



the Bugle

The other day, as Karen and I sat in our chairs in our home library, I happened to notice the front of a book sitting on the desk on the other side of the room, it had numbers on it, "2021." Even though it was the first of October, Karen was making plans for what is coming, the end of one year and the anticipation of another. I can barely see beyond the next day, let alone next year, and yet, it is true. This year is coming to a close, and sooner than some of us realize. I suspect many people are glad for a new year, a new start and a new journey and the purchase of a new calendar is an example of one person planning for that reality. It is a common phrase, but I suspect it will take on a whole new meaning in a couple of months when we can literally say, "hindsight is 2020" and be thankful for that. For weeks and now months, there has been hope and anticipation that things will get back to normal sooner rather than later. Those in a drought, long for refreshing rains. Those who are suffering long for relief. Those who are lost are eager to be found. The oppressed long for freedom. The outcast and forgotten desire to be valued. So, we long to move forward and put the pandemic behind us and look forward to some kind of "normal" life again. But just what kind of normal can we expect? What will return and what (or who) will not?

Even as this calendar year will soon come to a close, the liturgical calendar of the church will close much sooner. Advent begins on November 29, and to prepare for that, the Faith Formation team has decided to use the image of the Jesse Tree to guide families into the new liturgical year as we lean toward Christmas. I was delighted this team has been studying and processing stories from the first testament of the Bible this fall. The main resource

has been a story version of the Bible which point us to Jesus and how he is the fulfillment of what had first been uttered across the face of the waters at creation. Jesus is the word made flesh and the hope and light of the world.

Through Jesus, we can know with certainty that this current time will not last forever. We will move through this valley, not alone, but with hope. Jesus is that hope. Advent is a season to prepare for the blessed announcement of the birth of a Savior. Advent draws our attention to what has come before knowing that one is coming to make all things new, to set things right, to cast light into the darkness and hope into despair. Watch for information sent to your homes to guide your days of Advent and to deepen your awareness of how Jesus prepares us for what is yet to come.

Yes, we long for a new time, a post-pandemic time but we long even more for a time when we are not worried by the challenges that we face because we are rooted in the love of Jesus whose life reflects grace, mercy and peace for the whole world. Advent is a time to prepare once again for our Lord's coming. Perhaps as we have made life choices over the past several months, we can have more time to ponder the stories of the scriptures and lean into a new day with eager anticipation. We long for release from a virus but even more, we long for a deepening of the revelation of what Jesus has done, is doing, and promises yet to do among us and may we be prepared for that promised future and lean into it with hopeful expectation. Blessed Advent and blessed beginnings to you all.

-Pastor Craig



BEGINNING A CULTURE OF *Generosity*

Regular mailings have been shared with you these past weeks in hope that it nurtures a sense of gratitude and generosity in response to what we believe God provides in abundance.

As this program draws to a close, we will each have the opportunity to submit our intent to participate in next year's ministry efforts through Salem through our pledged giving.

How to Return Your Intent Card by Sunday, November 8

- Return by mail the enclosed pre-stamped envelope from your mailing
- Drive-thru on **Saturday, November 7** during Outreach's Curbside pick-up event
- Return at in-person worship on **Sunday, November 8**
- Drop off during communion drive-thru on **Sunday, November 8**

Please prayerfully give consideration of your gifts and then return your intent card to the church so that it can be used as a guide for leaders to anticipate support for what we hope to accomplish on behalf of Christ in the coming year. Thank you.

Back to the Building Tours

Come see the incredible changes at Salem! Building Tours are still available by members of the Building Committee, Scott Faulkner and Helene Peterson.

Tours will be on a reservation only basis and conducted with:

- 5 or less people at a time (or families)
- Hand sanitation upon entering the building
- Masks and social distancing
- Minimizing touching surfaces

Please note that you must reschedule your tour if you are ill, not feeling well, had exposure to someone with a positive Covid-test or are awaiting test results.

For questions please contact the church office at office@salemofpeoria.com or 309-688-9212.



