

Chapel Chimes

"SHARING FAITH, LIFTING UP, REACHING OUT AND GROWING TOGETHER."

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF

SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, PLYMOUTH, WISCONSIN



First Notes

by Rev. Jim Hoppert

As I mentioned in May's front page article of Chapel Chimes, the changes in guidelines and restrictions for in-person worship would be hard to predict. That wasn't exactly going out on a limb, but I did swerve into the right answer, anyway. On May 13th the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a change in their guidelines for vaccines and masks. That became important because much of the guidance for Salem's insurers (and our ability to maintain important coverage) has stuck pretty closely to CDC guidelines. As most of you are probably aware, the new guidelines have stated that fully vaccinated persons (two weeks past the second dose of either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or the one shot of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine) are no longer required to wear a mask in most indoor settings.

Unfortunately, the initial news came out on a Thursday without any advance notice or clarifications (those would come early the next week), leaving businesses and organizations little time to digest the recommendations and act on them quickly.

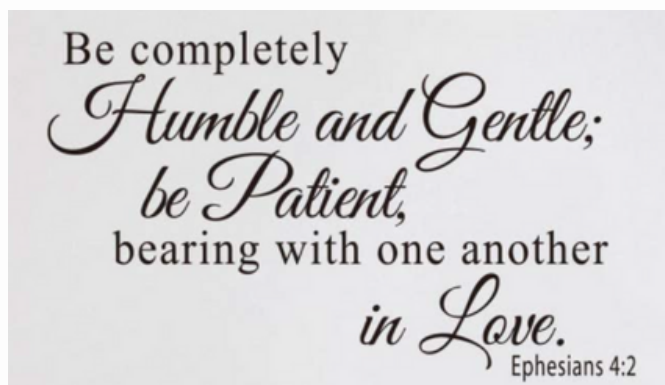
After looking at the new guidelines, Salem's Worship Team and the Consistory have made the following changes in our in-person worship procedures:

First Notes (continued)

- 1) When weather permits, the 10:30 a.m. worship service will be held outdoors, in front of the east entrance, allowing persons to be seated under the carport, on the level surface of the parking lot, and on the edge of the lawn. Persons may bring their own lawn chairs and the church will also have folding chairs available. While persons are not required to mask, you may wear a mask if you are more comfortable doing so. The full range of worship practices, including congregational singing will take place in this service.
- 2) In the event of inclement weather, the 10:30 a.m. worship service will move indoors. Fully vaccinated persons will not be required to wear a mask but unvaccinated persons will be asked to mask. We will seat persons in every other pew. Since the guidelines indicate that it is not safe for unvaccinated persons to sing inside, there will be no congregational singing for the indoor service.
- 3) We will no longer ask persons to call ahead before coming to worship and there will no longer be reserved seating.

There are a number of things that need to be kept in mind as we make these changes. First, I anticipate that this will be the beginning of a number of changes that will come in the weeks ahead as we move to fewer restrictions. Those changes may happen quickly (as did the May 13th change), so be on the lookout for those changes. Second, while persons choosing not to become vaccinated assume certain risks for themselves, there are persons who do not have that choice, including children under 12 and persons allergic to the vaccine; therefore, we will continue to exercise caution to assure every person is as safe as possible at Salem. Third, decisions would be a lot easier if we knew that everyone was vaccinated, but there is no desire on my part to be part of the vaccine police. Call me old-fashioned, but “Your papers please” should not be three words that we use in church.

Finally, I continue to ask for your patience during this transition to a time when these restrictions will be behind us. As I've said before, shutting things down is easy: starting them back up is a lot harder. It is not just like flipping a switch. Everyone will have a different level of comfort and a different sense of timing with regards to coming back. We need to approach the situation and each another with love, understanding, and common sense.

