

the Bugle

*Renewing
God's House*

Together

WELCOME • WORSHIP • GROW & LEARN



I love this time of year, sweatshirt weather, I call it. Mornings and evenings are brisk yet the warmth of the sun makes working out of doors during the day pleasant and enjoyable. The leaves on the trees are changing and will soon cover the lawn, the crops of the fields are being harvested, the daylight hours are significantly shortened. It is becoming clear that the seasons are shifting. How do you adjust to change? Does it excite you and give you hope for what is yet to come? Or does it make you anxious and resistant to what pushes you faster than you desire?

I like living in the mid-west. I like four distinct seasons. The Spring warmth and reawakening of the earth, the Summer growth, Autumn harvest and yes, even the Winter's rest. There is a pattern to these seasons which remind me of the patterns of life. From the words of a wise teacher, commonly, believed to have been Solomon, come these familiar words, "for everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven," birth, growth, harvest and return to the earth. For we know that even in death, there is hope for new life, an abundant life that is beyond our greatest expectations and imaginations. There is much about that resurrected life we do not know. What we do know, is that Jesus promised to prepare that place and come for us when the time is fulfilled. I do not know about you but for me, that is reassuring. That is hopeful. That is comforting and freeing and fulfilling.

What might life look like for you to embrace the assurance of that promise? How would it free you to live more abundantly now with the promise of what is yet to come one day? Would it make you more grateful? More kind? Would it allow you to let go of the stresses of life that are out of your control anyway and embrace the promise now, reflected in a life of abundant harvest?

Each year, as the seasonal patterns shift, so do the seasons of the church year. We shift from the season of Pentecost including celebrations of Feast of All Saints and finally Christ the King and plan for Advent, the four week season before Christmas. On All Saints Sunday, we will acknowledge and give thanks for those members for whom the final season of life has come. We will read their names, sound a bell and light a candle honoring their lives and praying for the fulfillment of their resurrected hope now revealed in Jesus.

As you reflect on the church year which is coming to a close, what are the blessings for which you give thanks? What are the hopes for our future years yet to come? Each day there are signs of God's abundant blessings. Do you see them? Are you thankful for them? Do you willingly share them with others? May the last verse of a favorite hymn resonate in your heart as you give thanks for life's seasons and the one who gives life in abundance.

*"For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God."* – vs. 3, ELW #679

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Salem Discoveries

What an exciting time for us as a church! We have spent the past many months listening to one another, considering our sense of calling, discerning the challenges we have before us, and creating a path forward to meet these challenges as a people who are deeply blessed and, by the grace and power of God at work within us, prepared to step forward into this next chapter of mission and ministry together.



We would be remiss if we pretended this was insignificant and without trials. After all, not only are we undertaking a significant capital appeal with an accompanying beautiful and needful building renovation, but we are engaging with what many churches shy away from—the considerations of what must change or undergo renewal in order for us to be faithful to Christ in a very new day of being the church.

It is no wonder why there are persistent messages of encouragement in Scripture. At the root of that is the word and very tangible need to exercise **courage**. Most of the time courage is needed when doing something new, when faith is demanded, when the future looks less like the past, when there is uncertainty, when the way forward is not by any means crystal clear. Fear and apprehension is not our calling; it is not God's intent; it is not our destiny. No, instead we are called by God to hear the message not only to "have courage," but to "fear not." Indeed, it is the Lord who leads us. It is the Holy Spirit who equips us. It is Gospel which empowers us. This is why we have confidence and why we have been called into the joyful spirit of dreaming abundantly!

November is not only an exciting time for us at Salem, but it is a defining time. Each of you is needed. Each of you has a role to play, a contribution to make. Our invitation is for you to be completely involved as we step into our **Renewing God's House Together** capital appeal. Is this about raising money? Absolutely! In fact, with boldness we invite your considerations of generous, even sacrificial gifts or 3-year pledges to the appeal. As well, you are invited to gift and strengthen our 2019 ministry together through a one-year pledge. All of this is a blessing to the work and calling we have together as God's people. So, thank you in advance as you express your faith and your love through your financial generosity. After all, it's one of the most powerful ways we get to express what's important to us. May you be blessed as you are a blessing to Salem and beyond!

