


Salem United Methodist Church

September 2024



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ACTS 2:17

Thoughts from Pastor Paola...

In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Acts 2:17

Dreams for Salem

In June I invited you to share with me your dreams for Salem. They were shared in worship. As we enter the Fall season I would like to invite you to take some time to read over the list of dreams and spend time in prayer and reflection. The church council will soon bring back to us ideas and directions on how to move forward as we make dreams come true and we open our hearts to what God is preparing for us at Salem during next year”.

Blessings,
Pastor Paola

Overall

- Continue doing what we do well with more focus
- Ministry, fellowship, and outreach with other Methodist churches in the area

Music:

- Overhaul of music ministry with more special music, and more people involved
- Children’s choir
- Incorporate (older) praise music into worship
- More Prelude music
- Small brass musical group
- Bring in a gospel music group

Outreach

- Host a Night to Shine in 2025. It is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God’s love, for people with special needs, ages 14 and older
- Trunk rummage sale in the parking lot for the community
- Yoga or tai chi meditation class for the community
- Invite groups in the community to share what they do and how we can help

Congregation care

- Strengthen the nurture team

Small groups

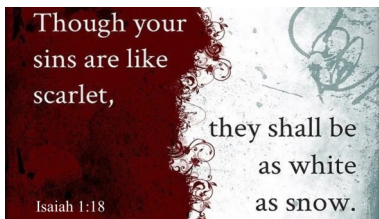
- Women’s study group
- Disciple Bible Study
- Fellowship and Book Club
- Book and prayer group
- Interest-based small groups
- In-person bible study group during the week

Children and Youth Ministry

- Children involved in outreach fundraising
- 1 time a month Children help with service
- Growing pool of teachers for Sunday School
- Kids club
- Enrichment activity scholarship for high schoolers and younger

Senior Ministry

- Monthly gatherings (lunch, field trips)
- Monthly potluck



With Pastor Pete Peterson

Sunday, September 1st Communion

What Do I Mean By Being Clean?

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20



What gives you hope these days?

As our country is getting closer to another presidential election, we are again facing concerns about how our future will look like. Meanwhile, at all levels, we are dealing with discouragement and uncertainty.

Let's learn together from some of the Old Testament stories how faith restores true hope in our lives.

Sun, Sept 8 - The Story of David

Much More Than Optimism - 1 Samuel 17

Sun, Sept 15 - The Story of Moses

Stronger Than Fear - Exodus 14

Sun, Sept 22 - The Story of Jeremiah:

More Than Looking Beyond the Present - Jer 29

Sun, Sept 29 - The Story of Ruth:

Lay Speaker Bonnie Wojcik

More Powerful Than Perseverance - Book of Ruth



When we generously give our money, time, and talents, our lives blossom and make a difference. In return, we find joy and purpose. Join us as we discover how we are made to count through stewardship.

Sunday, Oct 6 - Stewardship Campaign

Fall Harvest Fest

Made to Count by Living Fully

Matthew 19:16-22

Sunday, Oct 13 - Stewardship Campaign

Budget 2025 presentation Kermit Bohning

Made to Count by Investing Wisely

Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday, Oct 20 - Stewardship Sunday

Made to Count by Making a Difference

Matthew 25:34-40



Sunday, October 27

Ask the Pastor



Sunday, November 3

All Saints Day



Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit

November 10th - November 24th

Often we struggle to understand the role of the Holy Spirit in our faith life. In truth, the Holy Spirit can become an incredible source of power if we open up to it. Let us discover what the Holy Spirit is and how we can be empowered by it.

Sun, November 10

The Life Giver - John 3:1-8

Sun, November 17

The Comforter - John 14:25-27

Sun, November 24

The Equipper - 1 Corinthians 12:4-14



Chapel Service Next Door

September 18, 2024
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Hymn Sing at 10:30 am

Come worship with our neighbors at New Perspective! Pastor Paola will lead worship in the chapel on the 3rd floor. Communion will be served. Please arrive 15 minutes early to check in at the front desk.

Future services: Oct 16th and Nov 20th

A special thanks to **Susie** for playing the piano, **Dave** for playing flute, and **Bill** for prep & planning.



On **Wednesday, September 4th**, the **Bell Choir** and **Adult Choir** begin.



