

the Bugle

LIVE THE ALLELUIAS OF LIFE IN ABUNDANCE

For many years, I have had an orange plastic egg in my office desk drawer. I bought it for an illustration for a children's message and just kept it. The egg is just a container. What is inside is that which is important, Silly Putty. Yes, Silly Putty, the kids' stretchy and impressionable putty that is neither liquid nor solid but can be formed and reformed time and again without drying out. Every now and then I open that egg and smoosh the putty around with my fingers. It reminds me of Romans 5:5 where Paul says, "God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit." What would it look like if God's love is poured, molded, and smooshed to fill the voids of our lives, to shape and define faith in us? Faith is that which binds us to God's divine love for us in Jesus and makes the broken whole again.

During Easter, Jesus makes several appearances to show himself alive and beyond death's grasp. Here the stories remind us that the promise of life have the final word in the face of death, adversity and brokenness. As Easter emerges from the season of Lent, Alleluia

opportunities return. We now sing and proclaim praises repeatedly because of Jesus and his rising from the dead and in so doing, this shapes and defines us to live the Alleluias of life in abundance. It does not take much imagination to envision where the fabric of life is void of God's love and goodness. Faith and trust in God's love makes all the difference in how we see one another and the world around us. Faith allows us to see others as Jesus sees us and not for all the rough edges that challenges us and others.

How are you being transformed, shaped and defined in times of excitement and fear; victory and defeat? Are you learning patience and kindness as you follow, learn and invite others into this wondrous mystery of God's great love for the world? We enter this next several weeks with much excitement for what is yet to come among us as we are molded, shaped and defined by God's love in Jesus. It is my prayer that we are molded and shaped into the images that God intends us to be and that others see the risen Jesus at work among us. Alleluia!



Pastor Craig Swenson



Kristen Schmid

Greetings Salem Lutheran Church! I am very much looking forward to ministering with you as your pastoral intern. Currently I am studying at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago as a Master of Divinity student; I will graduate in December 2020. I live in Springfield with my husband, Ted, and our two sons, Sam (age 12), and Eli (age 9). I work half-time at my church, St. John's Lutheran in Springfield, as Director of Spiritual Gifts Ministries. My previous career was photojournalism, and I am originally from California. I am excited about meeting all of you, and I thank you for the opportunity.

God's peace, Kristen Schmid



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MORE THAN PINK PROJECT

Benefitting Susan G. Komen®

There are many ways to participate and support your Salem Saints through Susan Komen's More Than Pink™. Attend the Pray for the Cure, participate as a Walker in the More Than Pink Walk™, or be a Spirit Walker. Sign up on-line (www.komenmemorial.org – Salem Saints) or at the Welcome Center at church. Donations are always welcome and you are encouraged to invite friends to be on Salem's team, too.

16TH ANNUAL PRAY FOR THE CURE A SPECIAL EVENING DEDICATED TO BREAST CANCER SURVIVORS

On **Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 6:30pm** Salem Lutheran Church is the host for an ecumenical prayer service enhancing the breast cancer survivor's spiritual well-being in healing and recovery through special music from Women of Vision, reflections and prayer from survivors (Ronda Guyton and Susie Brown) and observations and encouragement for survivors (Jennifer Chasteen, Nurse Navigator at UnityPoint Health.) The Pray for the Cure prayer service open to all cancer survivors, families, friends, and the general public. Please consider inviting a friend! For additional information contact: Linda Butler, Promotions Chairperson at (309) 688-7912 or Helene Peterson at (309) 453-7022, HMPeterson1@comcast.net.

MORE THAN PINK Walk™

Why Join the Salem Saints MORE THAN PINK Walk™ Team? You'll find an incredible community of survivors, those living with metastatic breast cancer, and those who care about them at the Susan G. Komen MORE THAN PINK Walk™. Gather to celebrate and support one another in an atmosphere of genuine camaraderie. Anyone who has been diagnosed with breast cancer is encouraged to participate in a newly imagined opening ceremony - you don't want to miss it! The sea of pink shirts energizes us to continue the fight to end breast cancer forever and be More Than Pink™.

