

the Bugle

*Renewing
God's House*
Together
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Pastor's Page

Well, it is official! As of September 9, I am fully installed as Senior Pastor at Salem Lutheran Church. Actually, the call as pastor became official when I signed the compensation agreement that accompanied the Letter of Call, a bit less special and ceremonial but a beginning all the same. The Rite of Installation is a formal process by which there are public promises made as we enter this relationship willingly and prayerfully as pastor and people, united in a common mission to love and serve God's people through Christ and seek God's blessings on our future together. With now one month among you, I wish to express sincere gratitude to you, members of Salem, for the many ways you have and continue to welcome Karen and I among you. To those who helped unload the U-Haul (2x's) we are more than grateful. Moving is a daunting task but it was made far easier by many of you who gave time and made effort to carry items for us in this transitional process. To those of you who continue to introduce yourselves by name and who seem as eager to get to know us as we are to know you, thank you. It makes us feel welcomed and it is an expression of kind hospitality that is most appreciated and helpful.



Pastor Craig Swenson

At the same time, the Fall programming at Salem has begun: choirs, preschool, Sunday school, Bible and book studies, Primetime, Breaking Bread, Faith for Life, KappaChi., Salem is an active community. Numerous volunteers stop in regularly to reset the worship space, assemble mailings, bulletins, enter membership data, change light bulbs, freshen up flowers, make visits, paint walls, plan events. Salem is an active community.

There are also numerous ways to extend Salem's ministry through Crittenton Center, Thomas Jefferson Elementary, Midwest Food Bank, missionary support and others. Salem is an active community.

This is an equally exciting time as in addition to raising awareness for support for regular and established ministry opportunities, plans are underway to request additional support for a three-year capital appeal called Renewing God's House Together. This appeal is the result of several years of assessing facility updates for both current and future needs. As the next weeks unfold, please pray for the ongoing work of Christ's church through Salem and the ways God is stirring your heart to discern and support the possibilities of the future ahead. Thank you again for openly receiving Karen and I among you. By God's grace, we look forward to many years of abundant blessings yet to come.



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Salem Discoveries

"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

Kairos—is the Greek word for “time.” Actually, there are two words for time—“chronos,” like time that passes on a clock or as you turn a calendar page. And, “Kairos,” to denote a unique time or “moment” that is fraught with possibilities—almost a “God moment.”

A chronos time or moment doesn’t require much. It just happens. It’s out of our control. But a Kairos moment is a time of decision. To seize the opportunity or not is up to us. To take advantage of “the moment” or just keep turning the calendar page and generally repeat what yesterday was like. One might accurately say that Salem is experiencing a Kairos moment. What shall we do?

Our Kairos consultant has just submitted a Listening Phase Report. Here are some summary observations he has shared:

There is growing energy and excitement around the sense that “God is truly up to something special with us here at Salem.” Energy and excitement, coupled with compelling missional focus and vision, along with clear challenge for involvement, with a non-apologetic request for financial generosity will position Salem for a successful appeal as well as substantive steps into a new chapter of life and ministry. Embracing a focus upon generosity, the joy of giving, sacrificial giving, holistic stewardship, giving as a spiritual discipline, and having a forthrightness in simply talking about money will help not only to reach toward the appeal goals, but it will also help to draw members into a deeper walk with Christ.

The engagement of leaders and other laity in the preparatory process through these early months is noteworthy. There are deep faith convictions which are under-girding the efforts thus far. Further, most all members expressed support for the renovation project. Almost everyone interviewed stated that they would in some way financially support the appeal. People sense that this is the time to act, to stretch and grow, and to step forward with courage and faith. This was true despite there being a certain level of caution, as well. When speaking about the overall capacity of the congregation, many spoke with confidence about there being more than sufficient resources to make the project happen. Clear and invested leadership, on all levels, will help to spur Salem Lutheran to a successful conclusion of these efforts.

Let us be open to the Spirit’s Kairos time for us!



Join your Salem Family for Halloween Fun on **Sunday, October 21 from 4pm-5:30pm** as we reach out to children and families in our nearby neighborhood and community. We want families to come and see the Salem Family in action – growing in Christ to love and serve – and having a great time together!

