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Malawi Yarn Project

Knitting supplies are needed to help our global missionary family the Ulrichs in Malawi to teach community women to knit sweaters for children in a local orphanage.

HOW CAN SALEM DISCIPLES HELP?

- Donate 4-ply yarn
- Donate plastic or metal circular needles in sizes 5-7
- Fund the shipping costs with monetary donations

Containers will be located in the narthex and near the lower level entrance at the Welcome Center where knitting supplies may be deposited from May 6 through May 20. Checks or cash can be placed in the provided envelopes located in your pew and put in the collection plate or delivered to the church office. Please put Malawi Yarn Project in the memo line. Salem is collecting these supplies as they are not able to access them locally in Malawi.

About the Ulrichs

Former Salem member Luke Ulrich with his family have been called by God to take the Gospel of Christ and the hope of His saving grace to people in Malawi, Africa that is currently unreached (does not have a significant movement of Christ). Luke and Jamie have three wonderful children Mark, Miriam and Aaron. Though they alone are not able to accomplish this task, they know that through the partnership of individuals, families, and church bodies, Christ will work through all of us together to accomplish His task.

If you have questions about the Malawi Yarn Project please call Sue McGrew (360-9034), Sharon Mollenhauer (699-9448) or Mary Ann Welch (697-1970). It is all about helping people to help themselves!

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Worship With Us!

Sundays

8:00am and 10:45am

Education Hour

9:15am

nursery provided

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Celebration, Inspiration, Preparation!

Of this I am convinced: God doesn't want church to be something we just go to. He wants the church to be a family we are a part of, and that equips us for life. God has purposes and goals for our lives. He put us on earth for several reasons. Then, he designated the church to be an instrument that helps us achieve these purposes or goals. So, the first reason we need a church family is to help us focus on God. Do you ever find yourself dwelling on the trivial things that aren't really important? Do

you ever find yourself overlooking the important things of life? The Bible says one of the purposes of the church is to help us refocus. God knew this so well He put it in the Ten Commandments – every seventh day, you take a day off and you refocus. This is called worship. Anytime you focus on God and you express love to God, you are worshipping.

In Matthew 22:37-38 it says, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment." Why is this the greatest one? Why does God say above all other things that you should love Him first? This is what we are made for. God knows everything about us, the good, bad and ugly, and He still loves us. He just wants us to know Him. The purpose of worship is to help us know and love God. One of the benefits of it is that nothing puts a problem in perspective like focusing on the greatness of God. Sometimes we're just overwhelmed by a problem. Worshipping God reminds us "God's in control. I can handle this. He can handle it and I'm trusting Him."

Have you ever come to church when you didn't feel like it and then after it was over you were glad you did? I find sometimes the less I "feel" like worshipping, the more I need to do so. The Bible says that God wants us to worship.

These words come to mind when I think of worship: celebration, inspiration and preparation. We celebrate because it's a happy thing to know the Lord. The Bible says, "I was glad when they said unto me let us go into the house of the Lord." Worship should be filled with celebration. He's our risen Savior.

In worship we are inspired. Many of us come to church suffering from the "Four F's": Fear, Failure, Frustration and Fatigue. We need to be refreshed by uplifting songs; the Word; messages that we can apply to our daily lives; and faithful friends worshipping beside us.

Last, but not least, as we prepare ourselves for worship, we put aside the things of this world and focus on what God has in store for us. We are reminded that God loves us, there is hope, and that we can make it through anything with God's help. In turn, worship prepares us to go back into our daily lives and share the Good News with others, in both word and deed. Let's be excited about worship-see you Sunday!

A Note from Our Deacon



Deacon Jill Goldhammer

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The *Bugle* deadline for the
May 4 edition is **Tuesday,**
May 1 at noon.

