

# 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

"Summer" as we define it in these parts, is more than halfway over, and this has not been a slow summer at church by any stretch of the imagination.

As I write this page, we've come off of a successful run of the musical, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Nineveh." Five years in the making, capped off by six weeks of rehearsals, produced a good result. There was good chemistry in the small ensemble that came together and we were able to raise over \$2000 for "Project Nineveh." I believe that the whole experience was a positive one for the Salem community and I am very pleased with the way things turned out. Very few of us in this life get to realize a dream unless we are fortunate to have the help of many people along the way. I am thankful for each of you that helped this dream become realized.

We have also continued work on recommendations for permanent changes in the Salem's constitution and by-laws. As a number of you are aware, we have suspended a number of provisions on a temporary basis as we've experimented with changes in the church's governing structure. Two years is a long time for "temporary" measures—even during a pandemic. The time has come to approve a more permanent structure and we are coming up with recommendations for the congregation to discuss and approve.

Our Faith Formation Team has also been facilitating meetings with the youth and parents of Salem's family and Lisa Hart, who is our Associate Conference Minister for Faith Formation and

## First Notes (continued)

Justice Ministries in the Wisconsin Conference, has been leading these sessions. The purpose is to help focus on the kinds of ministry we would like to see happen as we try to fill the Director of Youth and Family Ministries position. We hope to learn things that will help us along in that search process.

And we've had the first volunteers to re-start a tradition at church that has been on hold for almost two and a half years: coffee fellowship. It may seem like a small thing, but it has been a tradition that I've personally missed for these last months. I suspect that I'm not the only one who feels this way.

As for the course of the virus that started all of the changes, again, I am not scientist or a clairvoyant (the last I checked, that was not part of my job description!), but it seems to me that after all of the changes and mutations, we may be getting to forms that are more transmissible but far less lethal. As I've mentioned before, some form of this virus will be a permanent part of the human experience, like all of the other coronaviruses that have come down the pike—including the common cold. It will be here to stay, in one form or another. Vaccines don't seem to hinder transmission of the virus, but may well add some protection for developing bad cases of it. The most vulnerable among us will need to take extra precautions. I believe that the rest of us will need to make our peace with it.

We move forward with the grace and help of God—as always.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. It's such a short time.

Shalom aleichem—Peace be with you.

Rev. Jim Hoppert



We've begun the series of workshops to review and update the church's Constitution and Bylaws. The remaining dates are below and we would very much enjoy your attendance and input as we continue to carefully review and consider changes.

**(all on Wednesdays at 7PM)**  
**August 3, 10, 17, 24**

If you would like a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws prior to the workshops, please call the church office and request a copy. All meetings are being held in one of the classrooms.

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| 8/3 - 7:00pm  | Dissolution / Church and Property                            |
| 8/10 - 7:00pm | Meetings: Congregational, Assoc., Conference & General Synod |
| 8/17 - 7:00pm | Pastors and Pastoral Call                                    |
| 8/24 - 7:00pm | Committees of the Consistory & Congregation                  |

Your involvement in the discussion and recommendations is important. Please come as you are able!



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 04 Ruth Miller     | 13 Erica Helmer   | 20 Lois Faas      | 26 Barb Hengst         |
| 05 Joe Ausloos     | 13 Josh Bender    | 21 Andrew Helmer  | 27 Chase Markus        |
| 06 Ava Mahler      | 13 Paige Miller   | 21 Barbara Webb   | 27 Margaret Johnston   |
| 06 Gavin Gebler    | 16 Kaylee Maxwell | 21 Kyle Odekirk   | 28 Taylor Knuth        |
| 07 Addison Groene  | 16 Pat Wachter    | 22 Aubrey Fischer | 30 Austin Hartmann     |
| 10 Addison Fink    | 18 Brynn Quade    | 22 Katy Fischer   | 30 Jody (Helmer) Pratt |
| 10 Liza Wilson     | 18 Peggy Ellis    | 22 Zack Schwantes | 30 Marvin Paulson      |
| 11 Olivia Titel    | 19 James Wachter  | 24 Jason Knuth    | 31 Roger Eldredge, Jr. |
| 11 Sharon Schicker | 19 Tim Miller     | 25 Kally Pratt    |                        |
| 12 Mariann Picard  |                   |                   |                        |
| 12 Peter Meyer     |                   |                   |                        |



## Blessing you on your Anniversary

- Scott & Annette Bunyea on the 1st
- Jay & Peggy Ellis on the 5th
- 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 Kaczmarski on the 24th
- Wade & Gail Kleinhans on the 24th
- James & Karen LeMahieu on the 24th
- Donald & Bonnie Laack on the 25th





## GRIEF SUPPORT MEETINGS RESUME

Barb Hengst, Grief Support Specialist, will be available most Fridays in August, September, and October for one hour BEGINNING at 10:00 a.m. in the library at Salem UCC.

**AUGUST 5, 12, 19**  
**SEPTEMBER 9, 16, 23, 30**  
**OCTOBER 7, 14, 21**

ALL ARE WELCOME, BRING A FRIEND. NO FEE. LET'S TALK! CONTACT BARB HENGST, GRIEF SUPPORT SPECIALIST AT (920)458-6596 IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.

