

# LIVING OUT GOD'S LOVE

*Salem United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming Congregation*

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MAY:

### **Week of May 4**

*Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)*

*Psalm 30*

*Revelation 5:11-14*

*John 21:1-19*

### **Week of May 11**

*Acts 9:36-43*

*Psalm 23*

*Revelation 7:9-17*

*John 10:22-30*

### **Week of May 18**

*Acts 11:1-18*

*Psalm 148*

*Revelation 21:1-6*

*John 13:31-35*

### **Week of May 25**

*Acts 16:9-15*

*Psalm 67*

*Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5*

*John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9*

### **Ascension of the Lord - May 29**

*Acts 1:1-11*

*Psalm 47 or Psalm 93*

*Ephesians 1:15-23*

*Luke 24:44-53*

## FROM PASTOR PHIL

Dear Members and Friends,

May looks to be a great month here at Salem.

We will celebrate Mother's Day and Holy Communion on May 11. We know that motherhood is complicated. And we are aware of so many for whom relationships with their own mother is complicated. There are those who have wished to be mothers and could not. There are many who have faced the loss of pregnancy or the loss of a child.

One important part of being a community of faith is the ability to make room for all of these experiences, holding each one in our prayers, diminishing none of them, and lifting all to God's lovingkindness. Please join us.

May 18 will be our Music Sunday. Music will be offered by our Youth, Chancel, BRC, and Handbell choirs. We will also thank our Sunday School teachers during worship. Following worship, we will have a church cookout. So be sure to join us!

Typically, after the Sunday School year ends, we switch to 9 am for worship. But, we also see a smaller number of people in worship in the summer. We are trying to see if this is just a product of summer schedules or if the change in time is a factor.

You can help us by answering the following questions:

1. Would you be more likely to be in worship in the summer at 9 am or 10:15 am? Or does the time not make much of a difference for you?
2. Are there reasons one time works better for you? (examples might be: difficulty getting to church earlier, having more of the day left after worship, work schedule, etc.)

Please submit your answers to Pastor Phil or Council President Cari Bass by May 15.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Phil



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 3: Sawyer Quade
- 5: Mark Yurs
- 8: Martha Booth
- 14: Morgan Moll
- 15: Kristin Runnheim
- 18: Arlene Stadlberger, Catie Cullen
- 19: Kari Pechan
- 21: Guy Williams
- 24: Carolyn Kleinfeldt
- 25: Sarah Worley
- 28: Israel Kwilinski, Drew Adams
- 29: Kay Berry

\*Let the church office know if we missed your birthday.

## SAVE THE DATE

On Saturday November 1, Salem members will be volunteering at the free community meal at BPNN. Twelve volunteers, ages 9+ and older will be needed to assist with serving the meal and assisting in the dining room. No experience is necessary as all volunteers will be under the direction of an experienced crew captain. More details and sign up will follow as the date gets closer.

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE MAY 27

Salem will host our next blood drive on Tuesday, May 27 from 1:30-5:30PM. You can register beforehand to donate at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter the sponsor code: VeronaWI.



## VOLUNTEER AT BRAT FEST - MAY 23-25



### Brat Fest Volunteers receive:

- An incredible fun time
- \$12 of every hour they volunteer, goes to their selected approved Brat Fest Charity or to support Brat Fest (also a Non-Profit)
- Brat Fest T-Shirt
- Brat Buck (Good for a Brat, Hot Dog, Corn or Soda)
- Chocolate Shoppe Ice Cream free scoop

Sign up at <https://volunteer.bloomerang.co/JE/I13b4h7t3r8jao>

Positions are limited and are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. Confirmations will be sent within 48-72 hours of applying. All volunteers working at Brat Fest are NOT covered under the liability insurance policy; all volunteers are required to sign a waiver releasing Brat Fest and its subsidiaries from all liability for injuries or damages incurred.

## EASTER LILY SPONSORS

Thank you to those who sponsored lilies for our Easter Sunday services.

### Sponsor(s)

- Carla Baez
- Debbie Bass
- Mary & Dwight Cutler
- John & Helen Hageman
- Roger & Becky Hagenston
- Harlan & Gerri Hall
- Chuck & Lisa Hart
- Hugh & Kathy Hauser
- Donald Hefty
- Elsie Oliver
- Sandi Rost
- Judy & Larry Skupien
- Julie & Steve Sundby
- Dave & Diane Triplett
- Rose & Paul Wieland
- Chris & Kris Wilbricht

### In Memory/Honor of:

- Lyle Baez, Shirley Ryan
- Tom Bass
- Dorothy Reuter (sister in law)
- Bill, Kay, Paul, Erich & Gertrude Simniok
- Our parents
- Our parents
- Joan Hart, Molly Rankin, Rion Best, Joe Martino
- Our parents
- Betty Hefty (1936-2005)
- Husband, H.C. Oliver
- My parents
- Bill (Judy's brother), Bradley (Judy & Larry's Nephew)
- in honor of Luna Sundby
- Barbara Zingg, David & Delores Triplett
- Gift to the church
- Our parents: Earl McCaustland, Marilyn & Jerry Wilbricht
- In honor of: Norene McCaustland
- Our church family and friends

Guy & Karen Williams

## SAFE CHURCH

Hello Salem! As you may know, we implemented “Safe Church” guidelines over 15 years ago, to protect our youth, our volunteers, and our staff. I am pleased to announce that a small team completed an update over the winter of our Safe Church guidelines and are ready to bring them to the full congregation. Many thanks to George Adams, Kris Wilbricht, and Scot Cullen for sticking with this multi-year project!

