

the Bugle

July ended with a good deal of excitement. For over two years, Salem had been pondering and planning for a project that would enhance and expand the facility to be more efficient, hospitable, and functional. The pondering and anticipation grew into an active capital appeal which gained support through pledges of over \$2M for a three-year period and one-half of that amount has been received within the first eight months. This support gave confidence to contract with an architect to design and bid the project which was then presented in a special congregational meeting. On **Sunday, the 28th**, Salem members voted to formally proceed with plans for Renewing God's House Together and bring this anticipated project into reality. The next eight months will be busy ones and patience will be needed as work begins and the building gets a bit torn up in the process. Keep in mind that the end is in sight and the dust will settle and a transformed space will emerge. For those who have and will support and share in this effort, THANK YOU.

At the same time, we welcomed Kristen Schmid among us as Pastoral Intern. Kristen will spend one year with us at Salem as part of her learning, discerning and development on her journey toward ordained ministry as a parish pastor. It will be fun to share in ministry with Kristen as she both teaches and learns with us about God's love, generosity and mission. Welcome, Kristen!

Look also into this edition and more so through Salem's website and Facebook page to learn about Vacation Bible school and what kids from Salem as well as the community learned and shared together around the theme *To Mars and Beyond*. Stories, games, snacks, crafts and many learning experiences inspired kids to



go beyond their usual way of thinking and believing to learn about God's power at work within us through **faith, boldness, kindness, thankfulness** and **hope**. Thank you to the families who brought their children and to the many faithful volunteers who helped make this year's Vacation Bible School a fun week of growing and learning.

Time is also upon us to prepare for the fall programming at Salem. **Rally Sunday will be September 8** when we shift to two worship services and education opportunities between. Wednesday evening programming will resume on **September 11**. **See details on pages 6-7.**

For the blessings we have and no doubt will experience in the future, we give God thanks and ask that we remain open to the Spirit's work among us as we strive to be a **vibrant welcoming Lutheran community that, through the grace of Jesus Christ, is connected within by love and reaching out in hope to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with one another, the community and the world.** – Salem Mission Statement
Thank you for your part in the journey that has been and that is yet to come!



Pastor Craig Swenson



Kristen Schmid

Greetings Salem Community,

It is great to be here with you and beginning my internship! Thank you for your warm welcome and helpful introduction to the church. Vacation Bible School was a fun way to meet many of you, as well as Sundays at worship. I look forward to connecting more names and faces in the coming days. My desk is in the main church office next to Brenda; please stop by and say hello when you get a chance. Throughout the course of the year I will be learning as much as I can about how to be a pastor: preaching, helping lead worship, teaching, doing a ministry project, going on pastoral visits, attending meetings, and spending time with you. I feel very grateful and excited to be part of your community and living out God's call for me.

Blessings,
Kristen Schmid, Pastoral Intern



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As of **August 8**, the total gifts and cash contributions has reached \$1,287,000 which is well on our way to the 2 million in the three year pledges that were made. We now ask your continued support in completion of the remaining pledges and would greatly appreciate any additional contributions whether they were pledged or not.

Salem members will soon see actual evidence of renovation and construction that will begin to shape the dreams that we have for **RENEWING GOD'S HOUSE Together**. THANK YOU for both your commitment and involvement and we ask for your continued prayers and generous support as we see this dream come to fruition.

Helene and Dick Peterson Capital Campaign Co-Chairs



PRESERVATION ITEMS

For over two years, Salem had been pondering and planning for a project that would enhance and expand the facility to be more welcoming, hospitable and an accessible place to gather – for worship, fellowship and ministry. On Sunday, July 28, Salem voted to formally proceed with plans for Renewing God's House Together.

The Construction Team has been maintaining a list of preservation items. Currently these include:

- Wall sculpture in the back entry way • Chancel floor • Altar top • Endowment tree
- Front doors (more information is requested to find out who was involved with purchasing the doors originally)

If you have any other items that should be considered by the Construction Team to preserve, please contact Susan Ross as soon as possible.