"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

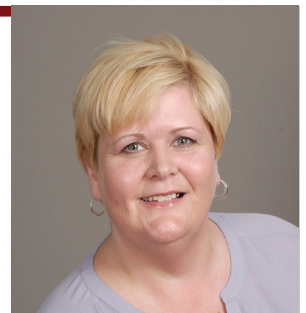
... A Note from Our Deacon

Praise God from whom all blessings flow – and blessings are surely flowing at Salem! I would like to tell you about a very special blessing young people and their families have received at Salem that will last for years to come. The Memorial Fund Review Committee, with permission of the Church Council, generously gifted the Children, Youth and Family program with the funds needed to renovate the entire third floor this fall. The third floor is now home to our junior and senior high ministries as well as our new young adult ministry group.

While we thank current church leadership for moving forward with this project, it is important to remember that memorial funds represent gifts made by many, many faithful saints who have gone before us. Saints who entrusted these gifts to the church because they believed whole-heartedly in our congregation's mission, "Growing People in Christ to Love and Serve," and believed enthusiastically in God's plans for Salem's future. As we approach All-Saints Day, celebrated on November 4, we remember all those who left behind a legacy of faithfulness and we are so grateful for the fresh, modern space we now have for our young people to learn and grow in.

You are welcome to wander up and take a look at progress on the project at any time; however, the youth and their families will be hosting a Sunday morning open house in November when the work is completed. Please watch for the date and join us as we celebrate just one of God's many blessings at Salem.

-Deacon Jill Goldhammer



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OPEN OUR HANDS

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Are you willing to open your hands and share?

Many of us know the story of Jesus Feeding the 5,000 (John 6:1-14) and probably think about it as a story of a miracle. Which it is! We teach it as a miracle story in Sunday School and we study it as adults as a sign of God's abundant generosity. But let's think about this story from a different perspective. What if the boy had been unwilling to share? Think about this for a minute. Would the transformation and multiplication of the bread and fish, as well as the crowd occurred? Well, we don't have to wonder because we do know the boy shared and he shared all that he had.



With the boy's offering... opening his hands with his gift of food... to Jesus, at least at this moment, people are fed. Through a child, the ultimate sign of God's Kingdom is advanced as loaves are blessed, broken, and shared and all who eat are filled. Their hunger is satisfied and the abundant love of God is witnessed. What began as a meager and small offering is multiplied so that the people who once were hungry and in need, now want and need no more.

We read in John 6:8-9: "One of Jesus' disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'Here is a boy who has five barely loaves and two fish, but what good are those for so many people?'" Andrew is correct in his question but Jesus already knew what he was going to do. We often wonder about the significance of what we are able to give, and children and youth often wonder more than adults. What we often fail to realize is that without the boy and his open hands of sharing, the community of people gathered at Jesus' feet would not have been blessed in the same way.

The boy's gift is not simply the food he was willing to share. The boy's gift is his presence in the community, his willingness to give and share, and his love in trusting Jesus. Because he opened his hands to share what he had, all the world is given a sign of what God is willing to do for the transformation of the world.

We are asked to give in many ways... at church, at work, at school, in our community, and throughout the world... and to many places. It is perhaps important to be reminded of this story. The boy's generosity is a sign that we share in God's nature. God is in us and we are in God. We give because we recognize that God, who is the giver of all good things, provides us with the things we need.



From the "storehouse of treasures" that God has provided to us, we look for ways to share from our treasures with God and with God's people. Remember the prayer we said at offering? As that prayer of offering reminds us, we give "what God has first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of God's gracious love."

Inspired from "What if A Child Shares?" Stories to Tell and Gifts to Share: An African Descent Stewardship Resource, ELCA 2006



Breaking Bread with Your Salem Family

Breaking Bread will close out the fall session with Soup, Salad and Sandwiches on November 7 (Guest Cook Gretchen Petrakis) and our traditional Salem Family Thanksgiving Dinner on Wednesday, November 14, (Guest Cook Helene Peterson and crew). Both meals begin at 6pm. Please be sure to sign up at the Welcome Center if you are coming to Thanksgiving Dinner as this meal fills up quickly! Please contact Gretchen or Helene if you are available to help with either of these meals.