Bells practice at 6:30 pm
Choir practice at 7:20 pm



Please contact Brenda Lindsay (262) 894-0644 if you'd like to join the bells. You do not need to read music to play bells just be able to count up to 4!

If interested in choir, please contact Rev. Dr. Michelle Oberwise Lacock (630) 336-2317. We'd love to have you sing with us and I'm willing to teach you how to read the music line that fits your voice!

Come one and all and make a joyful noise!



Children's Sunday School will resume **September 8th**.

Children will start in the service and leave after Children's Time.

New to the Schedule, No Sunday school the first Sunday of the month. This is communion Sunday. Kids will stay for the service, the children Busy Bags will be available. **If you have any questions, please contact Mary Jo Martin.**



Looking for volunteers

that would like to lead a Sunday School lesson. The lesson can be music treated, craft, or games. If interested please contact Mary Jo Martin at (414) 630-2531. **Thank you.**



CHILDREN'S church service BUSY BAG

The bags have current worship service activities, colored pencils, stickers, and a fidget toy. Available every Sunday - Pick up and return to the counter outside the Sanctuary.

Vacation Bible School

MY FATHER'S HOUSE



Thank you to everyone who participated in VBS this year.

We all had a fun filled day learning about Our Father's House.

Outreach News

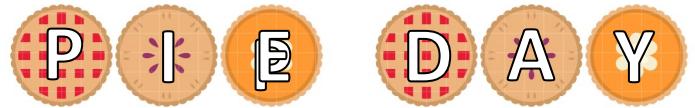
Snack Collection



School has started!

Snack collection for Hadfield Elementary School has started and will continue throughout the 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!



Thanks to your generous donations for Pie Day, we will be sending \$3222 to Mujila Falls for educational purposes. Temba will use the money to get needed materials for the first classroom block and probably for the construction of a 2nd block of classrooms. Watch for a note from Temba on the Outreach board.

Mujila Falls



Fund raiser

Undie Sunday - Sept. 8th-29th



Just a reminder that Undie Sunday is coming up. Have you purchased any underwear to donate to the Hope Center yet? Last year Salem donated 694 items between items donated and monetary donations. **Can we beat these last totals? Yes, we can.** Please put new underwear or socks in the basket or designate checks for Undie Sunday made out to Salem.

The needs are

- Men's and Women's ankle socks
- Men's boxers/boxer briefs **ALL sizes**
- Women's low rise briefs sizes 5-8

With your support, we can help our community with this very basic need. Thank you!

The Outreach Team



The **FOOD**
Pantry
SERVING WAUKESHA COUNTY



Meijer Simply Give
Double Match Days
September 14th

Meijer Simply Give Fall Campaign Kicks Off

Reminder: **Saturday, September 14th** is an opportunity to help the Food Pantry. Go to Meijer on Sunset and purchase a Simply Give gift card for \$10. Meijer will double match it. That means the \$10 donation becomes \$30! Please consider stopping by to purchase a card or more. And spread the word to neighbors and friends.

When you purchase your \$10 Simply Give cards, be sure to tell the clerk it is for The FOOD Pantry. The cards will then be converted into Meijer gift cards that they can use to purchase food and other supplies for their shelves. **We appreciate your support!**



Hope Center Meal Volunteer Opportunity

Friday, September 20th
5:00 - 7:00 pm

Salem will be serving the evening meal at the **Hope Center on Friday, September 20, 2024.** 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 4-7 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 70-80 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.



Paola is traveling in Italy to spend time with her family until September 6th.

In her absence, Pastor Pete will be available in case of urgent matters and emergencies. You can also contact the church office in case of need at office@salemmonthehill.org.

Knitting Ministry

Our knitting ministry is starting up again for the fall. We make prayer shawls that are delivered to people who are sick or lonely. Please join us for our first get together.

Thursday, Sept 5th

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.



Fall Get Together

Women in the Middle will be meeting again in the Fall on the following

Thursdays: October 3rd, 10th and the 17th.

We generally begin at 6:00pm and finish up by about 8:30. More information to follow.

Please email the church office if you are interested, have a question, and are able to come. It will be wonderful to get together.

Looking AHEAD...

Winter Retreat at Siena

Feb 7th to Feb 8th

Leader: Chris Taylor

Cost: \$150.00

(Includes lodging and meals)

Space is limited to 10

More information to follow...



