



the Bugle

As summer fades and fall begins, it is becoming clear that change is in the air. Kids are back to school, daylight hours are shortening, evenings are cooler, fall programming is beginning and the signs of the harvest season are emerging. There will soon be leaves to rake, garden hoses to drain and roll up, fields to harvest and efforts made to prepare for the next season that will no doubt follow. Having spent my whole life in the mid-west, I am fully aware of the changing seasons and the need to prepare for the changes that are inevitable. Some changes are welcomed, cooler evenings, apple cider, pumpkin spiced coffee, colored leaves, while other changes are more difficult. The same is true in life. We long to grow up but then we realize growing up comes with responsibilities and eventual health challenges and limitations. Change is part of life and how we adapt to or resist the changes can make a difference in how we are prepared for and embrace change or hide from it and be challenged by it.

I have recently considered biblical stories where God's people participated in an adventure as part of their call to follow God's plan and purpose for their benefit. Noah was instructed to build an ark in anticipation of a flood. Abram was told to "go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you." Consider Jacob's dream and subsequent journey in Genesis 28 beginning at verse 10. There is the story of Jacob's family and how their family jealousy paved the way for God's provision for this special family in a foreign land during a seven-year famine eventually leading to Moses being sent to convince the Pharaoh to let God's people go. From there they wandered in the wilderness for a full generation of time before returning to the land that had been promised to Abraham and his descendants forever. All these are examples of change

and adventure and many more, and it is only the first book and a half of the bible! God is a change maker from the position of an unchangeable love and passion for God's created and redeemed ones.

As the Renewing God's House project unfolds, it is clear that big changes are already in the works. In order to advance those changes, areas have had to be cleared out, walls removed and holes dug. Life at Salem is no longer business as usual. Classrooms have been moved, parking and entrances to the building have changed. Which door is available for access? How close can I park? Will there be anyone available to let me in if I do not have a key? Where is the mailbox? I participated in Salem's pre-school orientation the week before Labor Day and told parents that the next nine months will be an adventure. We will need patience, flexibility, adaptability, compatibility, and a willingness to proceed forward even when the path has either changed or is less than obvious. While change often causes anxiety, it also prepares the way for an adventure. I would like to suggest we consider the next nine months of construction work an adventure in the life of the church. Adventures are exciting, wondrous, full of surprises but also lead to new possibilities and opportunities. I encourage you to embrace the adventurous time that is underway at Salem. Not only for the renewal project, but also for the ministry opportunities that are taking place and that are yet to be determined. It is an exciting time and as one person described it, "a Kairos" time, meaning a unique and defining time. Thank you for your prayers, support and participation on this wondrous life adventure for we know that Christ is with us and God's Spirit goes before us. This is confident hope for the journey.



Pastor Craig Swenson



Kristen Schmid

Hello Everyone,

This has been a fun month of learning for me, as I've gotten to know Salem a bit better through worship, meetings, visits, bible studies, a lovely welcome ceremony, and an awesome annual picnic. I'm grateful for how hospitable everyone has been to both me and my family! I've been getting helpful feedback from both Pastor Craig and my internship committee as I began taking on pastoral roles. I'm looking forward to teaching Faith For Life with Pastor Craig and Deacon Jill, and learning more about the Peoria community through God's Work. Our Hands.

Kristen Schmid, Pastoral Intern

I'm excited to grow in discipleship with all of you as a new program year begins!



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Health Etiquette

Many people are challenged when cold and flu season breaks out. Common questions at the church center around how to respond in worship regarding passing the peace and sharing in communion. Each person is encouraged to make their own decisions, and all are asked to respect those decisions. Shaking hands or an embrace makes the words we share far more meaningful; however, alternatives to shaking hands might be waving, nodding or fist bumps, all which convey greeting as well. When communing, especially on Sundays when distribution is by intinction (dipping the bread in the wine), it is an acceptable practice to commune with bread only. Jesus is not limited to one element or the other and is not half present if a person receives bread or wine by itself. Again, the most meaningful practice is receiving both elements; however, bread alone conveys God's promise as well. Thank you for respecting one another and alternate practices that may take place for a variety of reasons. May all we do be to the glory of God.

Salem Seniors, October 3 and October 13

Trip to Tanners Orchard, October 3

On **October 3**, Salem seniors will take a trip to Tanners Orchard for lunch and shopping. The Salem bus will depart at **11:30am**. The lunch is provided through a Thrivent Grant.

