

# 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

Autumn represents different things in different areas of life. In the popular culture (reflected in advertising and the retail world) it is time to ramp up for the celebrations of Halloween and Christmas (we sort of skip past that Thanksgiving bit). In nature, we begin that process of harvesting the produce of the land and we witness that progression towards dormancy and death that comes with winter. In the worship life of the church, our gospel Lectionary passages keep us firmly fixed in those last days of Jesus' earthly ministry in early Holy Week—which always feels like an odd place to be.

It is a time of transitions.

In the midst of all of that, we will have some notable events taking place during the month of October. October 15th will be our celebration of Children's Sabbath, and our young people will be leading the liturgy for the day, plus there will be a combined musical number with the Church School and our Chancel Choir. It will be good to have the participation of our young people in worship and I encourage you to be a part of that Sunday's worship.

On October 29th there will be a special congregational meeting to ratify changes that have been made in our by-laws. In reality, what we're doing is making official the ways that we've been operating for the past four years or so. Due to the pandemic, we had not been able to complete the process as we would have liked sooner, but we have finally come the place where all of the pieces have come together. I want to extend my deep appreciation for all of those who were part of the revision process and I hope that we can finally make the process official on October 29th.

And, of course, there is the standard and customary calendar of events and one never knows what special things may happen in the ordinary.

In the meantime, I hope that you and yours will be able to appreciate autumn for all that it represents in your lives.

Shalom aleichem—Peace be with you.

Rev. Jim Hoppert

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - OCTOBER 29**

**Attention: All Members of Salem UCC – Please make plans to attend!**

### **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Sunday, October 29, 2023 immediately following 10 a.m. Worship**

**This is notification to all Salem members of a congregational meeting to be held on Sunday, October 29, 2023 following our 10:00 a.m. worship service. The meeting agenda will include calling a vote to accept amendments being proposed to the Constitution and Bylaws of Salem United Church of Christ, Plymouth, Wisconsin.**

**For the past few years our church has been functioning under a suspended Constitution and Bylaws. The proposed amendments will help us to better align our governance with the reality of our church membership size and participation.**

**Documents relating to revisions of the Constitution and Bylaws will be distributed to Salem membership in the coming days. Additional printed copies will be available through our church office. Questions or concerns can be directed to members of our Governance Team.**

**We hope you will give prayerful review and consideration to these proposed amendments. Your support and participation in this important process, including meeting attendance, are greatly appreciated. Thank you.**

**Peace & Blessings,**

**Mary Bender**

**On behalf of the Salem Governance Team**



## for the Brain!

Reader's Digest September 2021 article: "Lifting your voice in a choir has cognitive benefits, according to a Finnish study that found better verbal fluency in elderly singers compared to non-singers. This makes sense, since it's a hobby that requires regulation of attention, versatile information processing, linguistic output, learning, and memorization.

Get Smart(er)! Join the choir!

### Innovation Ideas Needed!

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 deadline for next the next round of applications is FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20.** Endowment Team will meet the following week 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 October collection for the Food Pantry is: CEREAL

A bin for items is in the gathering area just outside the church office. Your generosity to support the local Food Pantry has been wonderful. Keep up the good work!

### All Salem women invited to Women's Coffee

Women of Salem---all ages--- are invited to come to a Women's Coffee Hour on **Monday, Oct. 9 at 9:00 a.m.** Come to gather and enjoy a time of fellowship once a month.

### New events offered this fall at Lakeland University

You are welcome to attend any of these programs offered by Lakeland's Ulrich Center for Faith, Ethics and Justice.

- **Mon., Oct. 9**, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Indigenous People's Day: screening and discussion of "The End of the Line: the Women of Standing Rock" (produced by Lakeland alumna Shannon Kring). Info and registration found here: [End of The Line: The Women of Standing Rock \(Screening & Discussion\)](#) ([lakeland.edu](#)).
- **Mon., Oct. 23**, 6:30-8 p.m. Mission House Lecture: "Christianity, Abortion, and Reproductive Rights" with Dr. Rebecca Todd Peters. Info and registration found here: [Mission House Lecture: Christianity, Abortion, and Reproductive Justice](#) ([lakeland.edu](#)).
- **Mon., Nov. 13**, 6:30-8 p.m. Ethics Conversation: "Churches as Platforms for Social Change" with Rev. Dr. Rebecca Turner. More information to come.



## CHURCH SCHOOL

The Church School children will offer Children's Sabbath on Sunday, Oct. 15. It's always a joy to see the pride the students have in leading and participating in this service. Thank you in advance to the Church School leaders who help make this service happen!

## CONFIRMATION

Confirmation students, teachers and several parents/mentors recently attended the annual Confirmation program offered by Lakeland University's Ulrich Center for Faith, Ethics and Justice. The program was led by Revs. Kristal Klemme and Jacob Nault and staff from Mental Health America Lakeshore. The topic was "It's okay to not be okay: Faith and Mental Health." The first Mentor Meal for Year 3 confirmands will be Wed., Oct. 18 at 5:30 p.m.