Salem will host "Be Like Jesus, Junior"

Salem is pleased to host the annual Be Like Jesus, Junior event for 1st-3rd graders on **Saturday, November 3, from 10am - 2pm**. This is a junior version of the 24-hour servant event Salem hosts for older children each February along with leaders from other local ELCA congregations. This event includes music, craft-time, and age-appropriate, hands-on service projects. This year children will learn about the Center for the Prevention of Abuse and will assemble care kits for women and children served by the Center. They will also pack 500 nutritional snack packs for children at several District 150 schools which will be sent home on an upcoming 3-day weekend to be sure hungry children have enough to eat.

Be Like Jesus events teach children to live out the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:37-40) "Love God and love our neighbors" and to practice other faith skills on which to build a firm foundation. Some benefits experienced include: being a part of the church in action, identifying needs of others, completing hands on service projects, experiencing the larger church by making friends with children from other congregations, acting together on behalf of others, identifying spiritual gifts and learning that serving others can be great fun! Children who experience a Be Like Jesus event almost always return year after year and many go on to become junior high participants and high school leaders. They remember the friends they make in their small groups as well as their small group leaders from each event. These events give children and youth an opportunity to experience Christian community and the larger church in a way that we hope they will desire to be a part of for the rest of their lives!

A few more volunteers are needed helping serve lunch for the children and their leaders at noon on the day of the event. Please contact Jill if you can help.

Faith for Life Outreach Project: Thomas Jefferson Christmas Food Baskets

Perhaps you have noticed, our Pajama Party for the Center for Prevention of Abuse was held a month earlier this fall. Thank you for your generosity with this project year after year. The pajamas and other supplies collected will be delivered on Monday, November 5. Canned food for Thomas Jefferson families will be collected at the Welcome Center in November 4, 11, 18, 25. Our Faith for Life students will be keeping track of the food collected all month and will work together to make 20 Christmas food baskets which they will deliver to Thomas Jefferson Families in December. Some of the items needed include:

Spaghetti and sauce, meal helpers (chicken, tuna, etc), stuffing mix, mac and cheese, instant potatoes, gravy, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, mustard, ketchup, canned food – soups, stews, chili, sloppy joes, etc, canned fruits and vegetables, canned meat – tuna, turkey, chicken, ham, crackers, instant oatmeal, hot chocolate, bar soap, toothpaste, paper towels, toilet paper & dish soap.

Keep your eye on the Outreach Bulletin Board at church on the first floor near the Welcome Center throughout the month of November. There will be tags available for you to take for specific items needed. 20 of each item is a huge amount! Thank you for helping Faith for Life students with this project. We have received feedback from that the Christmas Food Baskets mean a great deal to the families who receive them and we are so pleased to be able to continue this tradition with your generosity!



Lutheran Disaster Response

Lutheran Disaster Response strives to help the church continue to be church in the midst of disaster — following Christ's call to bring hope and healing to our neighbor in need. Currently they are supporting numerous relief efforts including the Indonesia earthquake and tsunami, 2018 hurricane response, U.S. wildfires, Africa drought, and West Virginia flooding. Lutheran Disaster Response works in partnership with congregations, synods, social service organizations and other partners in the United States and around the world. Working with local organizations that have a deep knowledge of local needs and how to address them, Lutheran Disaster Response is able to work in ways that are relevant and effective for each community. Through these partnerships, survivors are accompanied from the time a disaster strikes until communities are rebuilt. Below are some examples of Lutheran Disaster Response's work after the 2017 Hurricanes. For more information visit: <https://www.elca.org/Resources/Lutheran-Disaster-Response>.

Emergency Relief

Lutheran Disaster Response facilitated the delivery of critical supplies during a time when infrastructure was not functioning, including:

- baby formula
- batteries
- bottled water
- car power inverters
- diapers
- flashlights
- generators
- satellite phones
- solar lamps
- solar-powered cellphone chargers
- toothpaste and other hygiene items
- pots, pans and other cookware
- blankets
- sleeping pads



"I GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR SENDING YOU ALL HERE"



Dennis, a 72-year-old retired Marine, lives in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, where Hurricane Maria struck causing widespread destruction, power outages, loss of cell reception and access to resources. The morning after the hurricane, Dennis went to check on his house.

