

Thoughts from Pastor Paola...

**The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed;
Those who help others are helped.**

The Message Proverbs 11:25



As I am writing this note, the 2026 Winter Olympic Games are coming to an end. I know many of you follow the exciting events, including the amazing gold medal to the US Men's Hockey team, which was actually happening live during our church service. (some of you even confessed that you were following the game during worship.) ☺

Honestly, these games have been a highly needed breath of fresh air, bringing joy, unity, and hope in a time of deep divisions and dark tension.

My favorite moment was watching the fantastic US gold medalist figure skater Alysa Liu running toward her Japanese competitor Amy Nakai, to celebrate her bronze medal. The world watched these two young women hugging each other, jumping together, filled with a genuine and wholehearted joy for each other's accomplishments. What a lesson of hope and blessing for all of us!

You see, we were not born to condemn but to bless. When we condemn, we receive in return more condemnation; when we bless, we are in return abundantly blessed. When we help others, we are, in return, greatly helped.

This past Sunday, we came together at Salem for our 9th annual Haiti fundraiser. We exceeded the goal, and as more gifts are coming in, we will be able to provide formula, vitamins, and basic needs to many more infants and toddlers who will be saved from malnutrition. The impact of Salem is getting wider and wider. Can you only imagine what would happen if more people would step up in generosity in the same way? You see, kindness brings hope and unity. Blessings others bring blessing back to us.

So this Lent, consider giving up judgmentalism, condemnation, self-righteousness, and intolerance, and take on kindness, mercy, and generosity. You may truly be surprised by the results. You will see kindness, mercy, and generosity blossoming among all those around you!!!

Bless, and you will be blessed in return.
Through the cross comes the resurrection and the new Life.

Blessings,
Pastor Paola



*Jesus loved and welcomed outsiders.
So why is it so hard for us to do the same?*

We are dedicating this Lent to learn from Jesus' example of how to welcome and love all our neighbors as ourselves.

March 1st: Second Sunday of Lent – Communion
Samaritan Woman, The Impure Stranger
John 4:4-15

March 8th: Third Sunday of Lent
Leper, The Unclean Deformed
Luke 5:12-16

March 15th: Fourth Sunday of Lent
Centurion, The Non-Believer
Luke 7:1-10

March 22nd: Fifth Sunday of Lent
The Woman of Poor Morality
Luke 7:36-50

March 29th: Palm Sunday
Zacchaeus, The Dishonest Official
Luke 19:1-10



We are blessed to have the New Horizon Brass Group performing for us on Palm Sunday. They will bring lots of special music to worship.



April 3rd at 7:00 PM: Good Friday
*Travel with us on
The Way of the Cross*

April 5th: Easter Sunday
I Have Seen the Lord
John 20:1-18



Hope, Faith, and a Turtle Named George

As we come close to Earth Day let's learn from the Psalms how to live in God's love.
(with a little inspiration from the Galapagos' animals)

Sunday, April 12th

Psalm 85

Slow to anger and steadfast in love -

Giant turtles: In God, we find true hope.

Sunday, April 19th

Psalm 91

Under his wings, you will find refuge -

Blue-footed boobies: In God we find our refuge.

Sunday, April 26th

Psalm 98

Make a joyful noise -

Sea lions: God calls us to worship in community.

Sunday, May 3rd with Communion

Psalm 46

Be still and know -

Iguanas: God calls us to slow down and to be present.

Stand alone

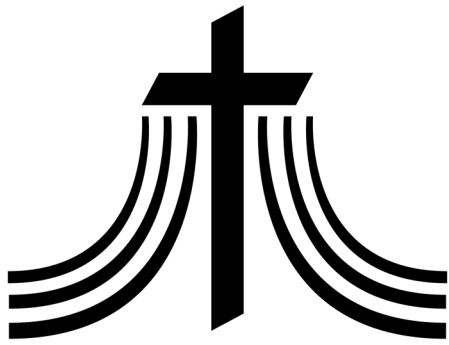
Sunday, May 10th

PRAISE FES



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





Salem Shines Christ's Light

of hope and compassion, inviting all to grow, connect & serve.

This Pentecost season let's celebrate the birth of the church by renewing our vision and mission at Salem Church.

Sunday, May 17th

GROW - 1st Corinthians 3:5-16



Sunday, May 24th - Pentecost

Confirmation Celebration

CONNECT - 1st Corinthians 12:12-31

Sunday, May 31st Trinity Sunday

SERVE - Romans 12:3-21



Chapel Service Next Door

March 18, 2026

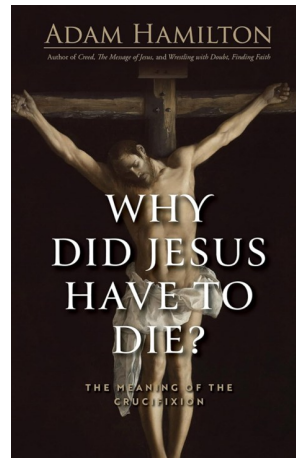
10:30 AM Hymn Sing

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: April 15th and May 20th

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



Lenten Bible Study

Study dates:

Sundays

March 1st, 8th,

22nd, & 29th.

