

# the Bugle

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God's House*

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"By the power at work within us, God is able to accomplish **ABUNDANTLY** far more than all we can ask or imagine ... or **DREAM!**" -Ephesians 3:20

## SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On **Sunday, July 8**, Salem will hold a Congregational Meeting, immediately following worship service, for the sole purpose of a vote to extend a call to Pastor Craig Swenson to become Salem's next Senior Pastor. The Salem Constitution requires a quorum of 50 voting members and also requires a 2/3 majority of the voting members present to approve the call. Thank you for your prayers and support. We look forward to seeing you at the Congregational Meeting on July 8.

Blessings - Regg Glawe Council President

Dear brothers and sisters,

It is the Advent season during which we express expectation and hope for God's work among us. Over the last month I look at all that God is doing at Salem and I feel that sense of Advent, of a time that is pregnant with the possibility of what God will do next. With Mary we say, "Here am I the servant of my Lord. Let it be with me according to your word." We wait to see how God will bring forth Christ from our lives - and through our Salem congregation.

**Pastor's Page**



*Pastor Elise Rothfusz*

**"Here am I the servant of my Lord. Let it be with me according to your word."**

While we see one chapter closing at Salem with my departure, there is a new chapter ahead, with glimpses of what is to come. On June 10, Salem voted to hire Kairos and Associates, with Tim Johnson,

our consultant, who will help us to generate excited and generous hearts for Salem's future ministry needs. As I write this article, Salem's council prepares to meet and interview a candidate to be the new senior pastor.

There is much about which to be excited and hopeful and grateful! Salem has a dedicated staff and great council leadership with which to move into the future. Salem has a 135-year foundation upon which to build ministry that proclaims Christ, nurtures disciples, and witnesses to God's work in the world. Thanks be to God!

I want to thank you for your partnership in ministry over the last nine years. I have travelled with many of you on your various paths, and I am blessed to have shared this time ministering with you. Be assured that Salem - and each of you a part of it - holds a dear place in my heart. It makes that phrase of "the communion of saints" even more real to me. For in Christ we are bound together through time and space. Blessings to you as the Spirit leads you into your next chapter! I look forward to seeing how Christ will be brought forth from you in the coming years!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Elise



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**YOU ARE INVITED!!** As a part of our visioning process with Kairos, there will be two important gatherings to which you are invited.

**THE FIRST EVENT** is a report and interpretation of the MAP survey. Tim Johnson, our Kairos consultant, will be here to walk us through that survey results. It will prove to be interesting as we consider some deeper facets of what makes us unique in our calling as a congregation. **This Map Summit will be on Wednesday, July 18, following an abbreviated worship service in the sanctuary.**

**THE SECOND EVENT** is a **Community Leader Gathering on Thursday, July 19 from 6:30pm – 8pm** in the Social Hall to hear community experiences and perspectives on what they see to be opportunities to serve and improve the quality of life for all in the Peoria area. Of particular interest is what they see to be unmet needs in the community. As we have conversations with the community, Salem can more deeply consider our own partnerships and the direction of our congregation.

All are invited, encouraged, and welcome to attend.

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**SALEM DISCIPLESHIP**

**Cindy Turner Retirement Reception, Sunday, July 8**

A Retirement Reception will be held following service on Sunday, July 8 to thank and honor our dedicated Salem Disciple Cindy Turner for her many years of service to Salem. Cards are appreciated.

**Pastor Elise Farewell Brunch, Sunday, July 15**

On Sunday, July 15, following the 9am service there will be a brunch to thank Pastor Elise for her nine years of service at Salem. More details to follow.

**Worship Matters**

Join your Salem community for worship each week! Services are on Sundays at 9am, and for those who travel or work on the weekends, there is also a service on Wednesdays at 6:30pm!

**July 4 – No Worship**

**July 15 – Pastor Elise's final Sunday and farewell brunch**

**July 18 -** Due to the Crittenton Garden Open House at 5pm and the MAP Summit at 7pm, the July 18 worship service at 6:30pm will be an abbreviated worship with Scripture and Communion. Come be refreshed by the gifts of God in between other Salem activities!

**July 29 -** Come hear the Christmas story and enjoy carols in the midst of summer (as our Christians brothers and sisters in the southern hemisphere do every year) on Sunday, July 29 and Wednesday, August 1. Watch for details on a special Christmas giving opportunity!