SHARE
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SUNDAYS
WITH
FRIENDS

WORSHIP AT SALEM

Summer worship continues on Sundays through **SEPTEMBER 1 at 9am.**

RALLY SUNDAY, Sept. 8

Two worship services resume on **Sunday, September 8 at 8am and 10:45am.**

Education Hour will begin at 9:15am.

EDUCATION HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

Beginning on Rally Sunday, September 8, Education Hour resumes at 9:15am-10:30am.

Sunday School (PreK-8th grade): All invited to Sunday School kick-off in the sanctuary on Rally Day.

RELEVANT - Jessica and Matt Bastian shepherd this discussion group designed for Young Adults (18-30 year olds), meets on the 3rd floor in the room nearest the balcony.

Women and the Word - A weekly lectionary study (the Sunday readings) geared just for women.

Man to Man - Please join the study group in the conference room on second floor (Room 209 across from the library.)

Bible Study – The class is led by Bill Ligon based on the weekly Bible lessons. Please join the study group in the library on the second floor.



PHASING SCHEDULE

On August 25, there was a formal groundbreaking ceremony near the rear entrance of the church to begin the Renewing God's House Together project. In order to complete the project, and still keep the church in operation, the project will be completed in several phases. This includes:

Phase Pre-Construction (Build handicap ramp at main entrance in front of building.)

Phase One: September 3, 2019 – December 3, 2019

- Main Entrance under existing canopy, and Pre-School Entrance, are closed off to allow for the new canopy and addition to be built.
- The existing classrooms in the lower level, on north end of building, are to be closed off to allow for the remodeling into new office wing.
- The lower level restrooms will be abandoned to convert into new accessible restrooms.

Boggio's Orchard and Craft Show Trip, Sept 28

The Women of Salem and the CYF is co-sponsoring a trip to Boggio's Orchard and their Annual Craft Show in Granville, Illinois on **Saturday, September 28. The Salem bus will leave the church parking lot at noon and return by 4pm.** It is about an hour drive so we will have approximately two hours at the event. There is a \$5.00 admission charge. Food is available for purchase or you can bring snacks or sack lunches for the bus. There are many, many craft vendors and activities for children. Some of the children's activities cost extra. Please visit the website at www.boggiosorchardandproduce.com to learn more and sign up in the fellowship lounge at church.

Salem Lutheran Church PICNIC

Thank you to the Salem Churchmen for organizing a wonderful Salem Lutheran Church picnic. It was filled with fun, fellowship and special memories!



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 in the Fellowship Lounge.

Noisy Can Offering, September 15

The "Noisy Can Offering" and the weekly offering Sunday School children will support Habitat for Humanity, and begin on **Sunday, September 15.** Children will be passing a "Noisy Can" during the Offering on the third Sunday each month at both services.

Salem Seniors: Lunch Bunch, September 19

The Seniors of Salem and friends are invited to the Lunch Bunch. The group is planning trip to go to lunch beyond Peoria on **Thursday, September 19 at 11:30am.** Plan on leaving church on the Salem bus, and order off the menu at Goodfield's Busy Corner. Make sure to save room for pie! After lunch a tour of the Ronald Reagan Museum and Peace Garden will take place at nearby Eureka College. The Peace Garden has a piece of the Berlin wall. Please sign-up in the Fellowship Lounge.

Calling All Women!

The Women of Salem Lutheran Church Sunday is coming on **September 29, 2019.** We are seeking volunteers to serve as ushers or acolytes or lector or greeters or assist in serving communion during 1st or 2nd service that day. Please contact Sue Colloton at 309-635-8262 or Mary Gibson at 309-657-9078 with your interest.

FROM THE PARISH NURSE, LORI REIMER, RN

September is Sepsis Awareness Month. Why is this important? Every year in the U.S alone, there are 1.7 million people diagnosed with sepsis and over a quarter of a million deaths as a result; worldwide 8 million deaths. Most people (72%) know the signs of a stroke or heart attack but less than 1% can relate the symptoms of sepsis. Sepsis is your body's overwhelming response to an infection or injury, which can lead to tissue death, organ failure, and death. It can affect all ages but most susceptible are young children, older adults and those with chronic illnesses or weakened immune systems.

