

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

There is a saying, "Your mileage may vary," which is often times abbreviated as YMMV. It's a shorthand way of saying that your experience of a given situation may be different than the experience of other people, or even most other people. Your results may be different.

In keeping with that thought, my observations of how this summer has been going may be attached with that saying, YMMV, too. It has struck me that this summer has seemed to be the least stressful one that's come down the road since 2019: the drama of pandemic-related happenings isn't in play. People are more or less back to doing what they did before all this happened (and, as an aside, should it really have taken us three years to get to this point?) The weather has been enjoyable for the most part (aside from the intermittent bouts of Canadian wildfire smoke). Overall, I have found this to be a good time to re-charge and re-focus.

However, this summer may be a stressful one for you, full of transitions that you weren't expecting, and putting you into unfamiliar territory, in which case this has not been a welcome time. Perhaps your schedule has not allowed you to be out and enjoying the summer weather. YMMV.

Perhaps that sort of thing is typical of the lives we live: the experiences we have don't hold true for everyone, even if we're going through the exact same situations. Not everyone experiences joy when we do; not everyone experiences sorrow and difficulty when we do, either. That condition is no one's fault: everyone experiences their own unique set of challenges.

Part of the task we face in life is to become more aware of the fact that every person is carrying with them a set of joys and concerns which is unique to them. Everyone is dealing with something, even if we may not be aware of it. In many ways, people are like icebergs, with about 7/8's of their lives remaining hidden from view. We're only seeing a small part of their lives.

So, take joy in the things of life that bring joy; mourn the challenges and losses when they show up. However, when it comes to this rest of humanity, just remember that YMMV and that every one carries with them a different set of challenges.

Enjoy the remaining days of this summer as best you can.

Shalom aleichem—Peace be with you.

Rev. Jim Hoppert

NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - OCTOBER 29

All members are being notified of a congregational meeting to be held on Sunday, October 29, 2023 following our 10:00 a.m. worship service. The meeting will include calling a vote to accept the amendments being proposed to the Constitution and By-Laws of Salem United Church of Christ, Plymouth Wisconsin. More details to follow.

UPDATE YOUR PREFERENCES

As you may be aware, the price of stamps continues to increase on a regular basis. We definitely want you to continue receiving the church news, BUT--- if you happen to receive this newsletter by mail and no longer wish to do so, or if it would be convenient to receive it via email or by picking up a copy at church, please let the church office know so that we may change our mailing records. Again, keeping you informed of church happenings is important, so we want to use the best method to suit your needs. Thank you.

PLYMOUTH FOOD PANTRY "LOAD OUR SHELVES"

**The August collection for the Food Pantry is:
CRACKERS**

Any kind of cracker is welcomed.



A Food Pantry bin is in the gathering area just outside the church office. The Food Pantry sends its sincere thanks for your continuing generosity this year!





Scooping Sweetness for you and your loved ones this day and everyday - you are in our thoughts.

Georgine Littlefield

Eugene Littlefield

Tim Miller

Don Hurlburt

Rollie Bruggink

JoAnn Kraus

Andrea Kapellen

Florence Blanke

Jean Halida

Eugene Boll

Carole Hummell

Ron Holzmann

**CHURCH BULLETIN PROGRAM CANCELED
AT TEXAS ROADHOUSE**



We received a notice from Texas Roadhouse that their program to benefit area churches by presenting a bulletin while dining there on a Sunday is being discontinued until further notice. We are grateful for those members that have faithfully dined here to support their church.

AUGUST WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

MAY GOD'S PROTECTION SURROUND YOU AND MAY YOUR MOMENTS OF LOVE AND HAPPINESS CONTINUE TO GROW STRONGER.



1 Scott & Annette Bunyea

24 Ted & Diane Kaczmarski

5 Jay & Peggy Ellis

24 Wade & Gail Kleinhans

16 Kevin & Michelle Mauk

24 James & Karen LeMahieu

21 Marvin & Judy Paulson

25 Donald & Bonnie Laack

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

AUGUST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

8/4 Ruth Miller	8/21 Andrew Helmer
8/5 Joseph Ausloos	8/21 Barbara Webb
8/10 Liza Wilson	8/21 Kyle Odekirk
8/12 Mariann Picard	8/22 Aubrey Fischer
8/12 Peter Meyer	8/22 Katy Fischer
8/13 Erica Helmer	8/22 Zack Schwantes
8/13 Joshua Bender	8/25 Kally Pratt
8/16 Pat Wachter	8/27 Chase Markus
8/18 Brynn Quade	8/27 Margaret Johnston
8/18 Peggy Ellis	8/30 Austin Hartmann
8/19 James Wachter	8/30 Jody Helmer
8/19 Tim Miller	8/30 Marvin Paulson
8/20 Lois Faas	8/31 Roger Jr. Eldredge



MAY GOD GRANT YOU GREAT PEACE AND
BLESSINGS IN THIS NEW YEAR OF LIFE.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

AUGUST LECTIONARY



Sunday, August 6

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm: Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Epistle: Romans 9:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Sunday, August 13

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalm: Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Epistle: Romans 10:5-15
Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Sunday, August 20

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm: Psalm 133
Epistle: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Gospel: Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28

Sunday, August 27

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 1:8-2:10
Psalm: Psalm 124
Epistle: Romans 12:1-8
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 100am Staff Meeting 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	2 2pm Salem Green Communion 6pm Worship Team Meeting	3 <i>Pastor on vacation</i>	4 <i>Consistory Items Due</i>	5
6 10am Worship (Livestream and in-person) 7pm AA	7 9am Men's Coffee	8 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> → 100am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Consistory Meeting 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	9 TBD Finance Team Meeting	10 <i>Pastor back from vacation</i>	11	12
13 <i>Holy Communion</i> 10am Worship (Livestream and in-person) 7pm AA Anonymous/AL-Anon	14 9am Men's Coffee 6:30PM Personnel Meeting	15 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 10am Staff Meeting 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	16	17	18	19
20 10am Worship (Livestream and in-person) 7pm AA	21 <i>Newsletter Deadline for September</i> 9am Men's Coffee	22 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 10am Staff Meeting 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	23	24	25	26
27 <i>Newsletter Available</i> 10am Worship (Livestream and in-person) 7pm AA Anonymous/AL-Anon	28 9am Men's Coffee	AUGUST 2023 Church Office Hours are: Tuesdays 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Wednesdays 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Fridays 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Church Office: 920-892-7456				

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