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- Philippians 1:3

By now, you have received a mailing from Salem along with material to consider your financial support and partnership in

Joseph Bleakley who served as one of the assistants to the bishop in the synod with an emphasis on stewardship and evangelism. The verse was a good reminder to direct thanks to God for the many ways people of God make a difference in Christ's church through regular and generous giving. "Because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now" says Paul. Even in the face of significant challenges, this first century church prevailed and gave witness to the redeeming and transforming news of Jesus rising from the dead and the impact this good news has on the lives of people of all generations. When Paul learned of the generous and passionate response from members of this faith community as witnesses to Jesus, it warmed his heart and he was moved in thanksgiving to God.

When I think of the many ways Salem members support one another and strive to make a difference in the lives of those in the Peoria area as well as around the globe, I am moved with joy to thank God for you and our partnership in the gospel. Together, we are people of a promise that lives in and through us and when we allow that promise to take root and bear fruit, we can see God at work.

Salem's ministries for the coming year. For the many ways you share and participate in Salem's ministries, please know I am grateful to God for you. Your involvement is a witness of the work of God's Spirit living and stirring in you as you feel called and directed to share in the work of Christ's church together. As the mailing indicated, your pledged commitment is requested, and it serves two purposes. First, it informs church leaders how support is anticipated for the coming year. Please know that your pledge is confidential and only known by the church financial secretary and assistant. Second, pledging serves as a tool for accountability. I know I am more likely to follow through with my intentions if there is a written record. The church simply helps me track my pledged commitment throughout the year.

As we move into the month focused on giving thanks and the harvesting of seasonal fruit, I encourage you to consider ways that you have seen God's hand at work and the fruit it has and continues to provide.

For all good gifts and the joy of sharing them, we thank our God who is faithful and provides in abundance. May the blessings and beauty of the season sustain and empower you.





### Happy November!

I've spent some of our warm and beautiful fall driving through cornfields to Anchor, IL to learn about evangelism, Carlinville, IL to learn about ecumenism, and Rockford, IL to learn about being a pastoral intern. I'm grateful for the opportunities to expand my knowledge so that I can serve more effectively. I also continue to learn each day through my interactions at Salem with all of you - kids included! I've enjoyed getting a chance to do some preaching, teaching

and worship planning, and will be leading an Adult Forum in the coming weeks. One of my school requirements is to do research on the area and interview people in the congregation and community, and those conversations have been especially helpful and enlightening. It has been great to broaden and practice my skill set, get to know people at Salem better, and have a better grasp of how the church functions.

> My thanks and blessings to you all, Kristen

### **Trunk or Treat 2019**

Thank you to all the Salem volunteers who helped provide a successful fall outreach event. Trunk or Treat had hundreds from the Peoria area attend on October 20.



















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### **NEW BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

# **Honoring Our Neighbors Faith**

Women in the Word will be teaming up with Relevant to offer a Sunday School based on the book "Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith". And we're opening it up to the whole congregation! If you are interested or would like to order a book, please let Rebbecca Sipf know. Classes will begin November 10th, between services.

# From Death to Life: The Cross and Our Baptismal Promises

You are invited to join pastoral intern Kristen Schmid in a five-week series, "From Death to Life: The Cross and Our Baptismal Promises," Sundays during the education hour in the Faith chapel, Nov. 10-Dec. 8. Come explore the surprising character of God, and how it helps us live out our faith!

# "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 through Friday, November 8. Bring a lunch and join us for fellowship and devotions. This group will evaluate what the next steps should be after November 8. Stay for the whole time or just part of the time. Everyone is welcome! For additional information talk to Kelly Brinkman or Gretchen Petrakis.

# **Visiting Ministry**

The Salem Congregational Care Ministry has formed a task force called "Visiting Ministry." This Ministry will visit Salem members who might enjoy a personal visit or telephone call from their Salem family. This includes members who are away from Church on a full-time, temporary transitional basis through illness or other reason. If you are currently visiting a Salem member and would like to be a part of the "Visiting Ministry," please let one of the Task Force members know. The Task Force is composed of Sue Colloton, Lori Reimer, Joan Creager, Suzanne Ligon, Mary Alice Erickson, Jill Goldhammer and Pastor Craig Swenson.