Mentors, parents and all Salem members are always welcome to attend any of the Confirmation classes held on Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m



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*When our arms can't reach people  
who are close to our heart, we hug  
them with our prayers.*

**Don Hurlburt  
Florence Blanke  
Eugene Boll  
Mariann Picard  
Tim Miller**

**Rollie Bruggink  
Andrea Kapellen  
Georgine Littlefield  
Jean Halida  
Carole Hummell**



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

10/3	Angie Hartmann	10/14	Michelle Mauk
10/3	Faye Hughes	10/15	Jerad Lehmann
10/3	Marlene Miller	10/16	Haley Schwantes
10/3	Thomas Blad	10/16	Jaiden Krueger
10/4	Bonnie Bermke	10/18	Kathleen Schmitt
10/5	Amber Ausloos	10/19	Carol Lisowe
10/6	Maddy Pratt	10/19	Bill Lammers
10/6	Bob Schuricht	10/20	Terry Risse
10/7	Drew Hoppert	10/22	Paul Clarke
10/7	Elaine Kuck	10/22	Zachary Schwantes
10/8	Mallory Andrews	10/24	Belle Gutschow
10/9	Carole Hummell	10/24	Natalie Paulick
10/9	Charlie Seifert	10/26	Cassandra Clarke
10/10	Larry Fuerst	10/27	Brett Pilling
10/11	Joey Halle	10/28	Layla Wilson
10/13	Sharon Zwerg		



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



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

10/4	Jordan & Leslie Blad
10/4	Mike & Kelly Wolfert
10/7	James & Pat Wachter
10/9	Alayne & Scott Krause
10/15	Dale & Janis Knuth
10/18	Russell & Kathleen Schmitt
10/21	Tom & Jackie Veldman
10/26	John & Bette Humbracht
10/28	Wes & Cynthia Huibregtse
10/28	Lyle & Kaye Theune
10/29	Kyle & Melissa Odekirk
10/30	Stacy & Joseph Ausloos
10/31	Bob & Patricia Becher

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.



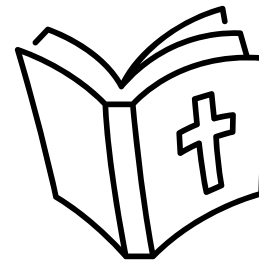
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## October Lectionary

### Sunday, October 1

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7  
Psalm: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16  
Epistle: Philippians 2:1-13  
Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32



### Sunday, October 8

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20  
Psalm: Psalm 19  
Epistle: Philippians 3:4b-14  
Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

### Sunday, October 22

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost  
Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 33:12-23  
Psalm: Psalm 99  
Epistle: First Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

### Sunday, October 15

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 32:1-14  
Psalm: Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23  
Epistle: Philippians 4:1-9  
Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

### Sunday, October 29

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost  
Hebrew Scripture: Deuteronomy 23:1-12  
Psalm: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17  
Epistle: First Thessalonians 2:1-8  
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

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## Brideway Open House and other news

Bridgeway will host an Open House on November 28. The public is invited to attend for tours, refreshments and updates on their programs. More details to come. Bridgeway is also seeking toys and craft items in good condition for their families to use. Also needed are baby diapers, baby wipies and frozen vegetables. As always, these items can be dropped off at the church office and we will handle delivery.

# October 2023

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>World Communion Sunday</b> 9am Church School 10am Worship (Livestream and In-person)	<b>2</b> 9am Men's Coffee	<b>3</b> <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 10am Staff Meeting 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	<b>4</b> 2:00 p.m. Salem Green Communion 6:15pm Confirmation 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <i>Consistory Agenda Items Due</i> 6pm Wedding Rehearsal	<b>7</b> 1pm Larson/Huenink Wedding
<b>8</b> 9am Church School 10am Worship (Livestream and In-person)	<b>9</b> 9am Men's Coffee 9am Women's Coffee	<b>10</b> <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 10am Staff Meeting 6:30 Consistory 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	<b>11</b> 6:15pm Confirmation 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>Children's Sabbath Service</b> 10am (Livestream and In-person) 7pm AA	<b>16</b> 9am Men's Coffee	<b>17</b> <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 10am Staff Meeting 1pm Salem Green Bd Meeting 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	<b>18</b> 5:30pm Mentor Meal for Yr 3 6:15pm Confirmation 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <i>Endowment Grant Requests Due</i>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9am Church School 10am Worship (Livestream and In-person)	<b>23</b> <i>Newsletter Deadline for October</i> 9am Men's Coffee	<b>24</b> <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 10am Staff Meeting 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	<b>25</b> 6:15pm Confirmation 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9am Church School 10am Worship (Livestream and In-person) 11am Special Congregational Meeting	<b>30</b> 9am Men's Coffee	<b>31</b> <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 10am Staff Meeting 7pm Narcotics Anonymous		6:30pm Endowment Team Meeting		

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