

the Bugle



The following verse is from a hymn that did not make the cut of selections to be included when the ELW was published. It is a great reminder of what is central for us as we enter this next season in the life of the church.

*The advent of our God
Shall be our theme for prayer;
Come let us meet him on the road
And place for him prepare.*

From my office window, I look out at the flow of traffic on War Memorial Drive. Thousands of cars pass by Salem daily. (What an outreach opportunity!) There is an ebb and flow of the traffic as lights at the intersection change allowing cross traffic a chance to share the road. Not only do I see traffic, I also often hear horns as motorists express their “opinions” to those who get in the way, not going as fast, have made an error in judgement and compromised safety. Several years ago, I spent two weeks travelling 500 miles on local roads by bicycle. First, because it was fun but I soon realized I could use it as an opportunity to study human behavior. I learned that some motorists are willing to share the road while others are impatient or not aware of a smaller and slower traveler on the same pathway. That experiment taught me to be more attentive as I commute to and from work, am out shopping, while at a restaurant, at church, or recently at a polling station. Who is sharing this journey of life and how is my behavior affecting others? It is interesting what one can learn if more attentive to one’s surroundings and the opportunities right around us every day.

Advent causes us to slow down from the hustle and bustle, the planning and preparing and ponder with eager anticipation how God is at work shaping our lives. Our faith teaches us that God comes to us time and again, unceasingly and in abundance. God’s love for us does not stop at intersections, does not take a break, does not honk us off the road. God’s love comes and dwells among us. Emmanuel is his name, the one

who loves us unconditionally and wraps lovingly around us. Do we notice? Is the message of our faith influencing how we live and the intention we make to prepare a central place for the living presence of God?

I love this season of the year. It is filled with hopeful anticipation. While the story of God’s love is old, the telling of it is timeless. I invite you to open your heart to the renewing and life-giving presence of God’s greatest gift for the world, Jesus the Christ, cradled in a manger, pondered in our hearts, lived among strangers, died on a Friday but rose for our salvation. The story of Jesus is the greatest and most beautiful story, cherished, lived out daily and longing to be shared so that it impacts our lives and those around us.

I am wishing you the warmest and most sincere blessings in Christ this Christmas. I encourage you to invite a friend, a family member to share the story of Jesus this Advent/Christmas season. May the blessings of Christ and his continual and renewing presence dwell in us and flow through us. Blessed Christmas!

Worship With Us!

Christmas Eve.

4PM (Children's Prelude at 3:30PM)

10PM (Handbell Prelude at 9:45PM)

Christmas Day 10AM

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Salem Discoveries

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. – Philippians 1:6

Salem members should now have received two packets of information regarding the Renewing God's House Together capital appeal. The first packet describes the rationale and the scope of the renovation project and how a collective effort can make a difference for the ministry efforts through Salem. The second packet invites members to prayerfully consider and express an intent for a generous response to the appeal so that TOGETHER we can "accomplish far more than we ask or imagine, or dream." While the appeal addresses many facility needs, it does far more to position Salem to become an even greater congregation through three key initiatives: welcome and hospitality, outreach and evangelism, worship and spiritual life. Through these important expressions, the appeal will assist Salem to be better equipped and focused for mission and for future needs. You can help fulfill these initiatives through prayer and generous support.

- Intentional efforts to address Welcome and Hospitality will help us deepen and share the joy we feel among us in some new and intentional ways. *Might you connect with this ministry initiative?*
- Renewing our Outreach and Evangelism will stir us to take seriously that we have countless neighbors who do not know Christ nor the blessing of being part of a faith community. And as our eyes are ever-opened to the needs of our neighbors, we will express our growing love through acts of service and the provision of resources. *Does this stir your heart for involvement?*
- Renewing our Worship and Spiritual Life makes it clear that this is vitally important for deepening our devotion and ability to express our love of the Lord and to reflect that expression fully and joyfully. It is difficult not to recognize that younger people and those with no background of faith often find their way into a worshipful encounter with God in some new ways other than those that have been familiar to us over the decades. *Might you help us pray about and think creatively how to create worship opportunities that open our doors in new ways?*

December 2nd is Celebration Sunday! It is the day you we will ask God's blessings on both the annual stewardship appeal as well as the three-year capital appeal. Together in worship we will present our gifts of intent and pray that God will use what we offer to support annual ministry needs as well as what we hope will renew the Salem facility and its mission not only in Peoria but in other parts of Christ's church. A commitment of a gift and/or 3-year pledge, over and above your regular giving, will help make this dream come true and bring this appeal effort to completion for the sake of collectively expressing generous support for future possibilities through Salem.

