

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

We continue our journey through these 50 days of Easter as the month of May begins. Easter 2022 was a much needed sign of life after two years of celebrating Holy Week in unfamiliar ways. We weren't at 2019 levels of participation, but the needle was pointed in the right direction. Sheboygan County remains (at this writing) an area of "low" transmission. The schedule of services and masking protocols set on March 20 still hold in effect. Church leadership continues to keep tabs on the situation and will make plans based on the situation. I won't indulge in making predictions on what will happen and when in the life of the church with regards to COVID. I don't have a crystal ball and my name isn't Nostradamus. I do want us to go forward and I appreciate your understanding and cooperation with the current guidelines.

Some important milestones in the life of the parish will come during the month of May. May 22 will be our youth-led worship service at 8:30 a.m. (plans are to have portions of that service run during the 10:30 a.m. service, as well) and this will mark the final date of church school programming for the 2021-22 year. It is always a good thing to have the participation and the energy of our young people in worship and I would hope that people in the congregation will support that participation with their presence.

While the next event does not technically happen in the month of May, it does come early enough in June to justify an advanced notice. We will have our recognition of Salem's graduates on June 5 at the 8:30 a.m. service and the Rite of Confirmation at the 10:30 a.m. service. More details on that day's events will come in the weeks ahead, so I encourage you to keep a watch for that news.

That's all for now. Have a blessed remainder of Eastertide!

Shalom aleichem—Peace be with you.

Rev. Jim Hoppert

CHILDREN'S Sunday School

Sunday School News (4K – Grade 6)

We hope you will join us and invite you to bring your friends. There will be many opportunities during the closing weeks of our program year:

Sunday, **May 1** - in-person 9:45 am – 10:45 am (lessons and preparation for Youth Sunday)

Sunday, **May 8** - in-person 9:45 am – 10:45 am (lessons and preparation for Youth Sunday)

Sunday, **May 15** - in-person 9:45 am – 10:45 am (lessons and preparation for Youth Sunday)

Youth Sunday Worship, **May 22** - in-person 8:30 am – 9:30 am (**arrive by 8 am**, no class this week).

(Masks continue to be required for indoor activities. Child-sized masks are available.)

- During the month of **May**, our **Sunday School Offering** will be directed to **Strengthen the Church®** which is one of four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. **We are grateful for your continued generosity in sharing of treasures!**



- **In preparation for Youth Sunday, we will be creating paper chains.** All ages are invited to join us in **Honoring and Remembering Special People who have reflected the love and light of Christ and helped shape their lives.** Please think about your special people and come prepared to add their names to our chain.

On behalf of Salem's Faith Formation Team, I thank you for your continued prayers and support for our children and youth and these important ministries! We are so happy you have joined us!

Peace, Love & Blessings,
Mary Bender

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

| | <u>Yrs 1-2</u> | <u>Yr 3</u> |
|--------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| May 4 | Review | Hot Topics |
| May 11 | Exam | Confirmation Worship Planning |
| May 18 | Make-up day if needed | Confirmation Worship Planning |
| May 25 | Make-up day if needed | Confirmation Worship Planning |
| June 1 | Make-up day if needed | Confirmation Rehearsal |
| June 5 | | Rite of Confirmation |



Strengthen the Church is the second of our 5 for 5 United Church of Christ benevolences this year and we are looking to receive at least \$400 in special gifts by June 5, which is also Pentecost.

The money donated to Strengthen the Church offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations.

I pray that in addition to your regular gifts to support Salem UCC, you are able to contribute to this special offering as well.

Also, to provide an update, we received gifts totaling \$535 for One Great Hour of Sharing. Our goal was \$750, so if you haven't already given your gift will be thankfully received.

**Gifts to the Strengthen the Church Offering
Renew the United Church of Christ.**

All Together!

Thank you,

Mary Mullen

On behalf of the Salem Generosity Team



Salem UCC has a part-time employment opportunity, starting immediately

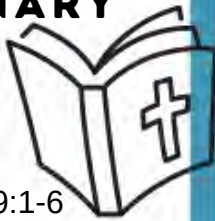
CHURCH CUSTODIAN – Up to 15 daytime, weekday hours per week, year-round. If you or someone you know would like to learn more about this position, please speak with Mary Bender or Tom Daigle; or contact the church office at 920-892-7456 or churchoffice@salemuccplywi.org.