There are many simple ways for Salem families and individuals of all ages to be a part of the fun. Trunk or Treat needs help with:

- **25-40 decorated trunks in the parking lot with people to hand out candy and small toys.** Salem families, committees, groups, etc are encouraged to decorate a vehicle. You can keep your design simple or go all out and compete for the “Most Creative Trunk” honors. If this seems a little “outside your comfort zone” consider teaming up with a Salem friend or two. Many creative ideas are available on “Pinterest” and we will be posting more ideas at Salem in coming weeks. Ask anyone on the CYF Team or staff if you need help with an idea. Please sign up at the Welcome Center by Sunday, October 14 if you will provide a vehicle.
- **Volunteers are needed to host a simple meal (hotdogs, chips, dessert and drinks) in the Social Hall for our guests.** Mary Gibson is coordinating the meal, and she would love some help.
- **Greeters and hosts are needed to help visitors find their way into the social hall after Trunk or Treating.** Once inside, we are all greeters and hope to get to know our visitors and share our Salem story. Some simple activities may be planned for children and families once inside too. Anyone want to help make a Halloween Photo Booth?
- **Candy and other small items are needed for this event** - either for your own Trunk or Treat vehicle or for some of our extra vehicles.
- **Invite children, families and friends you know to this event.** Invite, invite, invite! Salem children are of course welcome to Trunk or Treat and enjoy this event too.

The hope is that Salem families will take the lead in providing decorated vehicles and welcoming community guests in addition to coming for Trunk or Treating. Please sign up at the Welcome Center to volunteer or contact Jill Goldhammer (jgoldhammer@salemofpeoria.com) for more information. She would love to hear how you want to be involved in this fun community outreach event!

College Care Packages

College Care Packages will be filled on Wednesday evening, October 17, immediately following Breaking Bread. The congregation is invited to write notes of encouragement, purchase treats or other small “thinking of you” gifts. If we all think back to our college days, we might recall some items that were particularly useful and how much it meant to receive an encouraging note from home. Be creative, but please no chocolate or food that will melt. Items will be collected at the table next to the Welcome Center at church through Sunday, October 14.

Our college students this year include: Jessica Everts, Joey Ghazanfari, Daniela Gonzales, Aaron Grebner, Matt Grebner, Elyse Hickey, Mia Hoffman, Jaedyn Johnson, Connor Kelly, Maren Kelly, Kylee Lambie, Sean Patterson, Michael Petrakis, Robert Petrakis, Julianna Rees, Caroline Ricketts, Jon Ripper, Quinn Salverson, David Thomasson, Megan Thomasson, Noah Vanlaningham, and seminary student, Ella Vandervlugt. We will make 25 total care packages so we have extra on hand for college students who visit us or become involved at Salem this fall. Please let the office know if you are aware of anyone missing from this list.



Salem will host "Be Like Jesus, Junior"

1st through 3rd graders from local ELCA congregations will gather at Salem for a day of age-appropriate worship, fun and service on Saturday, November 3 from 10am – 2pm. The cost is \$15 per participant which includes service project supplies, lunch, and a t-shirt. Registration forms have been mailed out and are available on-line at www.salemofpeoria.com. Salem students are encouraged to invite a friend to this awesome activity! We have hosted up to 75 students at this event in the past. Please sign up by **Sunday, October 21**, so we are sure everyone gets a t-shirt.



The Great Commandment in Matthew 22:37-40 is clear: Not only should we love God but we should also love our neighbors as ourselves. This event teaches children to live out the Great Commandment and practice other faith skills on which to build a firm foundation. Some benefits participants will experience 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, and

learning that serving others can be great fun! This year we will be learning about generosity through an age appropriate program that encourages saving, spending and sharing what God has given us. We will also pack care kits and pajamas for the Center for Prevention of Abuse and snack packs for some of the District 150 schools ELCA congregations partner with.

Several ELCA congregations are collecting items for this event. The Salem family can help by donating pajamas and toiletries for women and children through our annual PAJAMA PARTY for the Center for the Prevention of Abuse during the month of October. All items will be collected on the first floor near the Welcome Center at church.



As Jesus disciples, we are called to care for our neighbors. On October 3 at Breaking Bread there will be a kick-off for Salem's annual Pajama Party. Kappa Chi will be collecting pajamas and toiletry items for women and children at the Center for Prevention of Abuse. For the month of October, you are invited to bring your donations and place them in the narthex or in the Welcome Center.



Breaking Bread with Your Salem Family

BREAKING BREAD continues on Wednesday evenings this fall. Share a meal at 6pm, and meet new friends. Breaking Bread is for all ages; families and individuals, new members and long-time members. An offering is collected each week to help with meal costs.