## **Visit Referrals**

The newly formed Visiting Ministry is seeking referrals. If you are aware of a Salem member or friend that you think would enjoy a visit or telephone call from their Salem Family, please let Sue Colloton, Lori Reimer, or Joan Creager know. Outreach to our faithful Salem Family is an important part of our Congregational Care.

# Adult Fellowship: Zentangle!

Make your own Zentangle Christmas cards, artwork, and gifts! Zentangle is an easy, relaxing art form you can learn just in time for the holidays. We will meet in the Relevant Room on 3rd floor, at 1pm on Saturday, November 16. All supplies are included and there will be cookies!

# **College Student Addresses**

Parents please provide the church office with your college student's college address. Thank you!

### FROM THE PARISH NURSE, LORI REIMER, RN

November is National Family Caregivers Month. This month is used to not only recognize the hard work of family caregivers, but also to help individuals identify themselves as caregivers. They are anyone who provides essential, but unpaid services to keep their loved ones safe and as healthy as possible. The two parts of the term are equally important. 'Family' denotes a special personal relationship with the care recipient. 'Caregiver' is the job description, which may include providing personal care, carrying out medical procedures, running errands, managing a household, and interacting with the formal health care and social service systems on another's behavior



Lori Reimer, RN

interacting with the formal health care and social service systems on another's behalf. Many people who provide care to others don't identify themselves as caregivers. You can say, "I am a family caregiver" if you are:

- · The person who drives an elderly neighbor or fellow church member to his or her doctor appointment.
- · The nephew/niece/grandchild who cooks and cleans their loved ones' home or helps with the bills and checkbook
- The daughter/son that insists their parent move in with their family, so that they can help with medication and ensure safety or lives far away but arranges for care
- · The person that bathes and dresses his or her spouse.

Once you accept that you might be a family caregiver, it's okay to say, "Yes, I am a caregiver, but I need to take care of myself too." While it's great to understand the importance of your role and care you are providing, your health and your ability to provide care to the best of your abilities must be a priority. Ways to take care of you include:

- · Seek support from other caregivers. You are not alone!
- · Take care of your own health so that you can be strong enough to take care of your loved one.
- · Accept offers of help and suggest specific things people can do to help you.
- · Learn how to communicate effectively with doctors.
- · Organize medical information so it's up to date and easy to find.
- · Make sure legal documents are in order.
- · Give yourself credit for doing the best you can in one of the toughest jobs there is!

Stop by the Parish Nurse office for more caregiving information!

# **Christmas Greetings**

Let our members know they're remembered by filling and delivering Christmas bags! The bags will be in the morning narthex starting on **Sunday, November 24 until after the second service on December 15.** These Christmas greetings are sure to be cherished by those who are now unable to attend worship and activities on a regular basis or enjoy a cheerful greeting.

People to remember are: Walt Anderson, Natalee Arff, Susan Barham, Betty and Matthew Bennett, Alf Berg, Carl and Helen Buerger, Jr., Ruby Chelgren, Marge Gramm, Vi Gruber, Amy Hoffman, Bev Holmes, Shirley Hornecker, John Johnson, Bea Kent, Ruth Landes, Carl Lindquist, Bev Maier, Bill Mettam, Elaine McHugh, Nancy Owens, Pastor and Rosy Park, Kay Peterson, Fran Riley, John and Marge Ryberg, Arlene Schroeder, Irene Sawatzky, Cindy Turner, Frank Yancick, and Roman Wegrzyn.

Would you like to be the bearer of these cheery greetings? There is also a sign-up sheet for those willing to deliver the bags after second service between **December 15 and Christmas.** Please contact Joan Creager at (309) 231-7724 with any questions.

# MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS IN THE WEEKLY EXTRA...

Come spread the good news!



The Faith Formation ministry at Salem seeks to fulfill the first part of our congregation's purpose ("Growing People in Christ") by planting and nurturing the seeds of faith through learning, relationships, and service. This begins with our youngest children and continues throughout our lives. Salem's witnesses share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, pass on faith stories, and develop relationships that last a lifetime. Our passion comes from the love that the Holy Spirit has instilled in us and the saints that inspired us. Come be a disciple and tell the Good News of Christ's love with others. You'll receive much more than you can give.

