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Friends in Christ,

I'm at that stage in life where I am receiving continual reminders, "Are you planning for retirement?" These are accompanied with reasons of not just why it is important to start saving now but that it takes time and thought to plan. And planning is essential.

It is very easy to get so wrapped up in the day to day activity of life that we sometimes overlook how important it is to be intentional about planning for the future. Planning takes time and it takes energy. But it is important to consider the future and where we are headed: whether you are thinking about your career, retirement, or even your children's future.

Pastor's Page



Pastor Elise Rothfusz

"Planning takes time and it takes energy. But it is important to consider the future and where we are headed..."

I've had the opportunity to hear from some older members about Salem's move from Hamilton downtown to our current War Memorial Drive location in the early 1960's. It wasn't easy to consider moving, nor to risk moving to "the edge of town" as it was

then. And then there were all the decisions about starting a building from scratch. What size should it be? What would the interior be like? Amidst all the discussion – and even disagreements – one thing was clear: this building would be for future generations of Christians; the congregation was planning for Salem's future.

Salem's current leaders are now planning for Salem's future. From taking a close look at our mission and budgetary priorities to improving our facility, Salem is looking to future possibilities. In addition to that, Salem awaits a new senior pastor as well. God's Spirit is moving and guiding and directing and together we listen and respond.

I want to highlight two opportunities for you to be aware of God's Spirit and be part of Salem's future.

First, if you have not yet had an opportunity to look at the proposed facility improvements I strongly encourage you to do so by hearing a presentation (contact the church office to arrange a time) or reviewing the information at church in the lounge, narthex and welcome center, and then by joining us for the congregational meeting on Sunday, June 10, following worship.

Second, I invite you to attend the Dream Leader Initiative on Saturday, June 2, from 8:30-2:30. Pastor Jeff Linman will be leading us in a time of dreaming about Salem's future and who God calls us to be. Yes, it is most of a Saturday, and yes, it is a Saturday in summer. But Salem's leadership felt that this was too great an opportunity to miss offering this retreat. We will spend time together considering where God is leading us and what the obstacles are. Please give serious consideration to attending that day; your voice matters, because God is working in you as much as God is working in me or another Salem disciple.

Please join me and other Salem leaders in dreaming and planning for the future that God has in mind for Salem! We all hope that Salem will be here for future generations, so let's be intentional together about our next steps!



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Congregational Meeting Sunday, June 10

Salem will hold a congregational meeting on Sunday, June 10 following the 9am worship service for the purpose of moving forward with a capital appeal by retaining the services of Kairos and Associates, a fundraising consulting firm. Please plan to attend. This will be the only item of business.

Why Hire a Fundraising Consultant?

There are a variety of reasons why churches hire professional development/fund-raising consultants. While Salem doesn't have to hire anyone, here are a few reasons we are proposing to do so at Salem:

- These are professionals. Kairos has worked with hundreds of ELCA churches very similar to Salem. They know best practices, processes and are skilled at keeping congregations on track.
- Congregations who use professional fundraising consultants raise exponentially more than the cost of their services when compared to trying to do the campaign in-house.
- No one here has sufficient time nor expertise to lead and guide such an effort here at Salem.
- Most lending institutions first want to know whether a church is using a professional fundraising organization. Some require it. Principally because they know that the amount raised is directly impacted by the degree of expertise employed in the process.

Historic Bishop Elections

Electing a synod bishop is always an interesting and moving moment for synods. This year it has been historic. On May 5, the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA elected the Rev. Patricia A. Davenport to be bishop. She is the first African-descent woman bishop to be elected. The very next day, 900 miles away, the Rev. Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld became the second when the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin elected her as their new bishop. We join with the whole ELCA in thanking God for the gifts of leadership lifted up in these two women! You can read more about them at www.livinglutheran.org.



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.



CRITTENTON COMMUNITY GARDEN

Salem has taken the lead for the planting, maintaining, and harvesting the garden at the Crittenton day care facility for ten years. In 2018 a special emphasis is placed on involving the children and families at Crittenton. Eighty-five children are in the daycare program at Crittenton. Children were provided a container with dirt and collard seeds to plant at home. They planted their collards in the raised gardens on May 15. A special planting day for the raised gardens was held on May 19. The garden will be displayed and a buffet offered at an "open house" on Wednesday, July 18 from 5PM to 7PM.

To help with the education program that is held each Tuesday from 9:30AM-10:15AM through July 17, additional volunteers are needed. They will partner with the teachers to assist with the children's activities and their education on fresh vegetables and gardening. For questions please contact Bill Ligon.

