



the Bugle

With each passing month, week and even day, we are faced with changes regarding how we relate to one another. What had seemed like a long and drawn out period of isolation resulting from a “shelter in place” order, is now leading us to question when and how we gather in person again. A task force is in place to ponder possibilities and has planned an outdoor worship event. The center of this *Bugle* edition describes when and how this will take place. Its success will be dependent on our intentional efforts to follow health guidelines and further to do those things that are in the best interest of our neighbor. Please read through this carefully and participate only if you feel well and that it is wise to do so. Many people have made great sacrifices to be cautious and remain safe. This one-time outdoor event is being planned with that in mind. Your help is appreciated.

As we turn the calendar to August, there are several transitions taking place. First, Kristen’s time with us as pastoral intern concludes in July. She will have one more semester of classes before being considered for a call as a parish pastor in the ELCA. It has been a blessing to have her with us and I am more than thankful for the year we have shared together and the way the Salem family has supported and welcomed her into our midst. It was a blessing and we wish her and her family all the best for what is yet to come.

While we say goodbye to Kristen, we say hello to Maggie Slotter, Salem’s new Music Coordinator and Chancel Choir Director. While this is not the way we would have chosen to say goodbye to Kristen and welcome Maggie, there are exciting opportunities that this unique time provides. Maggie is excited to get involved and help enhance Salem’s music ministry.

In March, Dave Griffith retired from Caterpillar. Part of that plan is to become a Synodically Authorized Minister, SAM, for short. This is a path toward a leadership capacity in the ELCA. Part of this is course work and part of it is practical application. Dave has asked that I serve as a mentor to accompany him on this journey and that Salem be the congregation for that practical experience. I meet monthly with Dave to process his learning and to discuss leadership opportunities. Together Dave and I will develop options to give Dave practical experience for his growth, development and discernment. It is another way we can be church

together and assist in nurturing and developing skills for someone who can be available to assist serving Christ’s church in a trained leadership capacity.

Also, after much prayer and consideration, Brenda Newcomb has decided to conclude her working years and join the path of retirement. August will be Brenda’s last month of work as Salem’s Office Coordinator. We thank her for her work and wish her all the best in this next stage of life.

And finally, after eleven months, the long process of work through the Renewing God’s House is coming to an end. It has been exciting to watch the transformation and to experience the many workers who have participated in this project. I am confident we will be excited for the improvements and changes and the way it will serve us as a congregation to enhance ministry efforts. Final touch ups and cleanup will soon conclude making the building available for us to use when it is determined safe and practical to do so. Thank you for your continued financial support for this project.

At the same time, Vacation Bible School continues. Read about this exciting opportunity and the ways it is serving families to grow in faith this summer.

There are many things that remain uncertain as we anticipate the fall but in the midst of the uncertainty there are many examples of ways God is shaping us into an image that serves neighbor and deepens faith in Christ. Salem’s leadership members are doing their part to plan and serve in ways that are good and faithful reflections of God’s love for everyone. Peace be with you. – Pastor Craig

PARISH SECRETARY POSITION AVAILABLE

Parish Secretary Position Available With the retirement of Brenda Newcomb, Salem will be searching for an individual to fill the role of Parish Secretary. A full job description is being created so watch Salem’s website and Bugle Blast for an update so that we can receive applications and work to fully staff Salem’s leadership team in a timely manner. Questions about this position should be directed to Pastor Craig at this time.

Summer Greetings!

A silver lining to our challenging times is the learning opportunities available online. I've been able to train as a Prepare/Enrich facilitator for marriages and relationships, virtually attend the Festival of Homiletics, and continue studying and talking through key aspects of ordained ministry (such as baptism, marriage, and funerals) with Pastor Craig. I am excited and thankful for a good foundation to start my first call.



Kristen Schmid
Pastoral Intern

About a year ago, I was looking through my seminary internship binder in preparation for beginning my time at Salem. Amid all the requirements and guidelines, there was a section on saying goodbye. I thought that part would be easy, but I was wrong.