"When I looked up, half the roof was gone," Dennis said. "And then the rains started to fall. For weeks." Because of the holes in his roof, the interior of Dennis' home had significant water damage.

Once he moved back into his home after staying with relatives, Dennis met an employee of the Lutheran Social Services of the Virgin Islands disaster response team. He told them about the damage to his home, and soon after they came for a visit.

"I was hoping to get help from FEMA. I wasn't expecting the Lutherans," Dennis said.

Now, Dennis is getting help to rebuild his home and his life thanks to your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response.

"The house isn't done, but how it looks now is beyond my wildest expectations. I can't imagine what it will look like when it's finished," he said.

"I appreciate what you all have done for me. I give thanks to God for sending you all here."



TO BENEFIT LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

You are invited to join Salem's annual Thanksgiving dinner on **Wednesday, November 14 at 6pm**. Turkey, dressing, sides and dessert are all provided. A free will offering will be taken to benefit **Lutheran Disaster Response**. Checks should be made payable to Salem Lutheran with "Disaster Response" in the memo line. If you wish to attend, please sign up at the Welcome Center. Sign up is encouraged to help the kitchen crew prepare. Preceding the dinner, a short worship service for all ages will begin at 5:30pm in the sanctuary. This is a wonderful time to give thanks and praise to our Lord before enjoying the blessings of food and fellowship.

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP: Wednesday, November 21

As Salem will not be hosting a Thanksgiving Eve worship, Salem members who would like to attend service that evening are invited to our neighboring ELCA congregations:

St. Paul Lutheran (Peoria), 7pm
First English Lutheran (Peoria), 1pm and 7pm
Faith Lutheran (Washington), 7pm

Two Special Advent Worship Offerings

In the special season leading up to Christmas, Salem will offer two separate opportunities to center ourselves in the meaning of God's coming among us. The services will take place in Salem's Faith Chapel.

Holden Evening Prayer – Song, candlelight, and quiet reflection, **Wednesday, December 5, 7pm**.

Service of Solace – Christ's coming proclaims hope for all who are grieving or otherwise find the holiday season difficult. Experience words of forgiveness and the comfort of Christ in this service on **Wednesday, December 19, 7pm**.



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NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	We
Dec. 2 Capital Appeal Celebration Sunday 8am: Worship 9:30am: Education Hour / Blood Pressures 10:45am: Worship			
4 All Saints Sunday Fair Trade Sunday 8am: Worship 9:30am: Education Hour/Blood Pressures 10:45am: Worship 12pm: Appeal Gathering Prayer Luncheon 2pm: Hymns and Beer (Lindenhof)	5 9am: TOPS Meeting	6 December Monthly Bugle Content Due 9am: Rebecca Circle 10am: Staff Meeting 7pm: Council Meeting	7 8am: Men's Bible Study 5:30pm: Primetime! (Luncheon) 6pm: Breaking Bread 6pm: Naomi Circle (Luncheon) 6:30pm: Praise Team 6:30pm: Faith for Life 7pm: Serendipity
11 Capital Appeal Kick-off 8am: Worship 9:15am: Veteran's Day Reception 9:15am: New Member Class 9:30am: Education Hour 10:45am: Worship	12 9am: TOPS Meeting	13 Northern Conference Meeting 7pm: Outreach Meeting 7:30pm: Education Meeting	14 8am: Men's Bible Study 10am: Staff Meeting 5:30pm: Thanksgiving Dinner 6pm: Breaking Bread Thanksgiving Meal 6:30pm: Faith for Life 7pm: Serendipity
18 Home Communion 8am: Worship 9:15am: New Member Class 9:30am: Education Hour /Advent Corner 10:45am: Worship	19 9am: TOPS Meeting 11:30am: Women of Salem Board Meeting 6pm: Salem Churchmen at Salem Lutheran Church	20 10am: Staff Meeting 7pm: Property & Finance Meeting	21 8am: Men's Bible Study 9am: Midwest Fellowship
25 Capital Appeal Invitation to Respond 8am: Worship 9:30am: Education Hour / Advent Corner 10:45am: Worship	26 9am: TOPS Meeting 12pm-4pm: CPR Training	27 10am: Staff Meeting 6pm: Lydia Circle 7pm: Worship and Music	28 8am: Men's Bible Study 9am: Advent Devotion 5pm: Advent Devotion