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In case of emergency a pastor is
available at: 309-679-7708



How can Salem best meet our ministry needs in the twenty-first century? The Facility Design Team has been at work on a proposal that responds to Salem's vision for welcome, worship, and growing disciples, and invites you to an informational meeting on **Sunday, May 6** between services in the sanctuary. A congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 10. Please come and find out more about how together we can improve our Salem facility to meet our ministry goals.

Usher Training and Emergency Action Plan Review, April 29

Have you been wanting to find a way to serve at Salem but you aren't sure how? Salem has an EPA (Emergency Action Plan) that needs to be reviewed at least annually. A review of this will be done at 9:30am on Sunday, April 29. It is important that ushers, leaders of Salem, and as many congregational members as possible be familiar with this plan.

At 10am, there will be further training/review for ushers. There have been changes to the usher responsibilities, and it would be good for everyone to be on the same page! Please attend if you are an usher or are interested in being an usher.

Pentecost Geraniums Available

We will celebrate the Festival of Pentecost by having a Pentecost Chancel Garden in the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 20, 2018. The vibrant, red geranium is our Pentecost Flower. Following the services of that day, the geraniums will be planted on the church grounds as a reminder to us of the "Gift of the Spirit!"

If you would like to contribute to the Chancel Garden at Pentecost, and by doing so help remind us of this important gift of God, please fill out an order form and place it along with your contribution of \$3.50 per plant in the offering plate. Forms are located in the pews, the Narthex and the Welcome Center. All orders for Pentecost Geraniums must be received by Wednesday, May 16. Don't forget to "wear red" on May 20, Pentecost Sunday!

Prayer Requests

Please pray for

- The men and women of our armed forces
- Families at Crittenton Center
- Midwest Food Bank
- Children of Guatemala
- Walt Anderson
- Natalee Arff
- Bob Baker and his family
- Jeff Bastian
- Bob's family
- Bob and Sheryl
- Ursula Coyle
- Stephanie Dammann's grandfather
- Pastor Elise
- Grace
- Jack Grant
- Ron Hipple

- Amy Hoffman
- Jean Huprich and family
- Helen Johnson (mother of Joan Creager)
- Jordyn
- Marilyn (friend of Carol Adams)
- Elaine McHugh
- Bill Mettam
- James Moffett
- Dr. Rick O'Connor
- Dave Nixon
- Mary Rothfusz
- Sophie T.
- Tammy going through chemo
- Theresa
- Cindy Turner
- Tyth going through chemo
- Baby Walter
- Jean and Frank Yancick

SUN., APR 29
8AM & 10:45AM - Worship

SUN., APR 29: 9:15AM
Education Hour

SUN., APR 29: 4PM
Rise Up, O Men
(bus leaves at 2PM)

MON., APR 30: 9AM
TOPS Meeting

TUES., MAY 1: 9AM
Rebecca Circle

TUES., MAY 1: 10AM
Staff Meeting

TUES., May 1: 7PM
Council Meeting

WED., MAY 2: 8AM
Men's Prayer Breakfast

WED., MAY 2: 9:30AM
Quilters

WED., MAY 2: 4PM
Pink Planting Party

WED., MAY 2: 5:30PM
PRIMETIME!

WED., MAY 2: 6PM
Breaking Bread

WED., MAY 2: 6:30PM
Naomi Circle

WED., MAY 2: 7PM
Serendipity

THURS., MAY 3: 9:30AM
Bible Study

THURS., MAY 3: 7PM
Sanctuary Choir

SUN., MAY 6
Fair Trade Sunday
8AM & 10:45AM - Worship

SUN., MAY 6: 9:15AM
Education Hour / "Restore! God's House" Informational Meeting



Breaking Bread on Wed., May 2

Please plan to attend the Pink Flower Planting party from 4pm-6pm followed by Breaking Bread at 6pm. On Wednesday, May 2 on the menu is award winning barbeque.

