

# 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 wrote in last month's newsletter, the time would be coming soon when many (if not all) aspects of church life would return. At the July 12 meeting of Salem's Worship Team, the recommendation was made (and approved by the Consistory the next night) that the 10:30 a.m. worship service will move indoors beginning Sun., August 1. The service will have the full range of worship elements including singing and liturgy. Seating will not be assigned (we trust that people will not crowd unnecessarily into other peoples' spaces). Masks will not be required, but it is our strong suggestion that unvaccinated persons should mask; persons not comfortable with in-person worship in this format should feel free to continue using the live-stream worship option.

Beginning September 5, in-person worship will move from 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., with the same provisions. At that time, we will start to assess whether or not a second service should be added, and if so, when. Since we will continue to live-stream worship at 8:30 a.m., we will need to determine how to set the sound system for both live-stream and live worship at the same time, and the month of August will allow us time for a dry run or two before September arrives. By the time we get to the second week of September we should have a full range of worship and Christian Education available to us.

I recognize that the changes may be too soon for some, and not soon enough for others. However, it was a format that all of the persons on the Worship Team and the Consistory could agree on.

**First Notes (continued)**

Before leaving the topic of worship format, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude for the team of folks that made live-stream worship a reality since late March, 2020. When it was apparent that we were not going to be able to have public, indoor worship, this group of persons—technical and musical—kept the flame of worship going, without missing a beat, for sixteen months. They kept it going every Sunday, without fail, plus Lenten and Holy Week services, even when illness thinned our ranks on occasion. It was a small group by design, since the early lock-down restrictions would not permit more than 10 people in an enclosed space. It was a group that limited their daily in-person contacts as much as possible. We could have just recorded the pastor handling liturgy and preaching, as many other congregations did during the pandemic, but we wanted to provide our congregation and the community around us with a quality worship experience that contained music, even if producing that music was riskier to the participants. Until recently, it was simply not feasible to open up the live-stream service to more persons.

I know that the persons who were involved in this ministry did not do it for praise or recognition, but I do want to thank them for their faithful work for well over a year. We discovered, in the process, that our live-stream worship experience was reaching people we hadn't reached before and for that reason we will continue to use this tool going forward.

One other note: I have set a performance date for the Jonah musical—October 22 - 24. It has been a project four years in the making (we had plans to try it last year, but you know how that story ended) and I am eager to get this off the ground. More details will follow in the weeks ahead.

Again, to repeat what I wrote last month, we will need to be intentional about inviting people of our church community to come back into the life and ministry of the congregation. More information will come out on that in the weeks ahead, as well.

Shalom aleichem—Peace be with you.

Rev. Jim Hoppert



*Friends,*

*Thank you all for your generosity, prayers and support of our Back Bay Mission Trip. We look forward to sharing our experience with you all in the near future.*

*The 2021 Mission Team,  
Morgan Clarke, Tom Daigle, Megan Fontany, Karlee Hartmann, Cora Meyer, Marsha Meyer, and Jennie Schoenefeld*



01 Annabelle Wykuis  
01 Savannah Johnson  
04 Ruth Miller  
05 Joe Ausloos  
06 Ava Mahler  
06 Gavin Gebler  
07 Addison Groene  
10 Addison Fink  
10 Liza Wilson  
11 Olivia Titel  
11 Sharon Schicker  
12 Mariann Picard  
12 Peter Meyer

13 Erica Helmer  
13 Josh Bender  
13 Paige Miller  
16 Kaylee Maxwell  
16 Pat Wachter  
18 Brynn Quade  
18 Peggy Ellis  
19 Allie Iserloth  
19 James Wachter  
19 Tim Miller  
20 Lois Faas  
21 Andrew Helmer  
21 Barbara Webb  
21 Kyle Odekirk

22 Aubrey Fischer  
22 Katy Fischer  
22 Zack Schwantes  
24 Jason Knuth  
25 Kally Pratt  
26 Barb Hengst  
26 Lorayn Vick  
27 Chase Markus  
27 Margaret Johnston  
28 Taylor Knuth  
30 Austin Hartmann  
30 Jody (Helmer) Pratt  
30 Marvin Paulson  
31 Roger Eldredge, Jr.

