively tripling contributions made on that day. During each *Simply Give* campaign, customers are encouraged to purchase a \$10 *Simply Give* donation card upon checkout. Once purchased, the donation is converted into a Meijer Food-Only Gift Card and donated directly to the Waukesha Food Pantry.

Salem has been using our pledged/gift money to buy these cards. Last week we purchased 28 card for \$280. With Meijer double matching, they were worth \$840! We plan to do this throughout the year so, please consider adding to our Food Pantry fund. Grab a pew envelope, LABEL it Food Pantry, seal in your donation and drop it in our collection plate. If you prefer donating items, toothpaste, deodorant, razors, dish and laundry soaps are very appreciated.

Thank you.

FOOD PANTRY 2025 GIVING:

This year, Salem has contributed 8,532 diapers and 24,792 wipes to the Food Pantry. That's enough to support 300 babies for 2-6 days each. Your generosity is AMAZING!!! Thanks so much!



Honey Sale coming in November...

Honey sales will return November 2nd, 9th, and 16th. Profits will be combined with other money donated to the Food Pantry so Salem can purchase Meijer cards. (\$10 to purchase and Meijer adds \$20). Feel free grab a pew envelope, mark it Food Pantry and drop in the collection plate at any time.





Hope Center Meal Volunteer Opportunity

Friday, September 26th
5:00 - 7:00 pm

Salem will be serving the evening meal at the **Hope Center on Friday, September 26, 2025.** The Hope Center is located at 101 W. Broadway in Waukesha and serves needy residents of Waukesha County.

There are two ways you can be a part of this outreach to the hungry in our community.

1. **We will need 5-7 servers.**

Servers will arrive at 5:00 pm to help serve beverages. At 5:30 they will serve the meal and desserts.

Afterwards they will help with the clean-up by washing tables and sweeping the floor. (Children under age 10 can volunteer as long as there are at least 2 adults for every child.)

Clean-up is usually completed by 6:30.

2. **We will also supply milk and desserts:**

10 gallons of milk

Cookies or bars for 80-90 people

(These could be homemade or store bought.) ***Food items should arrive at the Hope Center by 5:00 on September 20th***

Look for the sign up at the Happenings Center if you can help as a server or provide milk or cookies. **Thank you.**

Snack Collection



School starts soon!

Snack collection for Hadfield Elementary School has started and will continue throughout the 2025-2026 school year! Please help us by bringing in healthy snacks, and placing them in the basket found at the Happening Center.

Thank you, Salem, for your continued support of Hadfield School! It is a blessing to the children.



Christmas Clearing House Toy Collection 2025

Looking Ahead!

It's not too early to start thinking about bringing Christmas smiles to children in struggling families across Waukesha County. More details about the collection start date will be coming soon from the Outreach team, but the collection end date is December 14th, concluding with the Blessing of the Toys during worship.

For those who like to plan ahead, these are some of the most-needed items:

- Hats and waterproof mittens and gloves: ages Birth to 11
- New books: including Spanish or dual-language books
- Infant and toddler toys: especially riding toys for toddlers
- Sleeping bags and blankets
- STEM-related craft items

Thank you Salem for your continuous support of the toy collections for the Christmas Clearing

♥ HOSPITALITY ♥

We are in need of greeters and fellowship snacks this FALL. 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!



Our knitting ministry is starting up again for the fall. We make prayer shawls that are delivered to people who are sick or lonely.

We also donate knitted items for those in need in our community.

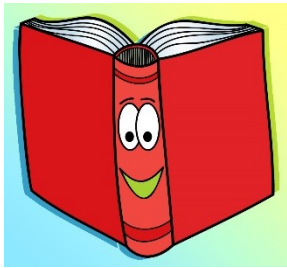
Please join us for our first get together.

Thursday, September 4th

We meet every Thursday
from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
in the Church Library.

We welcome anyone who can knit and/or crochet. ***Looking forward to seeing you.***

Please contact Becky Henderson
with any questions.



Salem Book Sale

September 21st – 28th

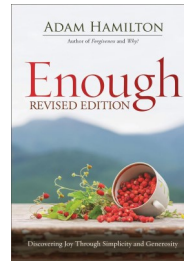
Something new has been added!

In addition to donating all kinds of books, complete puzzles, CD's and DVD's, you may donate games to our book sale. Bring any of these items to church Sept. 1st – 14th and we will organize them for the sale. Please put your name on your bag or box in case we need to contact you. The profits will be used to buy new books and library supplies. Thanks in advance for your participation!



The New Horizon Band thanks Salem very much for letting them use the church for their band rehearsals this summer.

NEW FALL BIBLE STUDY



Join us for a 4 week Bible study to grow in Joy, Faith and Generosity as we study the book "Enough" by Adam Hamilton. The study is part of our stewardship campaign.

All are invited to take part in our book study.

The study will be offered during
2 different times:

Thursdays from 10:00 am to 11:00 am
(Oct 2,8,16,23) or

Sunday from 10:15 am to 11:15 am
(Sept 28 -Oct 5,12,19)

A Sign up sheet is available in the Happening center. We hope you will join us.

Study books are \$10.00.

Leaders: Pastor Paola and Bonnie Wojcik



Esther Rachel Circle will meet again September 8th at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall after a summer break. All women are welcome to join us for some refreshments, fellowship, and a short program.

Hope to see you all there!



Pastor Paola will be traveling to Italy to spend time with her family from late in the evening on Sept 7th until Sept 24th. If you have any urgent matters or emergencies while she is gone, Pastor Carlos (from Sept 7th - 14th) and Pastor Pete from (Sept 14th—24th) will be on call. If you need pastoral care, contact the church office at office@salemthehill.org.

Salem's 50+ Softball Team



Please welcome the players, fans, & families of the **Salem 50+ Softball Team** in church this Sunday, August 31st. They have dedicated their season to Marlys Tesch.

Marlys, who passed away on June 11th, was the proud "Co-Owner" for 10 years. She and Dick supported the team with prayers, parties, and treats, making it all fun. Kurt Guenther will honor her by playing his saxophone and singing *"You'll Never Walk Alone."*

Please join us for refreshments after the service, including a cake with a tribute to Marlys.



September 7

Jeremiah 18:1-11
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

September 21

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
Psalm 79:1-9
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 15:1-10

September 14

Jeremiah 4:11-12,
Jeremiah 22-28
Psalm 14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

September 28

Jeremiah 32:1-3a,
Jeremiah 6-15
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

A LETTER FROM THE TRUSTEES

August was a little slower pace but still active.

- The buckthorn along the east property line were removed with the help of a tree service. They cleared to the south a large area which is the first step. We now have to clean up any brush and debris left behind and then plan for a ground cover of some sort, this will begin in September. Thank you Dave Pauly, Steve Brandner, and Zach Buxengard who helped with the project. Thank you also to Jeff Seebth for applying herbicide afterward.
- A new ceiling outlet was installed in the east entrance hallway to accommodate the security camera. The initial power source location was prone to being unplugged.
- The HVAC system in the Fellowship Hall has been repaired.
- Jim Seeger continues to keep the new grass watered. Although the water bill has increased the grass is growing nicely and soon will be on its own, Thanks Jim!

Respectively submitted,
Jeff Seebth



*Happy 65th Wedding Anniversary to
Ralph and Sue Yont*