As the calendar page turns to the second half of the year, attention brings Internship, Vacation Bible School, Renewing God's House project into focus all at the same time. Kristen

"TO KEEP THE MAIN THING,"



Schmid will begin her year of internship on Monday, July 29 at the same time the week of VBS gets underway. Internship is a required leg of seminary education and accounts for a full year of academic credit. In effect, Salem will become a teaching opportunity for Kristen as her journey in the Candidacy process continues. Kristen will take part in all aspects of pastoral ministry and will make an effort of learning with and from all of us as a path toward ordination and full-time rostered leadership in Christ's church. An Internship Committee will partner with Kristen and serve as support and guides on Kristen's journey. Please pray for Kristen, members of the committee, staff members as well as for me as together we make this a positive experience for Kristen as well as for the Salem community.

Internship Committee members: Chad Arnold, Matt Bastian, Edell Berg, Dean Doughty, Sarah Kammerer, Meghan Peterson. Kristen will be encouraged to invite one or two others onto the committee after she settles in among us and as she so desires.

The bidding process is underway and is expected to be completed this month and presented to the congregation for consideration. A congregational mailing will announce any special meeting that will

take place to formalize the scope of the project before proceeding to any construction phase. Efforts will also be made to anticipate the startup of Sunday school, preschool, Wednesday evening programming, as well as confirming options for worship leadership. Life at Salem is full and exciting with many plans merging at the same time.

With so many things calling for attention, it will be all the more important to do as Presiding Bishop Eaton stated years ago when she was elected, "to keep the main thing, the main thing." There are many things that call for our attention and need support through the church as well as for individuals, families, communities, schools, agencies and organizations. Life as a whole is full, yet it is important that through it all, we keep our focus on that which can be trusted and that which is central to our identity as named and claimed by Christ.

Please join with me to proclaim the resurrected promise of Jesus and his command to make disciples so that we remain focused and directed to invite people

into the wondrous and life-changing journey of new life in Christ Jesus. May our collective efforts produce abundant kingdom fruit for our good and for God's glory.





"Renewing God's House" Update

As of June 4, cash and other gifts have totaled \$965,000 designated to Salem's capital

appeal. In addition, recent additional pledges have been received pushing the total over \$2 million in overall pledges. It would be exciting to reach \$1M of total received cash and gifts in hand by the end of June. Can you help reach that goal? A big thank you to everyone who regularly contributes generously and confidently toward "Renewing God's House Together."

MATERNITY LEAVE COVERAGE

Salem Lutheran Church's nursery attendant, Stephanie Dammann will be welcoming her first baby in August! With the anticipation Stephanie will be taking a maternity leave there is a temporary nursery attendant position available from **August 4 through November 10**.

Help provide a safe environment for children infant to preschool age in the Salem nursery during church services and education hour on Sundays. If you are interested in this position please submit your resume to the church office, attn: Helene Peterson. This is a paid position and the candidate must be 18 years or older.

Summer Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study continues on the second Wednesday of each month (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.



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WORSHIP AT SALEM

SUNDAYS THROUGH AUGUST 25

9AM / 6:30PM

The summer worship schedule continues during the entire month of July. A light dinner will be provided the second and fourth Sundays at 5:30pm followed by a casual worship service.

SALEM YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAYS, 7:15PM-8:30PM

Salem students and their friends in grades 6-12 are 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.

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.

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 on **Sunday, July 21**. The Seniors will be going for Italian food in Toluca. Plan on leaving church at 10:30am on the Salem bus, and order off the menu.

Adult Fellowship on Saturday, July 20 at 3pm

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

SAT., JULY 20, 3PM:

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

Faith and Family Night at Peoria Chiefs

There is a church-wide outing to the Peoria Chief's game on **Saturday July 27**, which is faith and family night at the Chiefs. The game starts at 6:30pm and after the game is a concert by Christian artist Austin French as well as fireworks!

PLEASE MAKE PAYMENTS BY JULY 14 to ERIC SCHROEDER or JASON LANTZ: The Salem Churchmen's group subsidizing ticket costs for everyone who signs up by July 14 (when we will purchase the block of tickets). (Adults are: \$11.50/ticket; Children: \$9.50/ticket.)