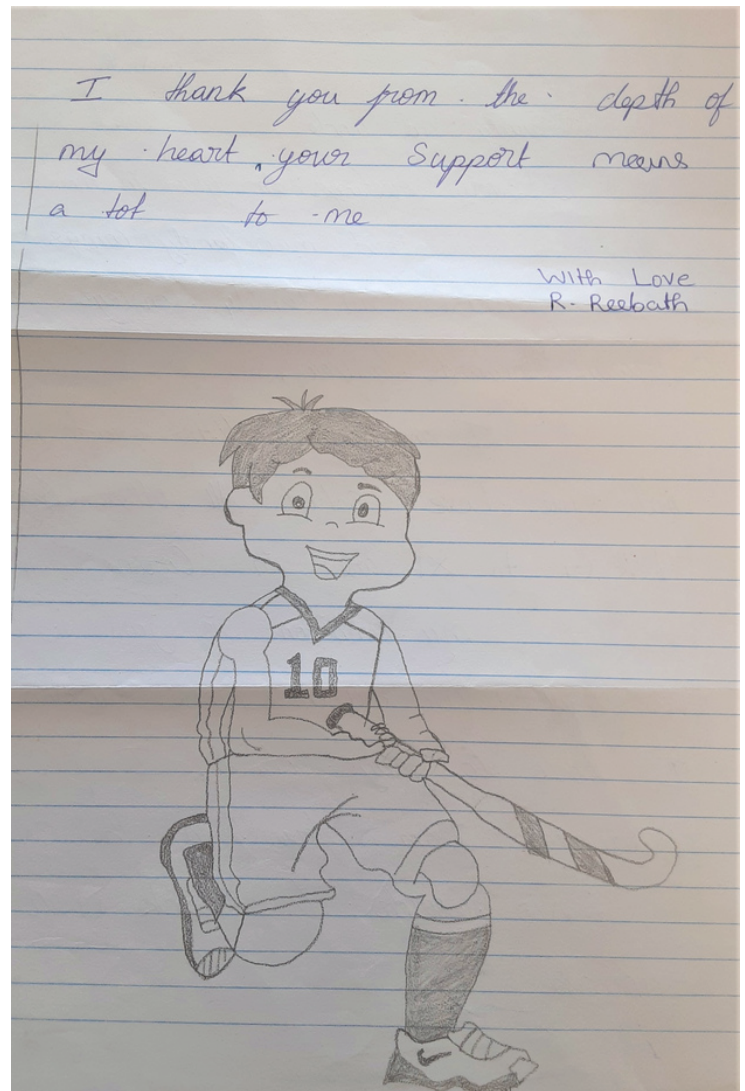
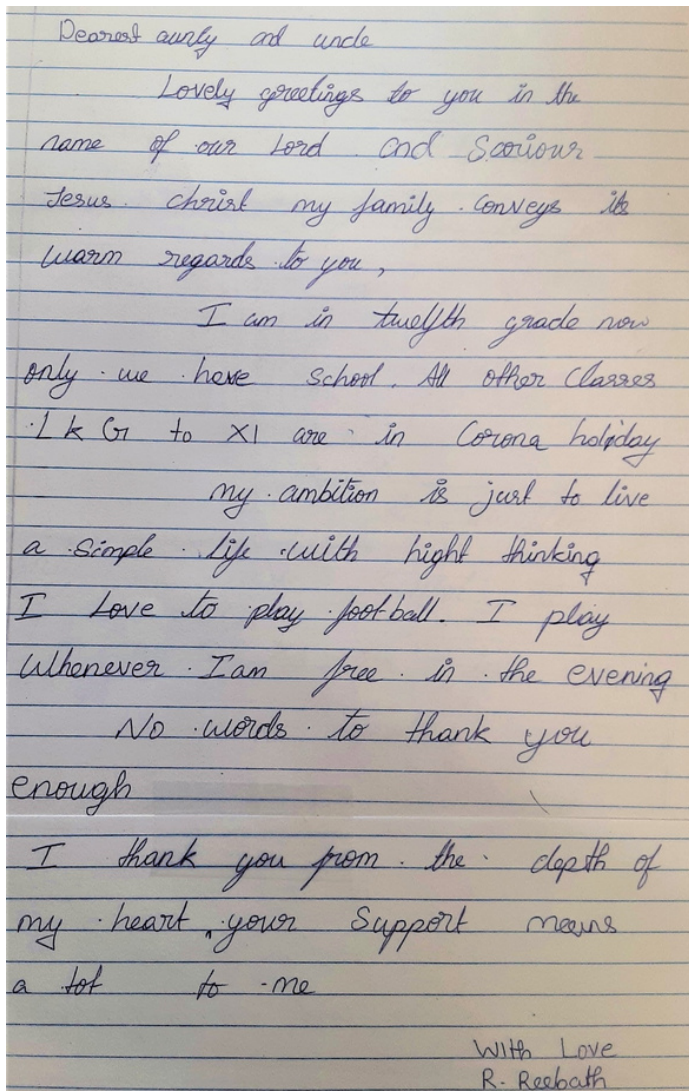


Shalom aleichem—Peace be with you.