Symptoms can include the following:

- S - Shivering, fever, or very cold
- E - Extreme pain or general discomfort ("worst ever")
- P - Pale or discolored skin
- S - Sleepy, difficult to arouse, confused
- I - "I feel like I might die" type discomfort
- S - Shortness of breath

If you have a combination of any of these symptoms, especially after a cut, surgery, or infection, see your medical professional immediately or call 911. For more facts and information regarding sepsis, stop by the Parish Nurse office.



Lori Reimer, RN



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Children's Ministries

PRIMETIME! Come, give it a try! **PRIMETIME begins on Wednesday, September 11**, and will follow the Breaking Bread schedule in September. PRIMETIME will meet on the third floor in September. QUESTIONS? Contact Jill Goldhammer.

PRIMETIME!

Family meal time is PRIMETIME for children and families and we believe time together as a church family is also PRIMETIME! Pre-Kindergartners through 5th graders are invited to come to PRIMETIME Children's Ministries at Salem on **Wednesdays from 5:30pm – 6pm**.

There will be singing but also much more. We will use our hands and feet and hearts and voices to celebrate being a part of God's Family as we grow in Christ to love and serve! You do NOT have to be a singer to enjoy

PRIMETIME FOR MOMS

After dropping off your kids at PRIMETIME, join us in the Social Hall for 30 minutes of midweek unwinding from **5:30pm-6pm starting on Wednesday, September 11**. PRIMETIME for Moms is a time to catch up with other Salem moms without distraction. Friendships for young moms are sometimes overlooked and PRIMETIME MOMS simply seeks to connect busy moms in Christ.

By the time the kids are done, you will be refueled, refreshed, and ready to conquer the rest of the evening. This program is geared toward moms with school-aged or younger children. Even if your kids do not participate in PRIMETIME you are welcome to join us!



Faith for Life begins their fall session with **orientation for both students and parents on Wednesday night, September 11. Class meets from 6:30pm-8pm**. Faith for Life is Salem's Junior High Ministry (6th-8th grades) and combines education, fellowship and service. Junior

High Sunday School classes begin on **Sunday, September 8 in the Faith for Life room on the 3rd floor**.

Breaking Bread with Your Salem Family

From the moment Jesus first broke bread with his disciples to a Sunday morning when a teacher shares a snack with a room full of kids, the Christian experience has been passed from one hand to another in the form of food and fellowship. Food is one of God's many gifts - a true blessing that serves many purposes. It nourishes, satisfies, and prompts us to share with others. Food is a delicious, tangible reminder of the blessings God has given us.

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

Menus for the month of September:

- **Wed., Sept. 11:** Sandwiches & Salads
- **Wed., Sept. 18:** Swiss Chicken
- **Wed., Sept. 25:** Spaghetti Casserole

Help is always welcome at Breaking Bread. Please consider preparing, serving or cleaning up after a meal. Please contact Jill Goldhammer, Director of Children, Family and Youth Ministries to discuss ways you can help, or sign up for a Wednesday in the Fellowship Lounge and we'll contact you.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY QUESTIONS?

Please contact
Jill Goldhammer at
jgoldhammer@salemofpeoria.com

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CHILDREN,
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Sunday School Year Kick-Off, Sept. 8

Everyone is invited to participate in the kick-off of our Sunday school year! Please join your Salem family on **Sunday, September 8 at 9:15am** for an opening celebration. Our theme this year springs off "Renewing God's House!" and our service project will be revealed, as well! You won't want to miss it. Bring your cup of coffee with you into the Sanctuary, join in the opening, and then you can be on your way to adult class or fellowship in the Lounge or whatever else you may have to do that morning!

Sunday school children (ages 3 years - 8th grade) will be dismissed to their classrooms following the opening program. Children should be picked up in their classrooms at the end of the Sunday school time at 10:30 am.