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

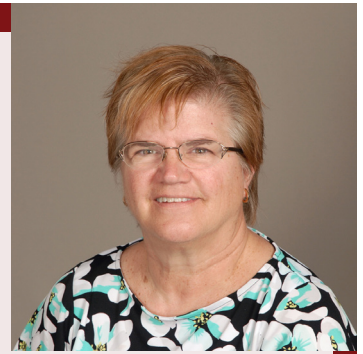
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	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:30am: Bible Study 6pm: Sanctuary Bells 7pm: Sanctuary Choir	2	3 10am-3pm: Be Like Jesus, Jr.
7 Study d (LHV) n Practice fe / Kappa Chi	8 6:45am: Endowment Committee 9:30am: Bible Study 6pm: Sanctuary Bells 7pm: Sanctuary Choir	9 6pm: Leadership Gathering 6pm: Brage Lodge	10 5:30pm: Early Giving Event
4 Study g ng Worship d - fe / Kappa Chi	15 9:30am: Bible Study 6pm: Sanctuary Bells 7pm: Sanctuary Choir	16	17
1 e Study ood Bank	22 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed 1:30pm: LHV Service	23 Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday	24
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FROM THE PARISH NURSE, LORI REIMER, RN



CPR/AED/First Aid training will be held at Salem on **November 26 from noon to 4pm**. An AED (automated external defibrillator) is a portable device that checks the heart rhythm. If needed, it can send an electric shock to the heart to try to restore a normal rhythm. Salem's AED is located on the second floor near the restrooms. This certification class will be taught by personnel from AMT (Advanced Medical Transport) and there is a charge of \$25 per person. Reservation and payment needed by November 19. Space is limited to 10 individuals and you can sign up at the Welcome Center. If you have any questions, please check with Lori Reimer. Also, if there is interest in an evening class or a "hands only" CPR class which has no cost, talk to Lori Reimer.



Lori Reimer, RN



\$30



\$100



\$200



\$500



\$715



\$1,000

UPDATE ON THE GLOBAL FARM CHALLENGE

As we have learned, family farms are a key source of food and income for most of the people in the world. Limited resources for many of these families mean they struggle to feed themselves. But through the ELCA Global Farm Challenge, families can have access to livestock, seeds, tools and training.

It doesn't cost much to help give families and communities the means to have a sustainable way of life. As of the end of September, after one month of collecting, our Sunday School children and their families provided \$80 for the Global Farm Challenge. These monies could provide the following:



- \$20 could provide honeybees - a buzz-worthy gift! Honeybees have a growing importance as the shrinking honeybee population worldwide is especially worrisome. Beeswax can be transformed into handcrafted soaps, candles, honey and other products to create a small, sustainable business. But that's not all - we know that their mere presence on a farm means that they are pollinating plants and boosting crop growth far and wide.

- \$15 adds a rooster to the chicken coop and helps the farm grow! More chickens on the farm mean more eggs to eat and sell at the market. This gift is a great leap forward for a family struggling with hunger and poverty.



Sunday School children, as well as Junior and Senior High students, will be collecting an offering all year to support the Global Farm Challenge. The rest of us will have an opportunity to help support the ELCA in helping families and communities become sustainable. Children will be passing a "Noisy Can" collection during the Offering on the third Sunday each month at both services. All of our loose change added together can help families around the world end the cycle of hunger and poverty - for good.

For more information and videos, check out the website: <http://www.elca.org/GlobalFarmChallenge/Why-Farms>

GLOBAL BARNYARD NOISY CAN OFFERINGS

Salem members are encouraged to bring loose change as part of a monthly Noisy Offering in support of the Sunday school's outreach project. Please help fill God's Global Barnyard with animals for people in need around the world. The offerings will take place in worship on the **third weeks of each month** beginning in November. Let's see how big the barnyard can grow!