Rev. Jim Hoppert

CHILDREN'S Sunday School

To wrap up our church school year, I share with you the following letter received from the child sponsored by our Children's Sunday School. He lives in India and his name is Reebath.



I just received this after we had our last classes and so it's pictured above and retyped below as it might be easier to read. Enjoy his letter and drawing! ---Marsha Meyer

Dearest Aunty and Uncle,

Lovely greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. My family conveys its warm regards to you.

I am in 12th grade now - only we have school; all other classes are in Corona holiday. My ambition is just to live a simple life with high thinking. I love to play football. I play whenever I am free in the evenings. No words to thank you enough.

I thank you from the depth of my heart. Your support means a lot to me.

With Love,
R. Reebath

PRAYING GOD'S
BLESSINGS FOR
YOU ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY



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| 04 Al Bosman | 14 Hannah Velier | 23 Michael Halle | 27 Val Gillman |
| 04 Makyla Odekirk | 14 William Bender | 23 Scott Raeder | 28 Lauren Jenquin |
| 05 Debra Konrad | 16 Roger Binder | 23 Toni Fuerst | 29 Declan Krueger |
| 05 Kathleen Andrews | 17 Kathy Plahmer | 26 David Huibregtse | 30 Breckan Luedke |
| 06 Darla Ardell | 20 Barb Pahr | 27 Mary Mullen | 30 Charles Baumann |
| 07 ackie Rortvedt | | | 30 Jean Halida |
| 07 Judy Miller | | | |
| 12 Kyle Lisowe | | | |
| 13 Melissa Odekirk | | | |



Readings for June

June 6 - Second Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrew Scriptures: 1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20

Psalm: Psalm 138

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

June 13 - Third Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrew Scripture: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Psalm: Psalm 208

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

June 20 - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrew Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:32-49

Psalm: Psalm 9:9-20

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

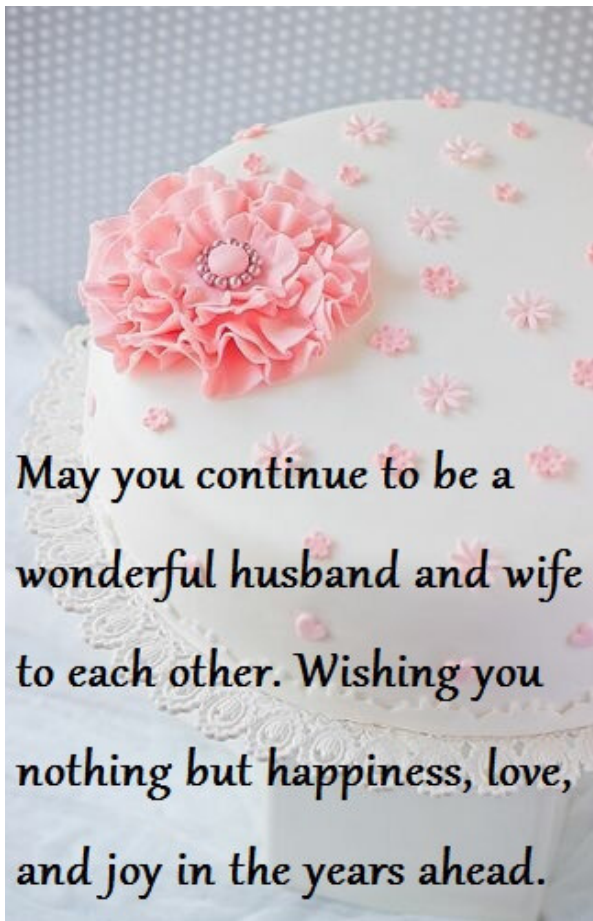
June 27 - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrew Scripture: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Psalm: Psalm 130