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BACK to the BUILDING

Safety of members and staff is of utmost importance and we have started small and continue to proceed conservatively. Therefore, we ask your patience and understanding in advance. We are following CDC, Illinois Department of Public Health guidelines and ELCA best practices. Services will be different from pre-pandemic, for example no singing and no group recitation.

Single indoor service at 9am on Sundays

- Masks are required at all times and social distancing will be followed.

- Following the Illinois Department of Public Health guidelines, we will limit participants to 25 at this time.

- Entry and exit will be through the North (2nd floor) main doors only.

- Participants are asked to line up outside and ushers will escort you to your seat following pre-defined paths to allow for social distancing and minimize crossing of paths.

Advance registration is required. Registration will be open on Mondays at 8am and close on Fridays at 10am. Please watch your email for a special Bugle Blast, or registration information may be found on www.salemofpeoria.com on Monday. If you prefer to call and have help registering, please contact Leah Grebner at 309-688-9212 (Salem church office).

We will also continue to offer the online service for those who are high risk and/or those who are not yet comfortable to gather in person. Each person must make their decision what is right for them.

Small Group Gatherings

In person small group gatherings begin in November with organizer **2-week advanced registration** required for internal Salem groups only at this time.

- Gathering limited to 10 people
- Specific organizer responsibilities:
 - arrive 15 minutes prior to event and call/text church office upon arrival
 - cleaning prior and post event following checklist
 - call/text church office upon departure
- Gathering has access to north entrance and second floor only using only the Fellowship Lounge
- North doors will remain open only 15 minutes post gathering start time
- No use of the Social Hall or coffee makers at this time, however individuals may bring their own drinks, but no food

ALL ATTENDEES MUST

- Maintain six feet physical distance
- Wear a mask
- Sanitize hands
- Remain cautious in the community
- Complete attendee registration upon arrival

In order to ensure that each ministry and event is able to make use of Salem Lutheran Church following covid protocols, it is important that we steward well what we have been given. Permission to use Salem Lutheran Church facilities must be given by Leah Grebner, Office Coordinator. This applies to all events and meetings. You must submit a reservation form a minimum two weeks prior to the proposed start date of your event or meeting.

Please note that you must reschedule your gathering or reassign your organizer duties if you are ill, not feeling well, had exposure to someone with a positive Covid-test or are awaiting test results. Questions please contact Leah Grebner at (309) 688-9212 or office@salemofpeoria.com.

Thank you for your support as we make our way together through these challenging times and look out for one another.



Milestone Ministry Celebration – Presentation of Bibles

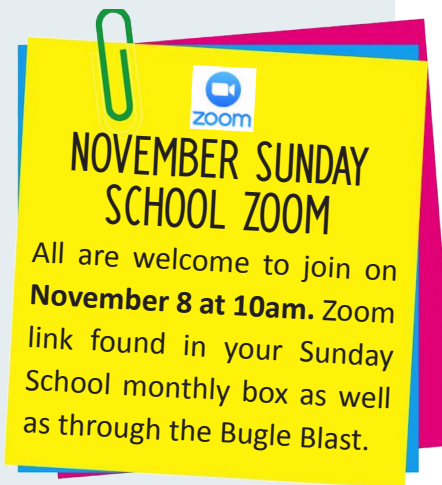
Receiving a Bible marks an important step in a faith journey. Giving Bibles to 3-year-old, 3rd grade, and 6th grade students on Reformation Sunday has become an important tradition at Salem. **This year we delivered Bibles to students and are holding a special dedication on November 8th during regularly scheduled Sunday School Zoom time.**

As we celebrated the Reformation this year, we remembered Martin Luther. Martin Luther was bothered by the question, “what could he do to win God’s forgiveness for his sins?” He studied the Bible and it showed him that God had already done that by sending Jesus. That’s good news! That’s what we hear every Sunday at church and what we read in our Bible.

Martin Luther preached and brought God’s word to the people of his time. He wrote letters, books, and hymns to help pastors, teachers, parents, and children worship and learn about God. The Salem Family continues to help families grow and learn about God’s word by presenting these Bibles.