Lunch at Avanti's (East Peoria) and Hearts of Illinois Concert at Illinois Central College

On **October 13 with the Salem bus leaving at 12:30pm**, Salem seniors will take a trip to enjoy lunch ordering off the menu at East Peoria's Avanti's and then attend the Heart of Illinois Chorus (proud member of Sweet Adeline International) "Hearts Celebrate America!" at Illinois Central College. Featured guest quartet is the Sunshine Celebration Quartet, and a portion of the proceeds will benefit the Greater Peoria Honor Flight. Cost for the tickets are \$10 each. For more information about the performance please contact Pat Arehart (256-3970).

"Grown and Flown" Mom's Group

Are you in parenting transitions? Children growing up? Children leaving the nest? Or children out of the nest? Just want to hang out with other moms? Then this is the group for you! We will be meeting Friday from **noon - 1:30pm at church beginning on Friday, October 4th**. Bring a lunch and join us for fellowship and devotions. This group will meet for six Fridays and then evaluate what the next steps should be. Come every Friday or just one - would love to have you. Stay for the whole time or just part of the time. Everyone is welcome! For additional information talk to Kelly Brinkman or Gretchen Petrakis.

Fall Work Day, October 5

Thank you for helping to keep our church in great shape! Fuel up with breakfast at 7:30am, work starts at 8am and finishes at noon. Men, women, Kappa Chi and other family members are welcome to volunteer. Please take a moment let us know if you are able to participate in Fall Work Day if you have not done so already!

Adult Fellowship, October 6 and October 12

Golf Outing

The golf outing will be held **Sunday, October 6 with tee times starting at 2:30pm** at Kellogg Executive 9 golf course. The outing will be followed by a meal at a place TBA.

Fellowship at the Fire Pit

Lori Reimer is hosting Adult Fellowship at Raymond Weitzel's fire pit for fun, food, and fellowship. Plan to gather with your Salem friends on **October 12 at 4pm** at 2506 N. Taylor Rd. (down the road from Wildlife Prairie Park). Brats, hot dogs, s'mores fixings, and drinks provided. Please bring a side dish to share. Sign up in the church office.

SERVE at SALEM



There are many opportunities to serve at Salem!



• WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Lectors, communion assistants, sound operators are needed for the fall. Sign-up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

• BUS DRIVERS

We are so blessed to have the Salem Lutheran Church Bus! The bus is used regularly for many activities with youth, pre-school and senior citizens. Transportation to and from Lutheran Hillside Village for Salem members every Sunday morning throughout the year is also being provided. We are grateful for our current bus drivers and excited to add to the bus driver ministry team. Please prayerfully consider becoming a Salem bus driver. Contact Scott Faulkner at 369-0677 to learn more about getting your passenger CDL and driving the Salem bus. It's a simple process and would make a big difference to the individuals and groups who depend on transportation.



• GREETERS- Sundays and Weekdays

Help put a smile on someone's face, and be the first face someone sees when they come to Salem Lutheran Church! Greeters are needed **during the week and also on Sundays**. Please contact Helene Peterson for additional information.



• "EXTRA SET OF HANDS"

With the renewal project there is a need for volunteers for projects. The projects vary and will include: packing, moving, cleaning, so it's not all heavy work! It is however, sometimes on short notice, a day or two as things come up with the construction. Therefore, having many people on the list helps as people have conflicts. Typically work has been short in duration (not a big time commitment!) Please contact Susan Ross (sross101@comcast.net).



Salem Lutheran Church PICNIC



Thank you!

Many thanks to the Salem Churchmen, helpers, and participants during the Salem Family Picnic on August 25, 2019.

Publicity, Pictures, and Signage: Meghan Peterson

God's Home Improvement skit: Dick Peterson, Pastor Craig Swenson, Dave Swanson, Mike Shadley, Tim Hickey, Dave TeBrake (Miller Architects and Builders), and Pastor John Sipf.

Worship Music: Julia Kotewa, Jason Brinkman, Todd Kelly, Eric Schroeder, Joel Brinkman, Kirsten Kelly, Maren Kelly

Food Preparation: Grant Peterson, Eric Schroeder, Regg Glawe, Meghan Peterson, Salem Family (sides and desserts).

