

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

Sometime in February of this year, I had stumbled across this quote that summed up many of the aspects of life under COVID-19: "Everything takes longer than you expect, and then happens faster than you expect." Those words were truly prophetic. The pace by which the world has been coming back to some semblance of normal since mid-May has been rapid. I'm no social butterfly, but I've been to indoor dining, an indoor music venue, and several outdoor celebrations in the past few weeks. Most days (unless I'm visiting a hospital or clinic), I am not conscious that life has been different. However, I know that the changes were massive and costly (and someday we will need to reckon just how beneficial those costs were in the long run, but that's more territory than I want to cover now).

As we find ourselves in the process of ramping things back up, I want to repeat something I've mentioned a number of times: shutting things down is easy; starting things back up is harder. That said, I can see a time in the near future when life in the church will have all of the elements of worship, education, and fellowship that we had before March, 2020. Putting the pieces back together will take some time.

Yet, there will be more to that process than just plugging in the old pieces: we will need to extend the invitation to the people in our church community and the larger community to come back. People have been in certain habits for over a year. Participation becomes a habit and so does non-participation. We have some work to do in the months ahead. It will be a different kind of work than challenges we faced keeping our ministries going in past sixteen months—challenges that were daunting, to be sure. We will need to pivot to the next phase in the weeks and months ahead.

First Notes (continued)

Speaking of challenges and changes, our church office staffing has settled into an arrangement that I believe will serve the needs of the church in an effective and faithful way. I am pleased to inform you that in mid-June, Linda Bosman joined the support team at Salem and she and Sandy Rabe will be working together to serve as Church Secretary. Linda recently retired from Lakeland University and, having expressed an interest in working in the church office, we gratefully turned that opportunity into a chance to expand the office coverage slightly and a job-share was born.

The office team approach allows us to broaden coverage so that the revised church office hours are: Tuesday and Wednesday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., and Friday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. The office remains closed Mondays and Thursdays. We are grateful and welcome Linda onboard in this capacity. Linda is a member of Salem and currently serves on the consistory.

Things in the life of the church are moving forward. Please pay note to your email and other correspondence from church, as changes in programming and schedules will be shared there and on the website. May the upcoming days of summer provide you with opportunities for rest and recreation.

Shalom aleichem—Peace be with you.

Rev. Jim Hoppert



Dear Friends at Salem United Church of Christ,

THANK YOU so much for your incredible generosity towards our Family after our house fire. We are so honored, humbled, and blessed by Anne Hernandez reaching out to your Endowment Team. We were beyond shocked and overwhelmed at this amazing act of kindness.

We are beginning our rebuild and thanks to your wonderful church, we will be able to do many things that we thought not possible.

We will do our part to pay this forward and to carry forward Jesus' Love as you have given us.

Thank you and Blessings from The Almighty,

The Marzano-Lilek Family
Frank, Connie, Parker, Frank Jr., Mari-Kathleen, Blake, Patrick, and Carly

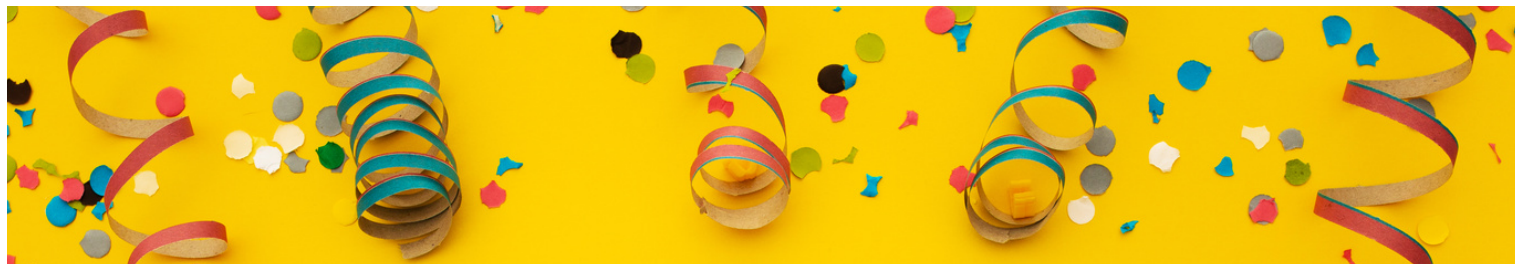


Dear Salem Friends,

I am so very, very happy I can watch church on Sundays on my Ipad. This has been a huge help for me. I've been taking my Communion at home when Salem has it accordingly.

Thank you for all the broadcasted services and all the work that goes into this program.

