



the Bugle

For 40 days and 40 nights it rained upon the earth during the great flood. For 40 years, God's chosen people wandered in the wilderness on their way back to the promised land. After Moses killed the Egyptians, he fled to Midian, where he spent 40 years in the desert tending flocks. Moses was on Mount Sinai for 40 days and 40 nights. Goliath taunted Saul's army for 40 days before David arrived to slay him. When Elijah fled from Jezebel, he traveled 40 days and 40 nights to Mt. Horeb. For the next 40 days following his baptism, Jesus was tested prior to beginning his new ministry. There were also 40 days between Jesus' resurrection and ascension.



Pastor Craig Swenson

Thanks to great efforts from Pastoral Intern Kristen, Salem will journey through the 40 days of Lent following issues of poverty and hunger. Weekly worship and a brief program along with daily devotions written by Salem members will be available during this special season toward the cross and resurrection hope. As we raise awareness of these challenging issues we also point to hope when individuals and communities are empowered to make a difference for the most vulnerable among us. Check out the pages that follow and prayerfully plan to participate in these opportunities so that we can learn and grow together and share the love of God in Christ Jesus whose gave his life for all of us, especially those who feel lost in their hopeless wilderness journeys.

MIDWEEK LENTEN



worship services

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Services with communion will be at 11AM / 6:30PM

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES *(read more on page 3)*
(March 4-April 1) AT 11AM / 6:30PM



Kristen Schmid

Grace and peace to everyone,

This past month it has been exciting to see God grow the mustard seed of our Lenten ministry focus, “Hunger: A Matter of the Heart.” Ideas and contributions from Salem staff and members have greatly enriched and expanded the devotional, midweek worship services and programs. It has been neat to brainstorm opportunities for all ages, and to learn about hunger’s causes and solutions, not only from official sources and agencies, but also from the people around me.

I appreciate the way God uses stories that tug at our hearts, minds – and funny bones – to draw us together. After a recent sermon referencing children’s bedrooms, I heard lots of great messy room tales... including one about a mess that hid a secret pet snake (!).

This month was a milestone – the halfway, six-month internship mark, which meant that my supervisor, committee and I all filled out our own very long evaluation forms for my seminary. I am grateful to Pastor Craig and the committee for their thoughtful and helpful feedback and guidance throughout this process.

Wishing you all a meaningful and faith-filled Lenten season,
Kristen



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“Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me” (Matthew 25:40)

“Shaping Our Faith Journey Throughout Lent”

In Peoria County, 17.7% of children and 14.3% of adults lack a stable, reliable means of getting the meals they need. Around the world, 821 million people are hungry each day.

Yet God is at work, and this situation can be improved. Global hunger and poverty rates have been cut nearly in half during the past 30 years. By the year 2030, hunger and all forms of malnutrition could be eliminated!

As people of faith, we are called to prayer and service on behalf of the most vulnerable in our society. In God’s just kingdom, everyone is treated fairly, and everyone’s needs are met. This Lenten season, allow God to shape your heart with new awareness, understanding and conviction for those who are hungry.

Join us for midweek worship on Wednesdays at 11am and 6:30pm followed by a short program.

MARCH 4, 2020:  4 MERCY

Hunger and poverty in the Peoria area, and what is being done about it.

MARCH 11, 2020:  4 KNOWLEDGE

Major causes of poverty, which leads to hunger.

MARCH 18, 2020:  4 UNDERSTANDING

What is it like to make decisions while living with food insecurity?

MARCH 25, 2020:  4 JUSTICE

How can we create a world where everyone has enough to eat?

APRIL 1, 2020:  4 ACTION

Opportunity to write advocacy letters, donate food to Bethel UMC food pantry, and give money to ELCA World Hunger.

Also, look for a Lenten devotional about hunger created by Salem’s own members and staff - available via email, church website and in print in the church narthex.

“You give them something to eat” (Matthew 14:16)

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

-HOLY WEEK-
PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 5
8AM & 10:45AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 9
11AM & 6:30PM

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10
THE WAY OF THE CROSS
10:30AM*

WORSHIP
6:30PM

-EASTER SUNDAY-
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12
7AM & 9:30AM

* more information in the April Bugle

Journey through Holy Week as it leads us to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. Learn about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Alleluia, Christ is risen; he is risen indeed!

LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT & Salem Family Dinner Out

The Salem Family has been invited to a midweek dinner by our friends at First English Lutheran Church (FELC) on **Wednesday, March 18, starting at 5pm.** The menu is pulled pork sandwiches and macaroni and cheese and is free to all Salem participants who sign up in the church office by **Sunday, March 15.** A tip jar will be available at dinner for FELC’s high school youth program, as they are serving this meal as a fundraiser for their summer trip.

Prior to dinner, Salem children (pre-k through 8th grade) are invited to participate in a snack pack assembly service project at FELC for students at Von Steuben Middle School. We will be assembling 208 snack packs starting at 4:30pm. Dinner will be served by 5:15pm or whenever our project is finished.

First English Lutheran Church is located at 725 E. Forrest Hill Avenue - exactly 2.4 miles from Salem. Come - enjoy a simple meal and break bread with some new friends while our kitchen and social hall are closed. The Salem family is encouraged to return to Salem for midweek worship at 6:30pm.



The adult fellowship bowling event is **Saturday, March 14.** At 5:30pm, we will have dinner at Salem, and then head over to Landmark after dinner and start bowling around 6:45pm-7pm. After bowling, tables have been reserved at Donnelly’s for some post-bowling fellowship where we will announce some of the high scores of the night.

The Scotch doubles format is used, which means that you and your partner take turns throwing (alternate shot). There is no need to be an experienced bowler to participate in this event. This event is all about fun and fellowship - there are no prizes for high or low scores - so if you have not participated in the past bowling events - please sign-up in the church office by **March 8,** and give it a try.

Cost is \$10 per person which includes the meal, three games of bowling and shoe rental. If you are unable to bowl, you are still welcome to come to dinner and then watch the rest of the group bowl - cost for the meal only will be \$5. If you have any questions feel free to contact Jeff or Pam Machacek.

SALEM CHURCHMEN MEET-UP

Salem Churchmen will be meeting at the Renaissance Coliseum to see Bradley Women verses Missouri State on **March 1 at 2pm.** Tickets for the basketball game are \$8 and plan to pay at the door. Please meet at the box office at 1:30pm to get tickets. Friends and family are welcome.

SENIOR MINISTRIES LUNCH TRIP

Senior Ministries will be taking a lunch trip to Busy Corner in Goodfield following the 11am Lenten worship on **Wed., March 4 at 12:15pm.** Plan to take the Salem bus, and order off the menu and then tour the Ronald Reagan Museum in Eureka following lunch. Please sign-up in the church office.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Join the Women of Salem for a social outing to the Fox Pub & Café (7800 N Sommer St Ste 302, Peoria) on **Tues., March 3 at 6pm** for a fabulous, fun night! Enjoy delicious drinks, yummy bites and conversation. Please sign-up in the church office.



March National Nutrition Month

From the Parish Nurse...

March is National Nutrition Month so take small steps each week to improve your nutrition habits. Small changes can make a difference and try including these habits into your eating habits.

- **Make fruits and vegetables half of your plate:** Choose a variety of colored vegetables for your meals. Choose fruits to be a main part of your meal or as a side dish or dessert. The more colorful you make your plate, the more likely you are to get the vitamins, minerals, and fiber your body needs to be healthy.
- **Make half the grains you eat whole grains:** Read the ingredients list and choose products that list whole-grain ingredients first. Look for things like: “whole wheat,” “brown rice,” “rolled oats,” quinoa,” or “wild rice.”
- **Switch to fat-free or low-fat (1%) milk:** Both have the same amount of calcium and other essential nutrients as whole milk, but fewer calories and less saturated fat.
- **Choose a variety of lean protein foods:** Meat, poultry, seafood, dry beans or peas, eggs, nuts, and seeds are considered part of the protein foods group. Select leaner cuts of ground beef (where the label says 90% lean or higher), turkey breast, or chicken breast.
- **Compare sodium in foods:** Use the Nutrition Facts label to choose lower sodium versions of foods like soup, bread, and frozen meals. Don’t make automatically salting your food a habit.
- **Eat some seafood:** Seafood includes fish (such as salmon, tuna, and trout) and shellfish (such as crab, mussels, and oysters). Seafood has protein, minerals, and omega-3 fatty acids (heart-healthy fat). Adults should try to eat at least eight ounces a week of a variety of seafood.
- **Drink water instead of sugary drinks:** Soda, energy drinks, and sports drinks are a major source of added sugar and calories in American diets. Try adding a slice of lemon, lime, or watermelon or a splash of 100% juice to your glass of water if you want some flavor.