Site Set Up and Tear Down: John Iverson, Rich Thompson, Tim Hickey, John Sipf, Leo Vandervlugt, Dean Doughty, Pastor Craig Swenson, Meghan Peterson

BINGO and worship service development: Pastor Craig Swenson, Brenda Newcomb

Skit Set Building, Mums, and Salem Speedway preparation and assistance: Patty Lantz

Giant Bubbles: Sarah Kammerer

Water Balloons and Emcee of the World Championship Water Balloon Toss: Rich Thompson

Madeline Kammerer and Brianna Schroeder won the 1st and Final Salem Cup – Monster Trike Race. Randy Blum and Brianna Schroeder won the World Championship Water Balloon Toss. Randy was pleased to regain his championship form after several years of disappointment.

Many thanks goes to the Salem Family for attending and making this a day of fun, fellowship, and good food. Thank you to all of the Salem Cup participants. Thank you all for coming! We hope you had a fun day with your Salem Family! Deepest apologies and many thanks to anyone omitted from the list.

Thank you for a great day! -Jason Lantz

FROM THE PARISH NURSE, LORI REIMER, RN



The flu (influenza) is an infection of the respiratory tract. This is very different from what some refer to as the "stomach flu." It is caused by a virus that spreads easily from person to person. While seasonal influenza viruses are detected year-round in the United States, they are most common during the fall and winter.



Lori Reimer, RN

When people have the flu, they usually feel worse than they do with a cold. Most people start to feel sick about two days after coming in contact with the flu virus. They might have fever, chills, headache, muscle aches, dizziness, tiredness, cough, sore throat, runny nose, nausea, weakness, or ear pain. It spreads when people cough or sneeze out droplets that are infected with the virus and other people breathe them in. The droplets also can land on things like doorknobs or shopping carts, infecting people who touch those things.

To protect yourself from the flu and stop its spread, you need a flu vaccine. The flu shot is a form of the vaccine that you get in your arm. Some years, you can get it as a nasal spray instead. Flu vaccines are made to target three or four types of flu viruses that are most likely to make you sick during the upcoming year. You cannot get the flu from the vaccine nor will it help prevent the "stomach flu." Other preventive measures include cover your mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing, good handwashing, and stay home if you are sick.

Midweek Ministries

Salem's Midweek Ministries are going strong amidst the construction and changing spaces. Join us **Wednesday evenings in October** for:

PRIMETIME Children's Ministry and PRIMETIME MOMS Group: 5:30pm - 6pm

Breaking Bread Dinner: 6pm - 6:30pm

Faith for Life (Junior High): 6:30pm - 8pm

PRIMETIME is for children in pre-kindergarten through 5th grade. It's a half hour of fast paced fun while learning many styles and components of worship. Guest Leaders will join us each week to lead children through activities like singing, chimes, liturgical dance, yoga, making musical instruments, and learning about church traditions. **PRIMETIME MOMS** are meeting at the same time to experience rest, refreshment, and relationships and a good dose of encouragement in the middle of the week. All are welcome!

Breaking Bread menus for October

Oct 2: Breakfast for Dinner

October 9: Chili and Hotdogs

October 16: Sloppy Joes

October 23: Fried Chicken and Fix'ins

October 30: Taco Bar

Help is always welcome preparing, serving and cleaning up after Breaking Bread meals. We are also in need of desserts this fall. Please contact Jill Goldhammer if you can help any Wednesday evening or wish to provide a yummy dessert (your choice) for approximately 60 people on the Wednesday night of your choice.



Kappa Chi First and Last Youth Group

On Sunday, September 15, Kappa Chi participated in a Kickoff Cookout hosted by Regg and Barb Glawe. Kappa Chi has plans to meet the First and Last Sundays each month. Please contact Jill Goldhammer if you have any questions.



Autumnfest, Saturday, October 12

Salem Families and individuals of all ages are encouraged to visit LOMC in Oregon, Illinois for their annual Autumnfest on **Saturday, October 12**. This is a great way to check out and support the camp. Salem has a long history of engagement with LOMC, which is celebrating 45 years of outdoor ministry this year. Salem will take the church bus if there is enough interest in riding together - Please sign up in the church office if you are interested in traveling by bus.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 - OPEN HOUSE - 10am to 5pm

FREE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Lunch
- DOUGHNUT Fun Run/Walk
- Bags/Cornhole Games
- Fishing
- Archery
- Apple Cider Pressing
- Pumpkin Carving
- Hiking
- Crafts
- Worship/Devotions
- Quilt Auction (Over 50 Quilts!)
- Silent Auction

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.