TOGETHER we share Christ's ministry. **TOGETHER** we can accomplish more than we are able to imagine or ask... or dream. **TOGETHER**, let us **Renew God's House!**



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PRAYER Vigil

The Salem Spiritual Life Team will be hosting a Prayer Vigil to start Advent and to close the Capital Appeal on Saturday, December 1 from 8am to 4pm at the church. There will be three prayer stations throughout the building to seek God's will for Salem as well as to thank God for the upcoming birth of His son, Jesus, our Lord and savior. Members are encouraged to leave prayer requests on the Prayer Banner in the Narthex for prayers by your Salem family as well. Please consider stopping by and spending 30 minutes in prayer, there is a prayer sign up sheet at the Welcome Center. Otherwise, just stop by for a few minutes of prayer as you go about your activities that day. Salem is a prayerful church and praying for God's will and to Him be the Glory are so very important. Remember, "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

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 – A service of song and reflection, **Wednesday, December 5, 7pm** (refreshments to follow.)

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.**



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).

Greetings for Salem's Homebound

Let our homebound members know they're remembered by filling and delivering Christmas bags! The bags are in the Welcome Center through 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, Helen and Carl Buerger, 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 Sawatsky, 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.

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. **Please submit \$10.75 for each poinsettia with your order to the Church office no later than December 16.**





Christmas Caroling at LHV, Dec. 9

The Salem Adult Fellowship is hosting a cross-generational chili lunch and caroling party on Sunday, December 9, immediately following the 10:45am worship service. After lunch in the social hall, participants will travel to Lutheran Hillside Village for Christmas Caroling. The Salem bus will be available or you can meet up with the group at Lutheran Hillside Village (LHV).

Women of Salem Annual Advent Event, Dec. 12

The annual Women of Salem Advent Brunch will be held December 12 in the Social Hall. The morning event will be held at 10am with a light brunch and a new "Evening Edition" will be held at 7pm with light snacks. This year's theme will be "Stirring Up God's Gifts." Please sign up at the Welcome Center and feel free to bring a guest!



Financial Peace University

Have you ever made a New Year's resolution about your finances and failed to follow through? Do you just wish you could use the words "peace" and "finances" in the same sentence? This is your chance! We will be offering Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, a nine class course the first of the year! It will run on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:30pm beginning January 9th-February 27th with the last class being held on Sunday, March 3rd. Financial Peace University will provide us with a 7 step plan to gain financial peace in our lives, with a central message

that "everything we own is God's, we just manage it". Registration is available online at: <https://fpu.com/1078249> and through Salem's website. If you are interested, check at the Welcome Center for more information or contact Rebbecca Sipf (beccagurl1@hotmail.com).



Your Generosity Makes a Difference

In October, 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.



Wednesday Evening Programming Resumes Jan. 9

Primetime, Breaking Bread and Faith for Life will resume its winter session on Wednesday, January 9 at 6pm. Please contact Jill Goldhammer (jgoldhammer@salemofpeoria.com) if you are interested in hosting or helping prepare a meal for Breaking Bread.



KAPPA CHI Cookie Walk Sunday, Dec. 9

Annual Christmas Cookie Fundraiser

The Fellowship Lounge will be filled with a wide variety of Christmas Cookies and other goodies provided by Salem youth and their families between services on **Sunday, December 9**. This annual Salem tradition is a Cookie Walk – you choose what you like and fill a provided container full for \$10. The sale opens at 8:30am and ends when the last cookie is sold. Proceeds benefit the youth program.

Cookie and treat donations are also welcome from the congregation for this fundraiser. Please bring your items to the Salem kitchen by 8:00am on Sunday, December 9. You may include the recipe for your cookies if you wish to pass the recipe on.

