

Thoughts from Pastor Paola...

We are about a month away from Thanksgiving. This is a great time not just to think about gratitude but also to become students and practitioners of the art of gratitude.

G.K. Chesterton wrote once, ***I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.*** Gratitude, a sense of wonder, and appreciation for life were consistently and constantly expressed in Chesterton's life and his writing. He could see beauty and wonder in every moment and circumstance, which led him to live a very joyful life.

Would you like to have this kind of joy in your life? I would!!

I would like to invite you this month to make room in your life, in your mind, and soul for gratitude. Take it as a challenge if it helps you. If you are like me, you need a discipline of gratitude; otherwise, there will always be something else to do and think about. We are pretty good at thanking people for doing or giving us something. Let's start the day by thanking the One who gave us the gift of life; look around your house, smell your coffee, and have your breakfast with a grateful heart.

Go through the day noticing the small and great things people do for you and express your gratitude. If it helps, start a gratitude journal. There's something about writing things down that can be very powerful. Try to figure out what the gratitude blockers are in your life and try to free yourself from them. Our mind is a garden, and gratitude must be cultivated; otherwise, it will not happen naturally.

I believe gratitude has never been needed more than these days, filled with hatred, unkindness, polarization, and uncertainty. Gratitude is at the absolute core of the human soul and can save us from falling into the deep end. Gratitude is not optional.

Enter into Salem sanctuary every Sunday morning this month and learn how to practice gratitude in the midst of life pain, unknowns, resentment, and fear. Join us Sunday, November 23, as we celebrate Thanksgiving with our friends from Restauración church, who will prepare a meal for us.

Let gratitude fill your heart with joy.

Blessings,
Pastor Paola



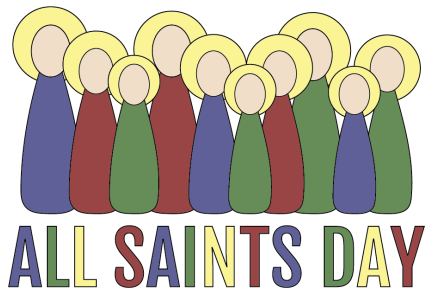


Stewardship Campaign 2026

Sunday, October 26

Generosity Produces Blessings

Acts 20:32-35



Sunday, November 2nd

All Saints Sunday



SHINE !!!

As we enter the season of thanksgiving, let us learn from the book of Philippians what it takes to live a life that shines in the midst of all life's ups and downs.

Sunday, November 9th

Gratitude: A Grumble-free Life

Philippians 2:12-18

Sunday, November 16th

Christ Modeled Humility

Philippians 2:1-11

Sunday, November 23rd - Bilingual Service

Thanksgiving Sunday with Restauración

Message by Pastor Paola

Joy In All Circumstances

Philippians 4:10-13



Advent: What Child IS This?

Nov 30th 1st Sunday of Advent **Communion**

Candle of Hope

King of Kings - Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 2:1-5

December 7th 2nd Sunday of Advent

Candle of Peace

The Silent Word - Luke 1:5-25; 57-80

December 14th 3rd Sunday of Advent

Worship led by Children and Youth

Candle of Joy

Son of Mary - Luke 1:26-56

Blessings of the Toys

December 21nd 4th Sunday of Advent

Candle of Love

Enthroned by Love - Matthew 1:18-25

December 24th Christmas Eve Candle Lighting

Candle of Christ

The Babe - Luke 2:1-20



**Join us on Wednesday, December 24th at 4PM
for our Christmas Eve Service.**



December 28th 1st Sunday after Christmas

Carols Service

This, This...

Matthew 2:1-12



Bilingual Thanksgiving Service Servicio de Acción de Gracias Bilingüe

Join us on Sunday, November 23rd at 9 AM for a special Bilingual Thanksgiving Worship Service with our friends from Restauración Hispanic Ministry. We will be having a meal following the service provided to us by Restauración. Let's gather in gratitude lifting our heart in Thanksgiving to the Lord.



Chapel Service Next Door

November 19, 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: Dec 17th and Jan 21st

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

Please continue to pray for the confirmation class of 2025/26: Maura, Ava, and Josephine.

Next meeting is on Nov 16th at 10:30 am

The Big Book

The Good News of Jesus: New Testament



"Exciting News about Salem UMC's Sunday School!"

We have some wonderful news to share! We're thrilled to introduce **Kelsy Brookins** as our new **Sunday School Teacher**. Kelsy began teaching on Sunday, October 19th. Welcome to Salem, Kelsy. For more information about Kelsy, please see this month's article in "Who's Who In The Pews".



CHILDREN's Christmas Service Practice & Celebration Details

Christmas service preparations will take place on **November 2nd** after Children's Time and **during Sunday School on November 9th and 16th**.

We will have a full run-through on **December 7th, 10:00–10:30 AM**.

The **children will lead the service on December 14th**, including the Advent candle lighting, a short play, and presenting toy donations for a blessing.