Time: 10:20 am

Book Cost \$21.00

Join us this Lent for a meaningful Bible study based on Adam Hamilton's **Why Did Jesus Have to Die?** Together we'll explore the significance of the cross and what Jesus' death reveals about God's love and grace.

All are welcome.

Sign up in the Happenings Center



Sunday, March 15th

10:00 am Soup & Sandwiches in Fellowship Hall

10:30 am - 12:30 pm Program in the Sanctuary

Join us for a special intergenerational event featuring guest speaker Mrs. Pattycake! The Bible can often feel like one giant jigsaw puzzle—but Blast Through the Bible brings all the pieces together. This engaging, hands-on experience will help both young and old see the BIG picture and understand the Bible as ONE connected story from beginning to end. Come be part of this fun, interactive learning adventure!

Please sign up in the Happenings Center so that we have enough food and materials for you.

Confirmation Class

Next meetings are:

March 1st at 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Join the Lenten Bible Study

11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Why Should I Give Up Chocolate

Lent and Easter

March 15th at 10:30 am

Special Class

Blast Through the Bible

If you enjoy singing we would love to have you as part of our **Church Choir**. Please contact Michelle Oberwise Lacock at (630) 336-2317 or by email at mlacock54@gmail.com.



Handbell choir practices every Wednesday 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 you join us.

On March 8th, 2026



Spring forward in faith!
CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS and
join us on time for worship.

HOSPITALITY



Please consider signing up to bring and serve fellowship snacks and/or be a greeter.

Signing up is easy—just stop by The Happening Center and snack counter to add your name to the list.



THANK YOU!!

Love YOUR Leftovers

The kitchen refrigerator was recently cleaned and many expired or unused items were found.

Please only store leftovers if you know they will be used; otherwise, please take them home or donate them.

Donations of leftover food are always welcome at Hebron House in Waukesha. They help women and children in our community.

If leftovers will be left in the refrigerator - all items must be labeled with the open date, expiration date, and intended user—labels and a Sharpie are available by the fridge.

If you find expired items, please discard them.
Thank you for helping keep the refrigerator clean and for reducing waste.



A special thank you to everyone who supported our **9th Annual Fundraiser** for the St Joseph Clinic in Haiti.

TEAM WORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK!



- Different training → Different Skill sets and strengths
- Bigger crew = Bigger catchment area
- Interdisciplinary collaboration
- Also collaborate with Community Health Workers in the 5 outlying villages for home visits

Thanks to Salem’s generosity we were able to exceed our fundraising goal. This allows us to not only support the annual salary of both the clinic director, Wilner, and the clinic nurse, Surzy, but we will also be able to provide formula, vitamins, and basic needs to many more infants and toddlers who will be saved from malnutrition. Thank you for supporting the Medika Mamba Child Malnutrition Program. We appreciate the time that Amanda Rogers and Betta Tyriver invest in organizing and coordinating this fundraising event each year.



A special thanks to all our international dessert bakers for their delicious contributions:

- Maura Rogers, Sally Kellicut,
- Gladys Roszkowski, Barb Hollander,
- Kelsy Brookins, and Sharon Seegers.

Gladys was the winner! Norwegian dessert!



UPCOMING EVENTS



Please join us for a fun evening featuring a delicious Italian meal, an exciting silent auction, and lively raffles—all to benefit grieving children and families. Tickets are available on our website www.healingheartswisconsin.org/events-2/

Saturday, Apr 18, 2026 at 5:00pm - 9:00pm CDT
Tuscan Hall - 409 Delafield Street—Waukesha, WI

SAVE THE DATE

Salem will be providing a meal for Healing Hearts on **Monday, April 20th**. More information and sign up sheets will be available in the Happenings Center in March.



SAVE THE DATE

On Friday, May 1st, Salem will help serve a community meal for the Hope Center in Waukesha. More information and sign up sheets will be available in the Happenings Center later in March.



March 8th - March 29th

Cereal Domino Challenge: Fun with a Purpose!

Get ready - something exciting (and a little crunchy!) is happening at Salem!

Our children and youth are gearing up for the **Cereal Domino Challenge**, building a creative domino-style setup with donated cereal boxes and watching them fall in one thrilling chain reaction. Donations will be collected beginning on March 8th. Boxes can be brought to church and put on the counter outside of the office. Our goal is to collect 250 large size cereal boxes. (but any size is welcome)

On March 29th our collection will end with an amazing domino extravaganza happening in the Narthex after worship.

EVERY box will be donated to the **Waukesha Food Pantry** to support local families. We invite the congregation to donate cereal and cheer on our youth as they put their faith into action. Together, a simple box of cereal can make a big impact!