Anna Hoppert

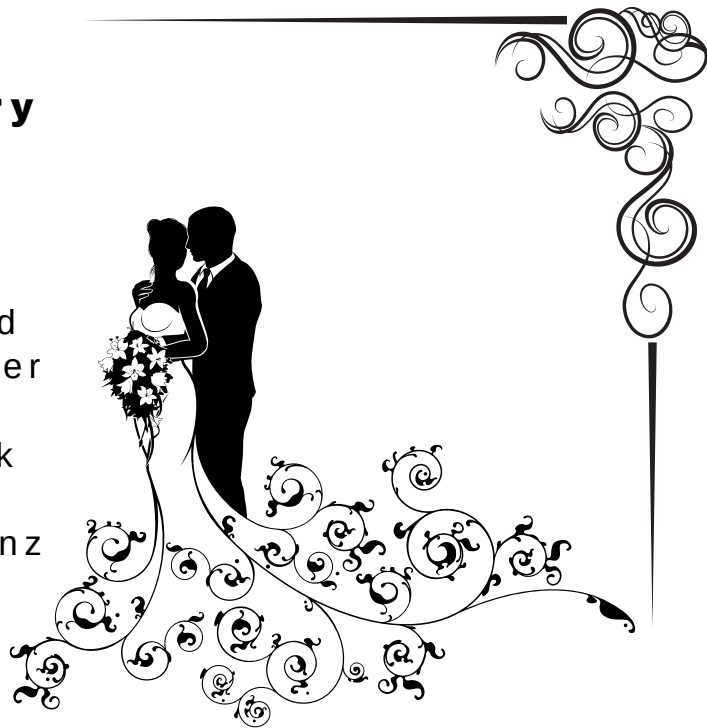


01	Betty Pearce	13	Cassie Pilling	21	Sabrina Meyer
01	Gary Hanson	13	Liam Graham	22	David Lehrke
02	Bree Bunyea	13	Sandra Fritsch	23	Megan Fontany
03	Janis Jarosch	14	Amy Nischik	25	Caiden Heinen
04	Dennis Kapellen	16	Dennis Hill	27	Cyndi Huijbregtse
05	Janis Knuth	16	Sharon Klemme	27	Judith Rortvedt
05	Ryan Halle	16	Susan Doebert	28	Ethan Gudex
07	Bette Humbracht	17	Makayla Mendenhall	28	Kolton Goetsch
07	Carol Groene	18	Aurelia Schuricht	28	Lauren Chisholm
07	Evelyn Meinnert	18	Marian Lisowe	28	Marianne Faas
07	Lynn York	18	Sandra Holzmann	29	Bret Schoenefeld
08	Amy Debbink	20	Kathy Zimmermann	29	Dolores Bohrmueller
10	Maureen Rudebeck	20	Stacy Ausloos	29	Dorothy Baumann
10	Merrie Huenink	21	Kay Scheible	30	Lena Schoenefeld

**WISHING YOU A
Happy Birthday**

**July Wedding Anniversary
wishes go out to:**

- 3rd Jim & Linda Lehrke
- 5th Steve & Nola Fieck
- 16th Duaine & Cindy Conrad
- 17th Jerome & Marlene Miller
- 20th Terry & Amy Debbink
- 21st Larry & Merrie Huenink
- 21st Jason & Liza Wilson
- 27th Brandon & Tabitha Munz
- 29th Joey & Kay Halle



Happy Anniversary. May your love shine brightly.

READINGS FOR JULY

Sunday, July 4 - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrew Scriptures: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
Psalm: Psalm 48
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

Sunday, July 11 - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrew Scripture: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
Psalm: Psalm 24
Epistle: Ephesians 1:3-14
Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

Sunday, July 18 - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrew Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a
Psalm: Psalm 89:20-37
Epistle: Ephesians 2:11-22
Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Sunday, July 25 - Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrew Scripture: 2 Samuel 11:1-15
Psalm: Psalm 14
Epistle: Ephesians 3:14-21
Gospel: John 6:1-21



Amateur Radio Exam

An exam session for all three levels of an Amateur Radio License will be held at Salem UCC on 20 July. Paperwork begins at 6:30PM, testing at 7PM. Interested persons may pre-register via email to Art Pahr at k9xj@arri.net.

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY INTERFAITH ORGANIZATION

Needs at Bridgeway include napkins, Crayola markers, and canned vegetables.

The Summer Market for Plymouth is in the Dairy Queen parking lot on Thursdays from 12N - 5PM. Stop by the teal information tent to find out more about all our programs: EBT, Double Your Bucks, the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program, Market Fresh Box and Market Fresh Meal. Or, visit our website: www.sheboygancountyinterfaith.org.





FROM SALEM'S CHURCH AMBASSADOR

Saturday, November 6, 2021

Program 10AM-3:30PM
in Younger Family Campus
Center
at Lakeland University

Cost of \$30 includes lunch.

Saturday, Nov. 6, 2021

--Art Pahr



Thanks and Prayers.

As we make it through the first half of 2021, I want to thank all of you who continue to faithfully support our ministries and mission at Salem.

Our staff has been consistently working to keep us connected, and I pray that congregation members are still feeling connected.

I want to provide you with a summary of our financial situation. First, thanks to all of our members and friends who have been consistent in their support of Salem over the past months. I'd also like to offer a reminder that electronic funds transfer is an option for ongoing support of Salem's ministries. Simply contact the office or me (Mary Mullen), and I will get you the forms necessary to get started.