Menus for the month of October:

- **Wed., Oct. 3, PJ Party Kick-off:** breakfast for dinner (offering to PJ Party for Center for Prevention of Abuse)
- **Wed., Oct. 10:** BBQ (offering the Children's Home)
- **Wed., Oct. 17, College Care Packages Pack Night:** chicken alfredo
- **Wed., Oct. 24:** chef's choice (offering to Salem Lutheran Preschool)
- **Wed., Oct. 31:** No mid-week CYF activities

Help is always welcome at Breaking Bread. Please consider preparing, serving or cleaning up after a meal, or consider providing a dessert for one evening. To discuss ways you can help, please contact Jill Goldhammer, Director of Children, Family and Youth Ministries.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY QUESTIONS?

Please contact
Jill Goldhammer at
jgoldhammer@salemofpeoria.com

OPEN OUR EYES

Exploring Madagascar

On Rally Sunday, our year-long theme of “Open A World of Possibility” was introduced. We will be challenged this year to learn how we can share God’s love with our brothers and sisters around the world. Traveling to a different county each month, we will be opening our eyes, ears, hands, mouths, minds, and hearts to the needs of our neighbors.

For the month of October, we will open our eyes to see what is happening in the Lutheran Church in Madagascar.

Madagascar is an island nation in the Indian Ocean that serves as a cultural crossroads between Africa and Asia. The size of Texas with high plateaus covering the central

part of the island, Madagascar has a population of 18 million people from 18 official ethnic groups, all of whom speak a dialect of the national language, Malagasy. As a result of its geographic isolation, Madagascar is home to a host of unique plant and animal life that continue to be discovered despite the fact that deforestation has claimed over 80 percent of the original forests. One of the poorest nations in the world, most Malagasy people earn a living as subsistence farmers in a country where rice is the main staple.

The Malagasy Lutheran Church maintains a large health care program, including ten hospitals and several dispensaries, and supports



To learn more about the Lutheran Church in Madagascar, check out the following websites:

<https://madagascarvaovao.wordpress.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/YagmMadagascar/>

Blog and Facebook page written by Pastor Kristen Laderach

<http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Global-Church/Global-Mission/Young-Adults-in-Global-Mission/Madagascar>

MALAGASY LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Malagasy Lutheran Church (Fiangonana Loterana Malagasy) is a member of The Lutheran World Federation. The church traces its roots back to the arrival of Norwegian missionaries in 1863 and was formally established as an independent church in 1950, with 1,800 congregations and 180,000 members. Today the church has a membership of more than 4 million members, which makes it one of the largest Lutheran churches in the world. The Malagasy Lutheran Church places a high priority on evangelism, social ministry and leadership development.



Lutheran Church in Ambatofotsy (rural)



ABOVE LEFT: Oldest Lutheran Church in Madagascar is in Betafo - where the first Norwegian Missionaries built the first Norwegian Lutheran Mission Church in Madagascar in 1867.



ABOVE RIGHT: Masombahoaka Lutheran parish in Fianarantsoa

special projects that include a school of nursing, child survival, family planning, and AIDS prevention.

The church has a deep commitment to providing a comprehensive education and training for its church leadership including catechists, evangelists, pastors and female theologians. These leaders are trained in a

network of regional seminaries and Bible schools and provide a master's level degree at the national seminary in Fianarantsoa. Several Malagasy doctors and theological professors have served or are serving in places such as Cameroon, Bangladesh, Papua New Guinea and Liberia.

In a society where education is highly valued, the church operates

numerous schools at the primary and secondary levels. There are also seven schools and ministries dedicated to working with people who are blind or hearing impaired.

We celebrate with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Madagascar! There is much we can learn from each other.



ABOVE LEFT: Oldest Lutheran Church in Madagascar is in Betafo - where the first Norwegian Missionaries built the first Norwegian Lutheran Mission Church in Madagascar in 1867.



ABOVE RIGHT: Lutherans came from all over Madagascar in December 2017 to Betafo to celebrate 150 years of Lutheranism in Madagascar and the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.



\$30



\$100



\$200



\$500



\$715



\$1,000

GLOBAL FARM CHALLENGE

How is Salem Helping?

As we learned on Rally Sunday, family farms are a way of life – key sources of food and income – for much of the world, including the United States. Yet for many of these farming families, limited resources can mean they struggle to feed themselves. But access to livestock, seeds, tools and training can change everything.

