

the Bugle

SUMMER BLESSINGS!

"In the good old summertime, the good old summertime. Strolling through the shady lanes, with your baby mine." This theme song from a 1949 Judy Garland movie came to my mind as a cooler and wetter spring has lengthened the anticipation of the coveted season of summer. The song gives the impression that summers are for nurturing relationships while enjoying the warmth and colors of the summer season. Picnics, family reunions, vacations along with home projects and all sorts of outdoor activities are often part of an ever-narrowing three-month window of summer. While it may be a desire to take a break and slow the pace a bit for the summer, it seems that there is less and less time for strolls in the neighborhood or the park. In today's fast-paced structure of life, there is no down time, only a shift to a different kind of busy.

At Salem, the church schedule shifts in the summer to one morning worship service and no education hour. This gives choirs and teachers a break and reconfigures the time we share together a little differently. In addition to the 9am worship time, there will be a second alternative

for worship on Sunday evenings. Beginning June 2, there will be a casual style of worship offered at 6:30pm. The setting for worship may change from week to week so watch for directions on the new electronic sign regarding outdoor on the patio, near the fire pit, inside in the social hall, faith chapel or sanctuary. The key to the service is "casual", come as you are.

If you are away for the weekend, wish to sleep a little longer, or take a stroll on Sunday mornings, this evening time offers an alternate opportunity to worship and be fed in word and sacrament as a weekly reset. A light meal will be provided beginning at 5:30pm on the second and forth Sundays. A side dish of salad or dessert to pass would be welcomed while I will provide the main dish for the evening. The scriptures are clear that no matter how busy life becomes God promises to be with us and to sustain us though all of life's seasons. I look forward to seeing you in worship as we stroll through this next season together. Summer blessings!



Pastor Craig Swenson

SHARE YOUR SUNDAYS WITH FRIENDS

WORSHIP AT SALEM
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.

YOUTH GROUP
SUNDAYS JUNE 2-AUGUST 25
7:15PM-8:30PM

Salem students and their friends in grades 6-12 will be meeting on Sunday evenings. Spend Sunday evenings with friends as we build community in our youth program and grow together in Christ to love and serve.



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“Renewing God’s House” Update

It has been exciting to see pledge responses as well as other contributions shared for the campaign on a weekly basis. Because of your generosity, it is clear that some kind of improvement effort will be forthcoming. The scope and expanse of that project is yet to be determined. Architectural drawings are now completed and will be shared with local contractors as we enter the bidding phase of the project. A congregational vote will take place later in the summer (**tentatively on July 28**) to approve the plan to proceed. Until then, please continue to pray for God’s guidance for what we anticipate will renew the Salem facility and ministries for years to come. Your ongoing generosity helps us move closer to realizing the vision for this important work. If you have already begun to give toward this campaign, thank you. If you are wondering about when to share, please know that the more that is received in advance, the more confidence we can have about available support for the overall project.

The total of cash and other gifts towards Salem's Capital Appeal received since November 1, 2018 as of May 21, 2019 is right at **\$900,000**. It would be very exciting to have ½ (\$995,260.12) of the pledged support in hand by the time a congregational vote is cast the last Sunday in July.

God stirs generosity in and through us as an expression that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. Sharing with others is a reflection of our gratitude for what God provides. For any gift, large and small, thank you. All are blessings for and through Salem!



Noisy Can Offering for ELCA Global Farm Challenge

Thanks to all of our loose change in the “Noisy Can Offering” and the weekly offering of our Sunday School children, Salem has collected over \$1,542.46 for the Global Farm Challenge. You are helping to “change” the lives of families and communities all over the world through education, training and livestock!



2019 John Bachman Memorial Scholarship Award



The Salem Churchmen are pleased to announce that Daniela Gonzales has been awarded the 2019 John Bachman Memorial scholarship. Daniela is a 2018 graduate of Richwoods High School and is currently studying at Illinois Central College. Along with her studies, Daniela is also a member of the ICC soccer team. Congratulations Daniela.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Plan to gather with you Salem friends through Adult Fellowship outings this summer.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 5PM:

Obed & Isaacs (321 NE Madison Ave, Peoria, IL 61603)

SAT., JULY 20, 3PM:

Forest Park Nature Center & Pour Brothers (walk the trails at Forest Park Nature Center, and then on to Pour Brothers.)