Salem Saints are on track to be one of the top fundraisers for the event and are invited to the VIP Tent to be recognized for their efforts starting at 7am. Please plan to meet at the Metro Center or take the Salem bus; and then upon completion of the walk return to Salem Lutheran Church for a post-race Brunch.



WHY WALK?

In April 2007, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. It was so surreal it was unbelievable, but I never gave into the fear of the diagnosis. I knew God had a plan for me. I was fortunate enough that I never missed a day of work and didn't get tired until the end of radiation treatment. The radiologists were so supportive, and they reflected faith working through others. Cindy Turner and other members of Salem were instrumental in being a positive support through my treatment by reaching out to me through phone calls and asking how I was doing.

While I never participated in the Pray or the "Walk" before I was diagnosed with breast cancer, now I see these events as a wonderful way to be a part of a supportive community. Many people have been affected by cancer. I am hoping you will join me this year on Salem's More Than Pink team, the Salem Saints, to support this important cause.

-Brenda Newcomb

SHARE
YOUR
SUNDAYS
WITH
FRIENDS

WORSHIP AT SALEM
SUNDAYS through MAY 19
8AM/10:45AM

SUNDAY, MAY 26
9AM

SUNDAYS JUNE 2-AUGUST 25
9AM / 6:30PM

A light dinner will be provided the second and fourth Sundays starting on June 9 at 5:30pm followed by a casual worship service.



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Pen Pal Annual Visit

Salem's annual visit with Thomas Jefferson pen pals at Thomas Jefferson Primary School is **Friday, May 3 from 2pm-3pm**. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you wish to ride the bus. We will meet at church at 1:45pm. We will meet our pen pals in the classrooms for a short visit.

Fair Trade on Sunday, May 5

Fair Trade items will be for sale on **Sunday, May 5**. There are some new products: Mama Tierra Coffee and a Panama dark chocolate bar, plus all of everyone's regular favorites! If anyone needs anything in the meantime, you are always welcome to contact Jennifer Gallas at pew117@aol.com or at 309-256-5862.

Box Tops for Education, May 12

If you have any Box Tops for Education that you want to donate to Thomas Jefferson Primary School, please put them in the Box Top container in the Welcome Center by Sunday, May 12. The box tops will be delivered to Thomas Jefferson before the end of the school year. Thank you for supporting this part of our adopt-a-school partnership.

Noisy Can Offering, May 19

Salem's Noisy Can Offering for **Sunday, May 19** will be received and shared at the Synod Assembly Festival Worship as an offering designated for ministries of the Lutheran Church, Madagascar, the synod's companion synod. God's Global Barnyard was the recipient for most of the months since last fall. Thank you for your generosity.



Midwest Food Bank, May 22

The next volunteering opportunity at Midwest Food Bank (Peoria Division) is **Wednesday, May 22 at 9am**. Please sign-up in the Welcome Center if you are able to volunteer.



The Outreach Ministry Team wishes to thank the classroom volunteers who help in the classrooms at Thomas Jefferson Primary School each week. The volunteers for the school year 2018-2019 are Nadine Willems, Maryanne Rastatter, Dottie Strickler, Inez Norgard, Paula Sydow, Suzanne Ligon, Bill Ligon, Lois Knutson, Mary Starzynski, Dan Starzynski, John Grabel, Lesley Howard, Sue Colloton, and Judy Cagle.

By the end of the school year these volunteers will have given over 600 hours working with students individually and in small groups, as well as doing other tasks to help the teachers in the classroom.

The Thomas Jefferson staff is most appreciative of Salem's adopt-a-school partnership with them, and, in return, Salem has the opportunity to be part of "the village" that it takes to help nurture the children of our community.

Crittenton Garden

Work has begun for Salem's participation in preparing, planting and harvesting at Crittenton's Community Garden. The garden is made up of a main garden (35' by 55') and six raised gardens (5' by 10').