**Meet the Capital Appeal Team**

The Capital Appeal Team (CAT) will be our leaders for the Capital Appeal process as it progresses through the fall. They have already begun working with Tim Johnson, our Kairos consultant to get the ball rolling with our initial events in July. The CAT is comprised of Dick and Helene Peterson, co-chairs, Chad Arnold, Cindy Fischer, Regg Glawe, Jill Goldhammer, Kris Griffith, Tim Hickey, Rick Lambie, and Brenda Newcomb.



## SALEM'S ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Endowment Committee welcomed two new members, John Grabel and John Iverson, this year. John Grabel has served in the past as a committee member and chair and returns to us for another term. He is also serving as the chair of the committee. John Iverson is a new member. We thank them both for stepping forward to serve.

The Salem Endowment Committee wishes to say a big thank you to two departing members: Earl Gallas, who served as a committee member and chair in past years, and Ann Sterr, who also served as a committee member and chair. Earl will continue to assist with the placement of the leaves on the Endowment Tree. We wish to thank them both for their years of service and in helping to lead the efforts of this group.

On behalf of the Salem Congregation, the Endowment Committee made contributions totaling \$18,000 to the following organizations and individuals for 2017:

ELCA Disaster Relief, Southside Mission, Midwest Food Bank, Salvation Army, Crittenton Center, Bachman Scholarship, Luther Seminary, Albers Seminary Scholarship, Ella Vandervlugt – Seminary Student, Missionary Support for Ulrich Family, Pediatric Resource Center, Center for Prevention of Abuse, Commonplace, LSSI, YMCA, and Quest Academy.

If you know of a worthy charitable organization that should be reviewed and considered by the Endowment Committee for 2018, please contact any of the current members:

**Pastor Elise Rothfusz, Gretchen Petrakis, Jennifer Gallas, Bill Fischer, Dick Serrahn, Dennis Gustafson, John Iverson, Bob Middleton, Dean Doughty, John Grabel**

In addition, if you would like information on making a gift in honor or in memory of someone on the Endowment Tree in the Lounge, please contact Earl Gallas at 691-5738 or Jennifer Gallas at 692-5762.

The Committee thanks Salem for its continued support!

## SALEM DISCIPLESHIP

### Adult Fellowship

Many people have asked why they haven't seen any Tri-M events lately. Events are still happening, but the Tri-M name has been retired. The Congregational Care Committee decided to change the name of Tri-M to Adult Fellowship, as this is more descriptive and inclusive for those who might not be familiar with the name, Tri-M. Merrell Hickey and Leah Grebner are coordinating adult fellowship activities and welcome any suggestions from members of the congregation.

### Special Thanks from the Women of Salem!

Women of Salem give special thanks to Linda Sedgwick and Kim Ascherl for their leadership service as President and Secretary respectively. At the annual Spring Luncheon elections are held. This year elected as President was Rebecca Sipf and as Secretary Merrell Hickey. Continuing as officers are Vice President Lynn Akers and Treasurer Phyllis Shadley. Salem is blessed with outstanding women's leadership and we are thankful that many are willing to serve. Women of Salem are involved in many opportunities for service projects, fellowship, and learning. We invite every woman in the congregation to participate. We have great fellowship and grow together as disciples of Christ.

### Women's Summer Bible Study

Summer Bible Study continues during the day on Wednesdays, July 11 and August 8 starting at 9am, and in the evening on Tuesday, July 17 and August 14 at 7pm. Women of Salem offers a series of two more Bible studies. The gathering is held in the lounge and this year will be led by Rebbecca Sipf. Join us for great fellowship and sharing! Hope to see you there!

### Midwest Food Bank, July 25

The next volunteer opportunity for Midwest Food Bank is Wednesday, July 25 from 9am-11am. Please sign-up in the Welcome Center.



## ULRICH FAMILY VISIT



The Ulrich family (Luke, Jamie, Mark, Miriam, and Aaron) are home this summer on a short break from their work in Malawi, a country in southeastern Africa.

Salem, and individuals within our congregation, have helped support the Ulrichs as they share God's love with the people of Malawi through worship and by helping to improve economic opportunities and general quality of life.

Salem's Outreach Ministry is pleased to announce that during this trip home, the Ulrichs will be visiting Salem on Sunday, July 22. Salem invites you to worship to hear about their exciting ministry work and their future plans in Malawi. Please join the Ulrichs for a light lunch after worship to hear more about their experiences and enjoy fellowship and conversation. A sign-up sheet for lunch will be at the Welcome Center. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Ligon at [bligon@itv-3.com](mailto:bligon@itv-3.com). The Outreach Ministry Team looks forward to welcoming the Ulrichs on July 22!