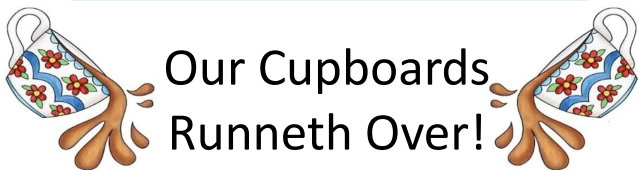
A special thanks the Buxengard family for hosting a summer gathering. We had so much fun and great food.



United Women of Faith

Esther Rachel Circle will meet again Sept. 9 at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall after a summer break. All women are welcome to join us for dessert, fellowship and a short program.

Hope to see you all there!



The coffee bar is full to the brim with plastic utensils, paper plates and napkins. Please do not bring ANY extra of those items when you host Fellowship Time. If you happen to bring those items, take home whatever is left after serving.

The same is true for snacks. Do not leave any extra food on the coffee bar. We are trying to use extras we already have and keep the area neat.

A group of women from Esther Rachel Circle cleaned up and reorganized the kitchen. If you use something, PLEASE put it back where it came from. In another week we will have new labels to help guide you. We are trying to keep our counters free from clutter.

Thank you for your consideration!



We are in need of...

Greeters AND Fellowship Snacks
during the month of September.

Sign up sheets by the snack bar and the Happenings Center. ***Thank you!!!!***

The Word!

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS

September 1

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Psalms 45:1-2, 6-9

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

September 8

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Psalms 125

James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17

Mark 7:24-37

September 15

Proverbs 1:20-33

Psalms 19

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

September 22

Proverbs 31:10-31

Psalms 1

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

September 29

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Psalms 124

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50



Save the Date...

ALL CHURCH Intergenerational Fall Harvest Fest
In the open space between church and New Perspective. Details to follow...

SOFTBALL CONGRATULATIONS

SALEM 50+ Senior Softball Team



Back row: Will Romantini (1B), David Schuh (SC), Bob Berninger (P), Randy Housner (LF), Pete Van Aacken (C), Dirk Wlchgers (RF) Treyton Budreau (1B coach & Kurt G.'s grandson) plus Dick & Marlys Tesch, Co-SPONSORS with Kurt G.

Front Row: John Galewski (SS & Ass't manager), Ken Lester (RCF), David Wastak (3B/2B), Karen Komassa (C/2B), Harmony Budreau & Kaliyah Budreau (Kurt G.'s granddaughters & batgirls)

Salem has made the PLAYOFFS for a LEAGUE RECORD 10th CONSECUTIVE SEASON:

After an EARLY LOSS, our team has won 11 straight & is **13-2**. We are in the top 4 entering the PLAYOFFS on September 3rd!

For more information, please see the community board in the Narthex.



NEWS and Thank You from the Trustees...

- The church bell has been fixed. **Thank you to Jim Seegers and Dave Pauly for installing a manual rope and hardware.**
- The Church Cross will be painted and loose roof tiles will be repaired soon.
- The board is discussing walkway lighting between Salem and New Perspectives.
- The Church exterior cross light was bumped and needed to be repaired. **Thank you to Jim Seegers for reworking the shroud and repairing the light.**
- The board has been in communication with our neighbors to the east regarding drainage concerns from our property. It has been an extremely wet year and the residents are complaining about excessive water in their yards. Discussions continue.
- The WI Department of Safety and Professional Services has updated it's system to digital only. An online account was created and our permit to operate the boiler has been updated.
- The Hwy 59 project will start in April 2025. It is a 2 year project. Our entrance driveway will be blocked for one week for the necessary paving of the approach. More details to come.
- Dave Pauly anticipates bringing his chipper into town at the end of September. Several days of removing Buckthorn and unwanted brush is anticipated to "move the woods back" in visible areas. This will also expose desirable trees. **Volunteers are needed.**

LIBRARY NEWS...