A very sincere "Thank You" to everyone who helped make Holy Week extra special with flowers, sanctuary decorating, the Easter Egg Hunt for our families, special music, the livestream services, enhanced worship elements, and all the efforts that went into making everyone welcome and glad to be together in worship.

Thank You

MAY LECTIONARY READINGS



Sunday, May 1

Third Sunday of Easter
Hebrew Scripture: Acts 9:1-6
Psalm: 30
Epistle: Revelation 5:11-14
Gospel: John 21:1-19

Sunday, May 8 *Holy Communion*

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Hebrew Scripture: Acts 9:36-43
Psalm: 23
Epistle: Revelation 7:9-17
Gospel: John 10:22-30

Sunday, May 15

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Hebrew Scripture: Acts 11:1-18
Psalm: 148
Epistle: Revelation 21:1-6
Gospel: John 13:31-35

Sunday, May 22 *Youth Sunday*

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Hebrew Scripture: Acts 16:9-15
Psalm: 67
Epistle: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
Gospel: John 14:23-29

Sunday, May 29

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Hebrew Scripture: Acts 16:16-34
Psalm: 97
Epistle: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
Gospel: John 17:20-26

Do you have an interest in our history---and our future?

We are looking for members who have an interest in reviewing and revising Salem's Constitution and Bylaws. Our plan is to meet several times over the summer and consider revisions to update these important documents. If you would like to help, please contact the church office before May 15.



SALEM YARD CLEAN UP

SAT., MAY 14 8 AM - ?

If you can help with some raking, moving mulch and other light yard work, please stop by and lend a hand for an hour or two.

THANK YOU!

To whomever left a Kwik-Trip Gift Card in my mailbox, thank you for the kind thoughts. It helped with April gas expenses, and it is very much appreciated.

Mary Mullen



Dear Salem Family -

Our *Special Gifts* team met on April 7 and reviewed opportunities to help support community efforts. We voted to provide a grant of \$500 to support Lakeside Habitat for Humanity.



Also, we discussed the blessing that had just been received from the family of Eleanor Dees, a \$15,000 memorial gift. In discussing this gift we considered Eleanor's life in education—not only in her experience at the Plymouth Public Library—but also in her years devoted to teaching.

We agreed that funds received should be used to support the education grants that began when her sister, Evelyn Gundersen, left a legacy gift to our Memorial Fund.

Eleanor's gift means that we have a greater opportunity to provide scholarship grants to our graduating high school seniors, as well as other Salem family members who may be pursuing continuing education.

That is why we are encouraging you to consider whether you are eligible for grants and to submit a request to the Special Gifts Team before June 30, 2022.

As a reminder, the gifts are open to any sort of continuing education from an individual class that you may be taking to technical college to any four-year college. Funds can be used for tuition, books, or other needs associated with continuing your education.

Applying is simple. You must be accepted or enrolled in an accredited college or school. You can request an application form from the church office, complete and return the form along with a brief essay about your chosen field of study and its impact on your career plans, plus please provide a list of any other scholarship or grant funding you have received, if applicable.

We are looking at providing grants up to \$1,000 to be distributed as \$500 per semester. Grant requests for smaller amounts are also welcomed.

The Special Gifts team is also interested in any other needs that our Special Gifts fund can support. Again, grant request forms can be provided by the church office, or you can submit your request in the form of a letter.

If you have any questions about Special Gifts, please feel free to reach out to our members: Cindy Conrad, Mary Mullen, Kay Scheible, Faye Hughes, Jackie Veldman, or Rev. Hoppert.

Our next meeting is scheduled for July 28.

Yours in faith,

Mary Mullen

On behalf of the Special Gifts Team



EVERYONE is INVITED

Just as Jesus Invites Us, We Invite You (Yes, YOU!!)
Come, Join Us for A Special Celebration of COMMUNITY...