REBECCA GLAWE

Following her graduation with a B.S. degree in Political Science from University of Missouri in 2013, Rebecca spent a year in Gurye-gun Korea as an ESL teacher with the TaLK program. During her time in Korea, she used the opportunity to travel Asia, seeing China, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, and the Korean DMZ. Following her year in Korea, Rebecca moved to Washington, D.C. where she joined the staff of Senator Mark Kirk, where she spent the last 18 months of service with the Senator as his scheduler. Rebecca joined the USAID Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance Washington D.C. office following her time with Senator Kirk. There she worked with staff supporting humanitarian emergency response actions around the world. Rebecca is currently pursuing her passion for human security with her MALD degree from The Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy at Tufts University where her area of focus is Human Security & International Security studies. Rebecca has returned to Boston to continue her studies from a 2019 summer internship with the State Department in Yangon, Myanmar where she worked in the Public Relations office of the U.S. Embassy.



Reformation Sunday is October 27th!

Plan to join the Sunday School children and families, Faith for Life students, and High School students for a short program in the Sanctuary at 9:15am on Reformation Sunday. Come learn about our Lutheran heritage in an interactive and entertaining opening! There is always something new we can learn and new people we can meet when we gather together for a cross-generational event.

Following the program, adults will be able to go to Adult Study classes and fellowship time. We will break into small groups for additional activities in the Social Hall and Sanctuary.

Also on Reformation Sunday, as part of Salem's Milestone Ministry, Bibles will be presented to preschool students, 3rd grade students, and 6th grade students during worship. The Bible presentation will be at both services.



Be Like Jesus, Jr.

The Annual Be Like Jesus, Jr. event for 1st-3rd graders, is moving to St. Mark's Lutheran at 200 S. Main Street in Washington, Illinois, due to construction this fall at Salem. This awesome event for young children is on **Saturday, November 2, from 10am -**

2pm. The cost is \$15 per person and will include music, a craft, hands-on service projects, lunch and a t-shirt. Salem children are encouraged to invite a friend. Registration forms are available at church and on-line at www.salemofpeoria.com and can be turned in at the church office. We will take the Salem bus if there is enough interest in traveling together for this event. **The registration deadline is Sunday, October 13.** Scholarships are available as needed. Contact Jill Goldhammer for more information.

Worship! Why We Worship!

In addition to our regular Sunday School lessons, we will be learning why we worship, how we worship, and participating in worship. Watch for articles this year about worship – maybe it will give you reasons to pause and think about worship and how you participate.

Lutherans live in the beautiful tension of **and**. We are sinner **and** saint. We need the law that tells us about our sinfulness **and** the gospel that tells us we are forgiven by God's grace. We believe Jesus became fully human **and** is fully God. We worship in word **and** sacrament. We are gathered **and** sent. Not one or the other, but both, all – the **and** in its complexity and richness.

Consider this "Top Ten Reasons We Worship:"

10. **Because God created us to love and serve and worship God** – we both receive and return the deep love of God for the world.
9. **Because worship is one of the places in which we reliably encounter God** – we experience the holy in worship with real, fallible people, sacred stories, water, bread, and wine.
8. **Because worship is where the church comes into being** – as the familiar song reminds us, "The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church is a people."
7. **Because God calls and lead us there** – Lutheran Christians believe it is God who calls the assembly (gathering of believers) together through the Holy Spirit... remember Martin Luther's explanation of the third article of the Apostle's Creed in the Small Catechism?
6. **Because we are forgetful people** – Worship reminds us of our human brokenness and the amazing forgiveness God pours into us and our world.
5. **Because God speaks to us** – through Bible stories, our pastors, the words of a song, the sharing of the peace, when we receive communion, and when we are sent out. We listen as individuals and as a community.
4. **Because God feeds us at the table of Jesus with the very body and blood of Christ** – where all are welcome to come, eat and drink, and be nourished in a meal that we share with the saints of every time and place.
3. **Because the weekly pattern helps us to know, over time, who God is and who we are** – When we commit to a weekly practice of worship, we enter, with the assembly, into a long tradition that helps us in our struggle with life's deepest and hardest questions: Who are we? Who is God? How do we live after or in the midst of great suffering?
2. **Because community helps** – Much of Western culture tells us that spiritual life is an individual, personal concern. The Christian tradition counters this claim. We worship together in an assembly of intergenerational and diverse community.
1. **Because when we open ourselves to experience God's presence in worship, we also open ourselves to experience God's presence in our day-to-day lives** – Worship awakens us to the God who is at work in our daily lives, through us, with us, for us, and sometimes in spite of us.