### SATURDAY, JULY 21

- Open house at Ligon's from 5pm to 7pm for Outreach Ministry Team, staff and council members.

### SUNDAY, JULY 22

- Comments during the service
- Greet and meet in the lounge
- Luncheon in the Social Hall



In a larger scope of Salem Lutheran Church's mission and vision of "Growing People in Christ... to Love and Serve," please watch for details in the future about two upcoming global mission projects: working with the Tender Mercies Program (through Midwest Food Bank) to expand their services into Malawi; and a fall book collection for the Ulrichs to aid Jamie and Luke as they help Malawi orphans to learn to read.

Thank you to Bill Ligon and his team members for organizing the global missions.







# CRITTENTON COMMUNITY GARDEN



**OUTREACH  
MINISTRY**

Crittenton Centers' mission is to protect and nurture children and families. One of the ways the Center fulfills its mission is through its community garden. The garden provides fresh produce for the Crittenton families and the surrounding community. Salem Lutheran Church helps support the garden by preparing, planting, and harvesting. The garden is divided into two sections. The main garden was planted by Salem member Dean Doughty with assistance from members of Bethel United Methodist, and it contains a variety of vegetables such as corn, green beans, and potatoes. The raised beds, also known as the children's garden, provide easier accessibility for children and families to participate in the garden experience.

This summer, Salem is partnering with the Crittenton daycare to provide nutrition and plant education for the children. A series of short weekly learning sessions began on May 15 with a lesson about collards followed on May 22 with a lesson about seeds by a guest educator from Luthy Botanical Garden. These lessons have continued to focus on specific vegetables like lettuce, tomatoes, and honey nut squash. Outreach Ministry is grateful to Thrivent Financial for a \$250 Action Team grant that has allowed us to purchase soil and plants for the raised beds, two fruit trees, and folders for the children's educational material.

Come see the bountiful garden at the "Open House" on Wednesday, July 18 from 5pm to 7pm. Everyone is welcome to enjoy a delicious buffet and a tour of the garden by the children. Please sign up at the Welcome Center and indicate if you are willing to bring a salad or dessert to share.



## Thomas Jefferson Pen Pals

A big thank you to the 61 Salem Pen Pals who wrote letters to nearly 80 third graders at Thomas Jefferson School in conjunction with our adopt-a-school partnership. On May 18, Salem Pen Pals gathered at Thomas Jefferson to meet their Pen Pals in the classrooms. The short visit was followed by an entertaining science demonstration presented by Salem's scientist, Kim Ascherl. The science demonstration was enthusiastically received by students and adults alike. At the conclusion, each child received a bag containing a "magic" color cup, a drink and rice Krispy bar.

The Pen Pal Program began 20 years ago and gives students an opportunity to work on writing skills. The children enjoy receiving letters from the Salem Pen Pals in return. Thanks again for your participation in this great program and making it a continued success!



## Malawi Yarn Project

As the heat of the summer wraps in all around us, we may find it difficult to imagine the first cool days of fall. Those days where the sun is shining, but when you step out, you feel a cool breeze on your bare arms. As you dash back inside the house to grab a sweatshirt or sweater, you put it on without giving it a second thought. Now imagine if you had no sweater to pull out of the drawer for yourself or to pull off the coat rack for your child. Imagine you could not afford to buy your child a sweater, or if they were orphaned and their care facility did not have the means for such clothing. Imagine if it was a requirement for your child to have a sweater in order to attend school, but because you could not afford a sweater, they weren't allowed to attend. In Malawi this is a harsh reality for many parents and children.

Recently, however, God's work is being done through the generous hands of people. Through the skill of one individual in Malawi who knows how to knit and a group of individuals willing to learn, sweaters for school uniforms have begun to be made for children at a local orphanage. However, due to the high cost of yarn and needles, the knitting group is facing a challenge to make as many sweaters as are needed. The Ulrich family, working in Malawi, brought this project to our attention and extended the call to our congregation for support. A request was made of Salem for yarn and knitting needles to address this need.