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43



June Wedding Anniversary wishes go out to:

- 07 Dan & Denise Buss
- 08 Jim & Faye Hughes
- 08 Garriet & Hannah Kanis
- 09 Robert & Natalie Paulik
- 14 Randy & Sharon Odekirk
- 15 Ralph & Dena Adamson
- 17 Warren & Marianne Faas
- 19 Bob & Kathy Plahmer
- 20 Jerad & Marion Lehmann
- 20 Art & Barb Pahr
- 21 Dale & Linda Zimmermann
- 24 Bill & Judy Helmer
- 24 Bill & Joanne Lammers
- 24 Terry & Rachel Risse
- 25 Rev. Jim & Abby Hoppert
- 28 Andy & Angie Hartmann

ENDOWMENT FUND



The Endowment Fund Team is grateful that Salem is blessed with the opportunity to provide support for participation in many local and worldwide ministries and missions. The following grants were

awarded at our April 2021 Endowment meeting:

- Sr. Youth Fellowship Back Bay Mission Trip \$1,000
- Habitat for Humanity Lakeside \$1,500
- Frank Marzano (fire destroyed business) \$1,500
- Dry Erase Boards for Sunday School classrooms \$700
- Project Angel Hugs \$500
- Electronic Fund Deposit fee \$300
- Line of Credit Reduction \$2,310

The amount available to spend is decided in January each year and is determined to be 1-3% of the total value of all investment funds. We pray God's blessings upon the persons and ventures impacted by the granting of these funds.

Kay Scheible, Secretary



Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization

**Opening Market Day is June 2nd! This season, Market hours will be:
*Wednesdays Sheboygan 8AM – 1PM Plymouth Thursdays from 12N -5PM***

Bridgeway has 4 families including 7 children ranging in age from 1-16. But wait; there's more! We are expecting a baby this summer! As some of you may know, the most significant difference with our program is the ability to work with moms through past traumas and barriers over a longer period of time to create sustainable change and self-sufficiency. Please keep these families in your prayers as they navigate new strategies towards a healthier life.

Bridgeway is in need of the following: Pine-Sol floor cleaner and paper towels.



SUMMER VACATION PLANS

Grief Support will meet Fridays in June but not in July and August.

Marsha Meyer will be on vacation in June.

Men's Club held it's last meeting May 24 but will resume meeting in the fall.

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

Member, Josh Bender came to church recently to pick up the container of cigarette butts, etc. that are collected and recycled through Terracycle.



Josh says, "I just print a prepaid label and ship them to New Jersey where they are processed and separated by material (plastic filters, compostable materials). The plastic filters are melted into new industrial products like "plastic lumber" for pallets. There are cigarette receptacles at City Park, Stayer Park, and Lone Oak Park that were donated to the City of Plymouth using an endowment grant from the church.

I thought you might like to read about how the endowment grant continues to give back - thanks to extra efforts from people like Josh.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>NOTE:</i> <i>Marsha—June vacation.</i>		1 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 7pm N Anon	2	3	4 10am Grief Support 7pm N Anon	5
6 <i>Recognition of Graduates</i> 8:30am Worship (Stream) 10:30am Worship (InPerson) 7pm AI Anon	7	8 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 6:30pm Consistory 7pm N Anon	9	10	11 10am Grief Support 7pm N Anon	12
13 <i>Communion</i> 8:30am Worship (Stream) 10:30am Worship (InPerson) 7pm AI Anon	14 <i>Flag Day</i>	15 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 7pm N Anon	16	17	18 10am Grief Support 7pm N Anon	19
20 <i>Father's Day</i> 8:30am Worship (Stream) 10:30am Worship (InPerson) 7pm AI Anon	21 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	22 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 7pm N Anon	23	24	25 <i>64th Anniversary of the UCC</i> 10am Grief Support 7pm N Anon	26 <i>Newsletter Available</i>
27 8:30am Worship (Stream) 10:30am Worship (InPerson) 7pm AI Anon	28	29 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 7pm N Anon	30			