Pancakes with Santa will be served after the service...all are welcome to stay and enjoy!



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!



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!

*Join us for a special time of
remembrance and hope...*



During the service on **Sunday, Nov 2nd**, we will
be blessed and enhanced by Windy Hill Brass
Band directed by Craig H. Hurst. They will play
several pieces related to All Saints Sunday.

**You are all invited to light a candle in memory of
the loved ones who passed away. Please invite
families and friends who have lost a dear one.**

*"Therefore, since we are surrounded by
such a great cloud of witnesses..."*

— Hebrews 12:1

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



Order forms for Christmas Poinsettias will be
available in the bulletin from **11/16 - 11/30**.
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 **Saturday, November 29th 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.



Undie Sunday



"YOU SHOWED YOU CARE WITH UNDERWEAR"

Thank You, Salem! We are incredibly grateful for your generosity and support during **Undie Sunday**. Thanks to your donations, we were able to collect **770 pairs of underwear and socks** for the **Hope Center**! Your kindness will bring comfort and dignity to many in need. Thank you for being a shining light in our community!



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 small jar (1 1/2c) for \$10, 1 pint (2 1/4c) for \$14 or 1 quart (4c) for \$28.

All sales are cash only.

During this month long sale, **\$3.00** from the quart size jars and **\$2.00** from the other jars will be donated to the Food Panty.

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

Snack Collection



Thank you, Salem, for your continued support of Hadfield School! It is a blessing to the children.
445 Snacks brought so far this school year!!!!



In October, 2009, a group of concerned individuals representing six Waukesha Wisconsin churches and two funeral homes began meeting to address the need of a safe place for children and families to grieve. This birthed a wonderfully valuable organization that delivers validation, support, joy, and hope to an overlooked gem in our community: our grieving children.

Compassionate facilitators help children to heal after a loss, help adults and parents come together to support each other through the challenged of grief, help young adults grieve with peers and facilitators, and grandparents connect through the experience of raising grandchildren while the kids participate in age-based peer groups.

Salem has been a long-time supporter of Healing Hearts, and we have 2 ways you can help to support them!



On **November 15th at 7 pm**, Salem will be hosting the **Windy Hill Handbells, Brass, and Recorder consort for a free concert**. If you haven't seen them in the past, it is well worth your time to experience their music! A free will donation to benefit Healing Hearts will be taken. All are welcome!



On December 1st, Salem will be providing an Outreach meal for the families currently active at Healing Hearts. You can help by volunteering or providing food items for the meal. Please watch for sign-up sheets at the Happening Center to see how you can help.

Thank you Salem!



Christmas Clearing Council of Waukesha County

Be a Christmas Angel

Help make Christmas brighter for children of Waukesha County who might not otherwise have the opportunity to experience the joy of the holidays.

Salem will be hosting a toy drive from November 30 through December 14th. The "red barrel" will be coming soon to receive your donation! Gift cards for teens, toys, books, and waterproof mittens and hats, are just a few of the choices! The toys will be Blessed on December 14th with the children and youth of Salem participating!

Thank you to the **knitting ministry** for all of the donations of hats and gloves to the Women's Center and hats and scarves to Hadfield School.



New Perspective Youth Summer Outreach

Salem United Methodist Church -

Thank you all for your help this past summer at our bigger events, especially our 5 year celebration! We really appreciate your help!!

Thanks again!
- New Perspective

Much
Thanks!
- Hannah

Celebrate the Season of Joy

Each year Salem has supported Eras Senior Programs by participating in their annual Holiday Giving Project. This year is no different!

Collecting November 30 through December 7th

Thank you, Salem!



Holiday Giving 2025

Eras Senior Network is looking for support to help us provide holiday gifts for older adults and adults with disabilities living on fixed incomes in Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties. All recipients are current Eras clients with a demonstrated need. Their goal is to mail a gift valuing at least \$50 in gift cards and postage stamps to each recipient - helping them to meet their most basic needs.

***It's easy to get involved . . .
By purchasing the following:***

Books of Forever Postage Stamps

\$10 Pick 'n Save Gift Cards*

\$10 Walmart Gift Cards*

**Please include receipts with each gift card*



Thank you book lovers!

Thanks to the avid readers at Salem, we have \$312.50 to spend on new books and library supplies! The Library Committee sends out many thanks for your participation in our book sale. If you have favorite authors or types of books you'd like us to consider adding to the Salem Library, please let a committee member know.