Excerpted from Worship Matter, Augsburg Fortress, 2012

OCTOBER 2019

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6 Fair Trade 8am: Worship 9:15am: Education Hour 10:45am: Worship 12:30pm: Brage Lodge 2:30pm: Golf Outing 6pm-8pm: Youth Group	7 November Monthly Bugle Content Due 9am: TOPS Meeting 6:30pm: Congregational Care Meeting	8 Northern Conference 7pm: Outreach Meeting 7:30pm: Faith Formation Meeting	9 8:30am: Bible Lessons 10am: Staff Meeting 5:30pm: PRIMETIME! 6pm: Breaking Bread 6:30pm: Faith for Life 6:30pm: Praise Team 7pm: Serendipity	10 9:30am: Bible Study	11 12pm: Grown & Flown Mom's Group	12 10am-5pm: LOMC Autumn Fest-All Ages welcome! 4pm: Adult Fellowship at the Weitzel's Fire Pit
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MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS IN THE WEEKLY EXTRA...

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve

-Mark 10:45



SALEM OUTREACH MINISTRY GROUP (OMG)

Outreach, it's not just about the Money. Money can buy the paint, but it cannot put it on the walls; money can buy the books but it can't read them to the students; money can fill the pallet with food donations, but it can't separate it into shareable units.

Outreach, it's about the **people**. **People** paint the walls, read the books and sort the pallet of goods. **People** who volunteer for outreach projects are God's hands and feet in our world.

Join Salem outreach ministry group and help us find new and creative ways to respond to our community partner's needs.

Check out the October Center for Prevention of Abuse (CFPA) pajama collection, Thomas Jefferson Pen Pal and Trunk or Treat information in this issue of the *Bugle* and be on the look-out for more information about Outreach Ministry throughout October.

Salem's Outreach Ministry Group meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm at Salem. OMG, join us!

Fair Trade Sunday, October 6

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.

Thomas Jefferson Primary School Classroom Volunteers

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 church office. For more information contact Susan Ross at srross101@comcast.net or (309) 360-2059.

Thomas Jefferson Primary School Pen Pals

There will be three letter exchanges again this year, starting on **Sunday, November 3** for the Pen Pal program with the third graders at Thomas Jefferson Primary School. If you were a pen pal last year, we hope you will continue. Please contact Lois Knutson if you are interested in being a pen pal for the 2019-2020 year. Please encourage others to take part in this program! There is a sign-up sheet in the office for new pen pals. Thank you so much for your participation. The students at Thomas Jefferson look forward to getting letters from their pen pal friends at Salem.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

The Center for Prevention of Abuse (CFPA) is not only a shelter for individuals experiencing abuse and violence, but has long been a partner with the school systems in educational programs to prevent abuse. CFPA especially wishes to recognize and support efforts made by groups and individuals to prevent violence and abuse. **Morgan Lott**, Salem member and recent graduate of Richwoods High School, describes in her own words, her efforts towards violence prevention.

Each and every person has a cause that is near and dear to their heart, whether it's ending world hunger or providing access to healthcare to the less fortunate. For me and many other young people in our world today, that cause is the prevention of gun violence. My junior year of high school at Richwoods, there was a tragic shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, and this event hit very close to home for me and a lot of my peers. Being in high school ourselves, we were all very aware of the fact that a similar tragedy could happen to us at any moment. Together with one of my best friends, Holiday Maag, we decided that we should do something to honor those who died in the shooting, as well as help prevent a tragedy like that from happening here in our own school. The first part of our project was organizing the sit-in on March 14, 2018, which was the one month anniversary of the Parkland shooting. Over 1000 of the 1200 students at Richwoods participated, along with 100 staff members. We sold t-shirts with the slogan "See Something Say Something" with the money that we raised going towards increasing security at school. The second part of the project was an all-school tv assembly, which occurred on April 20th, the 19th anniversary of the Columbine School Shooting. During this presentation, we went over important signs to look for in preventing shootings, as well as reviewing code red procedures.