A View of Salem's Financial Status

Month of September, 2018

General Fund	Budget	Actual	Difference
September Giving	\$49,002	\$41,565	(\$7,437)
Expenses	\$49,361	\$49,561	(\$200)
Net Income (Loss)	(\$359)	(\$7,996)	

Year-to-Date, 2018

General Fund	Budget	Actual	Difference
Giving	\$461,295	\$431,692	\$29,603
Expenses	\$444,245	\$417,815	\$26,430
Net Income (Loss)	\$17,050	\$13,877	

While giving for the first six months was in line with the budget, the last 3 months have been significantly behind by \$28,000. It is challenging to predict future giving and therefore accurately guide conversations that are taking place to consider reducing the 2018 expenses and the creation of the 2019 budget. Please prayerfully consider your future gifts Salem.

Thank you for your continued generosity!! Through your generosity the Salem family is able to achieve our ministry goals.

"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



Hymns and Beer, Sunday, Nov. 4

"Hymns and Beer," a special Reformation Celebration event will be held at the Lindenhof German American Society on **Sunday, November 4 from 2pm-4pm**. Come celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation by singing hymns over a beer. There will be hymns led by Don Bauer, Director of Music from St. John's in Bartonville, and a special performance by the Salem Men's Quartet. There is free admittance to this event. Beer, soda and pretzels will be available for purchase. This is an inclusive event, so bring a friend and join in

this sing-a-long! Please sign up in the Welcome Center, and note if you would like to ride the bus.

Veterans Recognition Day

On Sunday, November 11, all are welcome to join a special reception in the Fellowship Lounge honoring veterans for their service to our country. Veterans will be wearing a ribbon during service. Please take the opportunity to say thank you to a veteran on this day for service to our country.

Library Corner / Advent Corner

Our preparation time of Advent is coming up soon. While it actually occurs this year in December, your opportunity to purchase books and gifts at the Advent Corner will be November 18 and 25, between services in the gallery on the 1st floor. We will have books and gifts as usual. And this year we will also have adult AND children's books from our own church publisher, Augsburg-Fortress, which you may order and which will definitely be here before Christmas. Do come to the gallery and browse our offerings. The elevator will bring you right to our event. Your purchases benefit your church library. See you there!

Quilters

Knowing how to sew is not necessary. If you can cut, measure, and choose colors the quilters need your help. Help is also needed for those who are able to sew straight seams. This sewing can be done at home if you desire. Quilters meeting on Wednesday mornings at 9:30am, beginning in November. Please contact Anitra O'Connor or Norma Hartman for additional information.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**November 1**

Ron Breidel

November 2

Randolph Middleton

November 3

Mark Janco

Erin Schmitt

Linda Wragge

November 5

Kris Griffith

Lois Knutson

Suzanne Neltner

November 6

Warren Hartmann

Richard Serrahn

November 7

Keniya Scoville

David Sterr

Nathan Wiesehan

November 8

Evan Lott

Suzanne McMickle

November 9

Alivia Sansale

Bill Welch

November 10

Jennifer Gregg

Caroline Hartmann

Carolyn Noe

November 11

Keith Erickson

November 12

Alf Berg

Tyler Blum

Lori Goffinet

John Mollenhauer

Julia Wallstedt

November 15

Peyton Manning

November 16

Chad Doty

Barbara Ricketts

November 17

Kirsten Kelly

November 19

Erik Doughty

Emily Ferrell

Gene Shurtz

November 20

Susan Faulkner

Kerstin O'Connor

November 21

Isabel Gonzales

November 22

Jerome Sokolowski

November 23

Lynette Christensen

Dennis Thomasson

November 24

Andrew Ferrell

November 25

Megan Faulkner

Heather Hopkins

November 26

Catherine Setterlund

November 27

Kathryn Cowser

Martin Creager

Gary Johnson

Aaron Kotewa

November 29

Matt Bastian

THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone's generosity, \$1280 was raised for the local chapter of Habitat For Humanity. -Blessings, Regg

I wanted to send a very heartfelt thank you for all of the cards, words, through and prayers that were expressed to myself and my family after the passing of my mother! Salem is my family as well and you all treat me as such! Thank you!