RACE & PRAY FOR THE CURE

Salem's 2018 Race for the Cure Team: Pink Flower Fundraiser

Did you know the Breaking Bread program has hosted a Pink Flower Planting Party the first Wednesday in May for the past few years in support of Salem's Race for the Cure Team and Salem's community event Pray for the Cure? Cross-generational volunteers of all ages are welcome to come help plant pink flowers at church Wednesday, May 2, 4pm-6pm. Breaking Bread dinner (prize winning, homemade pulled-pork barbeque) begins at 6pm, and will be provided by the Swanson and Doty families through a Thrivent Action Team grant. The dinner offering will go toward Salem's 2018 Race for the Cure team. All are welcome!

You have the opportunity to help with this Race for the Cure fundraiser in many ways. You can help plant flowers on May 2 from 4pm-6 pm or come to the dinner that evening. New this year-you can purchase a pink flower in honor or memory of someone – or just for the beauty of God's great creation. Children, youth and families will plant your flower on the church grounds with the help of other Salem volunteers during the event on May 2.

To order a plant, please complete the form located in your bulletin or see the church office and turn it in by Sunday April 29. Please make checks payable to Salem and add "Pink flower" in the memo line on checks.

15th Annual Pray for the Cure, a Special Evening Dedicated to Breast Cancer Survivors, May 10

Salem Lutheran is hosting the annual Pray for the Cure on Thursday, May 10 at 6:30pm. Please join us for this ecumenical prayer service enhancing the breast cancer survivor's spiritual well-being in healing and recovery through special music from Women of Vision, reflections and prayer from survivors – Sara Skolaski and Angela Williams, and observations and encouragement for survivors – Dr. Marla Anderson, Surgical Oncology, Peoria Surgical Group, Ltd. This prayer service is open to all cancer survivors, families, friends, and the general public. Please invite a friend!

Register Today for the Salem Saints!

Join this year's Salem's Race for the Cure team, the Salem Saints, to support this important cause. There are many ways to participate on Salem's Race for the Cure team. You can sign up to be a Walker (or a Spirit Walker if you can't be at the Race.) Sign up on-line (www.komenmemorial.org – Salem Saints) or at the Welcome Center at church. Donations are always welcome and you are encouraged to invite friends to be on Salem's team, too.

On Race Day May 12, there will be a brief prayer service at 6:45am and a brunch at church immediately following the Race at 9:30am. You do not have to participate in the Race to attend the prayer service or brunch.

WOMEN OF SALEM SPRING LUNCHEON



The Women of Salem hosted their annual Spring Luncheon on Sunday, April 22. The program included a presentation by Master Gardener, Lee Maki. Thank you for the wonderful presentation and fellowship.

FELLOWSHIP

Rise Up, O Men

Those riding the bus to Circa 21 Dinner Playhouse on Sunday, April 29, should arrive at church around 2pm, so we can leave by 2:15pm. You will get your tickets on the bus. If you have any questions, contact Kris Griffith at 309-370-2336.

Pizza & PAWS

Wed., May 9 is the last Breaking Bread for the spring session. There will be a pizza party, and then families will tie fleece blankets for the Peoria Area Welfare Shelter (PAWS). The offering for the Breaking Bread meal will also benefit PAWS. PAWS remains an open admission shelter and accepts every animal that comes to the shelter. In 2016, the shelter received more than 4,000 domestic and wild animals. While many dogs and cats come to the shelter as strays, nearly 30% are brought to us by owners who could no longer keep their pets. Send us a picture of your pet (or any pet you know and love) to help us decorate the bulletin board and celebrate PAWS! Photographs may be emailed (mpeterson@saalemofpeoria.com), posted on FB or brought in on Sunday.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Crittenton Family Garden

Salem is ready to begin work in the community garden at Crittenton Centers. We need your help this season as we work together to create a successful garden. Please let us know if you would like to help by signing up in the Welcome Center. Opportunities for volunteering to help are preparing the raised garden on May 5 (8:30am-10am), helping with planting on May 19 (8:30am-10am), and helping in the classrooms reading to the children. If you have any questions please contact Bill Ligon.

