

# the Bugle

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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.



## 15th Annual Pray for the Cure, 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. This prayer service is open to all cancer survivors, families, friends, and the general public. Please invite a friend!

## Race for the Cure

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](http://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.

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## Worship With Us!

**Sundays**

8:00am and 10:45am

**Education Hour**

9:15am

*nursery provided*

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# Restore! God's House

The Facility Design Team and Salem council are truly excited to share with you their vision for the Salem facility at their presentation on Sunday, May 6 between services. I hope you will be able to join us for this informational meeting in preparation for a congregational vote on June 10 about whether to proceed with a capital appeal.

We are also excited to share the news with you that should Salem vote to move forward with the appeal, Dick and Helene Peterson have agreed to serve as the co-chairs for the appeal team. Their long-time commitment to Christ and his Church and their passion for Salem's ministry for future generations will bring a solid grounding to the appeal process. I am grateful for their leadership and willingness to share their time and their gifts with Salem in this way.

If you are not able to join us May 6 for the presentation and would like to know more about "Restore God's House" plans, please contact me or another member of the Facility Design Team. We will be arranging additional time and locations to make sure everyone has all the information they need to make an informed vote on June 10.

## Pastor's Page



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**Sunday, April 29: 202**

The *Bugle* deadline for the **May 11** edition is **Tuesday, May 8** at noon. This is the last weekly *Bugle*.

### Pastoral Emergency Number:

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

## Greetings from C/SIS Synod

On Sunday, May 6, the Rev. Maureen Stein, Assistant to the Bishop of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod will be preaching and bringing us greetings on behalf of the congregations of C/SIS. One of the duties of an Assistant to the Bishop is to worship with congregations of the synod and preach when invited. Pastor Stein served Trinity Lutheran Church in Canton before retiring from parish ministry. We thank Pastor Stein for sharing God's Word with us!

## Prayer Requests

Please pray for

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

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

## Creek Erosion Control Project: *Under Construction!*

As many of you are aware, for some time now, there has been a growing concern with erosion along the creek bank that borders the west side of Salem's property. If not properly controlled, this erosion has the potential of undercutting and damaging the week day parking lot. Through a generous gift by Keith and MaryAlice Erickson, you will see construction along the creek to eliminate this concern later this spring. Thank you Keith and MaryAlice for your service and support of Salem's mission and ministry!

-Regg Glawe, Congregational Council President

## DISCIPLESHIP

### 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!

### Pentecost Geranium Planting

On Monday, May 21 at 8:30am gardeners are needed to help plant the Pentecost Geraniums. Gardeners please bring their own trowels and gloves. Please contact Paula Sydow or Julie Kotewa for more information. Rain date is Tuesday, May 22 at 8:30am.

### Mark Your Calendars for Summer Worship

Salem will continue to worship two services on Sunday until Sunday, May 27. On Sunday, May 27, Salem Lutheran Church services changes to a summer worship schedule. Sundays at 9am, and Wednesday worship at 6:30pm gives more flexibility to summer worship with individuals and families traveling throughout the summer. The summer schedule remains in place from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day Weekend.

## THIS WEEK



**SUN., MAY 6**

**Fair Trade Sunday**

**8AM & 10:45AM** - Worship

**SUN., MAY 6: 8AM**

LOMC Retreat

**SUN., MAY 6: 9:15AM**

Education Hour / "Restore! God's House" Informational Meeting

**MON., MAY 7: 9AM**

TOPS Meeting

**TUES., MAY 8: 7PM**

Outreach Meeting

**TUES., MAY 8: 7:30PM**

Education Meeting

**WED., MAY 9: 8AM**

Men's Prayer Breakfast

**WED., MAY 9: 9:30AM**

Quilters

**WED., MAY 9: 10AM**

Staff Meeting

**WED., MAY 9: 5:30PM**

PRIMETIME!

**WED., MAY 9: 6PM**

Breaking Bread

**WED., MAY 9: 6:30PM**

Faith for Life / Kappa Chi

**WED., MAY 9: 7PM**

Serendipity

**THURS., MAY 10: 9:30AM**

Bible Study

**THURS., MAY 10: 6:30PM**

Pray for the Cure

**THURS., MAY 10: 7PM**

Sanctuary Choir

**SAT., MAY 12: 6:45AM**

Prayer Service for Race for the Cure

**SAT., MAY 12: 9:30AM**

Brunch after Race for the Cure

**SUN., MAY 13**

**Mother's Day**

**H.S. Senior Recognition Day**

**8AM & 10:45AM** - Worship

**SUN., MAY 6: 9:15AM**

Education Hour

## Breaking Bread on Wed., May 9

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@salemofpeoria.com](mailto:mpeterson@salemofpeoria.com)), posted on FB or brought in on Sunday.

### CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES



## Summer 2018 Children, Youth & Family Calendar

### MAY

**ALL AGES:** Wednesday, May 30 (5pm-6:30pm): Family Bowling & Pizza at the Christian Center; **Cost:** FREE

### JUNE

**ALL AGES:** Monday, June 11 (10am-1pm): Peoria Zoo; **Cost:** TBD

**JR. & SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUPS:** Sunday, June 17 (6pm-8pm): Activity at Salem Lutheran Church; **Cost:** FREE

**ALL AGES:** Wednesday, June 20 (10am-noon): Kartville; **Cost:** \$12 per person

**H.S. YOUTH:** June 26-July 2: ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston

### JULY

**ALL AGES:** Wednesday, July 4 (10am-11:30am): Bicycle Parade at Liberty Village, Hosted by the Kroodsma Family

**JR. & SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUPS:** Monday, July 9 (8:30am-4:30pm): Knights Action Park in Springfield; **Cost:** TBD

**JR. & SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUPS:** Sunday, July 15 (6pm-8pm): Activity at Salem Lutheran Church; **Cost:** FREE

**ALL AGES:** Wednesday, July 25 (1pm-3pm): Laser Tag & Bowling at Plaza Lanes; **Cost:** TBD

**H.S. YOUTH:** July 23-28: Leadership Lab at Augustana College

### AUGUST

**ALL AGES:** July 30 – August 3 (9am-noon): Vacation Bible School – Rolling River Rampage

**JR. & SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUPS:** Monday, August 6 (7am-11pm): Six Flags; **Cost:** TBD

**ALL AGES:** Saturday, August 11 (11am-2pm): Family Carnival for Common Place

**JR. & SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUPS:** Sunday, August 19 (6pm-8pm): Activity at Salem Lutheran Church; **Cost:** FREE



### Fair Trade Sunday

Sunday, May 6 is Fair Trade Sunday and we will be in the Gallery between services with our products. One of the farmer partners that we get products from is PARC, or the Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees. PARC is a non-profit, non-governmental organization in the West Bank and is a member of the World Fair Trade Organization (WFTO) that works to increase the economic viability of small-scale farming. PARC's projects include: helping olive farmers establish infrastructure and farming techniques to enable them to compete in the olive oil export market; supporting women's economic empowerment through projects like the couscous co-operative; and improving soil and sustainable growing practices.

Our olive oil is a favorite at Salem and many of our members use it in cooking and salad dressings. Try some today as well as our other coffee, chocolate, nuts and teas.

### 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 Salem disciple Kim Ascherl.

### 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.



## **DreamLeaders Initiative**

### ***The DreamLeaders Initiative is Coming to Salem Lutheran Church June 1-June 3!***

Salem Lutheran Church will be hosting a DreamLeaders Initiative weekend, June 1- June 3, designed to encourage, inspire, and challenge us to pursue God sized dreams for our future that will allow us to have greater Kingdom impact in our neighborhood and city. The Initiative is designed to promote renewal in today's church and will be led by Pastor Jeff Linman, Pastor of Renewal and Redevelopment at First Lutheran Church in Monmouth, Illinois. Pastor Jeff previously served for 20 years as the founding pastor of Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church in Orlando, Florida where the Initiative was birthed.

The weekend contains three components:

- **A Friday Evening Get Acquainted Fellowship Meal from 6pm to 8pm** in the social hall to give church council and staff a big picture overview of the DreamLeaders Initiative as well as giving the Initiative coordinator, Pastor Jeff Linman, a chance to get to know leaders and staff and get a feel for our congregation and community. We hope to wrap up the evening with momentum and a positive spirit for the weekend.
- **A Saturday Workshop from 8:30am to 2:30pm** in the social hall for congregational leaders and all Salem Lutheran Church disciples interested in dreaming together about our future. The day will include Biblically based elements of encouragement (naming our fears), inspiration (dreaming some dreams), and challenge (identifying the obstacles). Each workshop section will be tailored to our congregation's unique context and season. Lunch will be provided.
- **A Sunday Worship Experience called "Created to Dream" and Forum** that will engage the entire congregation in the journey and bring everyone on-board. Pastor Jeff will preach and share a children's message at our Sunday worship service at the 9am. After worship he will lead a brief Q&A Session where the results of the Saturday workshop will be shared and feedback invited from those who participated so that the entire congregation can be invited into the journey and the Initiative's impact extended. When leaders and members are aligned in pursuit of God-sized visions and dreams God's power is released so that every congregation can realize Kingdom impact through their mission and ministry!

Ephesians 3:20 teaches us that by the power at work within us, God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine... or dream! Because attitude impacts outcome, inspiring renewed faith and hope is a key step in any congregational renewal effort seeking increased Kingdom impact. To learn more about the DreamLeaders Initiative and do some dreaming about the future at Salem Lutheran Church plan to join us the weekend of June 1-June 3. For further information visit [www.BeDreamLeaders.com](http://www.BeDreamLeaders.com).