This year the staff at Crittenton are partnering with Salem members for work in the raised gardens. This will help with the children and families' involvement.

If you are interested in participating in the Crittenton Garden please contact Bill Ligon.



Malawi Pen Pal Program

One of the stations at the Family Sunday School on **Sunday, April 7** was for the Malawi Pen Pal Program. The students and parents are participating in pen pal exchanges with Mark Ulrich's class (10 and 11 year olds). Our Sunday School children and some parents wrote 24 letters (16 girls, 8 boys) that will be scanned and emailed to Malawi. They will write back providing an opportunity for them to practice writing in English. This fall we will start a 2019 – 2020 school year program with multiple letters exchanged.

This is providing us with a wonderful opportunity to learn about a country and culture in Africa. The Ulrich family will be visiting Salem in the summer of 2020.

Thank You to Loaves & Fish Servers!

Ten Salem members spent **Saturday, March 23** serving at the First United Methodist Church (FUMC) Loaves & Fish program. What a great ministry! People participating included: Jason Lantz, Barb and Regg Glawe, Roxanne, Nicole and Leo Vandervlugt, Tim Hickey, Jerry Sokolowski, Susan Ross and Jeff Machacek. Together with other volunteers we served 299 hot meals, helped guests take home dry food items and clothing. FUMC has been organizing this amazing ministry for 21 years, non-stop every Saturday of the year. Every week they count on volunteers to come and help. The Lord both provides the manpower and the food each and every week. We are so blessed to have our members step up a couple times a year to participate. Again, many thanks to all of you who served! Our next opportunity will be a fall Saturday. For more information please contact Leo Vandervlugt.

MIDWEEK PROGRAM

Our midweek program for Children, Youth and Families comes to an end in May. The following special activities are planned as we wind down another school year and move into summer programming. This is a great month to check out our midweek CYF activities even if you have never participated in the past. Invite your friends.

- **WEDNESDAY, MAY 1**

5:30pm: Primetime (playground and outdoor games) and Primetime moms

6pm: Break ing Bread (Salads and sandwiches)

6:30pm-7:30pm: Cross-generational prayer tour and the Salem bus. All ages are welcome.

6:30pm: Faith for Life

- **WEDNESDAY, MAY 8**

5:30pm: Primetime (playground and outdoor games) and Primetime moms

6pm: Breaking Bread (Hamburger and Hotdog Cookout)

6:30pm: Faith for Life

- **WEDNESDAY, MAY 15**

6pm-8pm: Annual Pizza and Family Bowling Fun at the Christian Center



**CHILDREN,
YOUTH & FAMILY
MINISTRIES**



Salem Youth Ministry Flower and Hanging Basket Sale

If you pre-ordered flowers or plants from Salem Youth Ministry in March, your order will be in and ready for pick up in the Social Hall at Salem, **Saturday morning May 11 from 8am-11am**. Or you may pick up your order on **Sunday, May 12 from 8am-noon**.

Many extra plants and flowers were ordered, which will also be on sale at Salem **Saturday and Sunday morning, May 11 and 12**, as supplies last. We are excited

to announce that we will have 24 beautiful hanging baskets (mixed variety) available that weekend. They cost \$25 each, and will make great Mother's Day gifts! We expect the hanging baskets to go fast, so stop in during the More Than Pink Brunch on Saturday, May 11 to get an early choice!

Family Yoga Classes – Friday nights at Salem this spring

Connect with your family while practicing yoga and mindfulness techniques at Salem this spring. All family members are welcome, ages 4+. Lots of options and modifications will be offered to meet all skill levels and needs. Expect silliness AND calm for an enjoyable Friday evening at Salem. No experience is necessary. Bring a yoga mat for each family member.