It promises to be a year of singing, worshiping, building, and sharinthe love of Christ with others — in our own worship space and in the community.

Kappa Chi: Salem's High School Ministry

High School Sunday School begins on **Sunday, September 8**. We will meet in the **Kappa Chi Room on the 3rd floor**. Kappa Chi Families will receive a fall schedule soon, which will include an invitation to our annual Kappa Chi Welcome Cookout.

Adult Education Opportunity

"RELEVANT," is a Sunday morning discussion group designed for Young Adults (18-30ish). The group will begin meeting **Sunday, September 8 from 9:30am-10:15am on the 3rd floor**. Jessica and Matt Bastian lead discussion using TED Talks, YouTube Videos, current events, and Bible study. They are particularly eager to hear what you find RELEVANT and for this group to discover together how faith is RELEVANT to decisions about relationships, vocation, justice issues, etc., facing young adults today. Come, join us for the worship service of your choice, connect (or re-connect) with other young adults at Salem, and enjoy discussions about what really matters in life. Discover together what is RELEVANT!



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.

KYLE GRIFFITH

Kyle Griffith has lived in Seattle since he graduated with a Master's in Music Composition for Film from the Seattle Film Institute in 2014. Along with miscellaneous composition work, he teaches 26 piano students in their homes and plays saxophone and keyboard with local bands, including the praise band at St. John United Lutheran Church. He has also filled in as organist for St. John's. This summer, he led the music for a combined congregation VBS using songs he learned from Sonshine Choir at Salem. With the help of Karla Wegrzyn and Sherrill Morris, Kyle has arranged 24 of Roman Wegrzyn's Sonshine Choir songs into a book and submitted for publishing. He has also created a full orchestration of the musical "Shhh! Quiet! God's Talkin'!" composed by Roman Wegrzyn with lyrics by Sherrill Morris, which he had the pleasure of being in as a child, playing both a skunk on the ark and Isaac, around the year 2000 with other Salem members. Take a listen to the instrumentals here: <https://soundcloud.com/composer-kyle-g/sets/shhh-quiet>.

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Fair Trade 9am: Worship	2 Labor Day Office is Closed	3 9am: Rebecca Circle 10am: Staff Meeting 7pm: Council Meeting	4 8:30am: Bible Lessons 6pm: Naomi Circle	5 9:30am: Bible Study	6 October Monthly Bugle Content Due	7
8 Rally Sunday God's Work. Our Hands. 8am: Worship 9:15am: Education Hour 10:45am: Worship	9 9am: TOPS Meeting 6:30pm: Congregational Care Meeting	10 Northern Conference 7pm: Outreach Meeting 7:30pm: Faith Formation Meeting	11 8:30am: Bible Lessons 10am: Staff Meeting 5:30pm: PRIMETIME! 6pm: Breaking Bread 6:30pm: Faith for Life 7pm: Serendipity	12 9:30am: Bible Study	13 6pm: Brage Lodge	14
15 Noisy Can Offering for Habitat for Humanity 8am: Worship 9:15am: Education Hour 10:45am: Worship	16 9am: TOPS Meeting 7pm: Salem Churchmen at Lariat Club	17 10am: Staff Meeting 7pm: Property & Finance Meeting	18 8:30am: Bible Lessons 5:30pm: PRIMETIME! 6pm: Breaking Bread 6:30pm: Faith for Life 7pm: Serendipity	19 9:30am: Bible Study 11:30am: Senior Lunch Bunch to Busy Corner & Eureka College	20	21
22 8am: Worship 9:15am: Education Hour 10:45am: Worship	23 9am: TOPS Meeting	24 10am: Staff Meeting 6:30pm: Lydia Circle 7pm: Worship & Music Meeting	25 8:30am: Bible Lessons 9am: Midwest Food Bank 5:30pm: PRIMETIME! 6pm: Breaking Bread 6:30pm: Faith for Life 7pm: Serendipity	26 9:30am: Bible Study 1:30pm: LHV Service	27	28 12pm-4pm: Women of Salem & CYF Outing to Boggio's
29 Women of ELCA Sunday 8am: Worship 9:15am: Education Hour 10:45am: Worship 12:30pm: Youth Group to Laser Tag	30 9am: TOPS Meeting					



Salem's 2019 Vacation Bible School - "To Mars and Beyond!"