Remember! When parents bring their child for baptism, they promise to help their child grow in faith and learn the stories of the Bible so that he or she could grow to love God and know Jesus. On that same day, the congregation promises to help parents and sponsors fulfill that promise. Presenting Bibles to these children, we join together in taking an important step toward fulfilling these promises.

Please pray for these students and their families as they continue their faith journey and this important milestone. Congratulations to these students:

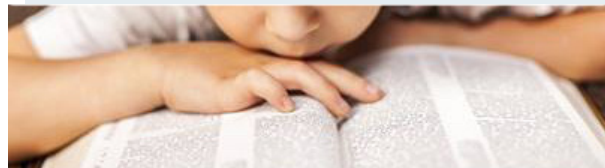


Preschool and 3rd Grade:

Evelyn Aprahamian
Jonathan Arnold
Zac Ferrell
Poppy Jolliff
Wren Jolliff
Maggie Sipf
Braden Wallstedt

6th Grade

Audrey Aprahamian
Liam Cochran
Ellen Forkell
Isaac Hartman
Jaxon Howard
Logan Hull
Emily Peterson



SUNDAY EVENING YOUTH ZOOM CONNECTIONS

Faith for Life Devotions: SUNDAYS AT 7PM

FAITH FOR LIFE students continue to participate in Sunday night devotions on ZOOM. These devotions are 20 minutes long and are following the same Old Testament Bible Stories the Sunday School program is using and adding a quick **FAITH FOR TODAY** discussion, sharing highs and lows, and sending students off with a prayer and blessing on their week ahead.

Kappa Chi Devotions: SUNDAYS AT 7:30PM

KAPPA CHI students continue to participate in Sunday night devotions on ZOOM. These devotions are 20 minutes long and are following the same Old Testament Bible Stories the Sunday School program. High school students are encouraged to try a new way of **LIVING THEIR FAITH** by participating in or taking the lead in one or more **LIFE OF THE CHURCH** ministries. Please contact Jill Goldhammer for more information.

Affirmation of Baptism – October 31

Five students (Henry Arnold, Carter Aprahamian, Conner Bidne, Sophia Doty, and Ava Salverson) had a private worship service on Reformation Day, October 31 to celebrate their Affirmation of Baptism. Please pray for these students and their families as they also continue their faith journey.



FRIENDS IN CHRIST
Let's get to know each other!

Friends in Christ. Please contact Leah in the church office if you have questions or you do not receive a pairing and wish to be included.

Friends in Christ

Hopefully, by now you have received your Friends in Christ pairing in the mail. It has been a difficult year to stay connected as a church let alone meet anyone new. Salem’s Congregational Care ministry team has started a project to help Salem households get to know each other a little more this fall. Each of our households have been randomly paired with another Salem household. We ask that you make at least one contact with your partner household before the end of the year. Your mailing includes some questions to get you started. Your conversations don’t have to stop there. We are eager to watch the Holy Spirit work through this project as we all make new

Noisy Can and VBS Offering

Money collected through the noisy can offering and Vacation Bible School offering has been sent to Habitat for Humanity. From September 2019 - September 2020, \$1,802.07 was collected for Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity has been helping families build homes in the Peoria area for the past 30 years through their Habitat for Heroes, Veteran Repairs, Women Builds, and A Brush With Kindness programs. They also provide the opportunity for people to purchase used home building items at their Restore shop. Habitat for Humanity depends on volunteers as well. For additional information about programs at Habitat for Humanity or to learn more about volunteer opportunities, call 309-676-6729.



Endowment News

The Endowment Committee recently provided donations to two community organizations, Neighborhood House and the South Side Mission.

Neighborhood House

Salem Endowment Committee provided a \$1000 donation to Neighborhood House for their use in fulfilling their mission of providing a safe environment, resources, and education to empower our community to reach their fullest potential through all life stages.