## Thank You!

A huge thanks to Jill Goldhammer for driving a very full bus to Circa 21 in Rock Island on Sunday, April 29 to see "Rise Up O Men". Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the bus fund so we can plan events like this. It was a great time!



# COUNTDOWN TO

## ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston Update

-from Deacon Jill Goldhammer



## Houston Update

I have some exciting news! I recently learned that Salem has another participant in the upcoming ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston. Bradley sophomore, Jessica Everts, is serving on the Volunteer Corps for the Gathering. Jessica attended ELCA Youth Gatherings in New Orleans and Detroit with her home church, St John's Lutheran, in Brookfield, Wisconsin when she was a high school student and was so moved by the experience that she signed up on her own to be a volunteer in Houston. Jessica is actively worshipping at Salem while pursuing her Music Business degree at Bradley. Perhaps you recognize Jessica from sharing her beautiful violin music at worship several times in the past couple of years.

Our group will definitely look Jessica up when we are in Houston. Volunteering at the Gathering is hard work. The Gathering Volunteer Corps serves in multiple capacities throughout the Gathering. This can include, but is not limited to, ushering and assisting during mass gatherings, checking wristbands at Interactive Learning and Community Life activities, directing foot traffic in the convention center, staffing the info booth or moving equipment in a Gathering facility. Jessica will not learn her assignment until she arrives in Houston and her duties may change every day.

Thank you for volunteering Jessica – we look forward to seeing you in Houston. Salem Family please keep Jessica and all of the Gathering volunteers in your prayers!



## Spring Work Day

Thank you to all the Salem disciples who helped clean up and get the church ready for Spring! Thank you for your service!



## DISCIPLESHIP

### What is a “No Bake Bake Sale”

Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria (LWGP) typically asks for donations of baked goods in early May, but since there is no longer a LWGP representative to serve as a coordinator, there will not be a bake sale. In lieu of pies, brownies, cookies and small breads, LWGP is requesting a donation towards the Lutheran Hillside Village's Benevolent Fund. With the support of monetary donations, LHV is able to cover the shortfall between the resources of residents and the cost of quality care. The Benevolent Fund provides for the needs of those who have outlived their resources and LWGP regularly raises money for this worthy cause. Checks made payable to LWGP, memo line Benevolent Fund c/o Arlene Rush, PO Box 202, Metamora, IL 61548. Thank you!

### General Membership Meeting, Fri., May 11

Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria (LWGP) invites disciples of Salem to join us at Redeemer Lutheran (6801 N. Allen Road in Peoria.) Redeemer is hosting the LWGP May 11 Gathering from 9am-11am. A continental breakfast will be served. The theme is May Flowers. Join us for a time of Christian fellowship as we make a positive impact in our communities. RSVP to Lisa Mack (309-243-5859 or text at 309-360-2669, [lisadmack@comcast.net](mailto:lisadmack@comcast.net)) so that we can plan accordingly.





## Vacation Bible School

Join the Rolling River Rampa on **July 30 - August 2, 9am-noon**. Registration now open at [www.salemofpeoria.com/vbs](http://www.salemofpeoria.com/vbs).

## Salem's Financial Stats & Facts

### Month of March 2018

<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Difference</i>
Income	\$49,002	\$59,977	\$10,975
Expenses	\$49,361	\$50,747	(\$1,386)
Net Income (Loss)	(\$359)	\$9,230	

### Year-to-Date, 2018

<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Difference</i>
Income	\$166,385	\$163,727	(\$2,658)
Expenses	\$148,082	\$148,918	(\$836)
Net Income (Loss)	\$18,303	\$14,809	

### Average Weekly Worship Attendance

March 2018 203      March 2017 214

## Thank You's

We wish you resurrection blessings from Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center (LOMC). Thank you for this donation to further the Lord's work here at LOMC.

LOMC is gearing up for an awesome summer in God's beautiful creation. This year's theme is based on Ephesians 2:8 focusing on grace. Campers will experience a variety of things as they do Bible studies, worship, recreational and creative activities and more! They will learn that God's grace in Christ changes everything.

We are grateful for your partnership in this ministry.

Russ Senti  
Executive Director

The ELCA Fund for leaders supports leaders of tremendous promise attending ELCA seminaries to serve the church as pastors and deacons – to carry on the work of proclaiming the good news of God-with-us in Jesus Christ. Your gift of \$388 to the Fund for Leaders makes it possible for these leaders to go "with haste" where the church needs and the Holy Spirit leads, to make known the promise of Christ. Thank you for your financial support and your prayers.

In Christ,  
Gabi Aelabouni  
Director, ELCA Fund for Leaders



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