It doesn't cost much to help give families and communities the means to have a sustainable way of life. For example, Salem's gifts to the Global Farm Challenge can help:

- \$10 could provide ten chicks which make a big difference on a family farm. Eggs are not only an ongoing supply of protein-rich meals, they also help bring in steady income when sold at the market.
- \$50 could give a family a goat, whose milk can provide daily nutrition for children and their families. If there's a superhero of the barnyard, it just might be the goat. Why? Because goats can go where other animals can't, surviving in some of the world's harshest environments – rocky terrain, drought-prone areas, small plots of land, you name it. And what's more, offspring can rapidly transform a community when shared with other families in need.



On Rally Sunday, we started with the story of Creation. We were reminded that, "God looked at everything He had made and He was very pleased" (Genesis 1:31). As the psalmist David tell us, "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it" (Psalm 24:1). The Gospel of Luke tells us, "To whom much is given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded" (Luke 12:48). As stewards of everything God created, we are challenged to learn how to share, individual things that we steward, and the earth with each other.

Sunday School children will be collecting an offering all year to support the Farm Challenge. Special banks were made on Rally Sunday and sent home. We will be collecting the offering each week during our Opening time. Families have many opportunities to use this campaign to discuss stewardship throughout the year. Discuss as a family and see if you can make a plan to provide an offering all year. Maybe begin by thinking about if you give from your surplus or is giving a part of your budget? Maybe consider these questions about how you could give ... Extra spending money? Extra chores to earn money? Birthday gifts? Other opportunities to give? For others in the congregation, there will be special envelopes by the "Open A World of Possibility" bulletin board downstairs by the Gallery. Donations are welcome at any time.

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

Fair Trade: New Items for October

Fair Trade Sunday for October will be October 14, 2018! We will have some new items to share this month, including decaf coffee cups for Keurig machines. (We also sell caffeinated ones too.) Did you know that our Fair Trade, organic single serve coffee cups are made from recyclable plastic and aluminium with a compostable filter? Our partner company, Equal Exchange, did not start selling the single serve cups until they found a way to make a container that could be recycled.

If you find that you are low on stock for your favorite coffees, tea, nuts, cocoa or olive oil, please contact Jennifer Gallas at pew117@aol.com or at 309-256-5862, and she can arrange to get those products you need to you. Otherwise, we hope to see you on October 14. Thanks so much for continuing to support small farmers and this important ministry.

Salem Mid-Year Financial Update

The challenge for 2018 was to recover from the deficit of (\$38,217) cash on hand for operations with which we ended 2017. Through your generous support and with carefully managed spending, we ended August with \$21,873 more income than expenses year to date for 2018, which has significantly improved our cash on hand situation. In addition, we have reached such milestones as paid off the Salem bus, we have welcomed new Senior Pastor Craig Swenson to Salem and we embark on a busy fall season.

	2018 Full Year Budget	2018 Jan-June Actual Spend	2018 Full Year Forecast
Giving	\$608,300	\$313,169	\$607,181
Spending	(\$592,327)	(\$282,418)	(\$561,594)
Net	\$15,973	\$30,751	\$45,587
Change in Assets		\$2,872	\$2,872
Cash for Operations	(\$38,271)	(\$4,648)	\$10,188

Despite the improvements we have experienced in our financial position year to date, we have seen giving decline over the summer months of June, July, and August. While it's not unusual for giving at Salem to "take a vacation" during the summer, it is important that we finish 2018 strong. Giving, through August, is (\$19,129) behind the pledged amount. If your giving has "taken a vacation" during the summer, we'd ask that you consider catching up this fall. We have achieved some significant milestones this year, but we need your continued generosity and support to allow Salem to realize our vision and mission of Growing People in Christ.

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Salem Property and Finance Ministry Group

FROM THE PARISH NURSE, LORI REIMER, RN

Did you know there are three locations where a first aid kit can be found at Salem?

I often hear the need for a band-aid or other first aid supplies and no one knows where to find them. They are located: in the marked kitchen cabinet above the microwave (on the first floor), in the Narthex coat closet (on the second floor), and in the Parish Nurse office (on the third floor). There are several first-aid supplies in each kit, excluding medication. For information on making a home first aid kit, there is information at the Welcome Center.

Did you know that Salem has an AED (Automated External Defibrillator)? If so, do you know where it's located?