Located at 1020 S. Matthew Street on Peoria’s South Side, Neighborhood House has been a part of the Peoria community since establishment in 1896. They provide meals to children, families, and even pets through programs such as after school meals, Sunday meals, summer feeding program, pantry programs, Meals on Wheels, and Critter Meals on Wheels. Aside from provision of meals, Neighborhood House also provides financial empowerment, employment services, and an adult education program that offers GED, tutoring, English as a Second Language, citizenship classes, employment counseling, and computer skills. Neighborhood House also depends on volunteers for holiday programs, food pantry helpers, kitchen helpers, yard work and landscaping, and indoor painting projects. For additional information about programs at Neighborhood House, call 309-674-1131 or visit: nhpeoria.org.

South Side Mission

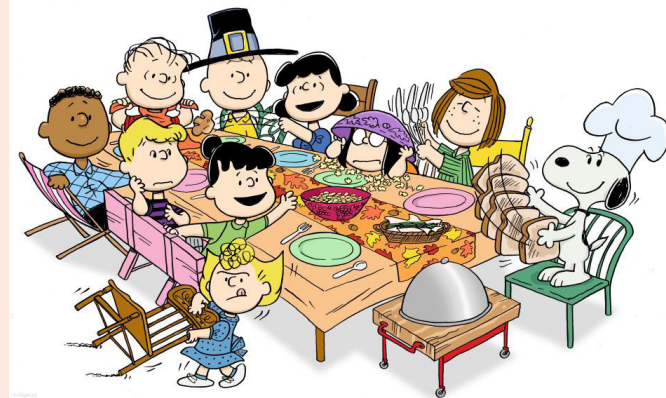
Salem Endowment Committee also provided a \$1000 donation to South Side Mission. The South Side Mission on 1127 South Laramie has been serving Peoria’s South Side community since 1925. With an annual budget of \$4 million, the South Side Mission is supported only by donations, as they receive no government or United Way funding. Their ministries include provision of Thanksgiving and Christmas meals, the Lighthouse Diner that serves free lunch to the community Monday through Friday, feeding 125-150 people each week, a culinary arts training school, children and youth ministry, and the New Promise Center women’s homeless shelter. The South Side Mission relies heavily on volunteers to complete their ministry to the community. For more information, call 309-676-4604.

These gifts, and many more, are accomplished through donations given to the Endowment Committee, celebration of names on the ‘Endowment Tree’, as well as legacy gifting from estates. Endowment Committee can help you in your decisions to give. Please contact John Grabel for more information. The next meeting for Endowment is on Wednesday, November 11 at 6:45am.

A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving: Outreach Ministry Salem “curbside” food collection for the Bethel Food Pantry - Saturday, November 7

The theme for the food pantry collection for November is “A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving.” Charlie Brown’s wishy-washyness causes him to have to host Thanksgiving dinner for some friends and he can barely cook toast. Think of what Charlie Brown could have served if Salem members had helped with food donations.

Watch “Dinner is Served Snoopy Style” here:
youtu.be/1w6faOERqr0.



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| Suggested Items: | • Spam or other similar canned luncheon meat |
| • Canned vegetables | • Crackers - saltine and graham |
| • Canned fruits | • Cornbread mix |
| • Soups | • Cereals |
| • Mac and cheese | |
| • Tuna | |

Outreach will again have a curbside drop off to collect food pantry items for the Bethel’s food pantry on **November 7 between 10am and noon**, this will coincide with the Fair Trade curbside order pick up.



Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to give thanks to our Lord. Even though midweek meals and Thanksgiving Dinner are not a possibility this year a free will offering will be taken to benefit Lutheran Disaster Response.

Your offering may be mailed to the church office or if you attend Indoor Worship Services a box will be in the narthex each Sunday for your donation. Checks should be made payable to Salem Lutheran with “Disaster Response” in the memo line. This is a wonderful time to give thanks and praise to our Lord before enjoying the blessings of food and fellowship.