Salem Authors



Check out Salem and other local authors' books displayed on the library table. Besides Ellen McFarland and Bill Young, **Bonnie Stuempfig** has authored two books. The first "Heavenly Connections", includes stories, poems, dramatic accounts and thoughts with messages from Bonnie as well as former Salem-members, friends, and pastors. The second book is "When I Get There" which describes questions Bonnie would like answered when she gets to heaven, the people she looks forward to seeing there, and tributes to those she has loved/respected through the years before she is gone. We also have books written by the late Stuart Briscoe an author, international speaker and senior pastor at Elmbrook Church in Brookfield as well as some by his wife, Jill. **Has anyone else out there written a book?**

Back to School for Salem Youth

Our Salem Youth are ready (or not) to start the new school year. Read about their interests and activities of this very diversified group. We wish them God's blessings as they start another year.



- ⇒ **Abigail** is a sophomore at Muskego High School. She is on the tennis team and involved with best buddies. She loves spending time with friends and is looking forward to being on the downhill ski team again this year.
- ⇒ **Aaron** will be a junior at UW-Lacrosse. He is a Business Management major with a minor in Nutrition. His favorite activities are body building, fantasy football, enjoying good friends and good food.
- ⇒ **Zach** is a freshman at Gateway Technical College in Kenosha and will be studying in the Aeronautics Pilot training program. He enjoys shooting sports, mountain biking, skiing and snowboarding.
- ⇒ **Jonalee** is starting her junior year at UW-Lacrosse majoring in Biomedical Research. She is on the swim team at school and will be Vice-President of the Pre-Physician's Assistant Club.
- ⇒ **Isley**, at 10, is starting 5th grade and loves Science. She hopes to be a nurse someday. Meanwhile, she is active on the volleyball team and in her third year of playing basketball. Summer has been spent in the swimming pool with her puppy, Danny.
- ⇒ **Illyana** is 9, and will be in 4th grade. She enjoys Social Studies/History. She wants to work with animals when she grows up particularly with reptiles, having had lots of experience with her pet lizard, Bob. Her outside activities include tennis and tumbling, and golf. She relaxes playing video games.
- ⇒ **Kara** has just turned 7, and is going into 2nd grade. She loves Art class but wants to be a meteorologist when she grows up, being fascinated by tornadoes and storms. She plays tennis, golf, basketball and loves swimming. Bike riding is her new favorite thing to do. She shares responsibility with Isley for a pet tortoise named Walter.
- ⇒ **Franklin** is 16 and entering 11th grade. His favorite subject is Math and he is looking forward to exploring new classes and enjoying his time at school.
- ⇒ **Owen** is going to 5th grade. He loves Reading and Recess. He enjoys participating in Taekwondo.
- ⇒ **Damian** will be home schooled this year. His favorite activity is lunch!
- ⇒ **Maura**, age 11, is going into 6th grade. Her favorite subject is Recess, but she also looks forward to playing the viola with her orchestra at String Fest.
- ⇒ **Logan** is 9 and starting 4th grade. His favorite subject is Gym. He is always enthused to start any baseball activities.
- ⇒ **Mason** is in 4th grade and will continue to be an active participant on the swim team.
- ⇒ **Ava** is a 7th grader. She is looking forward to choir and especially their annual field trip. This year the choir will perform and also have some fun at the Dells. She will be returning to the swim team also.
- ⇒ **Connor** will be a freshman at Iowa State University this year and is going to major in Marketing.
- ⇒ **Mason** is starting his junior year at the University of Iowa with a double major in Finance and Risk Management. He's looking forward to seeing college friends and participating in his favorite activity which is weight lifting.
- ⇒ **Anna** is a senior at Tulane university studying pre-law.
- ⇒ **Simona** is going to Kindergarten.
- ⇒ **Stella** and **Sloane** are going to preschool.
- ⇒ **Raegan** is going to Kindergarten.
- ⇒ **Maci Marie** is enjoying being 1.
- ⇒ **Kaiya** is 8 months old and stays home with mommy.
- ⇒ **Sawyer** is enjoying being 1.
- ⇒ **Savannah** is going to be a Senior in high school.
- ⇒ **Cole** is sharing an apartment with his friend Sam in LaCrosse and they will both attend school starting September 3. Cole is studying automotive engineering.
- ⇒ **Brooke** enjoys her dog grooming/clipping job and is anxious to resume the ceramics as soon as her kiln is up to speed. She is very creative.
- ⇒ **Molly** is entering 4th grade.
- ⇒ **Lucia** is entering child care in 2 weeks.