Information provided by U.S. Department of Health & Human Services/President’s Council on Sports, Fitness & Nutrition



Lori Reimer, RN



Thomas Jefferson Staff Appreciation

Outreach Ministries is hosting a Staff Appreciation Dessert/Fresh Fruit Bar at Thomas Jefferson. Non-refrigerated desserts (cookies, brownies, sheet cake, muffins, bars, batter bread, and cupcakes) will be served along with fresh fruit. There is a sign-up sheet in the church office for anyone who is interested in donating. The baked goods may be placed on carts in the morning narthex on **Sunday, March 15.** Thank you for signing up to donate baked goods.

Thomas Jefferson Pen Pal Letters

The final pick up date for pen pal letters will be **April 19.** They will need to be returned by **Sunday, May 3** as the end-of-year get-together at Thomas Jefferson School will be held on **Friday, May 8.**



Volunteers are needed at Midwest Food Bank on **Wednesday, March 25 from 9am-11am.** Sign-up is located at the church office. Salem volunteers will be meeting at the Peoria Division location at 9005 N. Industrial Road, Peoria, IL 61615.

Overnight Retreat for 3rd-6th graders GOD'S MARVELOUS CREATURES

Friday-Saturday; March 20 & 21

We will leave Salem at 4:30pm on Friday and return by 6pm Saturday. Activities include: Bible study, worship, games, campfire, team-building, hiking, and the prayer labyrinth.



- The cost is \$65 per person which includes lodging, a snack, 2 meals on Saturday and the camp program. Salem will provide \$35.00 scholarships per child making the cost per Salem child \$30.

- Bus transportation provided.

- Please sign up in the church office by

March 8 or contact Jill at jgoldhammer@salemofpeoria.com

- Parents are welcome to come along for this AWESOME overnight retreat.

Register today!

MILESTONE MINISTRY UPDATE

- Salem 3rd graders will have first communion instruction with Pastor and Intern Kristen during their Sunday School classes on **Sundays March 8 and 15**. The students will celebrate their first communion on **Palm Sunday, April 5** at the service of their choice.

- High School Graduation Recognition will be held **Sunday, May 17**.

- Affirmation of Baptism will take place in the fall this year on **Reformation Sunday, October 25, 2020**.

SALEM FAMILY Community Outreach Opportunity

The Salem Family will again host **HOPPY DAZE** (formerly *Eggs on the Prairie*) at the Shoppes at Grand Prairie Mall on **Saturday, April 5 from 10am-2pm**. This a wonderful opportunity for Salem to **SHARE THE GOOD NEWS THAT CHRIST HAS RISEN** with all our **PEEPS** in the Peoria area and to get the word out that Salem Lutheran Church is an awesome faith community for anyone looking for a church home.

The Shoppes at Grand Prairie provides the Easter Bunny and photographer for this event as well as face painting, games, balloon animals, and Fun on the Run activities. Salem provides 12-15 volunteers per hour to monitor the games and activities, hand-out prizes and treats, host a coloring contest and visit with families waiting in line to see the Easter Bunny. We'll also host a Salem information table and pass out creative invitations to our Holy Week and Easter Sunday services.

This activity was a **BLAST** for those who volunteered from the Salem Family last year. Please sign up in the church office to help with this event or contact Jill at jgoldhammer@salemofpeoria.com. We will need to cover four 1-hour shifts. Volunteers of all ages can help. This makes a great family service project too. All volunteers will receive a free Salem T-shirt!



