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COMING UP AT SALEM	
SUNDAY, August 23 Scrip Orders Due 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship	**THURSDAY, August 27**
MONDAY, August 24	**FRIDAY, August 28**
TUESDAY, August 25	**SATURDAY, August 29** **7:00 AM – 2:00 PM** Making Apple Pie in a Jar
WEDNESDAY, August 26	**SUNDAY, August 30** 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship

Living a Life of Gratitude

8-16-2026
ATTENDANCE: 54 (plus 7 viewing on-line)
General Fund Offering: $2,433.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GENEROSITY!

SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Hakki Min

120 Sheboygan Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

August 23, 2026
9:00 AM

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Starts Soon: Prepare Your Hearts With Prayer

PRELUDE ***(Please sit quietly and take the time to reflect as you prepare for worship).***

GREETING & WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Amid the forces of death and destruction.
People: it takes a village to save us.
Leader: Amid the rivers that would carry us out to sea,
People: it takes willing souls to pull us from the water.
Leader: Amid the fear and hatred in our world,
People: it takes ordinary people to reveal God's mercy,
Leader: Come, let us worship.

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

Gracious God, we present our very lives as holy and living sacrifices to your purposes. During this time of worship, we seek the renewal of our minds and the strengthening of our spirits. Show us your will, that we may know what is good, acceptable, and perfect in your sight. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" #127 UMH vs 1, 2, & 3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, wash away the injuries we have inflicted upon one another. We long to replace our bitterness in word and deed with acts of grace and mercy. We yearn to replace our willful neglect of others with acts of support and grace. We desire to walk in your path of joy and compassion, that we may bathe in the waters of your healing love. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Thanks be to God who rescues us from our foes. Thanks be to Christ who saves us from forces that would be our undoing. In God's loving Spirit, we are set free and made whole again.

CHILDREN'S TIME

***PASSING THE PEACE**

When we recognize Christ for who he really is, we find the peace and security to see ourselves for who we really are. Let us share this peace with one another as we pass the peace of Christ this day.

*** HYMN** "Children of the Heavenly Father" #14 UMH vs 1, 3 & 4

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON):

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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***DOXOLOGY** #95 UMH

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)**

Loving God, accept our gifts as signs of our commitment to build your realm in our midst. Accept our very lives as pledges of our commitment to pursue what is good, acceptable, and perfect in your sight. May these gifts become resources to draw the endangered from the waters of death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING First Reading Romans 12:1-8 (Liturgist)
Gospel Reading Matthew 16:13-20 (Liturgist)

***HYMN** **"**Have Thine Own Way, Lord" #382 UMH vs 1, 2 & 4

SERMON "CHURCH" Rev. Hakki Min

REFLECTION

***CLOSING HYMN** "Take My Life and Let It Be" #399 UMH vs 1, 2 & 3

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SALEM?

August 23, 2026

SUMMER SCRIP SCHEDULE
Next Scrip Order Date: August 23

Year to date profit: $1,932.82 *(Profit up $600 compared to this time last year.)*

Thank you for supporting this ongoing program!

HELP NEEDED…We need another person to be on our Offering Counting Team.

Please contact Sue Gerritson

August Mission of the Month: Habitat for Humanity of Fond du Lac County

Jelly Jars Available
Apple Harvest Team has several cases of jelly jars available for a small donation. Contact Bob Mikkelsen at 920-251-6536.

CALLING ALL SINGERS!!!

If you enjoy singing - and want to associate with other FUN folks who also enjoy singing - NOW IS THE TIME to join the Salem Choir. A "solo" or "professional" singing voice is not required and neither is the ability to sight-read music flawlessly. All that is expected of choir members is a desire to join a vocal ensemble that provides uplifting and meaningful music for Salem's worship services.

The Salem Choir meets on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:00PM in the Choir Loft, beginning on September 9. The choir participates in regular Sunday worship services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. In addition to music for Sunday services, the choir presents special Christmas and Easter cantatas.

Interested singers can talk to a choir member or contact Jon Gilliland for additional information.

Saturday, October 10, 2026
Salem's 27th Apple Harvest
Apple Pie and Pie-in-a Jar Sale
Drive-through pickup – 9:00am – 2:00pm

Mark your calendars! . . . Come and join us in Fellowship Hall and help turn bushels of apples into Apple Pie-in-a-Jar on ***Saturday, August 29,*** and ***Saturday September 12***. We start at 7:00am and usually finish by 1:00pm. Work as long as you can; even an hour or two is greatly appreciated. We're encouraging apple peelers and cleaners to come at 7:00 to get a head start. Everyone is welcome; you don't need to sign up; come and enjoy good fellowship during production!

Look for order forms in the Kaleidoscope, Salem's website, on the table near the office and the table in the Narthex. *Please share with your friends and family!*

Apple Pie-in-a-Jar ~ order deadline is Tuesday, September 1!
Apple Pies ~ order deadline is Wednesday, September 23!

https://www.fdlsalemchurch.com/apple-pie-ordering.html

Scan the QR for an easier way to get to the Order Forms

Church Directory is ready

The Church Directory is complete! It's printed and ready to pick up at the church. We will not be mailing them out or sending them via email. Only to be picked up at church.

Do You Need a Prayer?

Do you have a concern or a joy you'd like to share with the prayer chain? Call Julie Francis at 920-948-4032 with these requests. All prayer concerns are *confidential and kept within the prayer chain*. Prayer requests are sent out via email; if you're interested in being a prayer warrior, you may also contact Julie.