Fill the Jar for Thomas Jefferson School

There have been many stories in the news lately about teachers lacking resources and having to use their own finances to provide supplies for their classrooms. With just a little extra effort, you can help be part of the solution! Our adopt-a-school partner, Thomas Jefferson, collects box tops. The money earned from these box tops can be used for educational resources, playground equipment, etc. Make sure to look for the box top symbol before throwing away boxes on many brands of grocery products. Simply cut out the box top from the product packaging, bring it to Salem, and place it in the Box Top collection jar which is on the donation shelf in the Welcome Center. While we are often inundated with financial requests, we all have an opportunity to support the teachers at Thomas Jefferson by taking a little extra time out of our day to cut out box tops and bring them to Salem. Our goal is to fill the jar by May 18. The Outreach Ministry Team thanks you for your support!

Pen Pal Letters and Annual Visit

Pick up your last pen pal letter of the year in the Welcome Center. Please submit your return reply to the Thomas Jefferson mailbox no later than Sunday, May 6.

The annual visit with Salem's Pen Pals at Thomas Jefferson Primary School is Friday, May 18 from 2pm-3pm. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center if you wish to ride the bus. Please meet at church at 1:45pm. We will meet our pen pals in the classrooms for a short visit before going to the gym for an entertaining science program presented by Kim Ascherl.



COUNTDOWN TO

ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston Update

-from Deacon Jill Goldhammer



This week, we introduce the adults from Salem journeying to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston along with our 16 student participants.

Jill Goldhammer: Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries. This will be Jill's 5th ELCA Gathering with Salem and 10th overall.

Karen Norman-Rees: Karen will serve as the Chaplain for our group and is assisting with the Central-Southern Illinois Synod's Worship Day at the Gathering. This will be Karen's 3rd Gathering as a leader.

Sarah Gonzales: Sarah is mom to participants Daniela and Isabel. She has not been a Gathering leader in the past but did serve as an adult leader on our mission trip to Washington DC in 2016. Thanks for coming back for more, Sarah!

Tim Hickey: Tim is dad to incoming 9th grade participant, Caidon; husband to Merrell. This will be Tim's first trip to the ELCA Gathering.

Ward and Stephanie Ricketts: Ward and Stephanie are parents to participants Will and Caroline. Ward is a Kappa Chi alumnus and son of Barbie Ricketts. This will be Ward and Stephanie's first ELCA Gathering. It's so great to have the whole family along.

Kim Ascherl: Kim has been volunteering with the 8th graders in our Faith for Life program for the past two years and is excited to come along for her first ELCA Youth Gathering.

A special thanks to **Scott Faulkner** who will be serving as our chief bus driver to and from Houston.

There's so much more to being an adult leader for a week-long, faith filled experience like this than fun and games (although there's some of that, too.). Some of the skills we looked for choosing adult leaders included:

- Having a strong faith life and be able to talk about their faith comfortably
- A relationship with youth or open to developing one
- Patience and wisdom
- An interest in youth and youth culture
- A focus on youth and their needs
- Commitment and insightfulness
- The ability to see what needs to be done and then do it.
- A positive, appropriate sense of humor and playfulness
- The ability to remain calm when unexpected things or emergencies occur
- The ability to share responsibilities and tasks with youth and other adult leaders (teamwork)
- The ability to be observant of group dynamics and other things going on around them at any given time
- Good listening skills and attentiveness to youth
- The physical and emotional ability to fully participate in a very active program – lots of walking; early mornings, late nights; long bus ride...
- Ability to be adaptive and supportive

Salem is so blessed to have many caring adults invested in the lives of our young people. Please keep these leaders in your prayers as we continue to prepare as well as during the Gathering week in June! And, thank them for saying "Yes" to this experience when you see them!

May Birthdays!