Angie Swearingian, owner of Yoga Learning Adventures will teach family Yoga Classes at Salem. The cost of the class is \$25 for two family members and an additional \$10 for each family member, per session. Classes will be held on Friday evenings from 6-7:30 pm on the following dates: **May 24 & 31, June 7, 21, 28, and July 19 & 26. Pre-registration is required.**

Pick up the registration form at the Salem office or contact Jessica Bastian by phone (309)713-6498 or by email bastianjessica@gmail.com to register. **Website:** <http://www.yogalearningadventures.com/family---parent-classes.htm>



**MAY
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Affirmation of Baptism

The following eighth graders will affirm their Baptism during the 10:45am worship service on **Sunday, May 12: Lindsey Janco, Caleb Lott, Levi Salverson, Jaquel (JQ) Scoville, and Annie Swanson.**

There will be a cake and punch reception in their honor between services. Cards of congratulations and encouragement are welcome as these students celebrate this important milestone.

**MAY
19**

Senior Recognition Sunday

The following Salem seniors will graduate from High School in May:

Nick Doty, Donald Hoffman, Travis Janco, Walker Koeltzow, Morgan Lott, Peyton Manning, Riley Neltner, Brenna Salverson, Greg Scoville, and Nicole Vandervlugt

The Salem Family will celebrate with these graduates and pray God's blessing at both worship services on **Sunday, May 19**. There will also be a reception between services.

Thanks Salem Quilters! (Norma Hartman, Sharon Mollenhauer, Inez Norgard, Anitra O'Connor, Nancy Peterson, Gretchen Petrakis, Deb Sanders, Rebecca Sipf, Dottie Strickler, and MaryAnn Welch.) We thank our Salem quilters for making the beautiful Graduation Quilts which will be displayed in the sanctuary during the month of May.

Sunday School

The year is almost over! The time has flown by and it has been a great year of learning and growing in our love for God and each other. We will gather in the Sanctuary on **Sunday, May 19 at 9:15am** for a closing program. Everyone is invited to attend. Immediately following we will have our traditional ice cream sundae bar in the Social Hall.

**MAY
19**



Vacation Bible School "To Mars and Beyond"

Salem's 2019 Vacation Bible School is **Monday, July 29 - Friday, August 2 from 9AM - noon everyday**

Participant and Volunteer Registration is online (www.salemofpeoria.com/vacation-bible-school.) Participants who register before the end of the Sunday School year will receive a free VBS CD. (One per family please) You can pick up your CD on the last day of **Sunday School, May 19**.



Watch for more details about the Children, Youth & Family Ministries Summer Calendar in a future Bugle Blast!

MAY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8am: Men's Bible Study 9:30am: Quilters 5:30pm: Primetime! 6pm: Breaking Bread 6:30pm: Faith for Life 6pm: Naomi Circle (LHV) 6:30pm: Praise Band Practice 7pm: Serendipity	2 9:30am: Bible Study 7pm: Sanctuary Choir	3 2pm-3pm: Pen Pal Meet up at Thomas Jefferson	4
5 Fair Trade Sunday Home Communion 8am: Worship 9:15am: Education Hour / Blood Pressures/ New Member Orientation 10:45am: Worship	6 June Monthly Bugle Content Due 9am: TOPS Meeting	7 9:15am: Rebecca Circle 10am: Staff Meeting 7pm: Council Meeting	8 8am: Men's Bible Study 9:30am: Quilters 5:30pm: Primetime! 6pm: Breaking Bread 6:30pm: Faith for Life 6:30pm: Praise Band Practice 7pm: Serendipity	9 6:45am: Endowment 9:30am: Bible Study 6:30pm: Pray for the Cure 7pm: Sanctuary Choir	10 6pm: Brage Lodge	11 7am: More Than Pink Walk 9:30am: More than Pink Walk Brunch
12 Mother's Day Affirmation of Baptism 8am: Worship (New Members Received) 9:15am: Education Hour 10:45am: Worship (Affirmation of Baptism)	13 9am: TOPS Meeting	14 7pm: Outreach Meeting 7:30pm: Education Meeting	15 8am: Men's Bible Study 9:30am: Quilters 6pm: Pizza & Bowling 6:30pm: Praise Band Practice 7pm: Serendipity	16 9:30am: Bible Study 7pm: Sanctuary Choir 7pm: Salem Lutheran Preschool Graduation	17	18
19 H.S. Senior Recognition Sunday Noisy Can Collection 8am: Worship 9:15am: Education Hour 10:45am: Worship 12pm: Adult Fellowship: Zentangle w/ Merrell Hickey	20 9am: TOPS Meeting 2pm: Blood Drive 7pm: Salem Churchmen at Lariat Club	21 10am: Staff Meeting 7pm: Property & Finance Meeting	22 8am: Men's Bible Study 9am: Midwest Food Bank 9:30am: Quilters 7pm: Serendipity	23 9:30am: Bible Study 7pm: Sanctuary Choir	24 6pm: Family Yoga Class	25
26 Summer Worship Time Begins* Music Ministry Sunday 9am: Worship	27 Church Office is Closed for Memorial Day	28 10am: Staff Meeting 6:30pm: Lydia Circle 7pm: Worship & Music Meeting	29 8am: Men's Bible Study 9:30am: Quilters 7pm: Serendipity	30 9:30am: Bible Study 1:30pm: LHV Service	31 6pm: Family Yoga Class	