Through your generosity, Salem has answered the call! On Sunday, April 29th, we kicked off our collection campaign with a temple talk by Bill Ligon explaining the project and sharing photos of Malawi and the individuals working there. The yarn project collection wrapped up on Sunday, May 20th, and we are pleased to announce that we collected enough yarn to fill an extra-large moving box and \$550 to help purchase more yarn and offset shipping costs. Well done Salem! We thank everyone who contributed to this project. The Outreach Ministry Team is especially grateful to Sue McGrew, Sharon Mollenhauer, and Mary Ann Welch for leading and organizing this collection. Their expertise was invaluable, and it will be their hands that help take what you all have contributed and send the packages off to Malawi. How blessed to be part of a church that takes seriously the mission to "love and serve."

## Fair Trade on Break for July

There will not be a July date for Fair Trade sales; however, if you find you are in need of a certain item, please contact Jennifer Gallas at [Pew117@aol.com](mailto:Pew117@aol.com) or at 309-256-5862. She will be happy to set a time to meet you and to fill your order. The next Fair Trade sales date will be August 12.



**OUTREACH  
MINISTRY**

## Summer Outreach Calendar

Salem is looking for volunteers and/or participation in the following outreach events this summer. Please mark your calendars and watch the Bugle Blast and Extra for more details on how you can be involved.

**WED., JULY 18: 5PM-7PM**

Open House for the Crittenton Community Garden

**SUN., JULY 22**

Ulrich Family Visit – Missionary Supported by Salem followed by lunch

**WED., JULY 25: 9AM-11AM**

Midwest Food Bank

**MON., JULY 30 -**

**FRI., AUG. 3: 9AM-12PM**

Vacation Bible School at Salem

**SAT., AUG. 11: 10AM-1PM**

Carnival for Common Place

**SUN., AUG. 12**

Fair Trade

**SUN., SEPT. 9**

Fair Trade

## OUTREACH QUESTIONS?

Please contact  
Kelly Brinkman at  
[kellyjasonbrinkman@att.net](mailto:kellyjasonbrinkman@att.net).





**Salem Lutheran Church**  
Growing People in Christ...to Love & Serve!

See website calendar for  
up-to-date changes and additions:  
[www.salemofpeoria.com](http://www.salemofpeoria.com), click "calendar"

# JULY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston</b> 9am: Worship	<b>2</b> <b>ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston Returns!</b> 9am: TOPS Meeting	<b>3</b> 10am: Staff Meeting	<b>4</b> <b>No Worship</b> <b>Fourth of July - Office Closed</b>	<b>5</b> 9:30am: Bible Study	<b>6</b> August Monthly Bugle Content Due	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9am: Worship 10am: Congregational Meeting 10:30am: Cindy Turner Retirement Reception	<b>9</b> 9am: TOPS Meeting 8:30am: Knights Action Park in Springfield	<b>10</b> 10am: Staff Meeting 7pm: Council Meeting	<b>11</b> 8am: Men's Prayer Breakfast 9am: Women's Bible Study 11am: Women of Salem Board Meeting 6pm: "Dream Big for Salem: Let's Make Salem Incredible" 6:30pm: Worship	<b>12</b> 6:45am: Endowment Meeting 9:30am: Bible Study	<b>13</b> 6pm: Brage Lodge	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>Pastor Elise's Final Sunday</b> 9am: Worship 10am: Pastor Elise Farewell Brunch 6pm: Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group VBS Fun Prep	<b>16</b> 9am: TOPS Meeting 7pm: Salem Churchmen 7pm: Serendipity	<b>17</b> 7pm: Outreach Meeting 7pm: Property & Finance Mtg. 7pm: Women of Salem Bible Study	<b>18</b> 8am: Men's Prayer Breakfast 5pm: Crittenton Garden Open House 6:30pm: Worship 7pm: MAP Leadership Summit	<b>19</b> 9:30am: Bible Study 1pm: CYF Meeting 6:30pm: Community Leadership Gathering	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>5pm-7pm: Ulrich Open House at the Ligon's</b>
<b>22</b> <b>Ulrich Family at Salem Home Communion</b> 9am: Worship 10am: Ulrich reception	<b>23</b> <b>Leadership Lab</b> 9am: TOPS Meeting 7pm: Serendipity	<b>24</b> <b>Leadership Lab</b> 7pm: Worship and Music Meeting	<b>25</b> <b>Leadership Lab</b> 8am: Men's Prayer Breakfast 9am: Midwest Food Bank 1pm: Laser Tag & Bowling 6:30pm: Worship 7pm: Serendipity	<b>26</b> <b>Leadership Lab</b> 9:30am: Bible Study 1:30pm: LHV Service	<b>27</b> <b>Leadership Lab</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Leadership Lab</b>
<b>29</b> <b>Christmas in July</b> 9am: Worship 10am: Adult VBS Volunteer Training 6pm: "Let's Get this Party Started": VBS Student Leader Training	<b>30</b> <b>VBS - Rolling River Rampage</b>	<b>31</b> <b>VBS - Rolling River Rampage</b>	<b>AUG. 1</b> <b>VBS - Rolling River Rampage</b> 6:30pm: Worship	<b>AUG. 2</b> <b>VBS - Rolling River Rampage</b> 5pm: Executive Committee	<b>AUG. 3</b> <b>VBS - Rolling River Rampage</b>	