Glory to God who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by His power at work within us. (Ephesians 3:20)

Total Participants: 126; **Total Volunteers:** 87 - Thank you to all the VBS volunteers for a GREAT week!

3, 4 & 5 year olds:

Director: Rebbecca Sipf

Teachers: Pam Machacek, Lynn Martin, Inez Norgard, Lesley Howard, Bonnie Gallas, Jane Topel, Suzanne Ligon, Christina Rose, Shella Fathauer

Student Leaders: Conner Bidne, Mia Doty, Charlotte Vestal, Mackenzie Buckardt, Jordyn Manning, Kate Wisner, Aiden Meuser, Eve Blanch, Lindsey Janco, Ella Mehl

Crafts: Amy Schroeder, Sherri Snider, Lia Meuser

Music: Nicole Vandervlugt

Science: Holly McDonald, Evie Holloway

1st – 5th graders:

Director: Jill Goldhammer

Adult guides: Brenda Newcomb, Gerri Hoehn, Rosemary Swanson, Dawn Koeltzow

Student Leaders: Annie Swanson, Sophia Doty, Caleb Lott, Levi Salverson, Alex Stauthammer, Gabe Blanch, Kaleb Hacker, Anna Kammerer, Gloria Kroodsma, Jamie Hancock, Samantha Ash, Carter Aprahamian, Micah Thompson, Heather Hopkins, Brenna Salverson, Walker Koeltzow, Nicole Vandervlugt, Audrey Koeltzow, Blake Burkhardt

Crafts: Merrell Hickey, Joann Blum, Sarah Bidne, Pam Schoedel, Gretchen Petrakis, Brianna Schroeder, Sydney Hopkins

Drama Team: Kris Griffith, Pastor Craig, Levi Salverson, Hank Cochran, Will Ricketts, Audrey Koeltzow, Luke Gallas, and many more...

Recreation: Patty Lantz, Luke Gallas, Brent Wallstedt, Hank Cochran, Will Ricketts

Science: Laura Hartman, Susan Ross, Grant Kroodsma, Daniel Allison, Ava Salverson

Snacks: Melissa Aprahamian, Stephanie Kroodsma, Lisa Janco, William Petrakis

LOMC Staff: Catie Harvey & Alyssa McCormick

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VBS Shopper: Mary Gibson

VBS Nurse: Lori Reimer

Wednesday Night Community Party: Roberta Kessinger; Joann and Randy Blum; Jason, Joel and Caleb Brinkman; John and Sandy Harvey; Connie and John Iverson; Regg Glawe; Jason and Patty Lantz

Thank You for GOING BEYOND for the children of Salem and our community!

Clothing Malawi's Impoverished Children

Last year Salem collected yarn for the Malawi women to make sweaters for the needy children; all the yarn has been used. There are four months, May – August, when it is much colder. The children do not have enough clothing. Over 100 children in need have been specifically identified. Sue McGrew and Sharon Mollenhauer are spearheading this project.

How May You Help?

- Donate children's clothing (below the knee dresses, shorts, shirts and t-shirts in sizes 4T-14)
- Donate 4-ply yarn
- White buttons any size
- Help fund the shipping costs with monetary donations or Thrivent grants

Collections will be received in the morning narthex outside the Fellowship Lounge. Larger items may be placed in the first floor conference room (former youth room.) Collection officially begins on **Sunday, September 15 through Sunday, September 29**. Checks or cash can be placed in the provided envelopes located in the morning narthex starting on **September 15**, please put Malawi Collection on the memo line.



God's work. Our hands.

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) — one church, freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbor. This is our way of life. The date for 2019 is **Sunday, September 8**.

