

Chapel Chimes

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

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SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, PLYMOUTH, WISCONSIN



First Notes

by Rev. Jim Hoppert

Within church circles, there is a difference of opinion about the usefulness of the Revised Common Lectionary of scripture readings in worship. Some say that it limits the preaching options; others will say that the passages that are used are too narrow to give the stories the proper context. The critics may have valid points, but in the end, while the Revised Common Lectionary may not be perfect, it does give us a wide cross-section of the major stories in scripture.

A case in point is the series of readings that we have this summer from the book of Genesis—stories that recount Adam and Eve, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob and his brood. These stories read like a collection of family history, for that is what they are.

Family stories can be helpful in explaining who we are and where we come from, especially if they are shared by first-rate storytellers. Fortunately for me, my dad and his two older sisters fit that bill when it came to those stories in my family. The versions of family of history I received from them were not sanitized: the people featured in those stories were shown to be who they truly were, warts and all. My forebearers were not stained-glass saints but three-dimensional people with some rough edges that made them relatable to me.

In much the same way, we receive the stories of our ancestors of faith in Genesis this summer. Those ancestors were not stained-glass figures, but real, live people who had imperfections. Abraham tries to pass off his wife, Sarah, as his sister in the land of Egypt so that he might save his neck. Isaac and Rebekah had an extremely dysfunctional family. Jacob was a rascal and sharpie. Joseph so irritated his older brothers that they wanted him dead.

In the end, we don't glory in the imperfections for the flaws, but we rejoice that God was able to take those flawed individuals and use them for wonderful purposes. God is able to shape the raw clay of human lives into useful vessels. That's a lesson each of us can learn.

Enjoy the lessons from the family story book this summer.

With that, I conclude.

Your servant in Christ,

Rev. Jim Hoppert

Be completely
Humble and Gentle;
be Patient,
bearing with one another
in Love.
Ephesians 4:2



GOD'S LOVE AT WORK IN YOUR LIFE

COMING INTO CHURCH TODAY I SPIED AN EXTRA LOVELY ROSEBUSH BY THE GAZEBO. I HAD AN EXTRA MINUTE SO I WALKED OVER AND SPENT A MINUTE AMONG THESE BEAUTIFUL BLOOMS. WHO CARES FOR THEM I WONDERED? I PEERED AT THE DIFFERENT BLOOMS - EACH AT A DIFFERENT STAGE OF LIFE.

ENJOY THIS ROSE AND KNOW YOU WERE THOUGHT OF WITH LOVE TODAY. COME AND SIT A WHILE IN OUR GAZEBO AND ENJOY THE ROSES. LISTEN TO THE BIRDS. SEE THE SUN'S WARMTH LIGHT THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS.

GOD IS AT WORK. RIGHT HERE IN THE GAZEBO! COME, SIT A WHILE AND ENJOY THE VIEW. THANK YOU GOD!



PICNIC SIGN UP sheets are in the Gathering Area. Please let us know if you are attending, and take a look and help out where you can as far as contributions for brats and hamburgers and donations of salads and desserts. The picnic lunch will be served immediately after worship service and will include BINGO after lunch.

Thinking of you

Tim Miller

Rollie Bruggink

Andrea Kapellen

Jean Halida

Carole Hummell

Georgine & Eugene Littlefield

Don Hurlburt

JoAnn Kraus

Florence Blanke

Eugene Boll

Ron Holzmann



PLYMOUTH FOOD PANTRY "LOAD OUR SHELVES"

Please add a jar or two of JELLY or JAM to your shopping carts during July to help the Plymouth Food Pantry. (All that peanut butter we collected in June needs toppings!)

A Food Pantry bin is in the gathering area just outside the church office. Your continued efforts to support this valuable local mission has provided significant help this year---let's keep the bin overflowing!



JULY LECTIONARY

Sunday, July 2

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 22:1-14

Psalm: Psalm 13

Epistle: Romans 6:12-23

Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

Sunday, July 9

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 24:34-38,
42-49, 58-67

Psalm: Psalm 45:10-17

Epistle: Romans 7:15-25a

Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sunday, July 16

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 25:19-34

(July 16 continued)

Psalm: Psalm 119:105-112

Epistle: Romans 8:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sunday, July 23

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 28:10-19a

Psalm: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Epistle: Romans 8:12-25

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sunday, July 30

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 29:15-28

Psalm: Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

Epistle: Romans 8:26-39

Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



Bill and Joanne Lammers were recognized for their 58 years of musical contributions at the May 28 worship service. The choir hosted coffee hour in their honor. Cake and coffee were served and a gift was presented.



