

# 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

At dinner the other night, Abby looked out the kitchen window and observed, "The sun is different." "Different in what way?" I asked. She answered, "The angle is lower already." It was then that I knew what she meant: the further we are away from the summer solstice, the flatter the path of the sun is in the sky—it is no longer directly overhead but moving closer to the horizon. She noticed we are getting closer to fall without having to refer to a calendar.

Wisconsin summer—from Memorial Day to Labor Day—is such a fleeting time. However, we are getting ready to make the move to that "other" season. In the life of the church that other season marks the start of what is sometimes referred to as the "Program Year:" Church School, Confirmation classes, and Chancel Choir rehearsals start up. However, all of those activities don't just happen by chance: some planning and preparation has gone into it. Life in the church, for example, means that hymns for November have already been selected and themes for Advent have been considered long before all things pumpkin spice have hit the store shelves. Lenten activities will be considered before the trappings of the Christmas season have been taken down. We always seem to be out of sync with what is going on currently.

September—and even October—may throw us a few golden days in the time ahead, but make no mistake: we're moving ahead in the calendar.

I hope that the weeks and months ahead may provide us all with opportunities to grow in our understanding and in our practice of faith. Goodness knows that our world needs all of the witness to God's love that we can muster.

Shalom aleichem—Peace be with you.

Rev. Jim Hoppert

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## 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 Bylaws of Salem United Church of Christ, Plymouth, Wisconsin. More details to follow.

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## NEW AT SALEM! WOMEN'S COFFEE HOUR

Women of Salem---all ages---are invited to come to a Women's Coffee Hour on **Monday, Sept. 11 at 9:00 a.m.** There is no agenda, no dues, no book to read, no big plans for the future---we just want to gather and have a time of fellowship once a month. If our conversation leads us to ideas for activities or more frequent gatherings, that will be gladly considered. For now, just come and let's see where the spirit leads us. There will be coffee and coffee cake!



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## PLYMOUTH FOOD PANTRY "LOAD OUR SHELVES"

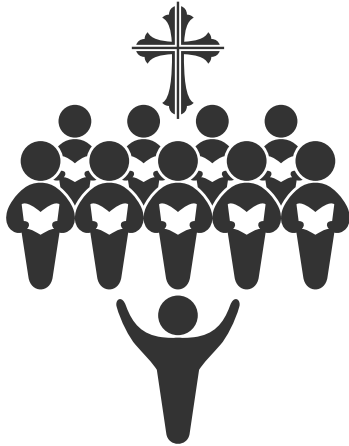
The September collection for the Food Pantry is:

### CANNED FRUIT

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!



# Add your voice to the choir



The Chancel Choir will begin their rehearsals for this program year at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 6 in the sanctuary of the church. The first meeting will be a time for us to reconnect, remember, rejoice and rehearse.

The Chancel Choir rehearses every Wednesday evening from 7-8 p.m. Anyone of Confirmation age and older with a desire to sing is welcome.

## Your innovative ideas needed for mission and ministry

Do you have an idea for how Salem can "be the church" within or beyond our four walls? That idea might be eligible for financial support through a grant from Salem's Endowment Fund. The Endowment Team will meet in October to review and grant requests for funding of mission and ministry related activities.

Request forms for funding are available through the church office. All are invited and encouraged to submit requests for funding. Questions may be directed to the church office.



The Farmers Market runs through the end of October. Shop at Fountain Park in Sheboygan on Wed. and Sat. or in Plymouth on Thursdays from 3-6 p.m. at Riverwalk Center, 515 Mill Street, Plymouth for your locally grown, seasonal produce and so much more! FoodShare and Double Your Bucks transactions can be handled at the information tent and every Wednesday we collect donations of fresh produce for the Sheboygan County Food Bank.



*Recently I was at Culver's enjoying a quick lunch. The intersection was busy with people rushing one place or another. And I thought how grateful I was to be just sitting here enjoying the day. No rush to work; no rush to shuttle kids somewhere; no rush whatsoever. Just a little ice cream in the middle of the afternoon. Gratitude moments come in the form of an ice cream cone.*