-Love, Mary Gibson

Prayer Requests

- The men and women of our armed forces
- Support for all caregivers when loved ones suffer
- Ulrich Family, missionaries to Malawi
- Families at Crittenton Center
- Midwest Food Bank
- Children of Guatemala
- Child suffering from Lyme disease and chronic encephalitis for three years
- Walt and Joy Anderson
- Sue Barham
- Jerry Bastian
- Jackie Bianchi
- Bob's family

- Bob and Sheryl
- Luan Borquist
- Stephanie Dammann's grandfather
- Dan (friend of Cindy Fischer)
- Danny (car accident)
- Keith Erickson
- Evie (kidney dialysis)
- Teri Foster (Julie Foster-Doty's sister)
- Jack Grant
- Daughter-in-law of the Hammans
- Ron Hipple
- Amy Hoffman
- Jean Huprich and family
- Helen Johnson (mother of Joan Creager)
- Megan

- Bill Mettam
- Carolyn Noe
- The Purcell/Manning Family
- Pat Sanders
- Tammy going through chemo
- Ella Vandervlugt
- Baby Walter
- Jean and Frank Yancick

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY...

Stateside: Ian Borquist, Alex Gonzalez, Col. Darnell Salley, Jason Sterr, Scott Wolfmeyer

Overseas:

Talon Maki



Greetings for Salem's Homebound

Let our homebound members know they're remembered by filling and delivering Christmas bags! The bags will be in the Welcome Center starting on Sunday, November 25 until after the second service on December 16. These Christmas greetings are sure to be cherished by those who are now unable to attend worship and activities on a regular basis.

People to remember are: Walt Anderson, Natalee Arff, Susan Barham, Betty and Matthew Bennett, Ruby Chelgren, Marge Gramm, Vi Gruber, Mary Gustafson, Bev Holmes, Shirley Hornecker, John Johnson, Bea Kent, Ruth Landes, Carl Lindquist, Elaine McHugh, Bill Mettam, Nancy Owens, Lillian Ries, Fran Riley, John and Marge Ryberg, Arlene Schroeder, Irene Sawtasky, and Frank Yancick.

Would you like to be the bearer of these cheery greetings? There is also a sign-up sheet for those willing to deliver the bags after second service between December 16 and Christmas.



Help make Christmas special for the families supported by Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI). We invite you to take a tag from the "Sharing Tree" that will be in the Welcome Center. Your gifts should include a clothing gift and a toy or "fun" gift totaling \$30. Suggestions are included on the information sheets provided for each person. Both gifts should be wrapped and placed in a bag with a handle, labeled with the person's name and the number that is on the information sheet. Gifts must be returned and placed under the tree in the Welcome Center by Sunday, December 9. If you have questions, please contact Sarah Gonzales (sarbear@mtco.com).

Advent Season Decorating

Join the decorating team as Salem prepares for the Advent season. We will be decorating on **Wednesday, November 28 at 9am and 5pm**. Pastries and coffee will be served for the morning decorators. Avanti's gondolas will be served for the evening decorators. Please sign up in the welcome center so we can plan for food.

Christmas Poinsettias

To beautify the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day, and to honor or memorialize loved ones at Christmas time, Salem offers members the opportunity to order a poinsettia through the Church. The poinsettias are purchased by the church office and may be picked up or the church will arrange for them to be delivered to homebound members on Christmas Day following the 10am worship service.

Blank order forms will be available in the church pews. The cost for each poinsettia is \$10.75, and your gift must accompany the order. **All poinsettia orders must be into the church office no later than December 16.**



Christmas WORSHIP

Christmas Eve

4pm: Family Worship with Holy Communion
10pm: Traditional Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion

Christmas Day

10am: Worship with Holy Communion



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The Council approved the Capital Appeal Team (CAT) recommendation that 1% of the funds collected each year for the capital appeal be allocated the following year for local benevolence to be administered by Salem's Outreach Committee with the stipulation that the outreach activity is local to the Peoria area community and actively involves Salem facility and membership.