It is a profound gift to receive the welcome, fellowship, teaching and care of a congregation. And it is also fun! Being your pastoral intern and getting to know you has truly been joyful. I am deeply grateful to all of you for your supportive ministry to me during these past 12 months. Thank you for all you have taught me and for the privilege of serving Christ's church alongside you. A special thanks to my committee (chair Sarah Kammerer, Chad Arnold, Edell Berg, Dean Doughty, Regg Glawe, and Meghan Peterson), and supervisor Pastor Craig Swenson.

God's blessings to you all.
Kristen



As of July 14, 2020, with \$1,628,000 in total cash contributed and other gifts, this represents well over 70% of the total pledges made for this appeal. Included in these numbers is money, which was received from members who did not pledge and other sources including rent, cd interest, and gifts from Thrivent. 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.

Please continue to pray for Salem and our future as we work our way through this process. 19 months remain before the end of this campaign on December 31, 2021. A special thanks for all those who have taken an active role to see this to completion.



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CAR PARADE

for Pastoral Intern Kristen Schmid, July 26 at 10:30am

When: Sunday, July 26, 2020 at 10:30am

Where: Salem Lutheran Church

Why: To Say Farewell and Thank You to Kristen

Please stay in your car and use social distancing best practices. Line up in the back corner of the parking lot near the preschool playground, and the Intern Committee will direct traffic through the canopy at the new entrance, where Kristen will be waiting to wave to you. We'll have a box for cards, if you wish to bring one. Car decorations are fun, too, if you're feeling artsy!

Donations for a monetary sending gift from the Salem congregation will be accepted during the car parade. If you are interested in contributing to this gift, please send your donation in the enclosed return envelope (marked on the INSIDE as "Intern Sending Gift"). Thank you!

Blessings to you,
The Lay Internship Committee:
Sarah Kammerer, Chad Arnold, Edell Berg, Dean Doughty, Regg Glawe and Meghan Peterson

ADULT connections

Reading, studying and pondering God's word is an experience that inspires and nurtures faith. Sharing this activity with others builds community and expands our insights into God's word. Many Salem members have a practice of sharing in times of Bible study on Sundays and throughout the week. Salem Lutheran Church is using Zoom and email to connect with groups for not only Bible study, but also meetings, games, and fellowship. Below are some opportunities for connections.

Zoom Sunday Fellowship

MEET at 11AM
Zoom link included in Bugle Blast or contact the church office

Zoom Wednesday Bible Study

PASTOR CRAIG LEADS WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS at 10AM
Please contact the church office for the Zoom link

Zoom Wednesday VBS Bible Study

Dave Griffith LEADS VBS ADULT BIBLE STUDY at 6:30PM through August 5
Please contact the church office for the Zoom link

Zoom Friday Mom's Group

SALEM MOMS MEET at 12PM
Please contact Leah Grebner for the Zoom link

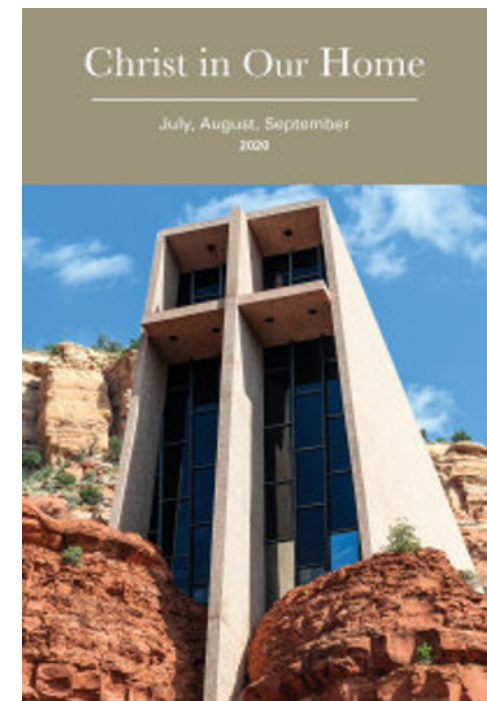
Email Bible Study

BILL LIGON LEADS A WEEKLY EMAIL BIBLE STUDY. The study includes lessons emailed each week centered on: 1 John 1: 1-10 - the Source and Result of Complete Joy. Please contact the church office if you wish to be added to this Bible study group.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME: Email Edition

Many people have learned to depend on daily devotionals to deepen faith and draw together around God's word. Augsburg Fortress, the ELCA publishing company, is offering a free email version of Christ in Our Home through September. Christ in Our Home is a quarterly daily devotional resource that encourages readers to live out their faith each day. Each

reflective reading is accompanied by a scripture reference and prayer for the day that follows the Revised Common Lectionary. Sign up here for this free resource and consider purchasing a subscription of the quarterly resource mailed to your home beginning in October. To access the link directly, go to www.augsburgfortress.org. Click the Worship tab for dropdown menu and click Devotionals and then Christ in Our Home.