May 1

Marian Anderson, Karla Wegrzyn

May 3

Carter Aprahamian, Tracy Daugherty,
Theresa Gustafson, Julia Hartmann

May 7

Bradley Mangan, Lana Pasco

May 8

Tim Hickey, Pam Machacek,
Deb Sanders, Richard Thompson,
Eric Topel

May 9

Cody Shoultz

May 10

Jennifer Gallas, Lori Reimer

May 12

Collin Swanson

May 14

Stephanie Kroodsmma, Janet Saylor,
Paul Wilczewski

May 16

Norma Anderson, Helen Buerger

May 17

Lea Glad, Marilyn Setterlund,
Claire Zapf

May 19

Susan Bohm, Arlan Maier

May 20

Elinor Wilczewski, Oskar Wilczewski

May 21

Magdalene Sipf

May 23

Jason Lantz

May 24

Leah Bachert, Joyce Grubb,

Lindsey Janco, Jeff Neltner

May 25

Ronald Hipple, Brenna Salverson,
Eric Schroeder

May 26

June Janssen

May 27

Sue Colloton, Kayla Steele,
Nadine Willems

May 28

Charles Aprahamian, Larry Kotewa,
Paul O'Connor

May 29

Carol McGregor, Harleigh Mohr

May 31

John Ryberg, Micah Thompson

Thank You's

Thank you for the new playground balls for recess. Special thanks for the smiles you continue to bring to the many faces at Thomas Jefferson Primary School.

- Thomas Jefferson Primary School



Thank you to the Salem Churchmen and the funding from the Salem Lutheran Church Memorial Funds that enabled us to purchase a new playset for the Salem Lutheran Preschool playground. Thank you for continuing to support the Salem Lutheran Preschool. There are openings for the fall, so please tell your friends and family. Be sure to stop by and see the new equipment!

-Salem Lutheran Preschool



I wanted to take a minute and thank all that have said a prayer or reached out to me personally (especially Pastor Elise) after my son Corey's horrible car accident on March 9 in Southern Illinois. Lynn sent in a prayer request that I didn't even know about, but am glad that she did, as the power of prayer is unmatched.

Corey's injuries were severe from his accident. A traumatic brain injury, a bruise on the front of his brain, fractures at C6 and C7 on his neck, two facial fractures, two skull fractures and numerous lacerations. Through the grace of our glorious God, numerous guardian angels and the prayers of many friends, people I have never met, including many from Salem, Corey survived a crash that many do not. In the past six weeks, he has had to use a walker for balance, and has undergone many physical and occupational therapy sessions. His short term memory has vastly improved and he is expected to make a full recovery with no surgeries. Corey will continue to wear a neck brace for a few more weeks and have some more physical therapy but should return to his job as a pharmaceutical sales representative in the weeks ahead. Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart to all that have prayed for him, for me and our family. We have an awesome God and prayers were definitely answered. God Bless and my sincere thanks to all. - Bob Suelter





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Sixth and Seventh Graders



Thank you to Salem's sixth and seventh graders: Carter Aprahamian, Henry Arnold, Conner Bidne, Sophia Doty, Lindsey Janco, Anna Kammerer, Caleb Lott, Ava Salverson, Levi Salverson, and Annie Swanson for leading worship on Sunday, April 22. Thank you also Junior High Sunday School leaders Kelly and Jason Brinkman for guiding them.



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See website calendar for
up-to-date changes and additions:
www.salemofpeoria.com, click "calendar"

MAY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9am: Rebecca Circle 1pm: Staff Meeting 7pm: Council Meeting	2 8am: Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:30am: Quilters 4pm: Pink Planting Party 5:30pm: Primetime! 6pm: Breaking Bread 6:30pm: Faith for Life/ Kappa Chi 6:30pm: Naomi Circle 7pm: Serendipity	3 9:30am: Bible Study 7pm: Sanctuary Choir	4	5
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