SALEM DISCIPLESHIP

Synod Assembly

The 31st Annual Central/Southern Illinois Synod Assembly will be held June 7-9 in Champaign. This is the annual meeting of our synod comprised of rostered leaders and voting members of congregations in C/SIS. Attending from Salem will be Dave and Kris Griffith, Dave Rees, Deacon Jill Goldhammer and Pastor Elise Rothfusz. Besides the business of reports and resolutions attendees will have Bible study with Dr. Martin Lohrmann, attend workshops, a Festival Worship on Thursday evening and Ice Cream Social Hymn Sing on Friday evening. Please keep the synod gathering in your prayers for a fruitful time being church together!

Salem Forms Call Committee

At its May meeting, the Salem Council voted to form the Call Committee for a new Senior Pastor. The committee members are Dave Griffith (chair), Mark Hartman, Grant Peterson, Karen Norman Rees, Eric Schroeder, and Paula Sydow. On Thursday, May 10, the Call Committee met with Pastor Ken Sandlin, Assistant to the Bishop to discuss the call process. The Call Committee will be reviewing candidate information when it is provided by the Synod, interviewing candidates for Salem's Senior Pastor position, and keeping the congregation informed of progress during this call process.

Bakers Wanted!

Fresh bread will continue to be used for communion. If you would like to provide bread, please sign up in the narthex on the bulletin board. The recipe is available, and volunteers are asked to provide enough for 250 communion participants on Sundays (one batch). Please plan on having the bread to the church by Saturday morning for communion set-up. It may be left in the sacristy on the counter. Questions, please contact Kirsten Kelly or Paula Sydow.

Celebrate Music Ministry Sunday, June 3!

Be sure to join the Salem congregation on Sunday, June 3, as we celebrate Music Ministry Sunday. The service that day will be full of special music from all musical groups including Sanctuary Bells, Women's Quartet, Men's Quartet and Sanctuary Choir. Help us thank our music ministry participants with your presence and add your voices to sing God's Glory!

Summer Women's Bible Study

The second Wednesdays during June, July, and August starting at 9am, Women of Salem offers a series of three Bible studies. The gathering is held in the lounge and this year will be led by Rebecca Sipf. Join us for great fellowship and sharing! Dates are June 13, July 11, and August 8. Hope to see you there!



Photograph from: <https://smallfarmersbigchange.coop/2015/04/22/every-day-is-earth-day-at-the-potang-tea-garden/>



Fair Trade: Potang Tea Garden

Fair Trade Sunday for June will be June 10, 2018! Stop by and pick up some items for summer or Father's Day.

Tea, whether you drink it hot or iced, has been a popular item at Salem. Your Fair Trade tea is sourced from cooperatives in India, Sri Lanka and South Africa. Here is a story about one of the newer tea producers in India:

In the foothills of the Himalayas, the Potang Tea Garden, once a colonial plantation, now collectively run by its workers, is making history. It is generating significant improvements for the garden's 350 workers and their families and helping to spark a badly needed transformation of the tea industry. The Potang Tea Garden is addressing a difficult challenge: how to build a new tea system out of a decaying and crumbling plantation model that remains largely unchanged from the days of the British Empire. Approximately 50 million workers throughout the developing world make their livelihoods from this industry.

Due to the feudal nature of tea plantations, workers are often trapped in a system of dependency. If a worker loses

his/her job, or if the plantation is abandoned, thousands of workers and their families are left without any form of income, housing, or services.

In 2005, the owners of Potang approached Tea Promoters of India (TPI), one of the tea industry's most progressive and visionary companies, asking them to consider running the estate. Committed to making small farmer ownership possible, representatives of TPI proposed a solution to keep the estate in operation. Today, the workers are learning to own, manage, and operate their tea garden. With training and technical assistance from TPI, they are learning new skills, taking risks, and rebuilding operations.

These are some of the people supported by Salem's Fair Trade Sundays. Be sure to buy some tea or any of our other coffee, chocolate, or fair foods products in the Gallery after services on Sunday, June 10.

Your Generosity Makes a *Difference*

In April, the Outreach Ministry Team was able to bless the following community partners with donations ranging from \$500-\$1750. The gifts were possible because of the faithful stewardship giving of Salem members. LOMC, Crittenton, Thomas Jefferson, Common Place, Center for Prevention of Abuse, Midwest Food Bank, Bethel United Methodist Food Pantry, LSSI, and Lutheran Hillside Village are all doing great work in our community and our state. Monetary gifts can make a real difference in the programs of these organizations and in the lives of the people they serve. Your offering has been a blessing, and we thank you for your support.