Fulfilling our 5 for 5 Commitments

As we have been absent from our regular services, we have also lost the opportunity to connect personally regarding our 5 for 5 commitments to the United Church of Christ. During this period, we have had regular commitments to Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM), but other special offerings have been overlooked.

One Great Hour of Sharing channels resources for international programs in health, education and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries, and both international and domestic disaster response, administered by Wider Church Ministries, this special offering should have been promoted and gifts received in March. Our goal for 2021 is \$750. Please consider a special gift to this important mission.

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Strengthen the Church re-imagines and builds the future of the UCC. Shared at the conference and national levels, STC largely supports youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC does not have a strong presence. It also provides support for existing church's new initiatives. Our goal for 2021 was \$400, and thanks to you we have exceeded that goal, receiving a total of \$610.

Our next special mission is *Neighbors in Need*. This special mission supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, including the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM), justice and advocacy, and direct service projects supported by Justice and Local Church Ministries. We will be receiving these gifts in early October, so please keep that in mind as you plan your charitable gifts. Our goal is \$800.

Supporting the Operations of Salem

Last year our blessings flowed as we rolled into the COVID lock-down. We received many generous donations, and we also benefited from a PPP loan of \$26,900. Personally speaking, it was comforting knowing that we had the funds we needed to meet our financial obligations.

This spring I looked into a second PPP loan, but Salem was not eligible, so we do not have that special source of support. That means that we are relying even more on your generosity. I know that it has been a difficult year, and we have all suffered losses, as well as suffering from COVID fatigue.

Gifts so far, year-to-date, are down almost ten percent from last year, not counting the PPP loan. That's a little more than \$9,000 that our regular giving has diminished. Our weekly offerings have been around \$ 2,600 in May and so far in June, but our operational budget requires about \$ 5,000 per week.

We just took a small draw on our line of credit, which now has only \$4,800 available, so we will need to consider borrowing from our restricted funds to meet our regular payroll and utilities expenses.

While we have limited in-person gatherings, it's difficult to hold a celebration-type of Festival week, but I would like to ask each of our members and friends to consider doubling your weekly gift for one week in July.

And, if you have been away and not attending and therefore not giving, please consider sending a gift, or better yet, joining a Sunday outdoor service in the coming month. Everyone's gift is important, and your presence is a gift in itself.

Prayers and blessings to you all,

On behalf of Salem's Finance and Generosity Teams
Mary Mullen



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Expanded church office hours due to job share between Linda and Sandy as Church Secretary are now Tuesday 9-4; Wednesday 9-4, Friday 9-1. Communication with the church office via email and or phone is always welcome and appreciated.						
4 Independence Day 8:30am Worship (Stream) 10:30am Worship (InPerson) 7pm A1 Anon	5	6 Bulletin Deadline 10am Staff 7pm N Anon	7	8	9 7pm N Anon	10
11 Communion 8:30am Worship (Stream) 10:30am Worship (InPerson) 7pm A1 Anon	12 4:00pm Worship Team	13 Bulletin Deadline 10am Staff 6:30pm Consistory 7:00pm N Anon	14	15	16 General Synod in Kansas City (16-20) 7pm N Anon	17 Mission Trip Back Bay (17-24)
18 8:30am Worship (Stream) 10:30am Worship (InPerson) 7pm A1 Anon	19	20 Bulletin Deadline 10am Staff 6pm Amateur Radio Exam 7pm N Anon	21 Newsletter Deadline	22	23 7pm N Anon	24
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



In God We Trust

PASTOR: Rev. James M. Hoppert
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CONSISTORY PRESIDENT: Paul Clarke
TREASURER: Mary Mullen
CUSTODIAN: Cheryl Rortvedt
CHURCH SECRETARY: Linda Bosman & Sandy Rabe

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Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization

1. Bridgeway could use the following items: Napkins, Crayola markers, canned vegetables
2. The Summer Market is in full swing! We are located in Fountain Park Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 8:00a-1:00p. The Plymouth market is in the Dairy Queen parking lot on Thursdays from 12noon-5:00p. Stop by the teal information tent to find out more about all our programs: EBT, Double Your Bucks, the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program, Market Fresh Box and Market Fresh Meal. Or, visit our website:www.sheboygancountyinterfaith.org.
3. Bridgeway & Beyond Update: We have experienced some turnover in our program, as a couple of moms weren't ready to make the necessary changes to participate in a transitional living program. Our other residential families are doing well and enjoying the longer days and summer weather. We are gearing up for our annual camping trip in July – an event that has grown tremendously over the last few years! Families enjoy spending time together and making deeper connections with others over the course of the extended weekend. We have also started raising monarch butterflies – a favorite seasonal activity among moms, kiddos and staff!
4. Plan to join us for the 2021 Night Markets – July 30th and August 20th in City Green. We are thrilled to bring back an event that drew over 1000 people in 2019! Bring the family – there's something for everyone: live music, food trucks, arts & crafts, yard games, and more! Event runs from 4-9pm.