While it was not our intention to receive praise for our work, our principal decided to nominate us for an award that is presented by the Center for Prevention of Abuse. This award is called the Outstanding Youth Leader in Violence Prevention Award and after submitting a video essay, we were chosen as the first winners in our school's history. It was a great honor to receive recognition for our hard work, especially from an organization that has been such an important part of our community. As students in PSD150, we had participated in many of the Center's programs, such as Keeping my Body Safe and Teen Dating Violence Prevention, and we knew the great work they do. There was a short awards ceremony where we were each given an award, and our names were put on a plaque that will be added to as more Richwoods students win the award in the future. Through this project, we were able to spread the word that young people are the future, and only we can end gun violence. This project was extremely important to me, and I am very proud of the message that we were able to share with our community and our peers with help from the Center for Prevention of Abuse.

LEARN MORE & WATCH MORGAN LOTT'S VIDEO HERE...
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GriABIHhxs0>
<https://www.pjstar.com/photogallery/IP/20180314/NEWS/314009999/PH/1>

OUTREACH MINISTRIES: OCTOBER COLLECTION



The mission of the Center for Prevention of Abuse (CFPA) is to help all women, men, and children live free from violence and abuse. The CFPA provides help and shelter to those facing the challenges of abuse in the Peoria area. During the month of October, you are invited to bring pajamas and place them in the designated area between the narthex and fellowship lounge in support of this mission.

Of special need for the women and children at the center are:

- Pajamas for boys & girls
- Ladies pajamas & slippers

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FALL COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT: TRUNK OR TREAT!

Join your Salem Family for Halloween Fun on **Sunday, October 20 from 4pm-5:30pm** as we reach out to children and families in our nearby neighborhood and community. We want families to come and see the Salem Family in action – growing in Christ to love and serve – and having a great time together! Last year we had over 400 guests at our Trunk or Treat event. There may need to be some modifications this year due to the construction project, but the event is still ON!

There are many simple ways for Salem families and individuals of all ages to be a part of the fun. Trunk or Treat needs help with:

- **25-35 decorated trunks in the parking lot with people to hand out candy and small toys.** Salem families, committees, and groups are encouraged to decorate a vehicle. You can keep your design simple or go all out and compete for the “Most Creative Trunk” honors. If this seems a little “outside your comfort zone” consider teaming up with a Salem friend or two. Many creative ideas are available on “Pinterest” and we will be posting more ideas at Salem in coming weeks. Ask anyone on the CYF Team or staff if you need help with coming up with an idea. Please sign up in the church office by **Sunday, October 13** if you will provide a vehicle.
- **Greeters and parking lot attendants are needed to welcome our guests and safely manage the parking lot.**
- **Candy and other small items are needed for this event - either for your own Trunk or Treat vehicle or for some of our extra vehicles.** You can bring candy and small Halloween give away items to the collection center in the Weekday Narthex anytime before the event.
- **Invite children, families and friends you know to this event.** Invite, invite, invite! Salem children are of course welcome to Trunk or Treat and enjoy this event too.

We are hoping Salem families will take the lead in providing decorated vehicles and welcoming community guests in addition to coming for Trunk or Treating. Please sign up at the Welcome Center to volunteer or contact Jill Goldhammer (jgoldhammer@salemofpeoria.com) for more information. She would love to hear how you want to be involved in this fun community outreach event!



Noisy Can Collection

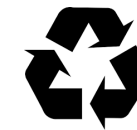
Thank you for your donations last month to the “Noisy Can Collection!” The “Noisy Can Collection” and the weekly offering of Sunday School children will support Habitat for Humanity of Greater Peoria Area. Children will be passing a “Noisy Can” during the Offering on the third Sunday each month at both services. Pastor Craig will invite the children forward to help at the appropriate time in the service.

With construction happening for “Renewing God’s House Together,” we thought that this organization was the perfect recipient for our offering this year. The mission of Habitat is: “Seeking to put God’s love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope” and their vision is: “A world where everyone has a decent place to live.” Salem has a long history of supporting Habitat. Barb and Regg Glawe have hosted a fall fundraiser for many years and Regg has organized support for past home builds. For more information about Habitat, see their website: <https://habitatpeoria.org>.