SALEM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

CONCRETE & CRANES

Philippians 1:6

Building On The Love Of Jesus!... the foundation that lasts forever.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY MISSION PROJECT

HABITAT'S MISSION

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

HABITAT'S VISION

A world where everyone has a decent place to live.

HABITAT'S PRINCIPLES

Demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ. Focus on shelter. Advocate for affordable housing. Promote dignity and hope. Support sustainable and transformative development.

WHAT IS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY?

Habitat for Humanity partners with people in our community, and all over the world, to help them build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. With your support, Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability and independence they need to build a better life for themselves and for their families. Through our 2020 Strategic Plan, Habitat for Humanity will serve more people than ever before through decent and affordable housing.

Through weekly on-line VBS resources, VBS families continue to have multiple opportunities to **LEARN** about Habitat for Humanity, **PRAY** for the work they do, **GIVE** to their organization, **DO** a variety of hospitality mission projects and **ENCOURAGE** others to do the same!

Help the 2020 VBS Mission Project reach its goal of \$1000 by making a donation today!

To donate to Salem's VBS Mission Project for Habitat, please make checks payable to:

Salem Lutheran Church and add "Habitat" to memo line.

You may mail checks to:

Salem Lutheran Church

1700 W. War Memorial Drive; Peoria, IL 61614

Learn more about Habitat for Humanity at www.habitat.org.



Leadership Lab

Salem is excited to have seven high school students participating in Virtual Leadership Lab July 27-31. Please keep Carter, Henry, Gloria, William, Katie, Caidon and Stacy in your prayers for a faith-forming and friend-making week.

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH NURSE

How To Recognize DEHYDRATION



Dehydration is caused by the loss of too much fluid from your body. It is normal to lose water from your body every day but it is usually replenished by drinking fluids and your diet. Excessive loss of fluids can be caused by fever, extreme sweating, and many disease processes. Anyone can get dehydrated, but

the risk is higher for babies and young children, older adults, and individuals who work outdoors or with chronic disease. Mild and moderate symptoms of dehydration include thirst, dry mouth, decreased urination, headaches, and muscle cramps. More severe dehydration includes these as well as a rapid breathing and heartbeat, very dry skin, lack of urination, fainting, irritability, and confusion. You should seek emergency treatment if you notice these severe symptoms. Prevent dehydration by drinking enough water every day (six to eight 8-ounce glasses); you should drink water all day, don't wait until you're thirsty. If you have a fever, you should drink more fluids. Drink a variety of fluids in addition to water - fruit juices, sports drinks, milk, and broth, but avoid caffeinated and alcoholic beverages. Eat a balanced diet that includes fruits and vegetables. They contain large amounts of water and vitamins and can help prevent dehydration.

Fair Trade Team Thanks YOU!

Thank you Salem Lutheran Church! At a recent summit put on by our Fair Trade partners at Equal Exchange, we learned that Salem is in the top 5% in Fair Trade Sales of all of the Interfaith congregations that currently participate in their program. We thank you for continuing to support this ministry in purchasing our coffees, teas, nuts, candy bars, cocoa and olive oil. Your purchase helps small farmers, women's cooperatives, and many others all around the world. Their lives are bettered by you purchasing and consuming their products.