Looking for a Way to Serve?

VBS is Calling You!

It is the peak of summer, and one may think the church is in the quiet humdrum as everyone settles into the relaxed feel of the season. This may be so at some churches, but at Salem, there is an energy beginning to stir as the end of July approaches. Salem is alive! Alive with children and adults learning and serving. Alive with fun and fellowship. Alive in Christ as God's love is shared, and the Holy Spirit is present. Salem is alive in doing God's work because many hands are present to create one of the best daytime Vacation Bible School programs in our area.



Over the years, Salem members have volunteered and participated in our VBS and have invited friends and neighbors to do the same. Please help us continue to serve the community with this great program. Check out the Bugle and future Bugle Blasts to find ways that you can be involved. Let's work together to make Salem's VBS a success in 2018.



**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., MAY 30: 9AM-11AM
Midwest Food Bank

SUN., JUNE 10
Fair Trade

WED., JULY 18: 5PM-7PM
Open House for the Crittenton Community Garden

SUN., JULY 22
Ulrich Family Visit – Missionary Supported by Salem

WED., JULY 25: 9AM-11AM
Midwest Food Bank

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

SAT., AUG. 11
Carnival for Common Place

SUN., AUG. 12
Fair Trade

SUN., SEPT. 9
Fair Trade

OUTREACH QUESTIONS?

Please contact
Kelly Brinkman at
kellyjasonbrinkman@att.net.

Yard Decorating Fundraiser

In 2009 the youth program went Fishing for Funds to get to the New Orleans Gathering. In 2012, they Monkeyed Around for funds to get to New Orleans a second time. And in 2015, they Fully Relied On God (FROGS and their Salem Family) to get to Detroit. How will they raise the remaining funds needed for Houston??? The "Big Reveal" is coming very soon along with great fun for the entire congregation!

We don't like to leave anyone out, but if you really don't want to participate, please email the youth director (jgoldhammer@salemofpeoria.com) or put a note in her box in the office. For a donation, you are still welcome to send a yard greeting to someone in the Salem Family, even if you request they don't make a stop on your yard first. Please put your request in writing or discuss it with the youth director.

New this year... Kappa Chi is expanding its Gathering Year Yard Decorating Service to include non-Salem members. Yard Decorating by Kappa Chi is available May 16 through June 24 for special occasions such as Birthdays, Graduation Parties, Anniversaries, or other greetings you wish to send your friends, families or neighbors. Dates may get a little tricky so be sure to get on our Kappa Chi calendar early! Please contact Jill for all special deliveries.



How quickly our High School trip to the ELCA Houston Gathering is approaching!

We need you!

The Children, Youth and Family program is looking for a minimum of 23 adults to serve as prayer partners and "debriefers" for the participants in this high impact event. You will be randomly assigned a name of a participant. There are two tasks: These can be scheduled at a time mutually convenient – like after worship any Sunday this summer after we return.

1. Pray for this person during the Gathering, June 26-July 2. (Prayer suggestions will be provided and you will receive pictures and updates by email from the group while we are in Houston.)

2. Meet with your assigned participant when we return for a short debriefing session.

There will be guided interview questions to help the participants debrief the experience and you can certainly make up your own questions. Your participation will make a tremendous difference as we process the experience with our home faith community. We will be eager to share how "This changes everything!"



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Summer Calendar

WED., MAY 30: 5PM-6:30PM

Family Bowling & Pizza at the Christian Center

MON., JUNE 11: 10AM-1PM

All Ages at Peoria Zoo

SUN., JUNE 17: 6PM-8PM

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group Activity at Salem

WED., JUNE 20: 10AM-NOON

All Ages at Kartville

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

SUN., JULY 15: 6PM-8PM

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group Activity at Salem

WED., JULY 25: 1PM-3PM

All Ages at Laser Tag at Plaza Lanes in Washington

WED., JULY 23-28

HS Youth at Leadership Lab

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: 11AM-2PM

Family Carnival for Common Place

SUN., AUG 19: 6PM-8PM

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group Activity at Salem

Thirty Years of ELCA Youth Gatherings WERE YOU THERE?