Worship and Music Ministry Seeking Chair/Co-Chair for the Altar Guild

The Worship and Music Ministry is seeking a chair/co-chair for Salem Lutheran's Altar Guild. After several years of service, Paula Sydow and Kirsten Kelly are stepping down, effective January 1st. People interested may speak with Paula or Kirsten for additional information or may contact Norma Hartman or Pastor Craig.



Recycling Update

Salem has been actively recycling various materials since 2005. There are orange recycling containers on all floors for use within church areas. Please do not recycle glass or plastic bags. Below is a list from PDC Services Inc. of materials accepted. Lists of acceptable materials are located in the second floor kitchenette and on the wall outside the kitchen.

Materials Accepted

Newspaper, junk mail, magazines, telephone books, computer paper, writing paper, paperboard boxes (cereal boxes, cake mix boxes)

Plastic containers (plastics from grocery stores), with numbers on the bottoms (ALL CONTAINERS MUST BE RINSED OUT): #1: soft drink bottles, water bottles; #2: milk, water, liquid detergent bottles; #3: health and beauty products; #4: six and 12 pack ring carriers only, no plastic bags; #5: syrup and ketchup bottles; #7: other rigid plastic containers

Aluminum cans, foil trays, steel cans, empty juice boxes, milk and juice cartons



Salem Library

"Every Day is Saturday"! That's the name of just one of the books highlighted in your Salem library right now. The focus is on retirement and aging. If you're thinking, "Well, that's not me," think again. Maybe you're a little older each day. Maybe your parents could use some wisdom for their aging journey. Maybe you'll "be there" before you know it. We can all use the wisdom shared in these books. Take a few minutes to browse this interesting array of books. You'll probably find at least one that you'll want to read. Remember, Salem's library is YOUR library. Use it and enjoy it.



Veterans Recognition Day

On **Sunday, November 10**, all are welcome to join a special reception in the Fellowship Lounge honoring veterans for their service to our country. Veterans will be wearing a ribbon during service. Please take the opportunity to say thank you to a veteran on this day for service to our country. Veteran's Day cards will be placed in the Narthex for people to sign for those overseas on **October 6 and 13**.

Hymns and Beer, Sunday, Nov. 3

"Hymns and Beer," a special Reformation Celebration event will be held at the Lindenhof German American Society on **Sunday, November 3 from 2pm-4pm**. Come celebrate the Reformation by singing hymns over your beverage of choice. There will be hymns led by Don Bauer, Director of Music from St. John's in Bartonville, and a special performance by the Salem Men's Quartet. A free will offering will be taken to offset the rental costs of the Lindenhof. Beer, soda and pretzels will be available for purchase. This is an inclusive event, so bring a friend, children are welcome, and join in this sing-a-long! Please sign up in the Welcome Center, and note if you would like to ride the bus.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 1 Kim Ascherl Zachary Ferrell	October 7 Trenton Hainline Meghan Peterson	Paul Park Gavin Stenzel	John Grabel
October 2 James Arehart Velma Crowley Stephanie Dammann Miles Janssen John Sipf	October 8 Arlene Schroeder	October 16 Roberta Kessinger	October 25 Jodi Campbell Brett Cooper Faith Forkell Erika Haedicke Sandra Harvey Fred Stamerjohn
October 3 Susan Barnes JR Runkel	October 10 David Griffith Maren Kelly	October 17 Shirley Hornecker	October 26 John Day
October 4 Jackson Grabel Karsen Grabel October 5 Allen Bidne	October 11 Terry Krus Cynthia Turner	October 18 James Ripper Kelly Swanson	October 27 Alison Meinert
October 6 Alton Berg MaryAlice Erickson Elijah Sipf	October 12 Aaron Hartman Brent Wallstedt	October 19 Christa Taubert Gayle Young	October 28 Mike Shadley
	October 13 Scott Hainline Michael Newcomb	October 20 Janet Kaizer	October 29 Gail Serrahn
	October 15 Melissa Aprahamian Sharon Coyner	October 21 Kelsi Gustafson Jaxon Howard	October 30 Aaron Grebner Ann Sterr Annie Swanson
		October 23 Susan Barham Joann Blum	



Fran Riley Turns 100!