Salem Lutheran Church and the ELCA Northern Conference will work on several areas in Peoria (particularly on the South side.)

- **Painting and clean-up at Common Place:** Plans are still coming together but one area that needs some attention will be painting at Common Place on South Shelly Street. This ministry functions out of a church building that was originally built in 1917. As one might imagine, the building has many needs. One of which, is giving a fresh coat of paint to various hallways and rooms.
- **Proctor Center:** more details coming soon!
- **Global Health Ministries Rolled Bandage Project** at Grace and Peace Lutheran Church, Peoria.
- **Blood Drive** at Advent Lutheran Church in Morton.

At the end of your day all Northern Conference teams will come together at Proctor Center for a dinner at 5pm. God's Work. Our Hands. t-shirts are available for all participants. **Please plan to attend and sign-up in the Fellowship Lounge, if you need a t-shirt please indicate your preference.**

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Women Building Better Communities

The Junior League of Peoria (JLP) has been serving the Peoria area for over 80 years, through projects such as Julep's Closet, KeepSacks for Kids, Frolic with the Fairies Tea, the Peoria PlayHouse, Sterling Merit Awards, Family House, Riverfront Playground and I Like Me. Established in 1936, the Junior League of Peoria plays an integral part in the development, improvement, and support of the Peoria community.

Members of the Junior League of Peoria are women from all walks of life, from throughout the Peoria area. The Junior League of Peoria promotes volunteerism and provides training for its members.

Joann Blum is a Salem member who volunteers with the Junior League of Peoria. She shares with us a bit about how she became involved with the organization. "I became involved with the Junior League of Peoria because of Gayle Young, Gretchen Petrakis and Wendy Thomasson. They all belonged to the JLP, and I joined due to their experiences. The variety of projects and all the volunteers making Peoria a better community was something that interested me."

The Junior League of Peoria is currently working with other groups right now to help with families who have a lack of resources or options and live in poverty. Currently, JLP is working with Glendale Commons and a Master Gardener to provide a garden for the kids and families. We are also doing "Kids in the Kitchen " where we work with kids and teach them how to make healthy meals. JLP also goes to the Dream Center, Richland Farms Community Center and New Hope Apartments, and have scheduled classes with the kids.

Starting on **September 9**, there is a fundraiser for these projects, called the "Little Black Dress, " that brings awareness to poverty in the Peoria area. With the money raised the Junior League of Peoria provides ingredients for the kids to make a meal at home and in the past provided crock pots for each child.

What can you do to help?

You can make a difference! If you are interested in learning more about the Junior League of Peoria, please contact Joann Blum at blumhome@comcast.net. Joann would be happy to tell you more about her work "building a better community."

Fair Trade Sunday, September 1

Salem's Fair Trade features coffee in recyclable K-Cups, teas, cocoa, olive oil, nuts, and a new dried mango fruit, plus everyone's favorite chocolate bars! We will continue to have Fair Trade Sunday on the first Sunday of the month. Thank you for helping this ministry to support small farmers and make a difference all over the world.

Midwest Food Bank, Sept. 25

The next volunteer opportunity for Midwest Food Bank is Wednesday, **September 25 from 9am-11am**. Please sign-up in the Fellowship Lounge.

Thomas Jefferson Primary School

Plans are underway for the Thomas Jefferson Primary School classroom volunteer program. This program has been ongoing for several years, and last year there were 14 Salem classroom volunteers. Most of the volunteers are returning this school year, however there is a need for a few new volunteers.

If you are interested in being part of this program, please sign up in the Fellowship Lounge. For more information contact Susan Ross at srross101@comcast.net or (309) 360-2059.