SAT., AUGUST 10, 7PM:

Cyd's in the Park & Northmoor Observatory (meet at Cyd's in the Park -5805 N Knoxville Ave, Peoria, IL 61614- and then walk over to Northmoor Observatory.)

SEPTEMBER:

Golf Outing TBA

SAT., OCT. 12, 4pm:

Hot Dogs and Bags at the Salem fire pit

Salem Seniors: Sunday Lunch Bunch

The Seniors of Salem and friends are invited to the Sunday Lunch Bunch. The group is planning trip to go to lunch beyond Peoria! The first Sunday Lunch Bunch is **Sunday, June 23**. The Seniors will be going to Kenyon's in Lacon, Illinois. Plan on leaving church at 10:30am on the Salem bus, and order off the menu. Kenyon's is known for their Sunday ham loaf and corn fritters. Other restaurants Salem Seniors will visit this summer are: Busy Corner (Goodfield), Mona's (Toluca) Bishop Hill and Landmark (Galesburg).

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 starting at 9:30am, and the evening edition will meet at 6:30pm-8pm. Pastor Craig will be leading the morning study and Leah Grebner will be leading the evening study.

Fair Trade on Sunday, June 2

Fair Trade items will be for sale on **Sunday, June 2**. If anyone needs anything in the meantime, you are always welcome to contact Jennifer Gallas at pew117@aol.com or at 309-256-5862.

Salem Greeters

Being a Salem Greeter is an easy way to get involved either as an individual or as a whole family. Greeters are the first faces people see when they come to Salem Lutheran Church, so while the job is easy, the impact is deep. The biggest goal is to put a smile on people's faces and to help them feel welcome. To become a Salem Greeter please contact Helene Peterson or sign-up at the Welcome Center.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 2

ROLLER SKATING

The CYF program will host a roller-skating party for all ages at the Peoria Palace (Route 6 & Galena Road) on **Sunday, June 2 from 2pm-4pm**. The cost is \$5 per person and includes skate rental. We will leave Salem on the church bus at 1:30pm and return by 4:15pm. If you are meeting us at Peoria Palace please drop off at 2pm and pick up by 3:45pm. Please wait to enter with our group so you get the group rate. Sign up at the Welcome Center if you plan to join us.

THURS., JUNE 20

KARTVILLE

Thursday, June 20 from 10am-noon head to Kartville. The Salem bus will leave Salem at 9:30am and return by 12:15pm. Or, you may meet us at Kartville. The cost is \$12 per person for 5 rides and a game of mini-golf. Invite a friend or two. We are working with another church to try to have 30 total participants. If we have 30, we can ride unlimited rides for two hours. Please sign up at the Welcome Center. Let's fill the bus!

THURS., JUNE 27

ROCK-IN-P TRAILS

Salem Family Day at Rock-in-P Trails in Pekin on **Thursday, June 27 from 10 am-1pm**.

- **2-7 year olds** (horse care class, pony ride, hayrack ride & picnic lunch) \$10

- **8 and up** (horse care class, trail ride, hayrack ride & picnic lunch) \$20

Please sign up at the Welcome Center by June 16. Scholarships are available. Please let Jill know if there is a need.



Common Place Summer Youth Camp

The Salem Outreach and CYF ministry teams are partnering to provide four Friday mornings of fun for the Common Place Summer Youth Camp this summer. Volunteers of all ages are needed from **9am-noon** on the following Fridays: **June 21 & 28 and July 12 & 19**. Salem will provide a crafts, games and snacks each of these Fridays for youth summer camp participants and their staff. We offered this same program for 8 weeks in the summer of 2017 and it went great! We are excited to be back with Common Place. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you can come help on one or more of the Fridays.

Volunteers Needed for Steamboat Classic Race

A Volunteer Team (youth & adults) from Salem is serving at the Steamboat Classic Race on **Saturday morning, June 15**. We will meet in the Salem parking lot at **6:15am and be back by 9:30am**. We will monitor 6-8 corners in downtown Peoria. Our job is to cheer on the race participants (some who are members of Salem) and help the Peoria Police Department with safety precautions. All volunteers get a free Steamboat Classic t-shirt. This was a fun activity for us last year and it is a wonderful opportunity for our CYF program to earn \$500! Thank you to Leo Vandervlugt for giving us this opportunity. Please sign up at the Welcome Center to volunteer or contact Jill Goldhammer.