Renewing God's House Together

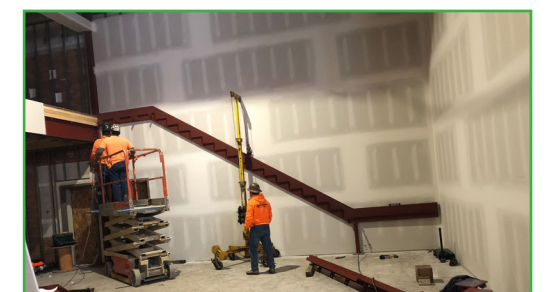
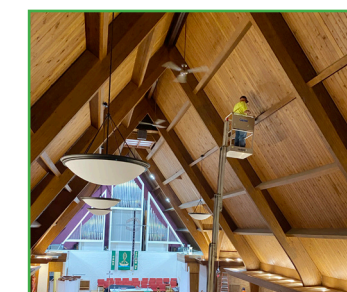
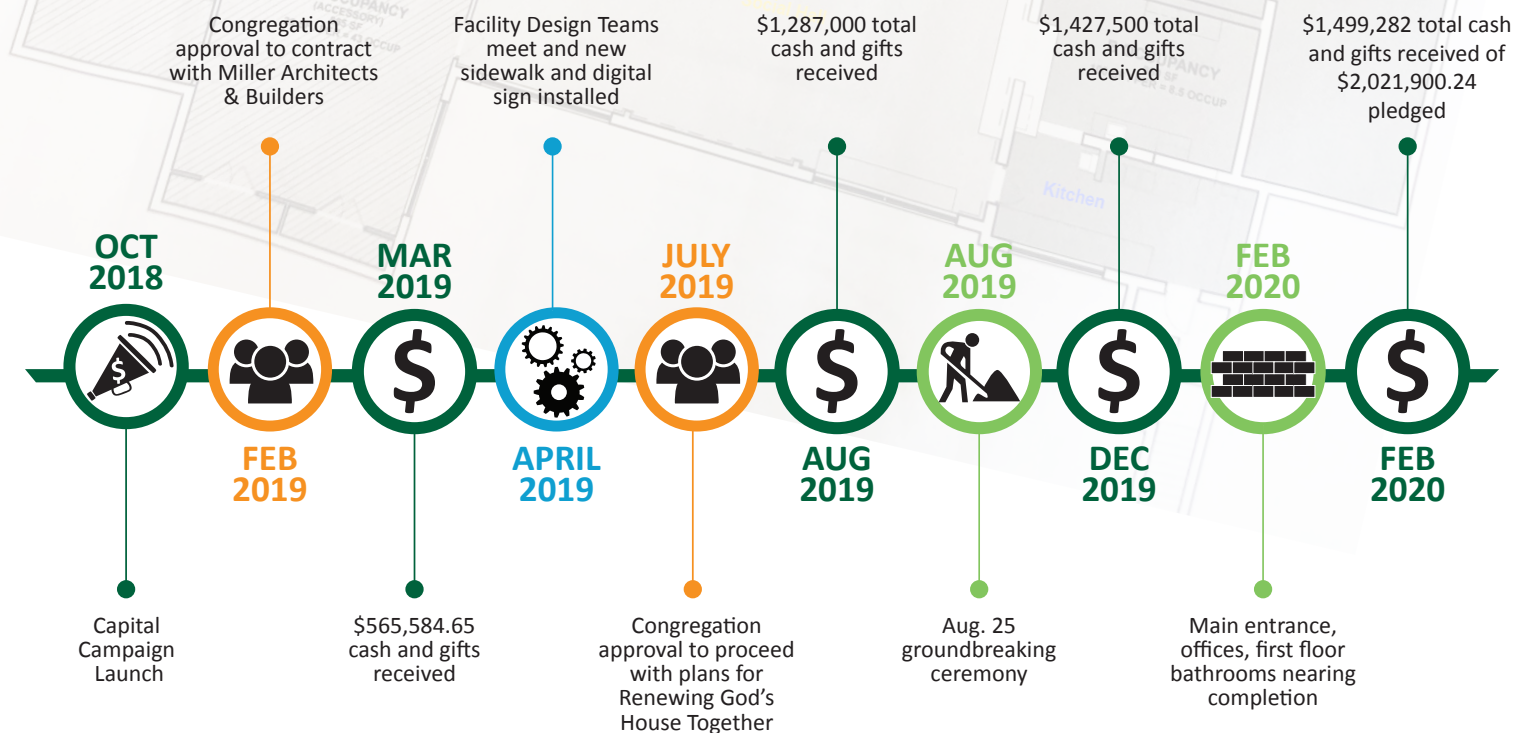
WELCOME • WORSHIP • GROW & LEARN