WISHING YOU A  
**Happy Birthday**



**August Anniversary wishes go out to:**

Scott & Annette Bunyea on the 1st  
Jay & Peggy Ellis on the 5th  
William & Laverne Eickberg on the 8th  
Brian & Kim Pagel on the 10th  
Peter & Lynell Jenquin on the 11th  
Kevin & Michelle Mauk on the 16th  
Marvin & Judy Paulson on the 21st  
Jarred & Jennifer Velier on the 21st  
Roland & Kathryn Bruggink on the 23rd  
Ted & Diane Kaczmariski on the 24th  
Wade & Gail Kleinhans on the 24th  
James & Karen LeMahieu on the 24th  
Donald & Bonnie Laack on the 25th  
Robert & Eileen Metze on the 31st



*Happy Anniversary.  
May your love shine brightly.*



Kids 4k-6th grade

are welcome to join us for

Kids Camp

August 8 & 22

10 am - noon



Youth &  
Family  
Ministries  
News

## CHILDREN'S Sunday School

We plan to resume in-person Sunday School this fall for children and youth 4k-6th grade beginning Sept. 12 from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. Registration information will be emailed to families in mid-August. Families new to Sunday School are asked to contact the church office to receive additional information.



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation  
Classes begin  
for all students  
Wed., Sept. 15.

A close-up photograph of a yellow and red cable connector, likely a power or data cable, against a light blue background.

# Connect

*Faith Formation for 5th & 6th graders*

## Wednesdays at 4pm

Come over after school and join us for faith formation on Wednesdays. We'll begin at 4pm and conclude at 5pm. Connect is designed to make connections between the teachings of our faith and how we live our lives today.



CONFIRMATION  
orientation

Students entering 7th grade are eligible to begin the Confirmation process. Please contact the church office if your son/daughter plans to begin the program this year. An orientation for parents and students is planned for Wednesday, Sept. 8 from 6:30 - 8 pm. Our classes are held on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8 pm. More details will be available at the orientation.

**Junior  
youth  
FELLOWSHIP**

August 22  
from 2-4pm  
@ Tom & Jerry's Mini-  
Golf

Join us for a round of mini-golf and  
play time at City Park  
Cost is \$6.50  
Kids grades 3-6 are welcome!

*Senior  
youth*  
**FELLOWSHIP**

Sunday, Sept 12 from 6-7:30pm

Join us for a campfire

(hot dogs and smores)

Bring a lawn chair and dress for the weather  
@ Salem UCC 217 Salem Drive, Plymouth  
Youth grades 7-12 are welcome!

## About the movie:

After running away from a residential nursing home to pursue his dream of becoming a pro wrestler, a man who has Down syndrome befriends an outlaw who becomes his coach and ally.

**DRIVE-IN THEATRE**

Join us at Salem UCC  
for an outdoor movie night!

**Friday, August 20**

showing

**The Peanut Butter Falcon**

rated PG-13

**Movie begins at 8pm**

**Carry ins are welcome**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Junior  
youth  
FELLOWSHIP**

Sunday, Sept 12 from 10:45-noon

Join us as we plan and set goals for  
our program year to explore our  
faith, serve others, and build  
relationships.

Kids grades 3-6 are welcome!

**LOVE (ing) GOD.  
LOVE (ing) PEOPLE.**

# READINGS FOR AUGUST

## **Sunday, August 1** - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrew Scriptures: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a  
Psalm: Psalm 51:1-12  
Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-16  
Gospel: John 6:24-35

## **Sunday, August 8** - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrew Scripture: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33  
Psalm: Psalm 130  
Epistle: Ephesians 4:25-5:2  
Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51

## **Sunday, August 15** - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrew Scripture: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14  
Psalm: Psalm 111  
Epistle: Ephesians 5:15-20  
Gospel: John 6:51-58

## **Sunday, August 22** - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrew Scripture: 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43  
Psalm: Psalm 84  
Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-20  
Gospel: John 6:56-59

## **Sunday, August 29** - Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrew Scripture: Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Psalm: Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9  
Epistle: James 1:17-27  
Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



# August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Bulletin Deadline Consistory agenda items due 10am Staff	4	5	6 Hiroshima Day of Remembrance 7pm N Anon	7
8 Holy Communion 8:30am Worship (Stream) 10:30am Worship (InPerson) 7pm AI Anon Kids's Camp (VBS) 10-12N	9 Marsha vacation	10 Bulletin Deadline Marsha vacation 10am Staff 6:30pm Consistory 7pm N Anon	11 Marsha vacation	12 Marsha vacation	13 Marsha vacation 7pm N Anon	14
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