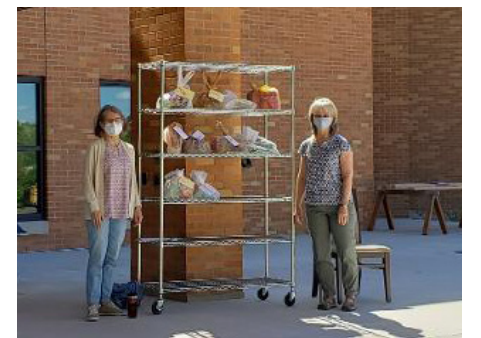
Since we are not able to hold our Fair Trade booth sales once a month, we have started to host "Pop-Up" Curbside Drive Up shops at Salem. We have had two so far and will plan another for late July or early August (*watch your Bugle Blast for information*). Thanks to all who purchased products for pickup! It was great to see you!

If you would like to purchase items anytime in between our pop-up shops, please use this form to order online or you may call Jennifer Gallas at 309-256-5862 with your order. We can arrange a time for pickup.

Again, thanks so much for your support. We hope to be back together with you when it is safe but are happy to help and serve you with online and pickup services during these times when we are not all together.

Blessings,

Jane, Jennifer, and Karen (Fair Trade Team)



"Eastland The Shipwreck That Shook America"



On **July 26 at 6PM on PBS**, Salem member Earl Gallas will appear in "Eastland The Shipwreck That Shook America". For 15 years, Earl has been an active member of the Eastland Disaster Historical Society which provides educational programs to preserve the Eastland Disaster story. The steamship Eastland rolled over at port resulting in the death of 844 passengers that included his Great Grandmother, Great Aunt and her two children in the Chicago River. Earl's Great Grandfather and Great Uncle survived. The documentary tells the Eastland story, and as part of the story he was selected to tell his family story and appear a number of times in the documentary.

Salem is planning an outdoor worship gathering of reflection, prayer and music. Out of concern for our neighbors, Salem is putting safety first, and adhering to distancing guidelines (maintain six feet physical distance), wear a mask, and remain cautious in the community. All in-person events, activities and meeting remain suspended and conducted through online resources. Future worship services will continue to be virtual until announced.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP JULY 25 at 6pm

- Seating will begin at 5:45pm. Ushers will direct you to your seating location.
- **Bring own chairs**
- If inclement weather please check the church website or call the church office (309-688-9212, a notice will be posted by 4pm.

ACCESS TO THE FACILITY WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE

- Restrooms will be available for emergency only
- Tours will be arranged at a later date

ATTENDEE GUIDELINES

All who attend:

- **Bring their own chairs**
- Follow instructions from volunteers
- Do not congregate or linger before or after service
- No handshaking or hugging
- Maintain six feet social distancing
- Wear a mask or face covering (covering your nose and mouth)
- Sanitize hands

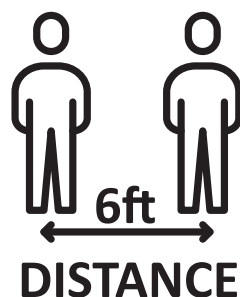
Thank you for all efforts to keep one another safe as we worship together for this one-time event.

PLEASE STAY HOME IF...



- You have a cough, fever, or are feeling sick
- You suspect you have or have been exposed to COVID-19
- You do not feel comfortable returning to worship
- Please know online worship will be available

FOR THIS WORSHIP EVENT WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE:



GIVING

We thank God for the blessings that are provided, and the opportunities to share them with others. Thank you for your generosity and partnership with Salem Lutheran Church as we share ministry together. For more information about giving options available please visit: www.salemofpeoria.com/about-us/giving



OUTDOOR WORSHIP

TRAFFIC FLOW



Crittenton Garden

Faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these is love. (1 Corinthians 13:13)

We are faced with a pandemic and social justice demonstrations of epic proportions this year. How might Salem witness in these times, especially when we are primarily staying at home? God has provided this opportunity for us to help during this very difficult time

Salem and Bethel have provided fresh vegetables from a large main garden and six raised gardens for fifteen years. Normally members, staff, families and the children are encouraged to participate. The garden is being worked and fresh vegetables are being provided, just with a smaller number of participants so we can maintain social distancing as recommended.



Volunteers: Joel Brinkman, Jim Tyler, Dean Doughty, Ed Funchess, Bill Ligon, Roberta Kessinger, and Caleb Brinkman

We are exhibiting faith that God will provide once again the miracle of growth from seeds and small plants. To see the miracles of a garden and to make these miracles available to Crittenton and its community is truly a blessing from God.