An AED 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. Each unit comes with instructions, and the device will even give you voice prompts to let you know if and when you should send a shock to the heart. Just knowing the location can make you an asset in an emergency situation when someone asks you to go retrieve it. Salem's AED is located between the Men and Women's restroom on the second floor, outside the lounge. Classes on AED use and CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) will be offered again this fall.

Did you know that there is a supply of medical equipment available through Salem's Parish Nurse Program? In need of a walker, cane, commode, or other equipment, temporarily or permanently? Having surgery where certain equipment is needed during recovery? Want to test out a certain type of walker or other equipment before purchasing your own long-term? Please check with Lori Reimer if you have any of these needs. In addition, there are several resources regarding many medical conditions, caregiving, or grief through the Parish Nurse program. Please see Lori Reimer for any questions.





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

OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
	<p>1</p> <p>9am: TOPS Meeting 10am: Women's Book Study 7pm: Women's Book Study</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9am: Rebecca Circle 10am: Staff Meeting 7pm: Council Meeting</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8am: Men's Bible Study 10am: Staff Meeting 5:30pm: Primetime 6pm: Breaking Bread 6:30pm: Naomi Circle 6:30pm: Faith for Life</p>
<p>7</p> <p>8am: Worship 8:30am: Jr. High, Sr. High, and Relevant to Six Flags 9:30am: Education Hour 10:45am: Worship</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9am: TOPS Meeting 10am: Women's Book Study 7pm: Women's Book Study</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Northern Conference Meeting 7pm: Outreach Meeting 7:30pm: Education Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8am: Men's Bible Study 10am: Staff Meeting 5:30pm: Primetime 6pm: Breaking Bread 6:30pm: Praise Team 6:30pm: Faith for Life</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Fair Trade Sunday 8am: Worship 9:30am: Education Hour 10:45am: Worship</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9am: TOPS Meeting 10am: Women's Book Study 11:30am: Women of Salem Board Meeting 7pm: Women's Book Study 7pm: Salem Churchmen at Lariat Club</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10am: Staff Meeting 6:30pm: Congregational Care Meeting 7pm: Property & Finance Meeting</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8am: Men's Bible Study 5:30pm: Primetime 6pm: Breaking Bread 6:30pm: Praise Team 6:30pm: Faith for Life</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Home Communion 8am: Worship 9:30am: Education Hour 10:45am: Worship 4pm-5:30pm: Trunk or Treat</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9am: TOPS Meeting 10am: Women's Book Study 7pm: Women's Book Study</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10am: Staff Meeting 6pm: Lydia Circle 7pm: Worship and Music</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8am: Men's Bible Study 5:30pm: Primetime 6pm: Breaking Bread 6:30pm: Faith for Life Kappa Chi</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Reformation Sunday 8am: Worship 9:30am: Education Hour 10:45am: Worship 1pm: Jr. High, Sr. High Laser Tag</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9am: TOPS Meeting 10am: Women's Book Study 7pm: Women's Book Study</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10am: Staff Meeting</p>	<p>31</p> <p>8am: Men's Bible Study (no CYF Program - holiday)</p>

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

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	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Study g d cle at LHV fe / Kappa Chi	4 9:30am: Bible Study 11:15am: Senior Trip to Tanners 6pm: Sanctuary Bells 7pm: Sanctuary Choir	5	6 November Monthly Bugle Content Due 4:30pm: Adult Fellowship Shrimp & Corn Boil for Habitat for Humanity at the Glawe's
10 Study ng e! ad am Practice Life / Kappa Chi	11 6:45am: Endowment Committee 9:30am: Bible Study 6pm: Sanctuary Bells 7pm: Sanctuary Choir	12 6pm: Brage Lodge	13
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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