More Than A Meal
Annual Fundraiser

FOOD PANTRY UPCOMING FUNDRAISER EVENT

Join us for breakfast at Golden Mast Inn, Okauchee, WI on Saturday, April 18th

- Doors open at 9:30 AM
- Breakfast is served at 10:30 AM
- Program and Awards begin at 11:15 AM
- Fund A Program starts at 11:45AM
- Raffle winner chosen at 12:00 PM

Buy your tickets today!

<https://cbo.io/app/public/bidapp/morethanameal>



ERAS annual Tapestry fundraising event is a night to celebrate clients, volunteers, staff, board, donors, and community stakeholders. Together, we weave a tapestry of support that empowers seniors and engages generations across Milwaukee and Waukesha counties.

Wed, April 22nd at 5:00 pm

Saint Kate - The Arts Hotel

139 E Kilbourn Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53202

Visit www.eras.org for more information



May 10th – May 31st

We will be seeking monetary donations to support the **Ingathering** event at the Wisconsin Annual Conference held in June. The funds will be designated for home care and personal dignity items. Pastor Paola will deliver our donation when she attends the Conference.

Thank you
VOLUNTEERS!



Throughout the year, Salem shows incredible generosity through our Outreach Ministry. Your donations, time, prayers, and faithful support make a real difference in the lives of so many in our community and beyond. Because of you, needs are met, hope is shared, and God's love is made visible in powerful ways. We are deeply grateful for your endless giving spirit.

To celebrate and say thank you, we invite everyone to save the date for a special **Thank You Sunday on April 26th!** We hope you'll join us for ice cream sundaes as we celebrate the sweet impact you make all year long.

LIFTING PEOPLE TO BETTER HEALTH



You can join anytime.

STRONGBODIES

Strong Bodies is a strength training class for men and women 60+ years old. The class is FREE. We meet every MONDAY and WEDNESDAY morning from 9:15 - 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall.

*More information is in the Happening Center.
To register call Courtney at (262) 548-7835
or by email at cklepp@waukeshacounty.gov*



Getting to Know... Who's Who in the Pews

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



Kermit and Pat Bohning grew up in the same small town in North Iowa. They were married in 1971 and after college returned to their hometown. Kermit worked in corn breeding research and Pat was an administrative assistant at the elementary school. They have two daughters. Unfortunately, they lost their younger daughter in a car accident while in high school. In 2007 they moved to Wisconsin to be closer to their other daughter and her family. That's when they joined Salem. They played a large part watching their two young grandsons, following their sports and having them "work" around their acreage. They helped plant and harvest the pumpkins and gourds they share with Salem. Both young men are now in college!! They both enjoy being close to their family, working around their acreage, traveling, and reading. Both are very active at Salem and enjoy the close-knit family.

Becky Henderson was born in Michigan and went to school at Michigan Technological University to become a med tech. While at school she met her future husband, Matt. She did a one-year internship in Green Bay after college and half-way through that she and Matt married. He got a job in southern IL and both he and Becky worked there while starting their family. They had a daughter, Kimberly and a son, Colin. Eventually when Matt started his own business, they moved to WI and had their son, Ross. Becky gets to New York state as often as possible to see her two grandsons, ages 7 & 9 years. In her free time, she loves to knit and bowl and spend summers at the house on the lake in Manitowish Waters.





March Lectionary Reading

March 1

Genesis 12:1-4

Psalm 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

March 15

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

March 8

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

March 22

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

March 29

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Matthew 21:1-11

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:9-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66



Every year we review our Church Directory to ensure that all of your contact information is up-to-date. During the month of March, there will be a hard copy of the directory in the Happenings Center for you to review and make any needed changes.

Our online password protected directory is **safe**. It is available online via smart phone or computer to Salem members and friends through Instant Church Directory.

If you have not accessed the online Directory before, set up information can be found in the Happenings Center. You can also contact the office for a printed copy of the directory.

Please note that for security, the office will no longer email the directory to anyone.

TRUSTEES
Stewards of the Church



News and Thanks

David Pauly continues to be our roof monitor, no problems to report. Thank you, David.

The lighting project in the Narthex continues to move forward with a hard quote in hand for installation cost. Thanks to Caryn Adair we have first pass estimates on the fixtures and will continue with competitive bids in the next month.

A concern was raised when a mouse was seen ducking up behind the exterior siding near the east entrance of the Narthex. We will proceed down the path of mouse eradication and fill as required any cracks found and may put down some bait traps in target areas.

Our new insurance carrier inspected our boiler and cited us for a code violation which requires an emergency shut down palm button switch to be mounted at each door in the boiler room. We have had two estimates done and have selected our electrician for the job.

Respectively submitted,
Jeff Seeboth



We want to alert you to a scam that is currently targeting members of our church family. Someone is impersonating Pastor Paola via text message and requesting to discreetly speak to you and is then asking recipients to purchase gift cards.

Please know that no one from Salem will ever ask you to buy gift cards, send credit card information, or share sensitive details through a text message or email. Please verify that the phone number from the text or email address is correct.

If you receive a suspicious text message or email:

- Do not respond
- Do not click on any links
- Do not provide any information
- Delete the message

Let the office or Pastor Paola know
When in doubt, please email the church office directly to verify any request.