Lynn Bucher

Salem Lutheran Preschool News & Updates!

Thank You, Lynn Bucher!

Salem Lutheran Preschool is grateful for the service of Lynn Bucher who has served as the Pre-K teacher for over 20 years. Lynn was an integral part of the Salem Lutheran Preschool program preparing many students for kindergarten as well as building the preschool's reputation.

Salem Lutheran Preschool Welcomes Cortney Rixner as Lead Teacher

Salem Lutheran Preschool is excited to welcome Cortney Rixner as the lead teacher for the 2019-2020 4-year-old Pre-Kindergarten class. Cortney has done an amazing job for the past three years as the Assistant Teacher for the class as well as working with the new "Lunch Bunch" program. She knows she has some pretty big shoes to fill and is excited to grow the next generation of preschool students.

Cortney's teaching style is somewhat of a fusion of structure and heart. It is her intention to foster and nourish a positive relationship with each child. Structure helps the kids to know her expectations. She has a very nurturing and loving heart. Cortney believes that each child is an individual: a gift from God. It is her intention to nurture each child uniquely so that they can grow individually.

What do you love about teaching?

"The best, most rewarding, part of teaching is watching a student's confidence grow as he or she learns new ideas and expands on concepts.

Truth be told: Preschoolers are my tribe. They are my people. They get me. And, I get them. My heart has never been fuller than it has been in my time at Salem Lutheran Preschool."



Cortney Rixner

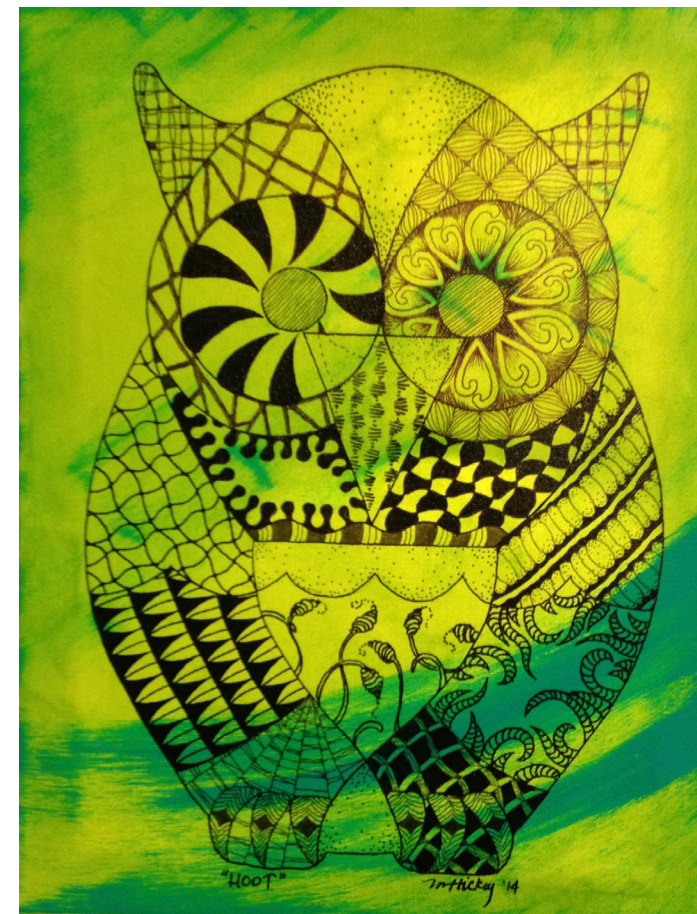
Cortney is super excited to continue implementing Salem Lutheran Preschool's math program, "Math Right from The Start," in her classroom. Lynn and Cortney implemented the program after attending a local advanced training. And she is continuously amazed by the way the program reaches each child at their individual level - with the program, their growth regarding mathematical concepts is unbelievable! The teaching tools are tangible and relatable for Pre-K kiddos. This program creates the most rewarding results for the kids.