(Carol Becher, Pat Bohning, and Gladys Roszkowski)

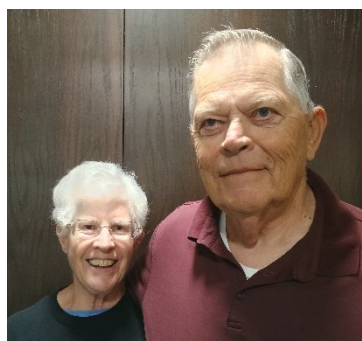
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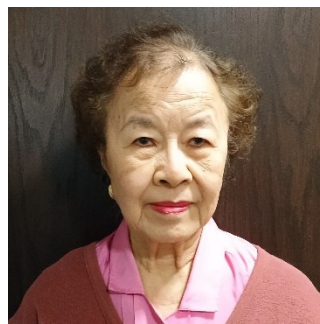
Our New Sunday School Teacher...

Kelsy Brookins is our new Sunday School teacher. She was born in Waunakee and has known Paola through her former church there. Paola actually baptized Kelsy's dad and confirmed her sister. During the day, Kelsy teaches English and theater to high school students and then comes home to her husband, David, who deals in rental vehicles and her 2-year-old son, Brady. Brady was also baptized by Paola here at Salem. When Kelsy has free time, she loves to read and garden.

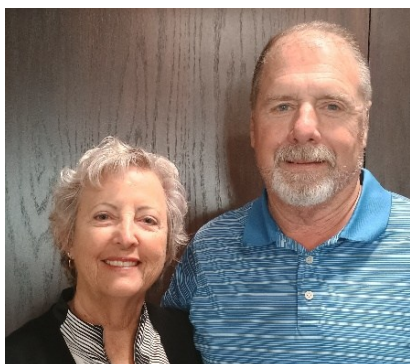
Over the next few months you will get a chance to "meet" ***Who's Who in the Pew***



Bob and Ruth Teschner met at a young people's group that Ruth helped start up at a Methodist Church in Milwaukee. When Ruth discovered Bob had a boat, she found they had the love of boating in common. Bob was in IT and worked for US Bank the last 12 years of his career. He also worked for the Brewers and has continued with them for 19 years. Ruth worked for the VA until her retirement. They have one daughter they adopted at 3 weeks of age. They both sing in the choir and enjoy spending the winters in Las Vegas. Ruth is an avid reader and has a passion for sewing/quilting.



Perla Agpoon was born in the Philippines. TWO WEEKS after marrying Jose, they moved to Louisville, KY for medical training! A year later, Perla's mother, Dolores, moved to the U.S. too and lived with the couple most of their married life. Leaving KY, they moved to Ohio and finally WI. Perla and her husband both became doctors and had 3 children and 9 grandchildren. When Perla gets a free moment, she likes to read, do crossword puzzles and play trivia games. Dolores is a former elementary school teacher, still lives with Perla, and holds the record of the oldest member of our church at 107!



Jeff and Marsha Everson were both born in WI. Jeff in Viroqua and Marsha in Prairie du Chien, and they met through socializing with mutual friends. They married in 1975 in Soldiers Grove while Jeff was in tech school and Marsha in college at La Crosse. They moved to IL when Jeff started his first job in IT, which eventually led him to work in Mukwonago, where he worked until he retired. Marsha has had several jobs in office administration and retired as a business analyst. They have a son and daughter and six grandchildren. Golfing is a passion they share, and take advantage of their home in AZ in the winter to golf year-round!

Thank you to Gladys Roszkowski for taking the time to write the "Getting to Know"...articles.

LECTIONARY READINGS

November 2

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalm 119:137-144

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Luke 19:1-10

November 9

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

November 16

Isaiah 65:17-25

Isaiah 12

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

November 23

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

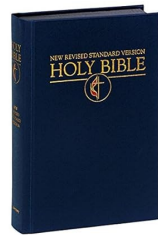
November 30

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44



News and Thank
You's from the
Trustees

October was a month of cleaning up
outstanding projects.

We had an on-sight meeting with the city of
Waukesha and came away with a plan that
eliminates our storm water run-off into the
neighbor's property until we can plant grass in
the spring.

***Thanks to Dave Pauly and Jeff Seeboth for
installing the barrier along the property line.***

The security system cameras with the addition
or the doorbell camera is now complete.

***Many thanks to Caryn Adair and Kari Schmidt
for seeing this project through.***

It's been reported that the exterior light over
the east entrance to the Narthex is not working.
The ballast is out and unrepairable due to its
age. We will replace the out unit in the
next week.

***Thank you Dave Pauly and Jim Seegers for
working on this.***

Respectively submitted,
Jeff Seeboth



SALEM ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Tuesday, November 18th at 7 PM

Please add our **Annual Church Conference** on
November 19th from **7 PM to 8 PM** to your
calendar. Don't miss information about our
church and vote on next years
leadership and finances.

Pastor Pete Peterson will be presiding.

We hope to see you there.

LOST AND FOUND



Salem has a **Lost and Found** and it is full of
items. For the next few weeks items will be on
display in front of the office. Items not claimed
will be donated.

If you have lost anything, please be sure to take
a look. If you have any questions, please email
Kari at office@salemthehill.org. Thank you.

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NEWSLETTER

**The deadline for article submissions for the
December Tidings will be Friday, Nov 21st.**