In this most difficult time, there is hope in the form of new life and the provision of free fresh vegetables to many folks who are struggling. Hope is a wonderful blessing for all of us, knowing God loves us and provides for us.

Love is given as volunteers work at planting, maintaining and harvesting what God has provided. This is done with love for the families and community of Crittenton.

Volunteers this year are Roberta Kessinger, Joel Brinkman, Caleb Brinkman, Dean Doughty, Jim Tyler, Ed Funchess, and Bill Ligon. Jim and Ed are members of Bethel Methodist Church.

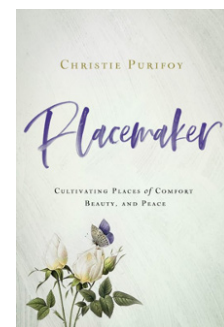


SUMMER book club

Join your fellow Salem members in a book club for the summer. Gretchen Petrakis will lead the discussion for the book group. The format will be as follows:

- Book for July (see below for details)
- Read on your own during the respective month
- Discussion questions will be emailed to those participating at the beginning of the month
- Follow up Zoom meeting at the end of the month to discuss the book with others

Please email Gretchen at gpetrakis@salemofpeoria.com if you have questions or are interested in joining. Notices will be emailed to those interested in joining. If you don't have email, please call the church office at 688-9212 and discussion questions and other information will be mailed to you.



Book for July:

Images of comfortable kitchens and flower-filled gardens stir something deep within us--we instinctively long for home. In a world of chaos and conflict, we want a place of comfort and peace.

In *Placemaker*, Christie Purifoy invites us to notice our soul's desire for beauty, our need to create and to be created again and again. As she reflects on the joys and sorrows of two decades as a placemaker and her recent years living in and restoring a Pennsylvania farmhouse, Christie shows us that we are all gardeners. No matter our vocation, we spend much of our lives tending, keeping, and caring. In each act of creation, we reflect the image of God. In each moment of making beauty, we realize that beauty is a mystery to receive.

Weaving together her family's journey with stories of botanical marvels and the histories of the flawed yet inspiring placemakers who shaped the land generations ago, Christie calls us to cultivate orchards and communities, to clap our hands along with the trees of the fields. *Placemaker* is a timely yet timeless reminder that the cultivation of good and beautiful places is not a retreat from the real world but a holy pursuit of a world that is more real than we know. A call to tend the soul, the land, and the places we share with one another. A reminder that we are always headed home.



Salem volunteers serve at Midwest Food Bank in June.

OUTREACH PARTNER: Midwest Food Bank

The next serving opportunity at the Peoria Division (9005 N Industrial Rd, Peoria, IL 61615) is **July 29 at 9am-11am**. "Midwest Food Bank Peoria is part of a community collaboration named HEAL (Healthy Eating Active Living) that helps those who are shut-in due to COVID 19. People in need call 211 for help, and the United Way and the Tazewell County Health Department coordinate volunteers to deliver food. MFB Peoria provides the food boxes and a bag of fresh produce for the recipients. It's a great example of community services working together to serve." (from MFB Newsletter)

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...**

 - All those affected with COVID-19
 - The men and women of our armed forces
 - Support for all caregivers when loved ones suffer
 - People of Guatemala including Concepcion and her family
 - Families at Crittenton Center
 - Midwest Food Bank
 - Wally Bastian and his family
 - Luan Borquist
 - Scott Cochran
 - Stephanie Dammann’s grandfather
- Keith Erickson
 - Gabe
 - The family of Marge Gramm
 - Individuals suffering from depression
 - Jack Grant
 - Joyce Grubb
 - Julie (Jennifer Gregg’s cousin with COVID-19) and her caregiver Karen
 - Laurie Hacker
 - Ron Hipple
 - Amy Hoffman
 - Hunter
 - Travis Janco and his family
 - Helen Johnson
 - Nicole Inman
 - Karen
 - Kay Kaulkworth
 - Ken
 - Briggs Landwehr and family
 - Carl Lindquist
 - Judy Livingston
- Lizzy
 - Marta
 - Millicent
 - Morgan Lott
 - Bill Mettam
 - Bob Moffett
 - Tom Mueller
 - Heather Reiss
 - For the family of Richard, Luan Borquist’s brother
 - Stephanie
 - Teresa Stewart
 - Don Swanson
 - Ella Vandervlugt
 - Wayne (brother of Barbi Ricketts)
- PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY...**

Stateside: Ian Borquist, Jason Sterr, Col. Darnell Salley, Scott Wolfmeyer

Overseas:

Talon Maki

thank you

We Wish to Thank You!