Kappa Chi Cookie Jars are being sold again in December and are \$5 each. These make wonderful gifts for co-workers, teachers, and friends. Pre-order cookie jars in advance at church to be sure you get your favorite. Orders are due by Saturday, December 8 and they will be available for pick-up or delivery between December 9 - December 16. A limited number of jars will be available at the Cookie Sale on Sunday, December 9.

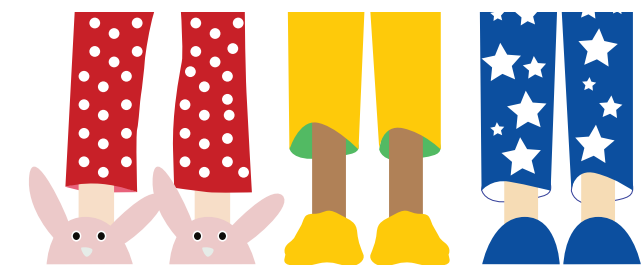


The Sunday School Christmas Program, "Jesus Comes Home!", will be on December 16 during the 10:45am worship service. Join the Sunday School children as they offer the message on that Sunday. According to popular legend, it was almost 800 years ago that Francis of Assisi assembled the first manger scene – life-size, set up out-of-doors where everyone in the Italian village of Greccio could see the circumstances of Jesus' birth. Yes, that was the point, that people might see – and so the more appreciate – what God had done for all of us by sending his beloved Son into this humble poverty, with straw and animals and all.

Since that time, our manger scenes have taken many forms ... from table-top stables and figurines of wood or ceramic, to lighted figures on peoples' front lawns, to living pictures like the one that Francis of Assisi made...and like the one the Sunday School children will enact.

More than 800 years later, the creche continues to bring the message of Christmas where we can see it, up close and personal. And the message of Christmas, in a very real sense, is exactly what these figures depict, and where they depict it, right where we live: Jesus Comes Home!

A lunch immediately following the service will be provided in the Social Hall by Terri and Dennis Gustafson. A sign-up will be in the Welcome Center. We hope you will join us!



Pajama Party!

By the way – The Salem family collected over 200 pajamas, and purchased pillows, household supplies and personal care items with almost \$400 collected toward the annual pajama project. Items were delivered to the Center for the Prevention of Abuse on Monday, November 5. Great job!

Thomas Jefferson Food Baskets

Thomas Jefferson Food Baskets will be packed by our Faith for Life students on Friday, December 7 after school (4pm-5:30pm) and will be delivered from 10am – Noon on Saturday, December 8. A quick stop for lunch together will follow the deliveries and the group will return to church by 1pm. A big thank you to everyone who donated to our food collection during the month of November!



Children and Youth of Salem

The Christmas Eve 4pm service will feature Salem's children and youth offering their talents of music before the service. We plan to begin the children's prelude at 3:30pm. Please consider being a part of our Salem tradition of welcoming the Christ child with your musical gifts that evening.

Please let Marcia Richardson know you're willing and a prelude schedule will be sent to you. Thank you for enhancing Salem's Christmas Eve service.

HYMNS & BEER

What a wonderful way to spend a dreary Sunday afternoon! The second annual Hymns and Beer event was again a success! But an event like this cannot happen without the support of key people - A big THANK YOU to Meghan Peterson for publicity, Pastor Craig for support and his greeting and opening prayer, Leo and Roxanne Vandervlugt for hauling 150+ hymnals back and forth, Nadine Willems for the festive table decoration, Mary Dempster and the volunteers at the Lindenhof for setup and refreshments, Aaron Ganschow, Dave Griffith, Todd Kelly and Jason Lantz of the Salem's Men Quartet and Marcia Richardson accompanist for their awesome performance, and our amazing Song Leader Don Bauer, church musician extraordinaire! And **Thank You** to all those who attended and added their voices to our song! We hope to do it all again next year! -Joan Creager, Director of Senior Ministry



FROM THE PARISH NURSE, LORI REIMER, RN

Christmas decorations and celebrations are amidst all of us but when one is grieving a loss, this may be a very difficult time of year. I still sometimes struggle with questions of “what should I do?” or “is this the right way to handle this?” A key thing to remember is there is no right or wrong way to grieve as there is no right or wrong way to celebrate Christmas during this time. Here are a few thoughts to help with coping at the holidays:



Lori Reimer, RN

1. Decide what YOU can handle comfortably and let your family and friends know – this may include anything from meal preparation to talking about your loved one.
2. Maintain traditions or start new ones – in my case, the tradition of Christmas Eve service was very important to me to continue but where and when gifts were opened was less important. This can be difficult when members of the same household have different thoughts so communication is so important.
3. Do something special for someone. Adopt a family, or participating in a sharing tree or other community programs can be a meaningful way to remember your loved one.
4. Recognize your loved one’s presence in the family Christmas celebration by burning a candle or hanging a stocking with their name. Let everyone share their thoughts and place them in the stocking.
5. Be sure to get enough rest and eat properly. The grief process adds to an already stressful time so helping your body stay healthy can reduce stress and keep you feeling stronger.
6. Don’t feel guilty if you feel happy. It is possible to feel both happy and sad. Feeling joy at the holidays does not take away from the memory of your loved one.

Remember also, grief isn’t always the loss of a loved one. It can be the loss of a job, a pet, a relationship, or other important things in your life. For resources on grief as well as grief at Christmas, stop by the Parish Nurse’s office or the Welcome Center.

The Salem Fair Trade Program has some new products to share!

First, we are now carrying Proud Mama Coffee. Proud Mama is a full city roast coffee sourced from the co-op farmers of SOPACDI in the Democratic Republic of Congo. SOPACDI, or “Solidarite Paysanne la Promotion de Actions Café et Development Integras”, has more than 5,200 members divided into 10 primary societies. 20% of the membership are women. SOPACDI’s women’s group receives a percentage to engage in various activities of their choosing. One group decided to buy a motorcycle and have a rent-to-own program with a local driver. Another group put their money into goats. Thanks to Pastor Craig and Karen for telling us about this wonderful coffee!



We are also now carrying Breakfast Blend K-Cups for Keurig makers in both regular blend and decaf. Equal Exchange did not sell coffee in K-Cups until they could find packaging that was environmentally friendly. Their K-Cups are recyclable, as is the rest of the packaging. Come check them out today, along with the rest of our nuts, coffees, teas, cocoa, olive oil, and our ever popular candy bars, which are perfect for stocking stuffers.

All of our products are sold at cost and we make little to no profit on what we sell - we do this to support the small cooperatives and farmers across the world that prodice these products. You are making a difference when you purchase Fair Trade. Stop by our booth downstairs on Sunday, December 9 and see our variety of products.

A View of Salem's Financial Status

Month of October, 2018

General Fund	Budget	Actual	Difference
September Giving	\$49,002	\$47,636	(\$1,366)
Expenses	\$49,361	\$52,817	3,456
Net Income (Loss)	(\$359)	(\$5,181)	

Year-to-Date, 2018

General Fund	Budget	Actual	Difference
Giving	\$510,297	\$479,328	\$30,969
Expenses	\$493,606	\$470,632	\$22,974
Net Income (Loss)	\$16,691	\$8,696	

Thank you for your continued generosity! Through faithful and generous giving, the Salem family is able to achieve our ministry goals to grow people in Christ... to love and serve. It is common that the last three months of the year greatly assist in catching up where summer months have been less fruitful. As 2018 comes to an end, please make an intentional effort to fulfill your pledge for this year as well as submit a response to the pledge request for 2019. It is encouraging that many responses to the general appeal have already been made. Regular and steady contributions ensure the work of Christ through Salem is supported. Thank you!

Planning to Make a Year-End Charitable Contribution to Salem?

Thanks so much to those who have already made a special gift to Salem at the close of 2018. It’s a real blessing to our ministry together.

Such a gift can also be beneficial in easing your tax burden! If you are planning a gift to offset 2018 income, you’ll want to be aware of the official rules from the IRS: “Donors must deliver or mail checks on or by December 31, 2018, in order to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2018. Checks that are placed in the church offering on the first Sunday of 2019 will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2018, even if the check is pre-dated to 2018 or was actually written in 2018. However, checks that are written, mailed and post-marked in 2018 will be deductible in 2018 though they are not received by a church until 2019.”

Thank you for keeping these things in mind as you plan your giving, and blessings and peace on your New Year ahead!