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, 2020 Hurricane response, U.S. tornadoes, Cyclone Idai, U.S. Wildfires, 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 visit: <https://www.elca.org/Resources/Lutheran-Disaster-Response>.



The next Midwest Food Bank volunteer opportunity is on **Wednesday, November 25 at 9am**. Please plan to meet at the Peoria Division (9005 N Industrial Rd, Peoria, IL 61615).

Fair Trade News from Equal Exchange and Our Farmer Partners During the Pandemic

Equal Exchange, our supplier of Fair Trade items, gives us this report on how farmer cooperatives are responding during the pandemic:

“THE EQUAL EXCHANGE ALTERNATIVE TRADE MODEL HAS BEEN A POWERFUL RESOURCE FOR SMALL-SCALE FARMERS DURING THE PANDEMIC. THE COOPERATIVES WE SUPPORT HAVE PLAYED A VITAL ROLE FOR THEIR MEMBERS AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES, HELPING THEM IN WAYS THAT WOULD NOT HAVE EXISTED IF THEY WERE TRYING TO MAKE IT ON THEIR OWN. FOR EXAMPLE, ACOPAGRO, ONE OF OUR CACAO PARTNERS IN PERU, USED FAIR TRADE PREMIUM PAYMENTS FROM EQUAL EXCHANGE TO PROVIDE FOOD, MASKS AND CLEANING SUPPLIES TO CO-OP MEMBERS IN TWO DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES. MEMBERS OF THE SAN FERNANDO COFFEE COOPERATIVE IN PERU ORGANIZED TO SEND A TRUCK CARRYING HOME-GROWN PRODUCE TO THEIR CHILDREN WORKING OR STUDYING IN THE CITY WITHOUT RELIABLE ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD DURING THE PANDEMIC. BANANA FARMERS AT ASOQUABO IN ECUADOR USED FAIR TRADE PREMIUM FUNDS TO PURCHASE PPE FOR MEDICAL WORKERS IN THE COMMUNITY AND MOBILIZED THEIR CO-OP LOGISTICS RESOURCES TO TRANSPORT MEDICINES AND SUPPLIES TO LOCAL HOSPITALS AT A TIME WHEN TRANSPORTATION WAS SIGNIFICANTLY RESTRICTED AS A RESULT OF CURFEW MEASURES. THERE ARE MANY MOVING ACCOUNTS OF HOW OUR ALTERNATIVE TRADE NETWORK SUPPORTS COMMUNITIES AS THEY NAVIGATE THE GLOBAL CRISIS.”

FAIR TRADE PARTNER



ABOVE: Miguel Antonio Rodriguez Rios of the Oro Verde co-op in Peru.

Salem, our Fair Trade team continues to support the small cooperatives and feature some of the same products we have always carried, our traditional coffee and candy bars, plus we have added tea, nuts, cocoa, and baking products to our supply. We now carry chocolate chips for baking and a new Ginger Tea. **In November, we will again have our curbside pickup in conjunction with the Charlie Brown Thanksgiving food drive on Saturday, November 7 from 10am-12pm.** You may either use our online order form or bring a check when you pick up your items.

We know that some of you may miss stopping by our booth on Sundays, so if we can provide another opportunity for you to get your favorite products, please call or email Jennifer Gallas at 309-256-5862 or at Pew117@aol.com or call Jane Topel at 309-966-4953.

Thank you for your support in these difficult times!

Zoom 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. Below are some opportunities for connections.

Zoom Sunday Fellowship

MEET at 11AM
Zoom link included in Bugle Blast

Zoom Wednesday Bible Study

PASTOR CRAIG LEADS WEEKLY READINGS at 10AM
Zoom link included in Bugle Blast

Zoom Wednesday Faith at Home

WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY FOR ADULTS at 7PM
Zoom link included in Bugle Blast

Zoom Friday Mom's Group

SALEM MOMS MEET at 1PM
Please contact Leah Grebner for the Zoom link

NOVEMBER BOOK: "Becoming Elisabeth Elliot"

Zoom Discussion Meeting will be November 19 at 7:30pm

The book for our November discussion is "Becoming Elisabeth Elliot" a biography by Ellen Vaughn. The Book club typically meets the last Thursday of each month for an hour to share thoughts about the monthly book. Anyone is welcome to join us and may join for one book if a book sparks your interest. Please email Gretchen at gpetrakis@salemofpeoria.com to be added to the Book club email list and receive reminders and the Zoom link each month.