Those that attended church services on August 25th heard that Fran Riley had two goals for her 100th birthday: one was to attend church (*check!*) and the second was to ride in a convertible (*also check!*) Please see the picture to the left. She told us that she felt the convertible ride was more sensible than jumping out of an airplane. Her driver is the gentleman who farms her land.

Thanks to all of you who made her milestone birthday so special – the cards, the visits, the prayers – it was a day to remember! A special thank you to Pastor Swenson for the extended visit at her party and seeing her off in the convertible. She enjoyed it all very much. -Fran Riley & family

Thank you!!

Dear Friends at Salem:

Last week we were so happy to receive your box – filled with cards, handwritten notes, chocolates and even homemade cookies and fall décor.

It means a great deal to both of us to be remembered by our Salem friends. Thank you one and all.

Sincerely,

Carl and Helen Buerger

A View of Salem's Financial Status

Month of August, 2019			
General Fund	Budget	Actual	Difference
August Giving	\$49,708	\$35,273	(\$14,435)
Expenses	\$50,370	\$44,605	(\$5,765)
Difference (Loss)	(\$662)	\$23,693	
Year-to-Date, 2019			
General Fund	Budget	Actual	Difference
Giving	\$408,367	\$385,242	(\$23,125)
Expenses	\$402,958	\$376,133	\$26,825
Difference (Loss)	\$5,409	\$9,109	

Church Women United Human Rights Day, October 4

October 4 is the Church Women United Human Rights Celebration at First English Lutheran Church at 9am. The theme is "Unite to Serve." A brunch will be served and a \$5 donation is expected. **Reservations are needed.** Please call Cheryl Grant (685-8336) no later than **September 27** to make your reservation. All women are invited.

Enjoy a Gourmet Brunch and Help Others!, October 5

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), October 11

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.

LWGP Wine and Chocolate Tasting, October 20

Enjoy a wine and chocolate tasting for adults (age 21 and above) at Mackinaw Valley Winery benefiting Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria at **2pm on Sunday, October 20**. Tickets are \$25 per person (checks payable to Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria). **ADVANCE TICKETS REQUIRED!** To get yours, mail a check and your Email address to: Pepper Bauer, 5220 S. Cameron Lane, Mapleton IL 61547. Questions? Call Pepper at (309) 697-5762 or email: pepperbauer@att.net.

LWGP Peoria Dining Tour Coupon Book

The Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria (LWGP) are offering the Peoria Dining Tour Coupon Book again this year. The cost is \$30. Proceeds from each book will go equally to the Lutheran Hillside Village and Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. Please contact Inez Norgard at 309-208-6317 to purchase a book.

PRAYER REQUESTS

THANKSGIVING TO GOD FOR...

- Salem's growing ministry

DIRECTION...

- Salem Congreg. Council
- Salem's Pastor, Deacon, Intern and Staff
- Salem's Renovation Project

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
- Ed Akers
- Wally Bastian and his family
- Luan Borquist
- Butch
- Stephanie Dammann's grandfather
- Keith Erickson
- Gabe
- Roz Gott
- Marge Gramm
- Jack Grant
- Laurie Hacker
- Ron Hipple
- Amy Hoffman
- Helen Johnson
- Lee

- Lizzy
- Morgan Lott
- Bill Mettam
- Susan Mikkelson
- Karen Norman Rees' brother-in-law
- Arlene Schroeder
- Gary Setterlund & Kay Price
- Darla Tieszen
- Ella Vandervlugt
- Wayne (brother of Barbi Ricketts)
- Fred and Lori Wysk
- Jean and Frank Yancick

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY...

Stateside: Ian Borquist, Jason Sterr, Col. Darnell Salley, Scott Wolfmeyer
Overseas:
Talon Maki, Barry Joyce, Emily Graff



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Renewing God's House Together

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Phase One of Renewing God's House Together Continues

It is an exciting time at Salem as we see the construction and renovation in the midst of the first phase. As of September 23, 2019, we have received \$1,350,700.10 in gift and cash contributions of the \$2,021,900.24 that has been pledged over three years for this project. We want to thank each member for their commitment to complete their pledges. Please know that any member may contribute whether they pledged or not and

that all receipts received will help lower the amount that needs to be borrowed to complete the renovation.

Phase One: estimated completion 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 closed off to allow for the remodeling into new office wing.
- The lower level restrooms will be abandoned to convert into new restrooms.