1988: SAN ANTONIO – "REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS"

1991: DALLAS – "CALLED TO FREEDOM"

1994: ATLANTA – "2 BE ALIVE"

1997: NEW ORLEANS – "RIVER HOPE"

2000: ST LOUIS – "DANCING AT THE CROSS ROADS"

2003: ATLANTA – "UBUNTU ("DO LIFE")"

2006: SAN ANTONIO – "CRUZANDO ("CROSSING")"

2009: NEW ORLEANS – "JESUS, JUSTICE, AND JAZZ"

2012: NEW ORLEANS – "CITIZENS WITH THE SAINTS"

2015: DETROIT – "RISE UP TOGETHER"

2018: HOUSTON – "THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING"

2018's Houston Youth Gathering, "This Changes Everything", marks the thirtieth year of ELCA Youth Gatherings. Were you there for one of these Gatherings? Please let us know by emailing Jill at jgoldhammer@salemofpeoria.com with the Gatherings you attended, any special memories and pictures are a bonus! Also, if you didn't go with Salem, please name the congregation you attended with.



When you
pass through
the waters, I
will be with you.

Isaiah 43:2

Register Today!

Salem's Vacation Bible School is Monday, July 30 – Friday, August 3, from 9 AM to Noon. We are still looking for some rotation station leaders and small group leaders. Please

contact Jill Goldhammer, Rebecca Sipf or Kris Griffith if you are available and willing to help or if you have questions. Our VBS attracts over 100 students each year from pre-school to 6th grade and takes about that many student and adult volunteers to make it such an awesome week. If you have not experienced Salem's VBS as a volunteer, please consider helping for a morning or two, or all week! We have an opportunity that meets your availability and your special gifts – we promise! Volunteer forms as well as participant forms are now available on-line at www.salemofpeoria.com/vbs. Signing up early really helps us plan and provide the best experience possible.

What a Wonderful Sunday School Year!

Thank you to all of our teachers who diligently and faithfully teach each Sunday. Their love and kindness to our children in helping them grow in their faith is amazing! Thank you to:

- Jessica Bastian - 3's and 4's Class
- Sarah Bidne - 3's and 4's Class
- Joann and Randy Blum - 5th Grade
- Jason Brinkman - 1st - 5th Grade Music
- Sarah Gonzales - Kindergarten Class
- Kris Griffith - 1st - 5th Grade Music Opening Leader
- Becky Hagen - 1st and 2nd Grade
- Laura Hartman - 3rd Grade
- Karen Holmes - Kindergarten Class
- Lisa Janco - Sunday school Office
- Patty and Jason Lantz - 4th Grade
- Wendy Thomasson - 1st and 2nd Grade Class
- Michael Petrakis - 1st and 2nd Grade
- Amy Schroeder - 3rd Grade



Evening Out at Obed and Isaacs, June 19

Join Adult Fellowship at Obed and Isaacs on Tuesday June 19 starting at 5pm. Plans are to meet at Obed and Isaac's outside patio to play bags and relax. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center!



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.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday!



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| June 1
Sophia Doty | June 11
Diane Hanlet
Mark Hartman
Roman Wegrzyn | Shane Snyder |
| June 2
Dawn Koeltzow | June 15
Mary Luan Borquist
Chloe Steele | June 23
Morgan Lott
Logan Roberts
Jennifer Swanson |
| June 3
John Ford | June 17
Travis Janco
Jeff Machacek | June 24
Walter Koeltzow
Caleb Lott |
| June 4
Jane Topel | June 18
Clarence Knutson
Stacy Lantz | June 26
Shawn Blum
Amy Hainline |
| June 5
Jaeyden Johnson | June 19
Earl Gallas
Donna Miller | June 27
Paula Sydow
Maxwell Thompson |
| June 6
Robert Suelter | June 21
Edell Berg | June 28
Cailey Lantz |
| June 7
Sis Gavin
Robert Petrakis | June 22
Jeffrey Bastian
Timothy Hamann | June 30
Julianna Dunkel
Brant Wegrzyn |
| June 8
Gilbert Nolde | | |
| June 9
Ruth Landes
Rebecca Snyder | | |

Prayer Requests

Please pray for

- The men and women of our armed forces
- Families at Crittenton Center
- Prayers for God to raise up Salem's new senior pastor
- Midwest Food Bank
- Children of Guatemala
- Natalee Arff
- Bob Baker and his 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
- Marilyn (friend of Carol Adams)
- Elaine McHugh
- Bill Mettam
- James Moffett
- Dr. Rick O'Connor
- Dave Nixon
- Mary Rothfusz
- 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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**CHILDREN,
YOUTH & FAMILY**
MINISTRIES

Congratulations! Faith for Life Students

Salem congratulates the following Faith for Life students who celebrated their Affirmation of Baptism on May 20: Caleb Brinkman, Mia Doty, Katie Hancock, Caidon Hickey, Noah Hopkins, Gloria Kroodsma, William Petrakis, and Alivia Sansale.