**Don Hurlburt**

**JoAnn Kraus**

**Florence Blanke**

**Eugene Boll**

**Mariann Picard**

**Tim Miller**

**Rollie Bruggink**

**Andrea Kapellen**

**Georgine Littlefield**

**Jean Halida**

**Margaret Johnston**

**Carole Hummell**

*What are you grateful for today?*



## **SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

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



**5th Kenneth & Kay Mauk**

**6th Al & Linda Bosman**

**7th Dan & Paulette Klotz**

**9th Jered & Ashley Krueger**

**10th Randy & Laurie Gutschow**

**10th David & Amy Nischik**

**12th Kevin & Kathleen Andrews**

**16th Norman & Karen Raeder**

**18th Dave & Carol Barts**

**22nd Tyler & Lauren Chisholm**

**25th Paul & Susan Clarke**

**27th Roger & Jacqueline Rortvedt**

**27th William & Rachel Schwantes**

**28th Jim & Val Gillman**

**30th Peter & Marsha Meyer**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



1st Eugene Boll  
2nd Hattie Wykhuis  
2nd Kevin Andrews  
3rd Magnus Blad  
5th Jeff Greuel  
6th Brady Pratt  
6th Janet Veleke  
6th Robert Becher  
7th Joanne Lammers  
10th Robert Plahmer  
11th Anna Hoppert  
12th Dianne Kaczmarski  
12th Jay Ellis

14th Lucia Blad  
15th Chris Huenink  
16th Jennifer Schoenefeld  
16th Larry Huenink  
19th Mary Bender  
20th Gladys Palm  
20th Lindsey Zorn  
20th Roger Rortvedt  
20th Warren Faas  
23rd Pietje Markus  
25th JoAnn Kraus  
25th Bill Klemme  
26th Delores Titel

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

### September Lectionary



#### **Sunday, September 3**

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 3:1-15  
Psalm: Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b  
Epistle: Romans 12:9-21  
Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

#### **Sunday, September 10**

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 12:1-14  
Psalm: Psalm 149  
Epistle: Romans 13:8-14  
Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

#### **Sunday, September 17**

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 14:19-31  
Psalm: Psalm 114  
Epistle: Romans 14:1-12  
Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

#### **Sunday, September 24**

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 16:2-15  
Psalm: Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45  
Epistle: Philippians 1:21-30  
Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

# ARE YOU FRIENDLY?

ProMedica Hospice (formerly known as Heartland Hospice of Fond du Lac) is in need of volunteers to provide a simple friendly volunteer visit. A few in our community are in need of such a resource. By sharing your time with someone during their final journey, you can bring companionship, support, joy, and laughter into the life of a person in need.

You can donate as much time as you desire. Flexible scheduling - all up to you. You receive training and orientation so that you are comfortable and able to provide visits that are most meaningful.

More information can be obtained by contacting Leslie Stuckmann, volunteer coordinator by telephone at 1-800-236-1989 or via email at [leslie.stuckmann@promedica.org](mailto:leslie.stuckmann@promedica.org).



## CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School begins September 10 at 9AM. Registration forms are available [here](#) or by contacting the church office.

## CONFIRMATION

Confirmation orientation for Year 1 students and parents will be held on September 6 from 6:15 - 7 p.m. Please remember to bring your completed forms (registration, covenant, and permission slip for Lakeland program) with you. Confirmation classes for all three years starts Sept. 13 at 6:15 p.m.

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### **Please keep us updated**



If you are receiving 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. Keeping you informed of church happenings is important, so we want to use the best method to suit your needs. Also, if you move, change phone numbers or email addresses, please let us know! Thank you.

# September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> 10am Worship (Livestream and In-person)  7pm AA	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 10am Staff Meeting 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	<b>6</b> 2pm Salem Green Communion 6:15pm Confirmation Orientation 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <i>Consistory Agenda Items Due</i>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> 9am Church School 10am Worship (Livestream and In-person) 7pm AA	<b>11</b> 9am Men's Coffee 9am Women's Coffee	<b>12</b> <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 10am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Consistory 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	<b>13</b> 6:15pm Confirmation 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9am Church School 10am Worship (Livestream and in-person) 7pm AA	<b>18</b> <i>Newsletter Deadline for October</i> 9am Men's Coffee	<b>19</b> <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 10am Staff Meeting 7pm Amateur Radio Exams 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	<b>20</b> 6:15pm Confirmation 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9am Church School 10am Worship (Livestream and In-person) 7pm AA	<b>25</b> 9am Men's Coffee	<b>26</b> <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 10am Staff Meeting 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	<b>27</b> 6:15pm Confirmation 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

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MUSIC DIRECTOR: Anne Hernandez / CHOIR DIRECTOR: Eileen Brooks  
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