Check out the remainder of the Midweek Ministries for November, immerse yourself in a Bible study or small group on Sunday morning, check out a book from the Adult or Children's libraries, teach a Sunday morning class, or come hear the Sunday school children sing! There are many ways to participate with age levels that match your talents. Do you have a talent or idea for something new and exciting that would inspire others? Let's explore it! Be on the look-out for more information about Faith Formation Ministry throughout November.

Salem's Faith Formation Ministry Group meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm at Salem. Join Salem's faith formation group and help us spread the Good News!

# Noisy Can Collection, November 17

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. For more information about Habitat for Humanity, please see their website: <a href="https://habitatpeoria.org">https://habitatpeoria.org</a>.



# 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. 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 church office, and note if you would like to ride the bus.



From the blog: worshippingwithchildren.
blogspot.com by Carolyn Brown

# What Children Miss When They Are Not in the Sanctuary

As Sunday School classes continue their focus on worship, why is it important for children to participate in worship? Children can wiggle, make an amazing amount of noise, and often seem to be enduring rather than participating in worship. Because of this, parents and even whole congregations sometimes decide to keep the children out of the sanctuary "until they are older." When children do not share in the congregation's worship regularly they miss out on:

- -Hearing the Bible stories they hear in Sunday School or at home read in the sanctuary to people of all ages. The stories are no longer "kid" stories but the shared, loved stories of the whole congregation.
- -Praying the Lord's Prayer, saying the Apostles' Creed, singing the songs not just with other kids but with people of all ages.
- -Knowing they are part of something bigger than they are and that it is powerful and good. This is enriched if lots of people know them by name or at least smile and talk to them letting the children know that people are glad they are there.
- -Hearing prayer requests of others and making prayer requests of their own.
- -Beginning to recognize people of all ages who are part of their congregation and to be recognized by them.
- -Being there for baptisms and communions to accumulate experiences with the sacraments.
- -Getting to know the pastor and other church leaders. This means they know and are known by the congregation's leaders which is good on ordinary days and critical when the pastor shows up in a family crisis.
- -Sharing a hymn book with a parent to sing songs at least some of which that parent obviously loves.
- -Putting money in the offering plate with everyone else in the whole church. This feels totally different from putting money in a basket as it is passed in a circle of kids in Sunday School.
- -Gathering experiences with yearly worship traditions such as: Advent wreaths, changing colors, ashes, palm parades, trumpets at Easter.
- -Falling asleep on a parent's shoulder or lap and feeling loved.

# **Sunday School Kids Singing on November 3**

All Sunday School kids, preschool – 5th grade will be singing at **both services on November 3**. We ask they all come to the 8am service and stay until they sing early at the 10:45am service. The children will sit with their families until they are called up to sing. They will NOT wear robes.

# Midweek Ministries

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

PRIMETIME Children's Ministry and PRIMETIME MOMS Group: 5:30pm - 6pm November 6: "Move & Groove" PRIMETIME CHILDREN led by Gretchen Petrakis

> **Breaking Bread Dinner:** 6pm - 6:30pm **November 6:** Ham with mac-n-cheese **November 13:** Thanksgiving Dinner

Faith for Life (Junior High): 6:30pm - 8pm November 6 & November 13

Help is always welcome preparing, serving and cleaning up after Breaking Bread meals. Please contact Jill Goldhammer if you can help any Wednesday evening.

## Paintball with Salem Youth and Salem Churchmen

The Salem Churchmen have been challenged by Salem Youth to a game of PAINTBALL! This event will be **November 10 at 1pm**, so mark your calendars and get ready to get messy at the Pekin Paintball Pits! Cost is \$20/person and ages six and up may join the low impact paintball challenge! Sign-up in the church office.



# Kappa Chi & Faith for Life Participating in the Synod Lutheran Youth Organization Gathering

Kappa Chi students are participating in the Central-Southern Illinois Synod Youth Organization Gather at Lake Williamson, near Carlinville, Illinois on **Friday, November 15-Sunday, November 17**. Love your selfie! The 2019 Youth Gathering will focus on Psalm 139:14 "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made," with special guests Larry Olson and Hans Peterson, and once again featuring their band, Dakota Road. **Kappa Chi will meet at 4pm on Friday, November 15 and return by 2pm on Sunday, November 17.** Please pray that our young people be strengthened in their faith through these weekend events, that they travel to and from their destinations safely and that they have an AWESOME time!