Salem Lutheran Preschool is excited to welcome Cortney to her new position and know that she will enable our church to continue to provide one of the best preschool programs in the area. Her hard work ethic, enthusiasm, and love for children has been a blessing to our program over the past three years and we are thankful to see that energy grow in the years to come.

ABOUT SALEM LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

Salem Lutheran Preschool (SLP) provides students with a warm and welcome place to experience their first taste of organized learning. SLP values play-based learning as well as academics. The philosophy of SLP helps children to gain self-confidence and social skills yet, all the while encourages imagination alongside academics.

Interested in attending Salem Lutheran Preschool or for more information please contact Pam Machacek at 309-688-9212. Registration for 2019-2020 classes is open and there are several openings for all classes.



Adult Fellowship: Arts & Crafts, May 19

The May activity will be arts and crafts at Salem Lutheran Church immediately following second service on **Sunday, May 19**. Merrell Hickey will be leading a class on Zentangle. We will have a light lunch (Avanti's gondolas) before we get started.

Zentangle is an easy to learn method of creating beautiful images from repetitive patterns. It is a fascinating new art form that is fun and relaxing. It increases focus and creativity. Zentangle provides artistic satisfaction and an increased sense of personal well being.

Please sign-up in the Welcome Center and invite a friend to join you for this fun afternoon of crafting!

Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria (LWGP)

Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria will meet on **Friday, May 10 from 9am-11am** at First English Lutheran Church. All are invited to this meeting to enjoy a continental breakfast and coffee. The program will include the United Stroke Chimes (patriotic sing-a-long music).

Summer Women's Bible Study

There will be a Women's Bible Study the second Wednesday of each month (6/12, 7/10, 8/14) with the morning edition meeting at 9am for coffee and Bible study staying at 9:30am. ***Women of Salem are still looking for a leader for the evening edition.** Please contact Rebbecca Sipf beccagurl1@hotmail.com or (937)408-9461 for more information or to volunteer, and watch for more details in the June Bugle!

FROM THE PARISH NURSE, LORI REIMER, RN

Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, those battling cancer, and more. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. A single whole blood donation can help more than one person. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused and needed blood component. With a Power Red (or double) donation, you can give nearly twice the number of red cells and help more patients. Red cells carry oxygen throughout the body and are frequently given to trauma and surgery patients.

Salem's next blood drive is May 20, 2019 from 2pm-6pm. Signing up early will help you get your preferred time as well as help with proper staffing. Walk-ins are welcome but scheduled appointments will be taken first. Stay for a meal of homemade soups, sandwiches, and desserts.

Invite a friend! Sign-up on the Gallery or notify Lori Reimer. If unable to donate, there are always opportunities to help.