By the power at work within us, God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine... or dream. - Ephesians 3:20

A special thanks to those who have completed their 3-year pledges, to those who have given above their 3-year pledges, and a special thanks for those who did not pledge but have contributed to the campaign. Please know that any gift is welcomed and helps with the amount of funds that will be borrowed to complete the project.

Total cash receipts and other gifts as of February 3, 2020 are \$1,499,282. So we are very close to \$1.5 million at this point.

Please continue to pray for Salem and our future as we work our way through this process. A special thanks for all those who have taken an active role to see this to completion.



MARCH 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Fair Trade Sunday 8am: Worship 9:15am: Education Hour 10:45am: Worship 1:30pm: Salem Churchmen to Bradley Women's Basketball Game	2	3 9am: Rebecca Circle 10:30am: Staff Meeting 6pm: Ladies Night Out 7pm: Council Meeting	4 8:30am: Bible Lessons 11am: Lenten Worship 12:15pm: Senior Lunch Trip 6:30pm: Lenten Worship 7:30pm: Praise Band Rehearsal 7:15pm: Serendipity	5 9:30am: Bible Study	6 March Monthly Bugle Content Due 12pm: Grown & Flown Mom's Group	7
8 8am: Worship 9:15am: Education Hour 10:45am: Worship	9	10 Northern Conference 6:30pm: Naomi Circle 7pm: Outreach Meeting 7:30pm: Faith Formation Meeting	11 6:45am: Endowment 8:30am: Bible Lessons 10:30am: Staff Meeting 11am: Lenten Worship 6:30pm: Lenten Worship 7:30pm: Praise Band Rehearsal 7:15pm: Serendipity	12 9:30am: Bible Study 7:30pm: Sanctuary Choir Practice	13 12pm: Grown & Flown Mom's Group	14 5:30pm: Adult Fellowship Bowling
15 Noisy Can Offering 8am: Worship 9:15am: Education Hour 10:45am: Worship	16 7pm: Salem Churchmen at Lariat Club	17 10:30am: Staff Meeting 10:30am: Women of Salem Board Meeting 6:30pm: Congregational Care 7pm: Property & Finance Meeting	18 8:30am: Bible Lessons 11am: Lenten Worship 6:30pm: Lenten Worship 7:15pm: Serendipity	19 9:30am: Bible Study 7:30pm: Sanctuary Choir Practice	20 12pm: Grown & Flown Mom's Group	21 <div>3rd-5th Graders to LOMC</div>
22 Sanctuary Choir 8am: Worship 9:15am: Education Hour 10:45am: Worship	23	24 10:30am: Staff Meeting 7pm: Worship & Music Meeting	25 8:30am: Bible Lessons 9am: Midwest Food Bank 11am: Lenten Worship 6:30pm: Lenten Worship 7:15pm: Serendipity	26 9:30am: Bible Study 1:30pm: LHV Worship	27 12pm: Grown & Flown Mom's Group	28
29 8am: Worship 9:15am: Education Hour 10:45am: Worship	30	31 10:30am: Staff Meeting 6:30pm: Lydia Circle				

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2020

Please save the date for Vacation Bible School 2020 for the week of August 3-August 7 from 9am-12pm.

Will you be Thy neighbor?



Salem’s High School Youth led us in worship on **Sunday, February 16**. The Annual Kappa Chi Youth Service has been a tradition at Salem for more than 50 years. We are indeed blessed to be a part of a congregation that holds such meaningful traditions but also embraces new and creative ways of sharing the Word of God!