Book Club will meet on **Thursday, November 19 from 7:30pm-8:30pm**. Due to Thanksgiving and Christmas, Book Club will meet on the 3rd Thursday in November and December.

Elisabeth Elliot was a young missionary in Ecuador when members of a Amazonian tribe killed her husband, Jim, and his four colleagues. Incredibly, Elisabeth took her toddler daughter, snakebite kit, Bible, and journal... and lived in the jungle with the Stone-Age people who killed her husband. Compelled by her friendship and forgiveness, many came to faith in Jesus. Elisabeth went on to write dozens of books, host a long-running radio show, and speak at conferences all over the world. She was a pillar of coherent, committed faith; a beloved and sometimes controversial icon. In this authorized biography, *Becoming Elisabeth Elliot*, bestselling author Ellen Vaughn uses Elisabeth's private, unpublished journals, and candid interviews with her family and friends,

to paint the adventures and misadventures God used to shape one of the most influential women in modern church history. It's the story of a hilarious, sensual, brilliant, witty, self-deprecating, sensitive, radical, and surprisingly relatable person utterly submitted to doing God's will, no matter how high the cost. For Elisabeth, the central question was not, "How does this make me feel?" but simply, "is this true?" If so, then the next question was, "what do I need to do about it to obey God?"



Virtual Bingo Night - Nov. 20 at 7pm

Adult Fellowship is hosting a virtual Bingo Night on **Friday, November 20 at 7pm**. Please register online through the Bugle Blast or contact the church office at (309) 688-9212. Bingo cards will be emailed to all participants in advance. Come join in this virtual Bingo night!



Influenza (flu) is a contagious disease which can lead to serious illness, including pneumonia. An annual flu vaccine is recommended for everyone 6 months of age and older. Pregnant women, young children, older people, and people with chronic medical conditions are at increased risk of serious flu-related complications, so getting a yearly flu vaccine is especially important for them. You need a flu shot every year for two reasons. First, flu viruses change. Each year's virus may be just a little different. If the virus changes, the vaccine used in the flu shot is changed. Second, the protection you get from a flu shot lessens with time, especially in older people. So, you should get the shot every fall to do your best to stay protected from

the flu. The flu vaccine cannot cause flu illness; however, it can cause mild side effects that may be mistaken for flu. Common side effects from the flu shot include soreness, redness, and/or swelling from the shot, headache, fever, muscle aches, and nausea. These side effects are NOT the flu. If experienced at all, these effects are usually mild and last only 1-2 days.

Some of the symptoms of flu and COVID-19 are similar, making it hard to tell the difference between them based on symptoms alone. Diagnostic testing can help determine if you are sick with flu or COVID-19. Both influenza and COVID-19 are respiratory illnesses, but until we have a vaccine against COVID-19, the way to help prevent these two viruses from circulating at the same time is to get your flu vaccine now. We all need to do everything possible to make a difference this flu season, so keeping flu-free will help while we focus on ending the spread of COVID-19. The steps we are following to stop the spread of COVID-19 are also successful for warding off influenza. In addition to the flu vaccine, people should also: stay home when sick, cover coughs and sneezes, and wash hands frequently and thoroughly. For more information on both the flu and COVID-19, go to cdc.gov or nia.nih.gov.

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Veteran's Day Recognition

A Veteran's Day Recognition video will be available online **Wednesday, November 11** as Salem Lutheran honors Veterans. We are grateful for the service of Salem members, past and present, who have served in all branches of the United States Military and Allied Forces.