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Vacation Bible School 2019

It's that time again!!! Time to start thinking about VBS 2019 "To Mars and Beyond"! We are always in need of adult and student volunteers for our program July 29th-August 2nd. We also need volunteers for our evening program one night during the week and to help decorate the

week before VBS. If you're not able to volunteer in person (and even if you are) we also need some supplies to keep the week running smoothly. Here is a list of a few of the things we will be needing throughout the week:

75 pieces cardstock (color or white)

1-Ream white paper

2 skeins of yarn

60- Craft paper gift bags

120- Space stickers- (120 sheets)

60- Toilet paper rolls

Beads (600-800)

75 Pipe cleaners

75 pieces Black construction paper

2,000-3,000 Small round stickers

10-15 Plastic animals (woodlands, sea, can be loaned to VBS)

10-15 Large tin cans

10-15 Oatmeal canisters

1 Cellophane paper

50 Rubber bands

20 sets of chopsticks

60 Paper towel tubes

6-rolls of aluminum foil

6- rolls of scotch tape

75- Paper plates (the cheap kind)

100- Paper clips

20- Magnets (the rectangular science kind)

1 Bottle talcum powder

1 Box of jumbo craft sticks

We thank you all for your time, your support and your prayers!

Jill Goldhammer & Rebbecca Sipf



Doyourememberyourtwenties? New jobs, advanced degrees, relationships, exciting travels, etc.? This monthly column will help us stay connected with Salem's 20-30 year olds and some of their adventures, accomplishments, and plans. Twenty-somethings (or their parents) are encouraged to submit a paragraph or two about what you are up to these days to Meghan Peterson, Director of Communications: mpeterson@ salemofpeoria.com. Articles are due by the 6th each month. Be sure to include a picture and any prayer requests if you wish.

This month, we hear from Connor Kelly:



CONNOR KELLY

I recently graduated Bradley University on May 19 with a degree in Bachelor of Arts for Music & Entertainment Industry. I am working this summer at OSF Saint Francis and I will be moving to Los Angeles this fall to pursue a job in the music industry. During the summer I will also be traveling to Montana and DJing weddings.



SALEM FAMILY RETREAT

There is something for all ages - let's all go! Please register by July 7. The Salem Family Retreat is at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center in Oregon, IL on WEDNESDAY, JULY 17 leaving Salem at noon - THURSDAY, JULY 18 returning by 6pm.

FAMILY

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/ other adventurous 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.)

Common Place Summer Youth Camp

The Salem Outreach and CYF ministry teams are partnering to provide Friday mornings of fun for the Common Place Summer Youth Camp this summer. Volunteers of all ages are needed from **9amnoon** on the following Fridays: **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.

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.

Leadership Lab

The following students will be participating in Leadership Lab at Augustana College in Rock Island, **July 22-27**: Matt Grebner, Aaron Grebner, Joey Ghazanfari, Nicole Vandervlugt, Stacy Lantz, Katie Hancock, & Caidon Hickey.

Thank you! Salem Sunday School Teachers

Thank you to the Sunday School teachers and staff that work so hard all year long sharing the love God with our children. They are a dedicated group of people.

Preschool - Sarah Bidne and Kayla Lambie

Kindergarten - Sarah Gonzales and Karen Holmes

1st and 2nd Grade - Becky Hagen, Wendy Thomasson, William Petrakis

3rd Grade - Laura Hartman and Amy Schroeder

4th Grade - Patty and Jason Lantz

5th Grade - Joann and Randy Blum

Music - Sarah Bidne, Kris Griffith, Jason Lantz

Office - Lisa Janco

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JULY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9am: TOPS Meeting	2 10am: Staff Meeting 7pm: Council Meeting	3 8:30am: Summer Sunday School for Adults	4 Church Office Closed for Fourth of July Observance	5 August Monthly Bugle Content Due	6
7 9am: Worship 6:30pm: Worship 7:15pm: Youth Group: mini-golf	8 9am: TOPS Meeting	9 10am: Staff Meeting 7:30pm: Education Meeting	10 8:30am: Summer Sunday School for Adults 9:30am: Women's Bible Study 6:30pm: Women's Bible Study	l .	12 9am-noon: Common Place 6pm: Brage Lodge	13
14 9am: Worship 5:30pm: Dinner 6:30pm: Worship 7:15pm: Youth Group	75 9am: TOPS Meeting 11:30am: Women of Salem 7pm: Salem Churchmen at Lariat Club	16 10am: Staff Meeting 7pm: Property & Finance Meeting	17 8:30am: Summer Sunday School for Adults -Family Summer	18 9:30am: Bible Study Retreat at LOMC-	19 9am-noon: Common Place	20 3pm: Adult Fellowship at Forest Park Nature Center & Pour Brothers
21 9am: Worship 10:30am: Senior Sunday Lunch Bunch to Toluca 6:30pm: Worship 7:15pm: Youth Group	22 9am: Leadership Lab 9am: TOPS Meeting	23 10am: Staff Meeting	24 8:30am: Summer Sunday School for Adults 9am: Midwest Food Bank	25 9:30am: Bible Study 1:30pm: LHV Service	26	27 3pm: Leadership Lab Students Return 6:30pm: Faith & Family Night at Peoria Chiefs
·	-Leadership Lab-				+	
28 9am: Worship 5:30pm: Dinner 6:30pm: Worship 7:15pm: VBS Student Volunteer Kick-off	9am-noon: Vacation Bible School	9am-noon: Vacation Bible School	31 9am-noon: Vacation Bible School	AUGUST 1 9am-noon: Vacation Bible School	AUGUST 2 9am-noon: Vacation Bible School	