# **NOVEMBER 2019**

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					9am: Church Women United at First Baptist Church 12pm: Grown & Flown Mom's Group	<b>2</b> 10am: Be Like Jesus, Jr. at St. Mark's in Washington
Fair Trade Sunday Pen Pal Letters 8am: Worship 9:15am: Education Hour 10:45am: Worship 2pm: Hymns & Beer 6pm: Youth Group	4	5 9am: Rebecca Circle 10am: Staff Meeting 7pm: Council Meeting	December Monthly Bugle Content Due 8:30am: Bible Lessons 5:30pm: PRIMETIME! 6pm: Breaking Bread 5:30pm: Naomi Circle 6:30pm: Faith for Life 6:30pm: Praise Team Practice 7pm: Serendipity	7 9:30am: Bible Study	8 12pm: Grown & Flown Mom's Group	9
Veteran's Day Recognition Home Communion 8am: Worship 9:15am: Education Hour 10:45am: Worship 12pm: Pekin Paintball Outing	11 6:30pm: Congregational Care Meeting	12 Northern Conference 7pm: Outreach Meeting 7:30pm: Faith Formation Meeting	8:30am: Bible Lessons 10am: Staff Meeting 5:30pm: Thanksgiving Prayer Service 6pm: Breaking Bread-Thanksgiving Dinner 6:30pm: Faith for Life 6:30pm: Praise Team Practice 7pm: Serendipity	14 9:30am: Bible Study	15 4pm: Synod Youth Gathering- Departure for Carlinville	16 1pm: Adult Fellowship Zentangle
Noisy Can Offering 8am: Worship 9:15am: Education Hour 10:45am: Worship 2pm: Synod Youth Gathering- Return from Carlinville	18 7pm: Salem Churchmen at Lariat Club	19 10am: Staff Meeting 10:30am: Women of Salem Board Meeting 6:30pm: Lydia Circle 7pm: Property & Finance Meeting 7pm: Worship & Music Meeting	<b>20</b> 8:30am: Bible Lessons 7pm: Serendipity	21 9:30am: Bible Study	22	23
24 Advent Corner 8am: Worship 9:15am: Education Hour 10:45am: Worship 6pm: Youth Group	25	<b>26</b> 10am: Staff Meeting	27 8:30am: Bible Lessons 9am: Midwest Food Bank 7pm: Serendipity	28 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	29 Office Closed	30

# Hope after the Hurricane



Fortunately for Gilbert, he picked up the phone and found himself talking to not only a real

person, but the right person – Yussef Parris, a case manager working with Lutheran Disaster Response. It wasn't until Gilbert invited Yussef into his home that the full extent of damage from the storm was realized.

Gilbert was living without a roof, his electricity and heat had been shut off and his septic tank had collapsed, all because of the storm.

Gilbert, legally blind, was unable to see well enough to fill out any forms and having talked to a few people with little progress in helping him, he had almost

"I WAS IN SHOCK, BARELY LIVING DAY TO DAY," GILBERT JOHNSON SAYS OF THE DAYS AND MONTHS AFTER HURRICANE SANDY LEFT A GAPING HOLE IN HIS ROOF AND FLOODED HIS ENTIRE HOME.

given up. Gilbert says, "I was skeptical. I didn't trust anybody to help me, but you [Yussef] proved to me that you

will advocate for me – you're on my side."

Yussef and the long-term disaster recovery committee are walking with Gilbert on his journey to rebuild his home and his life. He is eager to get back in his home and is very grateful, "I never could have imagined this, it is better than I ever could have dreamed. Now I have hope."

Because of people like you, Lutheran Disaster Response is able to help those whose homes have been destroyed by disasters. Your gifts help provide healing and hope to people like Gilbert.

www.ELCA.org/disaster

# **LUTHERAN**DISASTER RESPONSE

Lutheran Disaster Response strives to help the church continue to be church in the midst of disaster — following Christ's call to bring hope and healing to our neighbor in need. Currently they are supporting numerous relief efforts including U.S. flooding relief, 2019 Hurricane response, U.S. tornadoes, Cyclone Idai, U.S. Wilfires, Indonesia Earthquake and Tsunami, South Sudan Relief, Africa Drought, Middle East and Europe Refugee Crisis, AMMPARO. Lutheran Disaster Response works in partnership with congregations, synods, social service organizations and other partners in the United States and around the world. Working with local organizations that have a deep knowledge of local needs and how to address them, Lutheran Disaster Response is able to work in ways that are relevant and effective for each community. Through these partnerships, survivors are accompanied from the time a disaster strikes until communities are rebuilt. Below is one example of Lutheran Disaster Response's impact after a disaster. For more information https://www.elca.org/ Resources/Lutheran-Disaster-Response.