Event: **Youth Sunday Worship** (In-Person and Livestream on Facebook)

Date: **Sunday, May 22, 2022 @ 8:30 am**

Place: **Salem United Church of Christ**, 217 Salem Drive, Plymouth, WI

Who: **All are Welcome** to Join In as our Youth Lead Worship

RSVP: **None required. Please, COME AS YOU ARE TO WORSHIP.**

Help us decorate the Sanctuary – Let's build a chain of love & kindness

Honor and Remember Special People in Your Life

Who have reflected the Love & Light of Christ and Helped Shape You

Colored Strips of Paper will be available for you to write names on
and leave them each week for our chain to grow.

You can request "links" from the church office or
pick them up when you are at the church from now until Youth Sunday.
Let's see how far our connections will go.

Loose offering will be directed to *Strengthen the Church* which is a
Special Mission Offering of the UCC that supports church growth, pastoral
and lay leadership development, youth and young adult ministries within
conferences. Your generosity in sharing of treasures is greatly appreciated!

Hosted by Salem UCC Sunday School Students



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May Birthday Celebrations

01 Jean Groene
02 Kathryn Bruggink
02 Kenneth Schaap
04 Robert Metze
06 Haylen Odekirk
08 Cheryl Rortvedt
09 Bonnie Laack
09 Willow Wykhuis

12 Larry Zwerg
12 Lyle Theune
16 Karen Raeder
17 Madelyn Markus
20 Thomas Miller
22 Ronald Schoenfeld
23 June Miller

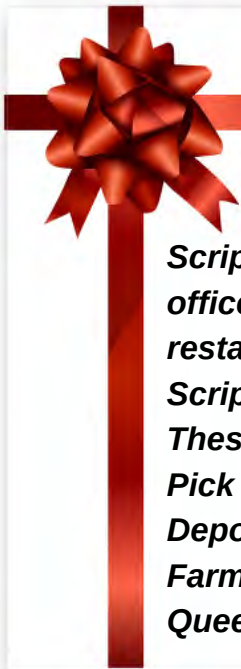
24 Denise Prange
24 Ethan Feldner
24 Thomas LeMahieu II
27 Alayne Krause
27 Benjamin Meinnert
27 Carol Bournoville
29 Elsa Blad
30 Jayna Flunker

May Wedding Anniversaries

07 John and Judith Meerstein
16 Todd and Julaine Thiel
19 Dennis and Andrea Kapellen
19 Brett and Jill Pilling
20 Ryan and Shyanne Halle
23 Kevin and Debra Lisowe
24 Eugene and Georgine Littlefield
25 Steven and Betty Davenport
30 Jim and Deanna Lindow

Happy
Anniversary





Need a gift for Mother's Day, Father's Day or Graduation?

Scrip cards always make a welcome gift! The church office has a wide supply of cards for area stores and restaurants to suit most any taste. And your purchase of Scrip benefits the church!

These are just some of the cards available for purchase: Pick and Save, Piggly Wiggly, Festival Foods, Home Depot, Menard's, Meijer's, Walmart, Target, Kohl's, Fleet Farm, Kwik Trip, Walgreens, Chester's, Culver's, Dairy Queen, Amazon, Bath and Body Works, Cousin's.

Sunday, June 5 is Pentecost Sunday and members of Salem will mark the day with special celebrations. At the 8:30 a.m livestream/in-person service, we will recognize our members who are graduating from high school. We will observe the Rite of Confirmation at the 10:30 a.m. in-person service. In addition, the Strengthen the Church offering will be received this Sunday.



UCCI offers camps, retreats, and other gatherings year-round for all ages, varied interests, and faith backgrounds. Go to ucci.org to discover event offerings, staff and volunteer opportunities, and more resources.



Sacred places meant for you!
Enjoy time away and the opportunity to connect deeply with nature, in a loving and accepting community.

Event registration is open!
Go to ucci.org



Daycholoh Center
Ripon, WI



Moon Beach
St. Germain, WI



Cedar Valley
West Bend, WI



Camp AweSum
Supporting Youth on the Autism Spectrum and their Families

Community events and volunteer needs:

Sat., May 14: First Congregational UCC in Plymouth will hold QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) Training. This free suicide prevention workshop, offered by Mental Health America in Sheboygan County, is the most widely taught gatekeeper training program in the United States. QPR covers three steps anyone can learn to help prevent suicide. People trained in QPR learn to recognize warning signs of a suicide crisis and learn how to question, persuade, and refer someone to help. Training is scheduled for 8:30 to 11 a.m. Registration is free but required. To register, contact MHA at 920-458-3951 ext. 1001.