Lori Reimer, RN



MAY BIRTHDAYS



- May 1**
Marian Anderson,
Karla Wegrzyn

May 3
Carter Aprahamian,
Tracy Daugherty,
Theresa Gustafson,
Julia Hartmann

May 7
Bradley Mangan,
Lana Pasco

May 8
Tim Hickey,
Pam Machacek,
Deb Sanders,
Richard Thompson,
Eric Topel

May 9
Cody Shoultz

May 10
Jennifer Gallas,
Lori Reimer
- May 12**
Collin Swanson

May 14
Stephanie Kroodsmma,
Janet Saylor

May 16
Norma Anderson,
Helen Buerger

May 17
Lea Glad,
Marilyn Setterlund,
Claire Zapf

May 19
Susan Bohm,
Arlan Maier

May 21
Magdalene Sipf

May 23
Jason Lantz

May 24
Joyce Grubb,
Lindsey Janco,
Jeff Neltner
- May 25**
Ronald Hipple,
Brenna Salverson,
Eric Schroeder

May 26
June Janssen

May 27
Sue Colloton,
Kayla Steele,
Nadine Willems

May 28
Charles Aprahamian,
Larry Kotewa,
Paul O'Connor

May 29
Carol McGregor,
Harleigh Mohr

May 31
John Ryberg,
Micah Thompson

Facility Design Team Update

The Facilities Design Team and Miller Architects & Builders are working in small groups to collect and share design input for Salem’s Renewing God’s House project. By the end of April, all design sub-committees have met.

Work is progressing on the digital sign and anticipated completion for installation is the end of April. The additional sidewalk is complete on the west side of the church to aid with access to the Sanctuary.

If you have questions about the Renewing God's House Together project please contact the church office so you can be put in contact with one of the lead members for more information.



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
 - Kim Ascherl, her sister Cheryl and nephew, Cole
 - Bob Baker
 - Wally Bastian and his family
 - Luan Borquist
 - Howard Crow
- Stephanie Dammann’s grandfather
 - Keith Erickson
 - Evie (kidney dialysis)
 - Charlotte Gallas
 - Gabe
 - Roz Gott
 - Marge Gramm
 - Jack Grant
 - Ron Hipple
 - Amy Hoffman
 - Helen Johnson
 - Lizzy
 - Marnie and family
 - Bill Mettam
 - Bob Middleton
- The Purcell Family
 - Pat and Deb Sanders
 - Gene Shurtz
 - Ken Terrinoni
 - Darla Tieszen
 - Ella Vandervlugt
 - Wayne (brother of Barbi Ricketts)
 - Jean and Frank Yancick

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY...
Stateside: Ian Borquist, Jason Sterr, Col. Darnell Salley, Scott Wolfmeyer
Overseas:
Talon Maki

THANK YOU!

Thanks to those who have sent their concerns for his recovery and he will be back in church soon.
-Bob Middleton

Thank you for your donation to Thomas Jefferson school from your pancake supper. We are very grateful for your continued generosity and support. We are so appreciative of your partnership with our school.

Mrs. Boerger,
Principal of Thomas Jefferson

To the Salem Family,

Thank you so much for supporting my efforts to build a well in Kenya. We are well on our way to raising the total amount necessary for the well. The congregation raised a total of \$703. Thank you to everybody who donated or provided support to me on this endeavor.

Blessings,
Joel Brinkman

My appreciation to my Salem friends and Helene Peterson for bringing me a lovely Easter plant. It sends a message to “Live Life in Bloom” and celebrate with Alleluias the Risen Christ! I’ll enjoy it for weeks to come. Appreciation too for the enjoyable visit and Communion served on Maundy Thursday by Pastor Swenson. To each of you a Blessed Easter. Sincerely, Bea Kent

A View of Salem's Financial Status

Month of March, 2019

General Fund	Budget	Actual	Difference
March Giving	\$49,558	\$47,568	\$1,990
Expenses	\$50,370	\$48,791	(\$1,579)
Net Income (Loss)	(\$812)	(\$1,223)	

Year-to-Date, 2019

General Fund	Budget	Actual	Difference
Giving	\$160,375	\$155,500	(\$4,875)
Expenses	\$151,109	\$145,592	(\$5,517)
Net Income (Loss)	\$9,266	\$9,908	

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