Noisy Can Collection for ELCA Global Farm Challenge

Sunday School children, as well as Junior and Senior High students, are collecting an offering all year to support the ELCA Global Farm Challenge. Children will be passing a “Noisy Can” collection during the Offering on the third Sunday each month at both services this weekend. All of our loose change added together can help families around the world end the cycle of hunger and poverty – for good.

Salem Churchmen Christmas Party

All men are invited to attend the December 17 meeting at the Lariat Club at 6:30pm. Dinner will be followed by the monthly meeting and white elephant gift exchange. Please bring a gift around \$10 to exchange.

2019 Flower Chart

The 2019 Flower Chart will be on display mid-December on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you wish to purchase flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, please write your name and the information by the week you would like, and then complete a separate Flower Reservation form for each date reserved. Please return this form and your payment to the church office. The cost for each week is \$15. We are asking that all flower money be paid in advance. Please take an envelope and give it to the church office.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



December 1

Matthew Crone
William Fischer

December 2

Henry Arnold
Darlene Ford
Susan Hamann
Wren Jolliff

December 3

Mary Gufstafson
Gloria Kroodsmma
Eric Webster
Hailey Zapf

December 4

Martha Plunkett

December 5

Donald Hoffman
Rosemary
Swanson

December 6

Isaac Hartman

December 7

Jon Arehart
Bonnie Gallas
Lucas Owen

December 8

Caleb Bastian
Mark Holmes
Suzanne McGrew
Jim Myers

December 10

Natalee Arff
Dan Starzynski

December 11

Walter Bastian
Frank Yancick

December 12

Jody Jean
McKinty
Marjorie Ryberg
Hans Vandervlugt

December 14

Viola Gruber

December 15

Laura Hartman
Bernice Kent
Cindy Patterson
Gerald Snyder

December 16

Margaret Steele

December 17

Jill Goldhammer
William Ricketts
Jonathan
TouVelle

December 18

Audrey Koeltzow
Nancy Peterson
Alison TouVelle

December 19

Terry Baumgarten
Julia Hokanson
Lisa McGregor
Pat Myers

December 20

Julianna Rees
Jackie Scoville

December 22

Elise Rastatter

December 24

Richard Peterson

December 27

Joel Brinkman
Michael Petrakis

December 29

Beth Cooper
Spencer Lantz
Grant Peterson
Kathleen Self

December 30

Jill Becker
Braden Wallstedt

December 31

Matt TouVelle

Altar Guild Volunteers and Bakers Wanted

Help prepare Salem for worship! Volunteers are needed for the Altar Guild.

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. Recipes are available for the unleavened bread. Volunteers are asked to provide enough for 250 communion participants on Sundays. 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.

Cookie Walk at Lutheran Hillside Village Friday, December 14, 8am - 11am

Homemade fudge, homemade cookies and candies, individual loaves of bread, a variety of sweet treats - sound good? Stop by the main entrance of LHV at 6901 North Galena Road in Peoria. The goodies will be displayed on long tables, and you can select your own personal favorites. Sound easy? It is! Your Styrofoam container will be weighed - you can get a lot of yummy sweets for a pound! Proceeds benefit LHV's Benevolent Fund for those folks who have outlived their resources. The event is sponsored by the Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria.

Bakers are needed for this event. We are requesting donations to be in containers that you do not need back delivered to the main lobby/front desk of Lutheran Hillside Village between 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 13. Paula Sydow will deliver any items brought to Salem's Kitchen by Thursday, December 13 at noon. We will gladly accept homemade cookies, fudge, baked breads, or Christmas candies. The residents and staff will be delighted by your efforts!

Save the Dates!

- Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 27 at 12:30pm.
- Advent decorations will be taken down at 10am on Wednesday, January 2 and Saturday, January 5. More details to follow!

Thank you!

Thank you to each and everyone of you who have helped on the Capital Appeal by serving on various teams, writing a devotional, and praying God's will for Salem. This has been a true blessings to work with all of you as we work together for Salem's Mission – Growing People in Christ... to Love and Serve. God has blessed our Salem family in so many ways. He has given us a community of Grace, Love, and Compassion and gifted us with abilities, resources, a sense of unity, and a calling to reach out with His gospel. May he continue to inspire us to a greater generosity for the sake of His Mission to stretch and stir us with our best gifts as we share what our Lord has entrusted to us.