Summer Youth Nights

Salem students and their friends in grades 6-12 will be meeting on **Sunday evenings this summer from 7:15pm (immediately following Sunday evening worship) until 8:30pm**. Spend Sunday evenings with friends as we build community in our youth program and grow together in Christ to love and serve. 6th through 12th graders are also encouraged to keep an eye on the Fun in the Son schedule and join in on any of these cross generational activities.

Salem Family Retreat at LOMC in Oregon, Illinois

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17 leaving Salem at noon - **THURSDAY, JULY 18** returning by 6pm

There is something for all ages - let's all go!



Vacation Bible School "To Mars and Beyond"

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

Vacation Bible School at Salem is a fun and faith filled week each year. We have hosted well-over 100 children at VBS for many years and expect the number of participants to continue to grow. VBS 2019 is **Monday through Friday, 9am to noon each day, July 29 - August 2**. We will have a BLAST exploring where God's power can take us with our 2019 theme, "To Mars and Beyond."

It takes a great deal of volunteer help to provide this awesome week. We are still in need of rotation station leaders, adult small group guides, and of course our amazing student leaders (6th grade and up). We are recruiting volunteers who can serve all week or just a day or two - in specific roles or general helpers. Please complete our on-line registration for volunteers at www.salemofpeoria.com/vbs as soon as possible if you can help or contact one of the VBS Coordinators, Rebbecca Sipf, (pre-K and Kindergarten), or Jill Goldhammer (1st-5th grades) if you have questions.

The Salem Family can also help by registering participants on-line early this summer and by inviting friends and neighbors to do the same. Keep an eye on the 1st floor Gallery bulletin board at church as well as Salem publications (July Bugle, Extras and Blasts) for more ways to help as we approach VBS week. Thank you for being a part this awesome faith formation experience for children!

Families

Experience Camp

Swimming, fishing, pond canoes, archery, games, arts & crafts, hiking, resting! Housing in beautiful retreat lodge at Freedom Tree Village. Cost: \$40/family.

Youth

Overnight Canoe Trip on the Rock River

6th grade – college & parents/otheradventurous adults enjoy a canoe trip and tent camping. Team building course and other camp activities included. Cost: \$25/person

All Ages

Design your own camp experience

Enjoy being in the beautiful outdoors with your Salem family Housing in beautiful retreat lodge at Freedom Tree Village. Cost: \$25/person for double occupancy.

*LOMC program staff supervision is included as needed. Three meals and a private Salem Family campfire is included. A ride on the zipline is available for anyone over 70 lbs. Cost is an additional \$10 for the zip line. There are Day Camp options as well. Come up on your own on Thursday morning and join other Salem children and families in the camp experience for \$25/family (includes staff supervision and meals.)

JUNE 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 9am: Worship 6:30pm: Worship 7:15pm: Youth Group						1
2 Fair Trade Sunday 9am: Worship 2pm-4pm: Roller Skating (all ages) 6:30pm: Worship 7:15pm: Youth Group	3 9am: TOPS Meeting	4 10am: Staff Meeting 7pm: Council Meeting	5 8am: Men's Bible Study 6:30pm: Naomi Circle 7pm: Serendipity	6 July Monthly Bugle Content Due 9:30am: Bible Study	7 6pm: Family Yoga Class	8
				-Synod Assembly-		
9 Pentecost Sunday 9am: Worship 5:30pm: Dinner 6:30pm: Worship 7:15pm: Youth Group	10 9am: TOPS Meeting	11 10am: Staff Meeting 7pm: Outreach Meeting 7:30pm: Education Meeting	12 8am: Men's Bible Study 9:30am: Women's Bible Study 6:30pm: Women's Bible Study 7pm: Serendipity	13 9:30am: Bible Study	14 5pm: Adult Fellowship at Obed and Isaacs 6pm: Brage Lodge	15 6:15am: CYF Volunteers at Steamboat Festival
16 9am: Worship 6:30pm: Worship 7:15pm: Youth Group	17 9am: TOPS Meeting 11:30am: Women of Salem 7pm: Salem Churchmen at Lariat Club	18 10am: Staff Meeting 7pm: Property & Finance Meeting	19 8am: Men's Bible Study 7pm: Serendipity	20 9:30am: Bible Study 10am-noon: Kartville	21 9am-noon: Common Place 6pm: Family Yoga Class	22
23 9am: Worship 10:30am: Senior Sunday Lunch Bunch to Kenyon's 5:30pm: Dinner 6:30pm: Worship 7:15pm: Youth Group	24 9am: TOPS Meeting	25 10am: Staff Meeting 7pm: Worship & Music Meeting	26 8am: Men's Bible Study 7pm: Serendipity	27 9:30am: Bible Study 10am-1pm: Rock'n PTrails 1:30pm: LHV Service	28 9am-noon: Common Place 6pm: Family Yoga Class	29