# Fun Fair Carnival

Volunteers are needed on Saturday August 11 from 10am-1pm at the Shoppes at Grand Prairie to help with the carnival to benefit Common Place. Common Place is a local organization that provides literacy programs serving adults and children in Peoria's south side. Their goal is to eliminate the root causes of poverty, racism and injustice through education. Common Place helps thousands to achieve higher levels of reading and education each year. We invite you to sign up at the Welcome Center and check out a list of games/activities to help with for this great event. Your involvement is key to the success of this fundraiser supporting the programs at Common Place. For more information contact Jill Goldhammer at [jgoldhammer@saalemofpeoria.com](mailto:jgoldhammer@saalemofpeoria.com) or Kelly Brinkman at [kellyjasonbrinkman@att.net](mailto:kellyjasonbrinkman@att.net).


## FROM THE PARISH NURSE, LORI REIMER, RN

### Fourth of July Safety

Fourth of July celebrations can be fun times with great memories but make sure everyone knows about fireworks safety. If not handled properly, fireworks can cause burns and eye injuries in kids and adults. The best way to protect everyone is not to use any fireworks at home and attend public fireworks displays. If fireworks are legal where you live and you choose to use fireworks at home, keep these safety tips in mind:

- Only purchase legal fireworks from a reputable dealer. Read and carefully follow the instructions listed on the safety label. Never try to make your own fireworks.
- Remember to never let young children touch or light fireworks. If you give kids sparklers, make sure they keep them outside and away from the face, clothing, and hair. Sparklers can reach 1,800°F. Glowsticks are an alternative.
- Never point a firework at another person, carry a firework in your pocket or wear loose clothing around fireworks. Point fireworks away from homes, and keep away from brush and leaves and flammable substances.
- Keep a bucket of water or hose handy for both emergencies and for disposing of fireworks.
- Steer clear of others setting off fireworks. They can backfire or shoot off in the wrong direction.
- Light one firework at a time and never relight a dud.
- Don't allow kids to pick up pieces of fireworks after an event. Some may still be ignited and can explode at any time.

For more fireworks safety information, stop by the Parish Nurse display at the Welcome Center.





## "Dream Big for Salem: Let's Make Salem Incredible!"

"Dream Big for Salem: Let's Make Salem Incredible": Young Family Night on July 11 at 6pm at Salem with babysitting provided. Did you miss the chance to see the DreamLeader sermon? Come to Salem for dinner, a viewing of the 30 minute sermon from Pastor Jeff, and enjoy conversation to help "Make Salem Incredible!" Children will be watching "The Incredibles". Please sign-up at the Welcome Center.

The following Salem high school students are participating in the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston June 26-July 2:



Nick Doty  
Daniela Gonzales  
Isabel Gonzales  
Aaron Grebner  
Caidon Hickey  
Jaedyn Johnson  
Walker Koeltzow  
Stacy Lantz  
Sean Patterson  
Caroline Ricketts  
Will Ricketts  
Jason Ripper  
Jon Ripper  
Brenna Salverson  
Quinn Salverson  
Max Thompson

Adults accompanying them on this faith filled week are: Jill Goldhammer, Karen Norman Rees, Sarah Gonzales, Tim Hickey, Kim Ascherl and Ward and Stephanie Ricketts. Scott Faulkner is serving as Salem's lead bus driver for this trip. We pray for safe travels for the group, that they grow in love for Jesus and each other, that they are challenged and emboldened in their faith and that they return ready to make a difference in Christ's church and the world.

Kappa Chi has been preparing for this trip for many, many months. A very, very big thank you to the entire congregation for your generous support of Salem's young people. We can't wait to share our stories with the congregation!



