



First Notes

by Rev. Jim Hoppert

As I write the front page for the combined July-August issue of the newsletter, I am in the process of jumping back into the work routine after a month of sabbatical leave. I am grateful to the congregation for granting me the leave and to my colleagues, Rev. Nathan Athorp, Rev. Beth Petzke, and Rev. Kristal Klemme who graciously agreed to handle pastoral emergencies in my absence, as well as Dr. Fred Trost, Dr. Karl Kuhn, Rev. Greg Whelton, and Rev. Keith Weiland for so capably filling the pulpit during that time. The time away was a productive one, and I'm hoping that we'll be able to share the music that I've written with the congregation in the months ahead.

Jumping back into the routine is made a bit easier by knowing that the summertime pattern of activity in the church follows a familiar path: reload and prepare for the next program year. In addition to those activities, we will be hosting the band concert concession at the park for July 11th this summer, which will be an opportunity for the congregation to gain some visibility in the community. We will keep favorable weather in our prayers for that day!

There is one more thing that I wish to signpost on the front page and that is a change in the communion schedule for August. Due conflicts with vacation schedules with multiple persons, we will be holding communion one week earlier than previously scheduled: August 4th.

May these days of the summer season provide opportunities to renew our spirits and refresh our bodies and minds.

Your servant in Christ Rev. Jim Hoppert



Upcoming Events

Concession Stand at City Park -- July 11

Salem members will be selling food at the concession stand during the Concert in the Park on Thursday, July 11. Stop by and pick up a brat or hamburger and/or a delicious dessert and enjoy the music of the Plymouth Municipal Band on a nice summer's evening. Serving starts at 4:30.

New Program Year Begins Sept. 8

Looking ahead, Sunday, Sept. 8 marks the start of our new program year. Church School resumes classes on Sept. 8 and Confirmation classes will begin that week. Please watch for emails regarding registration for these classes.

> Salem will be collecting cereal during the month of July and jam/jelly in August to help the Plymouth Food Pantry.

PLEASE SHARE THIS OPPORTUNITY

If you are an artist/crafter or happen to know any--of any age--please let them know about our Craft and Vendor Fair at Salem on **Saturday, Nov. 2**. The fair will be held in various rooms of the church from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Food will be available for purchase in Fellowship Hall, provided by the **Salem Cares** ministry.

We are accepting applications for vendors and crafters from now until we reach the limit that we can accommodate. We are especially inviting youth who have crafts for sale, so if you have children/grandchildren in 4-H, Scouts or doing crafts on their own initiative, please let them know about this opportunity. For more information, please email salemucccraftfair@gmail.com, or contact the church office.



July and August Lectionary Readings



July 7 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrew Scripture: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 Psalm 48 Epistle: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

July 14 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrew Scripture: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 Psalm 24 Epistle: Ephesians 1:3-14 Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

July 21 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrew Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a Psalm 89:20-37 Epistle: Ephesians 2:11-22 Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 28 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrew Scripture: 2 Samuel 11:1-15 Psalm 14 Epistle: Ephesians 3:14-21 Gospel: John 6:1-21

August 4 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrew Scripture: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a Psalm 51:1-12 Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-16 Gospel: John 6:24-35

August 11 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrew Scripture: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 Psalm 130 Epistle: Ephesians 4:25-5:2 Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51

August 18 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrew Scripture: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 Psalm 111 Epistle: Ephesians 5:15-20 Gospel: John 6:51-58

August 25 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrew Scripture: 1 Kings 8:1,6,10-11, 22-30, 41-43 Psalm 84 Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-20 Gospel: John 6:56-69



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7/1 Gary Hanson

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/4 Ruth Miller

Blessings for our summer birthday celebrants

- 8/5 Joseph Ausloos
- 8/10 Liza Wilson
- 8/12 Peter Meyer
- 8/12 Mariann Picard
- 8/13 Joshua Bender
- 8/13 Erica Helmer
- 8/16 Pat Wachter
- 8/18 Peggy Ellis
- 8/19 Tim Miller
- 8/19 James Wachter
- 8/20 Lois Faas
- 8/21 Andrew Helmer
- 8/21 Kyle Odekirk
- 8/21 Barbara Webb
- 8/27 Margaret Johnston
- 8/30 Austin Hartmann
- 8/30 Marvin Paulson
- 8/30 Jody Helmer
- 8/31 Roger Eldredge, Jr.





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

AUGUST WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 8/1 Scott & Annette Bunyea
- 8/5 Jay & Peggy Ellis
- 8/16 Kevin & Michelle Mauk
- 8/21 Marvin & Judy Paulson
- 8/24 Wade & Gail Kleinhans
- 8/24 Jim & Karen LeMahieu
- 8/25 Donald & Bonnie Laack



Free will-writing resource available to all

If preparing a will is something you've thought of doing, but not yet done, here's something to consider. Courtesy of the Wisconsin Foundation UCC's partnership with FreeWill, a free, online will-writing resource is now available to all UCC members. When creating your will, the Foundation encourages you to prayerfully consider including a legacy gift to support your church or the wider United Church of Christ and pass on our faith to future generations. Your gift will plant deep roots growing with God's love into a more vibrant, faithful community.

Your will is your opportunity to protect what God has entrusted you with and an opportunity to create an eternal legacy with your church, the Wisconsin Conference, United Church Camps, Inc., and other organizations that embody your faith. For more information, visit freewill.com/wisconsinucc or contact the church office.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:00am Men's Coffee	2 Items due for Sunday Bulletin 10:30am Staff	8	4	5 Items due for Council meeting	9
7 10:00am Worship 7pm AA	9:00am Men's Coffee	1tems due for Sunday Bulletin 10:30am Staff	10	11 4:30pm Salem hosts Concessions at City Park	12	13
14 10:00am Worship w/ Holy Communion 7pm AA	15 9:00am Men's Coffee 6:30pm Special Gifts Team (Zoom)	16 Items due for Sunday Bulletin 10:30am Staff	17 6:00pm Worship Team	18	19	20
21 10:00am Worship 7pm AA	22 9:00am Men's Coffee	23 Items due for Sunday Bulletin 10:30am Staff	24	25	26	27
28 10:00am Worship 7pm AA	29 9:00am Men's Coffee 9:00am Salem Cares	30 Items due for Sunday Bulletin 10:30am Staff	31			

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7pm AA						
18	19 Items due for Chapel	20 Items due for Bulletin	21	22	23	24
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7pm AA	9:00am Men's Coffee	6:30pm Council				
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7pm AA						

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