Salem Preschool Welcomes Julie Foster-Doty to Staff

Please join us in welcoming Julie Foster-Doty as the new Assistant Teacher for the 4-year-old Pre-Kindergarten class. Julie has served as a substitute teacher in Salem Lutheran Preschool for a number of years. Her energy and enthusiasm are contagious and our students have always enjoyed having her in the classroom.

Julie loves how eager preschoolers are to learn new things and is thankful for the opportunity to encourage them to grow into life-long learners. She is excited to team up with Cortney Rixner to continue building on the strengths of the Salem Lutheran Preschool Program.

We feel blessed beyond measure to have such a talented team continue to teach the next generation of Salem families.



Julie Foster-Doty



SALEM FAMILY - SALEM LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL HAS OPENINGS

For more than 40 years, Salem's preschool has provided a loving, Christian-based atmosphere for young children to learn and grow. This program is a wonderful outreach opportunity for our church and aides in our ability to bring new young families to our congregation. There are still several openings this fall in both our

morning 3's and afternoon 4's classes.

Here is how our Salem Family can help spread the word...

- **Do you know a family in the area with preschool-age children?**

Let them know about our program. We have flyers available or can be found online on Salem's webpage or on Facebook.

- **Speaking of Facebook! Have you checked out our preschool Facebook page?**

It only takes a moment to "Like" and follow us! It is the best way to stay connected with all the fun things we do throughout year. Plus, who doesn't love to see those adorable little smiles in their Facebook feed!

- **Have your kids or grandkids attended the preschool program here?**

Take a moment to fill out a review on Facebook or Google. You can find a direct link to Google reviews on our preschool Facebook page.

- **Word of mouth has always been our most effective way of acquiring new students.**

It only takes a few minutes to help spread the word, and we greatly appreciate it. Thanks!



For more information about Salem Lutheran Preschool please visit:

www.SalemPreschoolPeoria.com

Find us on [salempreschoolpeoria](https://www.facebook.com/salempreschoolpeoria)

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: **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>

Prayers for Our City

The 6th and 7th grade Faith for Life Students recently participated in a Peoria Prayer Tour. Stops included: a fire department, baseball fields, Thomas Jefferson Primary School, the Peoria Health Department, the Peoria Agricultural Research Center, Bradley University, Lutheran Social Services, a closed down grocery store, a stressed-out poverty and crime-stricken neighborhood, the Peoria Police Department, Red Cross, Crittenton Centers, the Peoria hospitals and PAWS. They, along with their mentors, identified multiple prayer needs and took turns praying out loud at each stop. We traveled 15 miles in the Salem and it took just a little over an hour. Is your prayer life getting stale? Need some new ideas? Drive yourself on a little prayer tour! We believe in the power of prayer and there is ALWAYS someone or something that needs our prayers!

FROM THE PARISH NURSE, LORI REIMER, RN

June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month. Memory loss that disrupts daily life may be a symptom of Alzheimer's or other dementias. Dementia can be caused by many things such as infection, medications, brain injury, as well as multiple diseases so it is always a good idea to get a complete medical check-up when signs of dementia are noted. Alzheimer's is a brain disease that causes a slow decline in memory, thinking and reasoning skills. There are 10 warning signs and symptoms (*Alzheimer's Association):

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| · Memory loss that disrupts daily life | · New problems with words in speaking or writing |
| · Challenges in planning or solving problems | · Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps |
| · Difficulty completing familiar tasks at home, work, or leisure. | · Decreased or poor judgement |
| · Confusion with time or place | · Withdrawal from work or social activities |
| · Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships | · Changes in mood and personality |

If you notice any of the 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's in yourself or someone you know, don't ignore them. Schedule an appointment with your doctor. For more information, stop by the Parish Nurse office or the Welcome Center.