Even during challenging times, it is clear, life is full of blessings. Sometimes they are anticipated and even expected but the most special ones come when least expected. Such is the case for the recent outpouring of love and support expressed to us as we celebrate a milestone ministry event of 25 years of ordained ministry. It is a great privilege to have had so many ministry experiences over the years but to receive cards, gifts, well wishes and even a neighborhood parade has been both a delight and a blessing. We thank you and give God thanks for all of you.

-Pastor Craig and Karen

From Neighborhood House

Thank you so much for taking the time to learn more about Neighborhood House. It has been a pleasure working with the Salem Outreach team. We are so excited for the funds to purchase technology for the education programs. We appreciate your support and look forward to putting these items to use! You are making an impact on education for the people we serve. Thank You!

-Bryna Ryan

Luan Borquist would like to thank you for your prayers, cards and encouragement during this difficult time with the death of her brother Richard.

Alan Puttcamp would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers during his hospitalization and recovery.



JULY BIRTHDAYS



- July 2**

Matt Bidne
Chris Cozadd
Leah Owen

July 3

Regg Glawe
Tamara Lott
Ashley Owen

July 4

Carol Adams
Ronald Hoehn
Helene Peterson
Jordan Snider

July 6

Bradley Hamann
Heather Hodgkins

July 7

Linda Hartmann

July 8

Thomas Anderson
Caleb Kotewa
David Nelson
Karen Swenson
- July 9**

Linda Peterson

July 10

Nancy Bastian
Kyle Griffith

July 11

Jessica Bastian
Branden Cooper
Leah Creager
Joey Ghazanfari
Chris Janssen
Chris Kroodsma
Karen Norman Rees
Jodi Serfling
Stella Serfling
Jean Yancick

July 12

Monica Dockery
Laurie Seidel
Elaine Sokolowski

July 13

Jason Brinkman
Ellen Forkell

July 14

Ciara Witt
- July 15**

Bill Cox
Sydney Neltner
Brenda Newcomb

July 16

Kayla Lambie

July 17

Sharon Couden
Cynthia Fischer

July 18

Martha Burgeson
Scott Faulkner
Leah Grebner

July 19

Megan Thomasson
Craig Young

July 20

Jonathan Arnold

July 21

Caroline Hurlbut

July 22

Dennis Scoville
- July 25**

Kay Peterson
Lynsey Steinbach

July 26

Thomas Hokanson
Mary Jane Sterling

July 27

Richard Huxtable

July 28

Alyvia Cowser
Merrell Hickey
Amanda Oertley
Abigail Young

July 29

Mary Starzynski

July 30

Roger Anderson
Brooke Drury
Christopher Snyder
Rod Topel

July 31

Rebecca Hagen

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- August 3**

Paul Bahnfleth
Cloyd Conard
Candence Forkell
Patty Lantz

August 6

Nancy Owen

August 8

Patricia Arehart
Rebbeca Sipf

August 9

Nicholas Doty
Quinn Salverson

August 12

Jan Taylor

August 14

Justin Gabel
Beverly Holmes
- August 15**

Riley Neltner

August 16

Heather MacIver-Arnold
Jon Ripper

August 17

Jill Sidell

August 18

Brandon Lott
Nona Mitchelar

August 19

Liam Dammann
Dylan Schroeder

August 21

Evelyn Aprahamian

August 22

Jason Breidel
- August 25**

Frances Riley*
JQ Scoville
Leo Vandervlugt

August 27

Joy Anderson
Amy Schroeder

August 28

Dennis Krus
Ellen Mangan
Marian Meinert

August 30

Levi Salverson

August 31

Donald Graves
Dylan Rastatter

* Fran Riley will be 101!



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God's work. Our hands.

Join
us for
OUTDOOR
WORSHIP

SATURDAY, JULY 25 at 6PM

please see page 6 for more directives