RADIO BROADCAST "THE BREAD OF LIFE"

The very first radio broadcast of The Bread of Life took place on March 7, 1965. With the advancement of technology that began with an open line between Salem and WPLY radio station. The station continues to support local programming and Salem is proud to continue The Bread of Life broadcasting with local 1420AM / 98.5FM Cow Country each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

You can sponsor a weekly broadcast for just \$50 in memory of or in celebration of life! Contact the church office 920.892.7456 to reserve a particular week's service.

Sharing the word of God to cars and kitchen tables alike. Thank you to Art Pahr for reminding us all of the roots of this beautiful ministry.



7/1 Betty Pearce	7/13 Cassie Pilling	7/21 Kay Scheible
7/1 Gary Hanson	7/13 Sandra Fritsch	7/22 David Lehrke
7/2 Bree Bunyea	7/14 Amy Nischik	7/23 Megan Fontany
7/3 Janis Jarosch	7/16 Dennis Hill	7/27 Cyndi Huibregtse
7/5 Janis Knuth	7/16 Sharon Klemme	7/27 Judith Rortvedt
7/5 Ryan Halle	7/17 Makayla Mendenhall	7/28 Lauren Chisholm
7/7 Bette Humbracht	7/18 Aurelia Schuricht	7/28 Marianne Faas
7/7 Evelyn Meinnert	7/18 Marian Lisowe	7/29 Bret Schoenefeld
7/7 Lynn York	7/18 Sandra Holzmann	7/29 Dolores Bohrmueller
7/8 Amy Debbink	7/20 Kathy Zimmermann	7/29 Dorothy Baumann
7/8 Brittany Seifert	7/20 Stacy Ausloos	7/30 Lena Schoenefeld
7/10 Maureen Rudebeck		
7/10 Merrie Huenink		

July Wedding Anniversaries

7/16 Duaine & Cindy Conrad

7/17 Jerry & Marlene Miller

7/20 Terry & Amy Debbink

7/21 Larry & Merrie Huenink

7/21 Jason & Liza Wilson

7/27 Brandon & Tabitha Munz

7/29 Joey & Kay Halle



NOT IF BUT WHEN YOU NEED A HAND



LOCAL RESOURCES

Generations in Plymouth offers a variety of ways to make connections. Veterans? Join the chat time on second Mondays monthly at 11 a.m. Grief? Widows and Widowers Group meets each Monday at 11 a.m. Compassion Fatigue? An abundance of wellness initiatives from memory care to tech support are available. Call 920.892.4858 for more details on any of these.

Mental Health America Lakeshore on S. Milwaukee St. in Plymouth offers these Support Groups:

- Compassionate Parents - for bereaved and grieving parents
- Suicide Loss - for those who have lost a loved one to suicide
- THRIVE - Women Chronic Pain Support Group
- Here Comes the Sun - for family members of individuals with mental illness
- Lemonade - Widows' Support Group

Call 920.458.3951 for more details on these and other mental health resources.

HELPFUL TIPS

Make an effort to talk to others and show that you care and understand. People living with mental illness often feel isolated and talking with them alone can make a difference.

Instead of trying to fix their problems, just listen. Many people just need to be heard---taking the time to listen to someone will show that you care without having to come up with a solution for them.

**NO MATTER WHO, NO MATTER WHAT, NO MATTER WHERE
YOU ARE ON THE JOURNEY OF LIFE, YOU ARE WELCOME AT
SALEM AND LOVED BY THE GOD WHO MADE YOU AND KNOWS
YOUR EVERY NEED.**

Pastoral care is readily available by calling Rev. Hoppert at 920.838.0405.

July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10am Worship (Livestream and in-person) 7pm AA	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 7pm NA	5	6	7 <i>Consistory Items Due</i>	8
9 Holy Communion 10am Worship (Livestream and in-person) 7pm AA	10 <i>Special Gift Grants Due Today</i> 9am Men's Coffee	11 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 10am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Consistory 7pm NA	12	13	14	15
16 10am Worship (Livestream and in-person) 7pm AA	17 9am Men's Coffee 6:30 Special Gifts Team meeting	18 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 10am Staff Meeting 1pm Salem Green BOD 7pm NA 7pm Radio Exam	19 <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>	20	21	22
23 10am Worship (Livestream and in-person) 7pm AA	24 9am Men's Coffee	25 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 10am Staff Meeting 7pm NA	26	27	28	29
30 CHURCH PICNIC-- Immediately after worship service 10am Worship (Livestream and in-person) 7pm AA	31 9am Men's Coffee					



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