Lori Reimer, RN



JUNE BIRTHDAYS



June 1

Sophia Doty

June 2

Dawn Koeltzow

June 3

John Ford

June 4

Jane Topel

June 5

Jaeyden Johnson

June 6

Alan Reschenberg

Robert Suelter

June 7

Sis Gavin

Robert Petrakis

June 8

Gilbert Nolde

Chelsea Siegrist

June 9

Ruth Landes

Rebecca Snyder

June 10

Mildred Collins

June 11

Diane Hanlet

Mark Hartman

Roman Wegrzyn

June 15

Mary Luan Borquist

Chloe Steele

June 17

Travis Janco

Jeff Machacek

June 18

Clarence Knutson

Stacy Lantz

June 19

Earl Gallas

Donna Miller

June 21

Edell Berg

June 22

Jeffrey Bastian

Timothy Hamann

Shane Snyder

June 23

Christine Harvey

Morgan Lott

Logan Roberts

Jennifer Swanson

June 24

Walter Koeltzow

Caleb Lott

June 25

Marilyn Smith

June 26

Shawn Blum

Amy Hainline

June 27

Paula Sydow

Maxwell Thompson

June 28

Cailey Lantz

June 30

Julianna Dunkel

Brant Wegrzyn

THANK YOU!

Dear Salem Family- We cannot begin to express our appreciation for the tremendous support from our Salem family... the prayers, donations and benefit are truly a blessing. Wally is so lucky to have the support of such a wonderful community. Our family will never forget the love and generosity.

Thank you - The Bastian Family

We would like to thank Salem for the beautiful Easter plant, and Nadine for the nice visit and delivering it to us.

Walt & Joy Anderson

Thank you to my wonderful Salem friends for your remembrances and plant on Easter Sunday. I think of you all every day and wish I could have been there with you, but I can't.

Lots of love - Marge Gramm

Thank you for the beautiful flower centerpiece. Thank you -Fran Riley

Thanks so much for the pot of daisies I found outside my door. Sorry I missed whoever delivered it. I am really enjoying it. Daisies just happen to be one of my favorite flowers.

Thanks again - Mary Gustfson

It is with grateful hearts that Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria (LWGP) thanks the congregation of Salem! With your donations of baked goods and desserts and/or a monetary donation towards the Benevolent Fund, we were able to raise over \$1,200. Our thanks to Inez Norgard for transporting and spreading the word and to Paula Sydow for helping us publicize. The Just Desserts Bake Sale on April 26 at Lutheran Hillside Village was a sweet success!

Thank you for your gift of \$500 to the Crittenton Centers. Thank you, Salem, for your continued investment in the lives of the children in our care. Gratefully - Jeff A. Gress, President & CEO of Crittenton Centers (**complete thank you on Outreach bulletin board*)

Thank you for your financial gift of \$500. Your generous gift supports life-changing work at Common Place Family Learning Center! In appreciation - Pamela Rumba, Executive Director of Common Place (**complete thank you on Outreach bulletin board*)

A View of Salem's Financial Status

Month of April, 2019

General Fund	Budget	Actual	Difference
April Giving	\$49,558	\$47,673	\$1,885
Expenses	\$50,370	\$44,937	(\$5,433)
Difference (Loss)	(\$811)	2,736	

Year-to-Date, 2019

General Fund	Budget	Actual	Difference
Giving	\$209,933	\$203,173	(\$6,760)
Expenses	\$201,479	\$190,529	(\$10,950)
Difference (Loss)	\$8,454	\$12,644	

Summer Giving

If you plan to be away for a few weeks this summer, please help with regular giving. Thank you for your faithfulness.

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 and family
• Wally Bastian and his family
• Luan Borquist
• Stephanie Dammann's grandfather

• Keith Erickson
• Evie (kidney dialysis)
• Charlotte Gallas
• Mary Gibson
• Sean Gillen
• Roz Gott
• Marge Gramm
• Jack Grant
• Granddaughter of Linda Hernandez
• Ron Hipple
• Amy Hoffman
• Helen Johnson
• Lizzy

• Bill Mettam
• Jordyn and Peyton Manning
• Gene Shurtz
• 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



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Affirmation of Baptism

The following eighth graders affirmed their Baptism during the 10:45am worship service on **Sunday, May 12:** (PICTURED ABOVE LEFT-RIGHT) **Levi Salverson, Jaquel (JQ) Scoville, Caleb Lott, Annie Swanson and Lindsey Janco.** Congratulations to them on attaining this important faith milestone.