THANK YOU, BARB, FOR THIS MINISTRY OF CARING.

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**PRAYER  
CHANGES  
THINGS**

Sending this prayer to members of our church family are absent from our midst but not from our hearts.

Florence Blanke  
Ben Meinnert  
Tim Miller  
Carol Groene  
Eugene Boll  
June Miller  
Rollie & Kathy Bruggink  
Kay Halle  
Eugene & Georgine Littlefield  
Don Hurlburt  
Ben Meinnert

*There's a song that goes --- "pray for the people on your right; pray for the people on your left. Pray for them, 'cause you don't know all of the worries and the troubles they bear so pray, Lord please pray, for the courage to face the day."*



**One step at a time....ah, but we are so very glad to be turning the corner to renewing...**

**Coffee Fellowship** time between services is resuming and we will welcome anyone wanting to host this important time of fellowship between Sunday Worship services.

**Men's Coffee Group** has resumed meeting Mondays at 9 am. This group wrote in 2010 "The Salem Men have a lot of time, therefore, if you have a project that might fit our skills and abilities, please call on us." This holds true still and we would like to see new faces at our gatherings. We have a good sense of humor and seek to be good fellows of good will. Please - come!



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**Religion Classes at Lakeland University Open to You**

Lakeland University is offering Religion classes to audit for the Fall 2022 semester. Anyone is eligible to audit one Religion course per semester for the cost of \$100.00 if you are a UCC member. (Non-UCC member is \$200) This rate applies only to religion courses offered at the main campus. Limited seats are available; participants will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

Courses being offered are:

- REL 111 Old Testament as an Act of Resistance - Tuesdays, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- REL 132 Religious Diversity in America - Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10:10-11:05 a.m.
- REL 233 Western Religious Traditions - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00 - 2:20 p.m.
- REL 450 Religious Thought, Faith, Vocation - Mondays, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

More information and registration found at [lakeland.edu/ulrich-center/ucc-members-audit-courses](http://lakeland.edu/ulrich-center/ucc-members-audit-courses).



***Readings for August***

**August 7 - Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20;  
Epistle: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16;  
Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

**August 14 - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 5:1-7  
Epistle: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16  
Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

**August 21 - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Hebrew Scripture: Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Epistle: Hebrews 12:18-29  
Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

**August 28 - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

Hebrew Scripture: Jeremiah 2:4-13  
Epistle: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16  
Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

# Thank you!

These individuals deserve a huge round of applause for all the work and time they offered to help make "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Nineveh" such a resounding success. And a special note of gratitude to Rev. Hoppert for sharing his music writing talents with all of us.

Josh Bohnhoff  
Eileen Brooks  
Paul Clarke  
Tom Daigle  
Ethan Feldner  
Lilly Fontany  
Jeff Greuel  
Cyndi Huibregtse  
Ann Hoppert Keller  
Mike King  
Jim LeMahieu  
Karen LeMahieu

Chase Markus  
Maddie Markus  
Lorena Mckerrow  
Peter Meyer  
Amy Nischik  
Tom Ott  
Art Pahr  
David Rabe  
Sandy Rabe  
Mandy Radloff  
Bret Schoenefeld  
Lena Schoenefeld

## Scenes from the musical



# August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>9am Men's Coffee</p> <p>6:30pm Joint Worship Team and Consistory Meeting</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><i>Bulletin Deadline</i></p> <p>10am Staff Meeting</p> <p>7pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>7pm Workshop on Bylaws, Constitution and Governance Structure</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>6:30pm Faith Formation Team—Zoom</p> <p>7pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><i>Consistory Items Due</i></p> <p>10am Grief Support Meeting</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>
<p><b>7</b></p> <p>8:30am Worship (Livestream and in-person)</p> <p>10:30am Worship (In-person)</p> <p>7pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>9am Men's Coffee</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><i>Bulletin Deadline</i></p> <p>10am Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:30 pm Consistory</p> <p>7pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>7pm Workshop on Bylaws, Constitution and Governance</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>7pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>10am Grief Support Meeting</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>
<p><b>14</b></p> <p><i>Holy Communion</i></p> <p>8:30am Worship (Livestream and in-person)</p> <p>10:30am Worship (In-person)</p> <p>7pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>9am Men's Coffee</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><i>Bulletin Deadline</i></p> <p>10am Staff Meeting</p> <p>1pm Salem Green Board Meeting</p> <p>7pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>7pm Workshop on Bylaws, Constitution and Governance</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>7pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>10am Grief Support Meeting</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>
<p><b>21</b></p> <p>8:30am Worship (Livestream and in-person)</p> <p>10:30am Worship (In-person)</p> <p>7pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><i>Newsletter Articles Due</i></p> <p>9am Men's Coffee</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><i>Bulletin Deadline</i></p> <p>10am Staff Meeting</p> <p>7pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>7pm Workshop on Bylaws, Constitution and Governance</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>7pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><i>Newsletter Assembly</i></p> <p>10am NO Grief Support today</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>
<p><b>28</b></p> <p>8:30am Worship (Livestream and in-person)</p> <p>10:30am Worship (In-person)</p> <p>7pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>9am Men's Coffee</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><i>Bulletin Deadline</i></p> <p>10am Staff Meeting</p> <p>7pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>			

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