THOMAS JEFFERSON PRIMARY SCHOOL ADOPT-A-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Salem's adopt-a-school partnership with Thomas Jefferson is an opportunity for Salem members to participate in community outreach while giving back in thanks for the blessings of nurture and education received from their own parents, teachers, and mentors. Both a classroom volunteer and a pen pal program are part of this adopt-aschool partnership. Thomas Jefferson Primary School is most appreciative, and, in return, Salem has the opportunity to be part of "the village" that it takes to help nurture the children of our community.

For the past two years, Judy Cagle has coordinated the classroom volunteers. One of Judy's favorite things has been to hear about the volunteer's experiences with the children. When the volunteers have seen progress in a child with whom they work, it is rewarding to know that the individual attention given makes a difference in that child's life and education. Throughout this past year, over 600 volunteer hours have been completed by Salem members working with students individually, in small groups, or by doing other tasks to help the teachers in the classroom.

Lois Knutson has organized the pen pal program with Thomas Jefferson for the past two years. Although coordinating the program wasn't something she had initially



The Salem Outreach Ministry Team would

like to thank Lois Knutson and Judy Cagle for their service in Salem Lutheran's work with Thomas Jefferson school. We appreciate their efforts in coordinating Salem volunteers and our programs with TJ.

Judy and Lois have enjoyed this work but are ready to move to new opportunities. We are looking for individuals who would like to work with our Outreach Team and Thomas Jefferson to continue this great partnership. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry program, please contact Kelly Brinkman.

thought of doing, Lois liked the idea of being able to help this important outreach program at Salem continue on. By coordinating this program, Lois came to more fully realize the impact of the Thomas Jefferson/ Salem partnership on the students. Each child is thrilled to have his/her

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own special pen pal buddy, and the Salem pen pals are delighted to get letters from their young friends as well. The teachers appreciate the opportunity for their students to practice handwritten letters while using their grammar and spelling skills for a fun purpose.



Midwest Food Bank Serving Opportunity, July 24

The next Midwest Food Bank serving opportunity is Wednesday, July 24 from 9am-11am. Please plan to meet at the Peoria Division (9005 N Industrial Rd, Peoria, IL 61615).



Community
Garden

Salem's Relevant Young Adult Ministry is seeking volunteers to help care for the Salem Community Garden this summer. Individuals, families, and/or groups are encouraged to volunteer for a week to water and weed the Salem Community Garden. To volunteer for a week simply tell let Jessica Bastian know which week in July or

August works best for you (an online form is available.) Jessica will confirm weekly "assignments" as the forms are received. Contact Jessica Bastian by email or phone (309) 713-6498.

Fair Trade on Sunday, July 7

Fair Trade items will be for sale on **Sunday**, **July 7**. If anyone needs anything in the meantime, you are always welcome to contact Jennifer Gallas at pew117@aol.com or at 309-256-5862.









FROM THE PARISH NURSE, LORI REIMER, RN

Blood Drive Thank You & Updates

Thanks to all the donors and volunteers for helping with the Blood Drive in May.

With the help of 23 individuals coming in (only 2 deferred) and 6 of those being able to donate double cells, 27 total units were collected. This means at least 81 individuals were provided blood products. This awesome Blood Drive would not have been as successful without those that volunteered their time and/or food contributions. Thanks to: Bonnie



Lori Reimer, RN

Gallas, Leah Grebner, Kaleb and Kelsi Hacker, Judy Livingston, Helene Peterson, Nathan Reimer, and Nadine Willems. Continue to ensure that our community has an adequate blood supply that's available when someone is in need by donating every 56 days (112 for double cell donors). You will be eligible to donate again on July 25, 2019 for single unit and September 19, 2019 for double cells. There will be no blood drive at Salem until 2020 so please continuing giving in the community. Go to redcrossblood.org to find drives in the area. Thanks again to everyone!