# Fair Trade Sunday, November 3

Salem's Fair Trade will continue to have Fair Trade Sunday on the first Sunday of the month on **Sunday, November 3**. Thank you for helping this ministry to support small farmers and make a difference all over the world.

## **Pen Pal Letters,** November 3

Salem Pen Pals will received their first letter from their Thomas Jefferson third grade pen pal on **Sunday**, **November**, **3**. Please plan to pick up your letter on Sunday!

# Midwest Food Bank, November 27

The next serving opportunity at Midwest Food Bank is **Wednesday, November 27 at 9am** at the Peoria Division. Please consider joining the Salem volunteers during this time of Thanksgiving!

# Faith for Life Outreach Project: Thomas Jefferson Christmas Food Baskets

Canned food for Thomas Jefferson families will be collected in the morning narthex starting Sunday, November through the end of the month. Faith for Life students will be keeping track of the food collected all month and will work together to make 20 Christmas food baskets which they will deliver to Thomas Jefferson Families in December. Some of the items needed include:

Spaghetti and sauce, meal helpers (chicken, tuna, etc), stuffing mix, mac and cheese, instant potatoes, gravy, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, mustard, ketchup, canned food – soups, stews, chili, sloppy joes, etc, canned fruits and vegetables, canned meat – tuna, turkey, chicken, ham, crackers, instant oatmeal, hot chocolate, toothpaste, paper towels, toilet paper and dish soap.

Thank you for helping Faith for Life students with this project. We have received feedback from that the Christmas Food Baskets mean a great deal to the families who receive them and we are so pleased to be able to continue this tradition with your generosity!

# **Sharing Tree**

Help make Christmas special for the families supported by Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI). We invite you to take a tag from the "Sharing Tree" that will be in the Welcome Center. Your gifts should include a clothing gift and a toy or "fun" gift totaling \$30. Suggestions are included on the information sheets provided for each person. Both gifts should be wrapped and placed in a bag with a handle, labeled with the person's name and the number that is on the information sheet. Gifts must be returned and placed under the tree in the morning narthex by **Sunday, December 8**. If you have questions, please contact Sarah Gonzales (sarbear@mtco.com).



should be made payable to Salem Lutheran with "Disaster Response" in the memo line. If you wish to attend, please sign up in the office. Sign up is encouraged to help the kitchen crew prepare. **Preceding the dinner, a short worship service for all ages will begin at 5:30pm in the sanctuary.** This is a wonderful time to give thanks and praise to our Lord before enjoying the blessings of food and fellowship.

You are invited to join Salem's annual Thanksgiving dinner on Wednesday, November 13 at 6pm. Turkey, dressing,

sides and dessert are all provided. A free will offering will be taken to benefit Lutheran Disaster Response. Checks

**Thanksgiving Dinner to Benefit Lutheran Disaster Response** 



# **Phase 1 Work Progresses**

Phase 1 construction work continues to progress. Salem's website (www.salemofpeoria.com has the most up-to-date photos and videos of the Renewing God's House Together project. Please continue to follow progress there, and thank you for your generous support and continued prayers.













# SERVE at SALEM

# There are many opportunities to serve at Salem!



#### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Lectors, communion assistants, sound operators are needed for the fall. Please continue to sign-up on the bulletin board in the narthex.



#### 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 (srross101@comcast.net).

# **Advent Worship Offerings**



In the special season leading up to Christmas, Salem Lutheran Church will offer three separate opportunities to center ourselves in the meaning of God's coming among us. The services will take place in Salem's Faith Chapel.

Advent Services – Song, candlelight, and quiet reflection, Wednesday, December 4 & 11, 6:30pm.

**Service of Solace** – Christ's coming proclaims hope for all who are grieving or otherwise find the holiday season difficult. Experience words of forgiveness and the comfort of

Christ in this service on Wednesday, December 18, 6:30pm.