Sat., May 14: COPE: A Poverty Simulation Experience will be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Plymouth from 9:30 a.m. - noon. This interactive simulation highlights the lived realities and human impact of poverty in our communities. Registration is required: call 920-783-6701.

Thurs., June 2: The summer Farmer's Market season begins in Plymouth. The market will be held in the Dairy Queen parking lot from noon to 5 p.m. The Farmer's Market will also be held from 8 a.m to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays at Fountain Park in Sheboygan.

Third Monday of each month: The Alzheimer's Association Wisconsin Chapter is resuming the in-person Dementia Caregiver Support Group. It will meet monthly on the third Monday of each month from 3-4 p.m. at the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC), Room 105, 650 Forest Ave., Sheboygan Falls. The support group will be co-facilitated by Lisa Hurley, Caregiver & Dementia Care Specialist, ADRC of Sheboygan County, and Connie Thimmig, Education & Solutions Consultant, Sharon S. Richardson Community Hospice. Registration is recommended. Contact Lisa at (920) 467-4079.

Drivers Needed to Deliver Meals: The need for meals for our elderly, disabled and homebound neighbors throughout all of Sheboygan County has increased by 30%. Drivers are needed in the Elkhart Lake and Plymouth areas each week. The meals are ready to be picked up in their containers at 11:10 a.m. from Redeemer Lutheran Church in Plymouth and routes take less than an hour to complete. Call Fresh Meals on Wheels at 920-451-7011 for information.

SCIO Requests: New pillows, twin and full size blankets, child-themed twin comforter sets, books for teens. If you are able to donate any of these items, you may drop them off at the church office and we will see that they are delivered to SCIO.

May 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>1</p> <p>8:30am Worship (Livestream and in-person) 9:45am Sunday School 10:30am Worship (In-person)</p> <p>7pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p> | <p>2</p> <p>9am Men's Coffee</p> <p>5 pm Worship Team — In-person</p> | <p>3</p> <p><i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 10:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous</p> | <p>4</p> <p>6:30 pm Confirmation</p> | <p>5</p> <p><i>Consistory Items Due</i></p> <p>7 pm Musical Read-through 7pm Narcotics</p> | <p>6</p> | <p>7</p> |
| <p>8 Holy Communion</p> <p>8:30am Worship (Livestream and in-person) 9:45am Sunday School 10:30am Worship (In-person)</p> <p>7pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p> | <p>9</p> <p>9am Men's Coffee</p> | <p>10</p> <p><i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 10:00am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Consistory 7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous</p> | <p>11</p> <p>6:30 pm Confirmation</p> | <p>12</p> <p>7pm Narcotics Anonymous</p> | <p>13</p> | <p>14</p> <p>8 am—noon Yard clean-up</p> |
| <p>15</p> <p>8:30am Worship (Livestream and in-person) 9:45am Sunday School 10:30am Worship (In-person)</p> <p>7pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p> | <p>16</p> <p>9am Men's Coffee</p> | <p>17</p> <p><i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 10:00am Staff Meeting 4:30—5:30 pm Salem Green Board Reception with meeting to follow 6:30 pm Radio Exam 7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous</p> | <p>18</p> <p>9:00-11:00am</p> <p>6:30 pm Confirmation Y3</p> | <p>19</p> <p>6:30pm Governance Team Meeting –Zoom 7pm Narcotics Anonymous</p> | <p>20</p> | <p>21</p> <p><i>Newsletter Articles Due</i></p> |
| <p>22 Youth Sunday</p> <p>8:30am Worship (Livestream and in-person) 10:30am Worship (In-person)</p> <p>7pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p> | <p>23</p> <p>9am Men's Coffee</p> | <p>24</p> <p><i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 10:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous</p> | <p>25</p> <p>6:30 pm Confirmation Y3</p> | <p>26</p> <p>7pm Narcotics Anonymous</p> | <p>27</p> | <p>28</p> |
| <p>29</p> <p>8:30am Worship (Livestream and in-person) 10:30am Worship (In-person)</p> <p>7pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p> | <p>30 Memorial Day</p>  | <p>31</p> <p><i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 10:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous</p> |  | | | |