KAPPA CHI YOUTH SERVICE 2020

TOP: Deacon Jill Goldhammer, William Petrakis, Caidon Hickey, Will Ricketts, Joel Brinkman, Caleb Brinkman, Max Thompson, JQ Scoville, Dave Griffith;
 BOTTOM: Annie Swanson, Lindsey Janco, Stacy Lantz, Levi Salverson, Gloria Kroosdma, Anna Kammerer, Katie Hancock, Regg Glawe



FRESHMAN: JQ Scoville, Levi Salverson, Annie Swanson, Lindsey Janco, and Anna Kammerer



SOPHOMORES: Caleb Brinkman, Caidon Hickey, William Petrakis, Gloria Kroosdma, and Katie Hancock

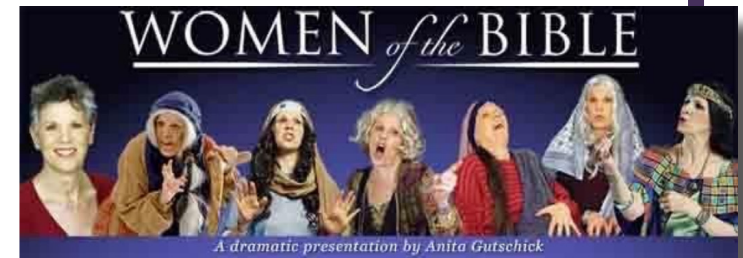


JUNIORS: Stacy Lantz, Max Thompson and Will Ricketts



SENIOR: Joel Brinkman

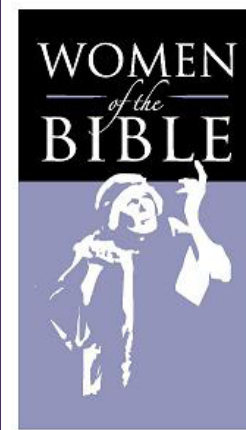
Join your friends at “**Women of the Bible: Who Ya Gonna Serve**” performance by nationally acclaimed Christian actor Anita Gutschick. This is a 90-minute dramatization of the lives of three different Biblical women.



ELIZABETH and her husband, Zachariah, were both upright in the sight of the Lord, but had been incredibly disappointed by her long-term infertility. Miraculously, she becomes pregnant in her old age. We meet Elizabeth as she bids farewell to Mary and awaits the arrival of her son, John. We learn from her story that nothing is impossible with God.

PUAH's in a dither – she has heard there is a baby about to be born. As a midwife, she springs into action. But when there is no expectant mother to be found, she recounts how she defied Pharaoh because she realized that the Hebrew God was the one to fear.

HERODIAS cannot sleep – another nightmare. A woman with a sense of entitlement and the need for revenge hatches a diabolical plan that becomes her undoing.



Come experience their stories as they reach across generations to touch our hearts and empower us to face the challenges of our daily lives. You will laugh with these women, cry with them, and see yourself in their stories.

This event is being held at Salem Lutheran Church, 1700 W. War Memorial Dr., Peoria IL 61614 on **Sunday, April 26th at 2pm**. This event is open to the public. Admission is \$15 until April 24th, \$20 at the door. Check-in will be 1:30-2 pm with refreshments available. The program is not recommended for young children but is great for both men and women. On-line registration is available through our website at www.salemofpeoria.com or by contacting the Salem Lutheran Church office. Questions may be addressed to Sue Colloton at 309-635-8262.

Crittenton Garden 2020

Salem has been leading the Crittenton Garden project for over ten years. We use the main garden and six raised gardens to produce fresh vegetables and to share these with the families and staff at Crittenton.

Having a diet that contains a significant amount of fresh vegetables is crucial to our having healthy diets. Learning to do this at an early age is especially important. We will be having a team meeting in late March. If you would like to consider joining our team, please contact Dean Doughty, Roberta Kessinger or Bill Ligon.

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer is **March 6, 2020 at 9am at Glen Oak Christian Church** (1115 W. Republic St.) Church Women United (CWU) invite you to join them for this worship service. The World Day of Prayer Committee of Zimbabwe prepared this year's World Day of Prayer Worship Service. The program is based on John 5:2-9a, and is titled “Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk.” The sisters from Zimbabwe are taking Jesus' encounter in these verses to be a call to act in love and peace and reconciliation. The hope is to learn more about Zimbabwe. This is an interesting and meaningful worship service planned please consider joining the Church Women United on March 6.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS



March 1
Janice Lambie

March 3
Jason Ripper

March 4
Emily Arnold

March 6
Matthew Zapf

March 7
Benjamin Cooper
Donita Purcell

March 9
Matthew Bennett
Jennifer Zapf

March 10
Randall Blum
Ruby Chelgren
Linda Sedgwick

March 12
Joan Creager

March 13
Tanya Grabel
Ronald Hartman
Benjamin Owen
Jacob Owen

March 15
Beverly Maier

March 16
Nicole Breidel
Ava Salverson

March 17
Vicki Johnson
Veronica Reimer
Noah VanLaningham

March 18
Mia Doty
George Moore
Clifford Shoemaker
Pastor Craig Swenson

March 19
Melissa Metternich

March 20
Drew Runkel
Mason Runkel

March 21
Ann-Marree Anderson
Todd Kelly
Ward Ricketts

March 23
Sarah Gonzales
Karen Holmes

March 25
Kelsey Bastian

March 26
Colette Conard

March 27
Natalie Breidel

March 28
Audrey Aprahamian

March 30
Ruth Bock
Michael Swanson
Mary Ann Welch

March 31
Heidi Hainline
Howard Knobloch
Richard O'Connor

*Happy
Birthday!*



Thank you for your donations last month to the “Noisy Can Offering!” The “Noisy Can Offering” on **March 15**, and the weekly offering of Sunday School children will continue support Habitat for Humanity of Greater Peoria Area.

\$243.51 **\$180.74** **\$239.37** **315.65** **\$397.15**
-SEPTEMBER- -OCTOBER- -NOVEMBER- -DECEMBER- -JANUARY-

*Thank
you!*

Valentines Day is a holiday celebrating Love. You truly expressed this by your gifts of cards and gifts delivered by Nadine Willems. A visit from Salem’s Singing Valentines added to my Valentine pleasure. Thank you one and all for bringing me such “heartfelt” joy.

- Bea Kent

Salem Friends-Thank you again for remembering me at Christmas again. Thank the Sunday School children and teachers. Sincerely

- Irene Sawatzky

We appreciate everything that Salem does for Vi Gruber. Thank you!

-Randy Gruber

Thank you from Dream Center Peoria for investing in neighboring families who are living in poverty.

Because of your 2019 gift, we were able to provide not just a “hand out” but a “hand up” to countless kids, youth and families. Hope was made known to thousands. Thank you for partnering with hope!

-Andy King, Executive Director of Dream Center Peoria

Thank you, people of Salem for shining the light of Christ on neighbors hard-hit by disaster! Thank you to your gift to Lutheran Disaster Response. With your Spirit-filled generosity you bring help and hope to families and communities reeling from disasters here in the United States and around the world. Thank you for sharing the gifts God has activated in you!

-Rev. Robin Brown, Mission Funding Director of ELCA

Thank you, dear people of Salem for your generous commitment to end hunger and poverty. Thank you for your gift to ELCA World Hunger.

-Ruth Landes

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
- Wally Bastian and his family
- Luan Borquist

- Nate Brunk
- Stephanie Dammann’s grandfather
- Keith Erickson
- John Ford
- Gabe
- Marge Gramm
- Leah Grebner and her mother
- Individuals suffering from depression
- Jack Grant
- Laurie Hacker
- Ron Hipple
- Amy Hoffman
- Shirley Hornecker
- Helen Johnson
- Nicole Inman
- Karen
- Briggs Landwehr and family
- Carl Lindquist
- Lizzy
- Marta

- Morgan Lott
- Bill Mettam
- Niece of Sharon Mollenhauer
- Rosy Park
- Marilyn Stamerjohn
- Stephanie
- Teresa Stewart
- Don Swanson
- Tera
- Cindy Turner
- Ella Vandervlugt
- Wayne (brother of Barbi Ricketts)
- Lesly Wegryzn
- Fred and Lori Wysk

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY...

Stateside: Ian Borquist, Gibson Gonzalez, Emily Graff, Jason Sterr, Col. Darnell Salley, Scott Wolfmeyer

Overseas: Barry Joyce, Talon Maki and Jim Sterling



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God's work. Our hands.

*Renewing
God's House*
Together
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Work progresses with the Renewing God's House Together project. Special thanks to the continued help of those "behind the scenes."