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JULY BIRTHDAYS



July 1 Roslyn Gott

July 2 Matt Bidne

Chris Cozadd Leah Owen

July 3 Regg Glawe

Tamara Lott Ashley Owen **Carol Turner**

July 4

Carol Adams Ronald Hoehn Helene Peterson Jordan Snider

July 6

Bradley Hamann Heather Hodgkins

July 7 Linda Hartmann

July 8

Thomas Anderson Caleb Kotewa

David Nelson Karen Swenson

July 9 Linda Peterson

July 10 Nancy Bastian

Kyle Griffith July 11

Jessica Bastian **Branden Cooper** Leah Creager Joey Ghazanfari Chris Janssen Chris Kroodsma

Karen Norman Rees Jodi Serfling Stella Serfling Jean Yancick

July 12

Monica Dockery Marge Gramm Laurie Seidel Elaine Sokolowski

July 13

Jason Brinkman

Ellen Forkell

July 14 Ciara Witt

July 15 Bill Cox

Sydney Neltner **Brenda Newcomb**

July 16

Kayla Lambie

July 17

Sharon Couden Cynthia Fischer

July 18

Martha Burgeson Scott Faulkner Leah Grebner

July 19

Megan Thomasson **Craig Young**

July 20 Jonathan Arnold

July 21 Caroline Hurlbut July 22

Dennis Scoville

July 25

Kay Peterson Lynsey Steinbach

July 26

Thomas Hokanson Mary Jane Sterling

July 27

Richard Huxtable

July 28

Alyvia Cowser Merrell Hickey **Amanda Oertley Abigail Young**

July 29

Mary Starzynski

July 30

Christopher Snyder **Rodney Topel**

July 31

Rebecca Hagen

A View of Salem's Financial Status

Month of May, 2019 **General Fund Budget Actual** Difference May Giving \$49,558 \$43,647 (\$5,911)**Expenses** \$50,370 \$59,046 (\$8,676) Difference (Loss) (\$811) (\$15,399) Year-to-Date. 2019 Difference **General Fund** Budget Actual \$259,492 \$246,820 (\$12,672) Giving \$249,576 \$2,273 **Expenses** \$251,849 \$7,643 (\$2,755)Difference (Loss)

Summer Giving

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

Noisy Can Offering on May 19

The Noisy Can offering on May 19 for the Synod Assembly offering to Lutheran Church-Madagascar received \$183.90.

THANK YOUS!

Thank you to the Salem church men for the Bachman scholarship. The scholarship will allow me to invest in my future, and will pay for next semesters tuition and book costs.

-Daniela Gonzales

My family and I would like to say a very heartfelt thank you for all of the prayers, cards and donations we received over the past year and especially at the end of Pat's time with us. Pastor Craig was our rock through it all for which I'll be forever grateful. The service, music and luncheon were incredible. Thank you to everyone involved in making such a meaningful tribute to Pat.

-Deb Sanders

Thank you for your continued support and generosity to Thomas Jefferson School. We truly appreciate the \$500 donation to our school. We will utilize the funds to continue to support our school. We are blessed to have such wonderful partners. Thank you.

-Mrs. Boerger, Principal

Thank you for the two treats from Kenyons brought by Joan Creager. It gladdened my heart to be remembered. -Fran Rilev

Thank you for doing God's work in financially supporting the Christian Mission of Lutheran Hillside Village. With your help we are making an impact in the lives of older adults who turn to Lutheran Hillside Village for help at a vulnerable time in their life. Your gift reminds older adults that God cares for them. What a precious reminder of God's provision that is for those who have paved the way for the next generation.

-Together we are serving as Christ would serve, Phil King, Foundation Executive Director

Bethel United Methodist Church would like to thank you for your generous monetary donation of \$500 for to the Bethel United Methodist Feeding Program. It was very much appreciated and very kind of you to do this. May God bless you as much as God has blessed us with your kindness.

-In Christian Friendship, Ed Funchess, Feeding Program Director and Rev. Tyson T. Parks, III, Pastor

Thank you so much for your generous contribution and for partnering with us to help those who are suffering locally, nationally, and internationally. Midwest Food Bank greatly appreciates your open heart, prayers and donations as we strive, through the Lord's strength, to give freely to those who need relief and assistance.

-Tom Rieker, Treasurer

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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