October 1

Kim Ascherl
Zachary Ferrell

October 2

Stephanie
Dammann

James Arehart
Miles Janssen
John Sipf

October 3

Susan Barnes
Kevin Dunkel
JR Runkel

October 4

Jackson Grabel
Karsen Grabel
Lillian Ries

October 5

Allen Bidne

October 6

Alton Berg
MaryAlice Erickson

Elija Sipf

October 7

Trenton Hainline
Meghan Peterson

October 8

Arlene Schroeder

October 10

David Griffith
Maren Kelly

October 11

Travis Anderson
Terry Krus
Cynthia Turner

October 12

Aaron Hartman
Brent Wallstedt

October 13

Jane Grimm
Scott Hainline
Michael Newcomb

October 15

Melissa Aprahamian

Sharon Coyner

Paul Park
Gavin Stenzel

October 16

Roberta Kessinger

October 17

Shirley Hornecker

October 18

James Ripper
Kelly Swanson

October 19

Christa Taubert
Gayle Young

October 20

Janet Kaizer

October 21

Kelsi Gustafson
Jaxon Howard

October 22

Trevor Dunkel

October 23

Susan Barham

Joann Blum

John Grabel

October 25

Jodi Campbell
Brett Cooper
Faith Forkell
Erika Haedicke
Sandra Harvey
Fred Stamerjohn

October 26

John Day

October 27

Alison Meinert

October 28

Mike Shadley

October 29

Gail Serrahn

October 30

Aaron Grebner
Ann Sterr
Annie Swanson

Prayer Requests

- The men and women of our armed forces
- Support for all caregivers when loved ones suffer
- Those affected by natural disasters
- 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
- Baby Ande
- Walt and Joy Anderson
- Jerry Bastian
- Jackie Bianchi
- Bob's family
- Bob and Sheryl
- Luan Borquist
- Stephanie Dammann's grandfather

- Dan (friend of Cindy Fischer)
- Keith Erickson
- The family of Carole Gibson
- Jack Grant
- Daughter-in-law of the Hammans
- Linda Hernandez
- Christy Herrmann
- Ron Hipple
- Amy Hoffman
- Jean Huprich and family
- Nicole Inman
- Jacob
- Helen Johnson (mother of Joan Creager)
- Erica Litzsey
- Bill Mettam
- Liz Osborne
- Jan Murzyn
- Carolyn Noe
- Terry Palmer and family

- The Purcell/Manning Family
- Pat Sanders
- Sara
- Scott
- Pam Simpson
- Sophie T.
- Gary Stenger
- Tammy going through chemo
- Theresa
- Tyth 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



Adult Fellowship Shrimp & Corn Boil

Hosted by Regg and Barb Glawe, come join your Salem family in a fun, relaxed country setting to give thanks for all our blessings on Saturday, October 6 at 4:30pm. A recommended donation of \$20/person will be collected for Habitat for Humanity. Checks can be made out to HFH of Greater Peoria. Food and drink are provided through a Thrivent Financial Action Grant, with all proceeds benefitting Habitat for Humanity. (Please note other food choices will be available for those not found of seafood.) Bring a friend and enjoy the fun! Please sign-up at the Welcome Center.

SALEM DISCIPLESHIP & UPCOMING EVENTS

Trip to Tanners Orchard, Oct. 4

On October 4, Salem seniors will take a trip to Tanners Orchard for lunch and shopping. The Salem bus will depart at 11:30am.

Fall Work Day, Oct. 20

Thank you for helping to keep our church in great shape! Fuel up with breakfast at 7:30am, work starts at 8am and finishes at noon. Men, women, Kappa Chi and other family members are welcome to volunteer. An email will be coming to your inbox – please take a moment let us know if you are able to participate in Fall Work Day.

Thomas Jefferson Pen Pal Program Begins

We are excited to be starting another year of the Pen Pal program with Thomas Jefferson's 3rd graders. The first letter from our pen pals will be at church for pickup on Sunday, October 28. Please contact Lois Knutson at caknutson@aol.com or at 691-2138 if you have any questions.

Sound Board Volunteers Needed

The Salem Sound Board team could use some new recruits to help regularly (one service a month or to substitute when needed) to monitor the sound board during first or second church service. A brief introduction to the controls is all it takes. Questions may be directed to Tim Hickey or any of our sound board operators.

Save the Date: Second Annual Hymns & Beer

Salem Lutheran Church is hosting the second annual "Hymns and Beer" event. On Sunday, November 4 from 2pm-4pm, "Hymns and Beer," a special Reformation Celebration event will be held at the Lindenhof German American Society. Hymns and Beer is a casual gathering of people celebrating the Reformation through singing hymns over a beer. 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 all-inclusive event, so bring a friend and join in this sing-a-long event! This is a wonderful opportunity to join in song and fellowship to celebrate Martin Luther's Reformation. If you have further questions please contact Joan Creager.

Save the Date: Appeal Prayer Gathering Luncheon

Please save the date for the Appeal Prayer Gathering Luncheon on Sunday, November 4 following 2nd service. More details to come!



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