Pen Pal Program for 2019-2020

The Pen Pal program with Thomas Jefferson's third graders will begin in October. If you have been a pen pal in the past, you will be contacted by email to verify that you want to continue. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Lounge for anyone newly interested in being a pen pal. More details will follow. Thanks for considering participating in this program.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



September 1
Julie Doty

September 3
Emily Jolliff

September 4
Greg Grebner
Caidon Hickey
Talon Witt

September 5
Carole Love
Robert Middleton, Sr.
David Swanson

September 6
Katherine Hancock

September 8
Gerald Bastian
Mary Gibson
Suzanne Ligon

September 9
Jamie Hancock

September 10
Laura VanLaningham

September 11
Paul Misselhorn
Gregory Scoville
Melissa Snider

September 12
Caleb Brinkman
Grant Kroodsma

September 13
Jennifer Friberg
Donald Hamann
Jordyn Manning
David Thomasson

September 14
Amy Hoffman

September 15
Kadyn Cochran
Jeffrey Hamann
Riley Moore

September 15
Marlene Peterson

September 16
Connor Kelly
Henry Noe

September 17
David Rees

September 18
Kevin Setterlund

September 20
Ella Hartman
Tim Koeltzow
Kylee Lambie
Drew Swanson

September 21
Karl Larson

September 22
Haley Aubrey
A.J. Bastian
Rebecca Glawe

September 22
Nicole Vandervlugt

September 23
Daniela Gonzales
Bruce Norgard
Donna Siegrist
Alex Swanson

September 24
Inez Norgard

September 25
Martha Mohr

September 26
Alice Bahnfleth
Kelly Brinkman
Justin Machacek

September 29
Alyssa Glawe

September 30
James Patterson

THANK YOUS!

My deep appreciation to Salem friends and Dick and Helene Peterson for bringing me your lovely cards, messages, gifts and goodies to enjoy. They are happy moments to remember. I am still smiling.

Bea Kent

I would like to thank the members of Salem for the prayers, cards, meals, rides, and support they offered following my hip surgery in June. Ron and I greatly appreciated everyone's help. Each of you made my recovery easier.

Thanks,
Norma Hartman



A View of Salem's Financial Status

Month of July, 2019

General Fund	Budget	Actual	Difference
June Giving	\$49,708	\$66,891	\$17,183
Expenses	\$50,370	\$43,198	(\$7,172)
Difference (Loss)	(\$662)	\$23,693	

Year-to-Date, 2019

General Fund	Budget	Actual	Difference
Giving	\$358,658	\$349,969	(\$8,716)
Expenses	\$352,588	\$331,529	\$21,059
Difference (Loss)	\$6,070	\$18,440	

Enjoy a Gourmet Brunch and Help Others!

Lutheran Hillside Village is hosting its 7th annual Benevolent Care Brunch Extraordinaire on Saturday, October 5 from 8:30am-1pm.

Guests will be treated to their choice of delicious gourmet entrées prepared by our executive chef, Mark Shoopman, and his talented team.

The cost is \$50 per person (\$25 is tax deductible.) Proceeds will benefit the Lutheran Hillside Village Benevolent Fund to support care center (nursing) residents who outlive their resources. Thank you for your continued support of Lutheran Hillside Village.

Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria (LWGP)

There will be a general membership meeting for the Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria on Friday, October 11 from 9am-11am at Bethel Lutheran Church (Bartonville). All delegates are encouraged to attend and to bring a friend! Nest Egg Wealth Management who specializes in financial advice, Medicare coverage and finding the right fit for individuals will present at the meeting. A continental breakfast will be served. Please RSVP to Redeemer delegate Lisa Mack at 309-360-2669 or lisadmack@comcast.net so they may be prepared for your arrival.

THANKSGIVING TO GOD FOR...

- Salem's growing ministry

DIRECTION...

- Salem Congreg. Council
- Salem's Pastor, Deacon and Staff
- Salem's Capital Appeal

PRAYERS 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
- Wally Bastian and his family

- Luan Borquist
- Stephanie Dammann's grandfather
- Linda Doerfler
- Keith Erickson
- Evie (kidney dialysis)

- Gabe
- Roz Gott
- Marge Gramm
- Jack Grant
- Ron Hipple
- Amy Hoffman
- Helen Johnson
- Lizzy
- Bill Mettam
- Tera
- 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
Barry Joyce



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Worship: 8am/10:45am • Education Hour: 9:15am