-Keep Praying and Dreaming Abundantly, Dick/Helene Peterson, Capital Appeal Co-Chairs

Thank you to Chris Cochran – Pip Printing!

A special thank you to Chris Cochran and Pip Printing for printing the devotionals and Capital Appeal Materials.

Thank you to Aaron Grebner

Thank you to Aaron Grebner who volunteered his time to assist with the video production work of the Capital Appeal storytelling videos. Videos are available to view online at salemofpeoria.com. His work helped evoke the touching message of how Christ has influence on our lives, and how we can continue to grow through him.



Prayer Requests

- The men and women of our armed forces
- Support for all caregivers when loved ones suffer
- Ulrich Family
- Children of Guatemala
- Families at Crittenton Center
- Midwest Food Bank
- Amber
- Jenny (Cindy Fischer's friend) a mother suffering with flu like symptoms
- Jim C.
- Stephanie Dammann's grandfather
- Keith Erickson
- Evie (kidney dialysis)
- Jack Grant
- Ron Hipple
- Amy Hoffman
- Jean Huprich and family
- Helen Johnson
- Betty Leggott
- Lizzie
- Bill Mettam
- Megan
- The Purcell/Manning Family
- Alan Puttcamp
- Pat Sanders

- Dick Schroeder
- Ella Vandervlugt
- Sue W.
- Wayne (brother of Barbi Ricketts)
- Jean and Frank Yancick

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY...

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

Overseas:

Talon Maki



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See website calendar for
up-to-date changes and additions:
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DECEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 8am: Worship 10:45am: Worship	31 New Year's Eve Office Closed at noon					1 8am-4pm: Capital Appeal Prayer Vigil
2 Capital Appeal Celebration Sunday 8am: Worship 9:30am: Education Hour /Blood Pressures 10:45am: Worship	3 9am: TOPS Meeting	4 10am: Staff Meeting 11:30am: Rebecca Circle (at WeaverRidge) 7pm: Council Meeting	5 8am: Men's Bible Study 6:30pm: Naomi Circle 7pm: Serendipity 7pm: Holden Evening Prayer 7:30pm: Praise Team Practice	6 January Monthly Bugle Content Due 9:30am: Bible Study 1:30pm: LHV Service 6pm: Sanctuary Bells 7pm: Sanctuary Choir	7	8
9 Fair Trade Sunday 8am: Worship 9:30am: Education Hour / Kappa Chi Cookie Walk 10:45am: Worship 12pm: Chili Lunch followed by Caroling at LHV	10 9am: TOPS Meeting	11 Northern Conference Meeting 7pm: Outreach Meeting 7:30pm: Education Meeting	12 8am: Men's Bible Study 10am: Women of Salem Advent Event 10am: Staff Meeting 6:30pm: Praise Team Practice 7pm: Women of Salem Advent Event	13 9:30am: Bible Study 6pm: Sanctuary Bells 7pm: Sanctuary Choir	14 6pm: Brage Lodge	15 9am-10:30am: Sunday School Christmas Program Practice
16 8am: Worship 9:30am: Education Hour 10:45am: Worship (Sunday School Christmas Program) 12pm: Christmas Program Lunch	17 9am: TOPS Meeting 11:30am: Women of Salem Board Meeting 6:30pm: Salem Churchmen at Lariat Club 7pm: Salem Preschool Christmas Program	18 10am: Staff Meeting 7pm: Property & Finance Meeting	19 8am: Men's Bible Study 7pm: Service of Solace	20 9:30am: Bible Study 6pm: Sanctuary Bells 7pm: Sanctuary Choir	21	22
23 8am: Worship 10:45am: Worship	24 Christmas Eve Office Closed at noon 3:30pm: Prelude Music 4pm: Family Worship 9:30pm: Prelude Music 10pm: Traditional Candlelight Worship	25 Christmas Day Office Closed 10am: Worship	26	27 9:30am: Bible Study 5pm: Executive Committee	28	29



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Christmas WORSHIP

Christmas Eve

4pm: Family Worship with Holy Communion

10pm: Traditional Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion

Christmas Day

10am: Worship with Holy Communion