We updated the core information, identified and addressed some gaps (e.g. digital environments, building security, and emergency responses). We consulted with the “Insurance Board” (UCC insurance carrier) to help ensure our guidelines are solid, helpful, and current. We reviewed and updated all the forms and quick references and even updated our training module!

### Next- Training!

If you work with (or want to work with) our children or youth, either regularly or even occasionally, we invite you to watch for and plan to attend a training session, where you will review what you have known from last time, learn some new tricks, and then renew your covenant and background check.

The first training is scheduled for Sunday June 1st, at 7PM in Fellowship Hall, and is a great time to renew your commitment to providing your love, support, and care to our youth and children. Training will take about 45 minutes, and is required to renew every two years if you want to work with our young people. If you would like to be trained but cannot participate on June 1st, drop me a note so I explore the best time for another session.

Last- if this content is important to you, please consider lending your experience and wisdom to support the Safe Church Committee - we probably won't need to do another update for a few years - now is the time to get onboard! Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns or to sign up to help on the committee. See you at the training!

Jonathan Pundt (he/him)  
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### MUSIC SUNDAY MAY 18TH

May 18 is going to be an amazing Sunday here at Salem. We will celebrate our music programs with music from all our choirs. We will thank our Sunday School teachers. And we will have a cookout after church. Stay tuned for more details.

**The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering** reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to build up the UCC cooperatively. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. You build up the Body of Christ with your generosity to this offering.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. The suggested offering date is on Pentecost Sunday, June 8.



# Stock the Shelves for the Summer!

## Food drive begins May 4

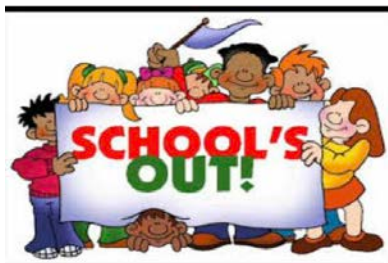
In 2024, 32% of those served at Badger Prairie Needs Network were children. Once school is out for the summer many of these children go hungry as they no longer receive breakfast and/or lunch at school. Hunger and food insecurity increases during the summer break from school. BPNN becomes busier in the summer due to the increased needs of local families. You can help to insure that our school-aged neighbors in need have enough to eat this summer.

**Bring something along every Sunday!**

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| <b>Sunday May 4</b>  | <b>Peanut butter, jelly, fruit cups, goldfish crackers</b>  |
| <b>Sunday May 11</b> | <b>Mac n' cheese, canned tuna or chicken, applesauce, granola bars</b>  |
| <b>Sunday May 18</b> | <b>Kid friendly cold cereal, oatmeal, raisins, bottled juice, breakfast bars</b>  |
| <b>Sunday May 25</b> | <b>Canned pasta (spaghettiOs), kid friendly soups, canned mandarin oranges and pineapple, individually packaged cookies and snacks.</b> |

Think about items kids would like to eat and could prepare.

Monetary donations are always welcome.



# MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> Scholarship Deadline	<b>2</b> 10AM-2PM - Serve at Meals for Madison	<b>3</b> 11:30AM - Community Meal at BPNN
<b>4</b> 9AM - Sunday School 10:15AM - Worship 1PM - Scouts	<b>5</b> Eve - Scouts	<b>6</b> Eve - Scouts	<b>7</b> 6PM - BRC 6:30PM - Handbells 6:45PM - Chancel	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> 9AM - Sunday School 10:15AM - Worship 1PM - Music Recital	<b>12</b> Eve - Scouts	<b>13</b> Eve - Scouts 6PM - Finance 7PM - Council	<b>14</b> 6PM - BRC 6:30PM - Handbells 6:45PM - Chancel	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 11:30AM - Community Meal at BPNN
<b>18</b> <b>Music Sunday/Teacher Appreciation</b> 9AM - Sunday School 10:15AM - Worship Cookout after worship Youth Bonfire at Bass's Afternoon Music Recital	<b>19</b> Eve - Scouts	<b>20</b> Eve - Scouts	<b>21</b> 6PM - Scout Event	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>JUNE NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</b>  <b>Brat Fest</b> →	<b>24</b> Music Recital
<b>25</b> 9AM - Sunday School 10:15AM - Worship  →	<b>26</b> Eve - Scouts	<b>27</b> 1:30-5:30PM - Red Cross Blood Drive Eve - Scouts 7PM - BOCE	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 4PM - Reserved for Senior Recital	<b>31</b>

# MAY NEWSLETTER 2025

## SUNDAY, MAY 18

Music Sunday, Sunday school teacher appreciation,  
neighborhood cookout after church

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Hosted by Salem on Tuesday, May 27, 1:30-5:30PM

## BRAT FEST

Volunteer on behalf of Salem

## FOOD DRIVE BEGINING MAY 4

Stock the shelves for summer

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