### Summer Calendar

**WED., JUNE 26-JULY 2**  
ELCA Youth Gathering

**MON., JULY 9: 8:30AM**  
Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group  
Activity to Knights Action  
Park in Springfield, IL

**WED., JULY 11: 6PM**  
"Dream Big for Salem: Let's Make Salem Incredible", Young Family night at Salem with babysitting provided

**SUN., JULY 15: 6PM-8PM**  
Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group  
VBS Fun Prep

**WED., JULY 25: 1PM-3PM**  
All Ages at Laser Tag at  
Plaza Lanes in Washington

**WED., JULY 23-28**  
HS Youth at Leadership Lab

**SUN., JULY 29: 6PM-8PM**  
VBS Student Training

**MON., JULY 30 -  
FRI., AUG. 3: 9AM-12PM**  
Vacation Bible School at  
Salem

**MON., AUG. 6: 7AM**  
Jr. & Sr. High Youth to Six Flags

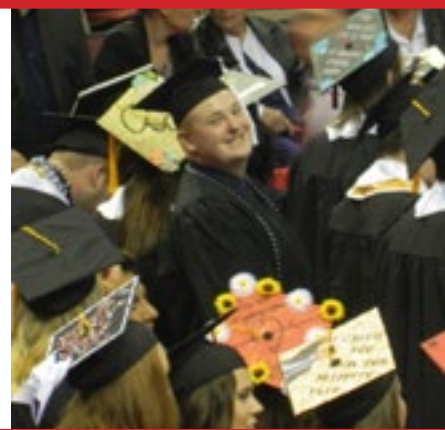
**SAT., AUG. 11: 10AM-1PM**  
Family Carnival for Common  
Place

**SUN., AUG 19: 6PM-8PM**  
Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group  
Activity at Salem



## Congratulations! Nathan Wiesehan

Nathan Wiesehan graduated cum laude with honors from Bradley University with a Bachelors of Arts in Organizational Communication and French, with a minor in Spanish. Currently, he is completing his internship with the Greater Peoria Economic Development Council while looking for a permanent position.



## Leadership Lab at Augustana College

The following students will be attending Leadership Lab at Augustana College July 23 – 28:

Joel Brinkman  
Aaron Grebner  
Matt Grebner  
Jason Ripper  
Jon Ripper  
Caidon Hickey  
Stacy Lantz  
Nicole Vandervlugt  
Julianna Rees

### What is Leadership Lab?

Leadership Lab is a week-long, fun and faith filled, intense, hands-on leadership experience for young people held on the campus of Augustana College each summer. It is a combined ministry of the three Illinois Synods of the ELCA, (Central/Southern Illinois, Metro-Chicago/Northern Illinois). Students are eligible to attend Leadership Lab after they have completed the eighth grade. There are several levels for Lab participants and many students go year after year.

A big thank you to the Salem Churchmen and the Women of Salem for their long history of supporting Leadership Lab families with scholarships. Your continued support of Salem's young people is very much appreciated.



## Vacation Bible School

Salem's 2018 Vacation Bible School is July 30 – August 3, daily from 9am - Noon. We have over 75 participants signed up already, many of whom are not members of Salem. Our VBS program is a tremendous outreach to our community. Providing such an ambitious VBS program that reaches into our community takes

many, many adult volunteers. There is something for everyone if you are available to help VBS week. We need more group guides and station helpers who can be here all week, but we also need many behind the scenes helpers and can plug you in if you can only help one or two mornings during the week. Last year, a few CYF mothers and fathers even took a morning or two off from full-time jobs to help out. Involved parents make a tremendous difference! We promise - you can be on your way to work by noon if you help! Please sign up as a volunteer on-line or contact Jill Goldhammer if you wish to discuss special volunteer arrangements. There will be an informational session after worship for adult volunteers on Sunday, July 29.

Student volunteers are a HUGE part of VBS at Salem. There are opportunities to help in all areas of VBS for young people who have completed 6th grade and up. The student volunteers (and adults) often have as much fun as the participants at VBS. We really need all volunteers – including students - to sign up on-line and indicate your top three preferences to serve as soon as possible. There will be a "Let's Get This Party Started" event for all student volunteers on Sunday, July 29 from 6pm-8pm. Snacks will be provided, but please have your main meal before you come!