### **Advent Season Decorating**

Join the decorating team as Salem prepares for the Advent season. We will be decorating on **Wednesday**, **December 4 at 9am**.

# **Living Nativity at Salem Lutheran Church**

Save the dates: **Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8 from 4pm-6pm** to celebrate the birth of Jesus through Salem's Living Nativity! More details will be coming!

### **Christmas Poinsettias**

To beautify the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day, and to honor or memorialize loved ones at Christmas time, Salem offers members the opportunity to order a poinsettia through the Church. The poinsettias are purchased by the church office and may be picked up or the church will arrange for them to be delivered to homebound members on Christmas Day following the 10am worship service.

Blank order forms will be available in the church pews. The cost for each poinsettia is \$11, and your gift must accompany the order. All poinsettia orders must be into the church office no later than **December 15.** 

### **Annual Advent Event**

Women of Salem would like you to "SAVE THE DATE" **Wednesday, December 11** for our Annual Advent Event! More details to come!





# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



### November 1

Ron Breidel

### November 2

Randolph Middleton

### November 3

Mark Janco Erin Schmitt Linda Wragge

### **November 5**

Kris Griffith Lois Knutson Suzanne Neltner

### November 6

Warren Hartmann Richard Serrahn

#### **November 7**

Matthew Grimm Keniya Scoville David Sterr Nathan Wiesehan

### **November 8**

Evan Lott Suzanne McMickle

### **November 9**

Alivia Sansale Bill Welch

### **November 10**

Jennifer Gregg Caroline Hartmann Carolyn Noe

# **November 11**Keith Frickson

### November 12

Alf Berg Tyler Blum John Mollenhauer Julia Wallstedt

### November 14

Lori Goffinet

### **November 15**

Peyton Manning

### **November 16**

Chad Doty Mickayla Hughbanks Barbara Ricketts

### **November 17**

Kirsten Kelly

# November 19

Erik Doughty Emily Ferrell

### **November 20**

Susan Faulkner Kerstin O'Connor

### November 21

Isabel Gonzales

November 22
Jerome Sokolowski

# November 23

Lynette Christensen Dennis Thomasson

### November 24

**Andrew Ferrell** 

### **November 25**

Megan Faulkner Heather Hopkins

### November 26

Catherine Setterlund

### **November 27**

Kathryn Cowser Martin Creager Gary Johnson Aaron Kotewa

### **November 29**

Matt Bastian

# A VIEW OF SALEM'S FINANCIAL STATUS

**Month of September, 2019** 

<b>General Fund</b>	Budget	Actual	Difference
September Giving	\$49,558	\$45,939	(\$3,619)
Expenses	\$50,370	\$43,868	(\$6,502)
Difference (Loss)	(\$812)	\$2,071	

### Year-to-Date, 2019

<b>General Fund</b>	Budget	Actual	Difference
Giving	\$457,925	\$431,181	(\$26,744)
Expenses	\$453,328	\$420,001	\$33,327
Difference (Loss)	\$4,597	\$11,180	

A belated "Thank you" to our friends at Salem for Walt"s "Thinking of You" bag of cards, treats and gifts. Thanks to Nadine for delivering them to Snyder Village after he was out of isolation. We are starting to read the notes for the second time and the owl and flower are decorating his room.

Blessings, Walt & Joy Anderson

Thank you for your gift of \$500.00 received on 9/19/2019 to Crittenton Centers. Thank you for your support in helping the children reach their full

potential. We see lasting generational change through our free Family Services programs including parenting classes, support groups, individualized home visits and family advocates.

Gratefully,

Jeff A. Gress, President & CEO

# Church Women United World Community Day, November 1

**November 1 at 9am** is the Church Women United World Community Day at 1st Baptist Church (411 W. Lake Ave.) A \$5 donation is expected. **Reservations are needed.** Please call Barb Gurtler (692-7514) no later than **October 29** to make your reservation. All women are invited.

# **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

Thank You!!

#### **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
- Wally Bastian and his family

- Luan Borquist
- Butch
- Stephanie Dammann's grandfather
- Keith Erickson
- Gabe
- Family of 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

Pastor Paul Park

- Arlene Schroeder
- Darla Tieszen
- Cindy TurnerElla Vandervlugt
- Wayne (brother of Barbi Ricketts)
- Fred and Lori Wysk
- Jean and Frank Yancick

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