### Register Today!

Salem's Vacation Bible School is Monday, July 30 – Friday, August 3, from 9 AM to Noon. Our VBS attracts over 100 students each year from pre-school to 6th grade. If you have not registered your child/ren yet please do so today! Forms are now available on-line at [www.salemofpeoria.com/vbs](http://www.salemofpeoria.com/vbs). Signing up really helps us plan and provide the best experience possible.







Thank you to Pastor Elise for conducting a beautiful funeral service for our mother, Marian Anderson.

Also thank you to all who prepared, served or participated in the luncheon to honor our mother. You are a blessing.

The Family of Marian Anderson

Thank you very much for your church's recent donation to the Center for Prevention of Abuse. We truly appreciate your generosity and support of the Center and our programs.

From the Board of Directors,  
Sandy Andrews



## Join the Fun on Sept. 8!

Save the Date! On Saturday, September 8, our annual Salem Church picnic will be from 11am-3pm at Sommer Park. Salem Church Men are sponsoring the event. There will be a short worship service at 11:30am followed by a catered lunch. If you would like to bring a dessert, please do so in a disposable dish. From 1pm to 3pm there will be lots of fun activities for children and adults including Barnyards Discoveries, face painting by the Zoo Lady, Fun on the Run attractions, bingo, water balloon throwing contests, etc. There is no cost to attend the picnic, but free will donations will be accepted. Additional picnic information can be found on the Salem Church Men's bulletin board.



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

### July 1

Roslyn Gott

### July 2

Matt Bidne  
Leah Owen

### July 3

Regg Glawe  
Tamara Lott  
Ashley Owen  
Carol Turner

### July 4

Carol Adams  
Ronald Hoehn  
Helene Peterson  
Jordan Snider

### July 6

Bradley Hamann  
Pearl Nelson

### July 7

Linda Hartmann

### July 8

Thomas Anderson  
Caleb Kotewa

### July 9

Linda Peterson

### July 10

Nancy Bastian  
Kyle Griffith

### July 11

Jessica Bastian  
Braden Cooper  
Joey Ghazanfari  
Chris Janssen  
Chris Kroodsma  
Karen Norman Rees  
Jean Yancick

### July 12

Marge Gramm  
Elaine Sokolowski

### July 13

Jason Brinkman  
Ellen Forkell

### July 14

Ciara Witt

### July 15

Sydney Neltner  
Brenda Newcomb

### July 16

Kayla Lambie

### July 17

Sharon Couden  
Cynthia Fischer

### July 18

Scott Faulkner  
Leah Grebner

### July 19

Megan Thomasson  
Craig Young

### July 20

Jonathan Arnold

### July 22

Dennis Scoville

### July 25

Kay Peterson  
Lynsey Steinbach

### July 26

Thomas Hokanson  
Mary Jane Sterling

### July 28

Alyvia Cowser  
Merrell Hickey  
Amanda Oertley  
Abigal Young

### July 29

Dan Starzynski  
Mary Starzynski

### July 30

Christopher Snyder  
Rodney Topel  
Megan TouVelle

### July 31

Rebecca Hagen

## Prayer Requests

Please pray for

- The men and women of our armed forces
- Families at Crittenton Center
- Prayers for Salem's new senior pastor candidate
- Midwest Food Bank
- Children of Guatemala
- Natalee Arff
- Bob Baker and his family
- Jerry Bastian and family
- 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
- The Lambie Family
- Marilyn (friend of Carol Adams)
- Bill Mettam
- James Moffett

- Dr. Rick O'Connor
- Dave Nixon
- Diane Proft
- Pat Sanders
- Sophie T.
- Scott
- Tammy going through chemo
- Theresa
- Cindy Turner
- Tyth going through chemo
- Baby Walter
- Karla and Roman Wegryzn
- Jean and Frank Yancick





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## **Coolest Yard in the Neighborhood!**

Every 3 years, Kappa Chi hosts a yard decorating fundraiser for their trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering.

This year, PENGUINS made their way to 112 Salem households plus another dozen or so of their friends and neighbors to provide families with the "Coolest Yard in the Neighborhood." The youth program raised almost \$6000 in this 30-day campaign and is overwhelmed by the generosity of the Salem Family. What is equally "COOL" is the love this faith community has for each other as evidenced by the warm personal greetings that made their way around the Salem Families with the penguins. The fundraiser is officially over and was a wonderful success, however, if you know someone we left out who could use a very cool greeting – please let Jill know. The youth would be happy to make a few more deliveries (free of charge) later this summer.