There will also be a special recognition for Veteran's Day at the **Sunday, November 15** worship service. Thank you to the confirmands (Carter Aprahamian, Henry Arnold, Conner Bidne, Sophia Doty and Ava Salverson), Jill Goldhammer, Leah Grebner, Ann Sterr and Meghan Peterson for their efforts in this project.



The Church Mouse

Have you been to The Church Mouse lately? Located at 600 W Main St, Peoria near the campus of Bradley University. A sanitizing business was recently hired to perform a thorough cleaning. It's ready for you to come in and browse. Stop by on Thursday or Friday between 10am-4pm or on Saturday between 10am-3pm. A variety of merchandise at low prices!

The Church Mouse Volunteer Opportunity

Do you have desire to volunteer or work part time at The Church Mouse? Volunteer clerks and a warehouse person are needed at this time in order to keep the store open and keep it running efficiently. Please call the current assistant manager, Joan Resler, at (309) 673-2363 for more information.

Peoria Dining Tour Coupon Books

127 local restaurants are included in the 2021 book. For \$30, you will receive a coupon towards whatever you are hungry for! Only twenty of the one hundred and twenty-seven establishments are considered "dine in only", so you can visit today! Coupons are valid through Oct 31, 2021. Please contact Inez Norgard if you are interested in purchase a book. Please make your check payable to the Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria. Thank you for your continued support!

THANK YOU!

Dear Salem Friends,
A happy smiling pumpkin greeted me first from your gift of cards and sweets. Your thoughtful messages and uplifting words gave me another memory to recall... remembering together times we shared. Thank you and appreciation to the friend who delivered this happy surprise - Blessings, Bea Kent

Dear Salem Friends,
Thank you for all the nice cards and gifts in my Thinking of You bag. It was much appreciated to have all the special notes. It was the next best thing to being at Salem. Missing my Salem family!

- Thank you, Alan Puttcamp

Dear Salem Friends,
Thank you so very much for the fall Halloween bag. I really enjoyed the cards, the Halloween "decor" and the candy. A special thank you to Susan Ross for the delivery and visit. She works so hard for Salem, and is a valued friend! - Sincerely, Bev Maier

Dear Friends in Christ,
The Bethel United Methodist Church would like to again thank you and the congregation for all donations during the month of September and October. All of your donations and many acts of kindness are very much appreciated. Your contributions enable us to better serve those who are less fortunate and afford us the opportunity to witness the love of our savior, Christ Jesus.

-In Christian Friendship, Linda John, Outreach Chairperson and Rev. Tyson T. Parks III, Pastor

Salem Lutheran Church,
Thank you for donating to LOMC's ministry of helping guests of all ages connect with God and each other. Your gift makes all the difference in helping LOMC thrive. -Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center

Holiday Drives and Collections

In the interest of safety for our members and the community, Salem will not be hosting some of the traditional holiday drives and collections this year that we have enjoyed in the past. Salem encourages its members to donate directly to the many organizations we have collected for in the past. Some of these organizations include:

ELCA Disaster Relief

If you attend Indoor Worship Services a box will be in the narthex each Sunday for your donation or your 2020 offering may be mailed to the church office. Checks should be made payable to Salem Lutheran with "Disaster Response" in the memo line. This is a wonderful time to give thanks and praise to our Lord before enjoying the blessings of food and fellowship.

Center for the Prevention of Abuse (CFPA) – Pajama Drive

Financial contributions are essential to the sustainability of CFPA services. They are greatly appreciated and can be made by mail to 720 W Joan Ct, Peoria, IL 61614 or by Paypal on this website. CFPA is now accepting new and gently-used donations to be dropped off at 720 W Joan Ct, Peoria, IL 61614. For questions about immediate needs, please call Kelly at 309-691-0551.

Thomas Jefferson Primary School – Food Baskets Project

Please consider supporting local food pantries directly. On **Saturday, November 7 from 10am-12pm**, Salem will host a Curbside Food Collection for Bethel United Methodist's Food Pantry.

Advent Corner

Normally, we would be having an Advent Corner at the end of November. However, this year it has decided to not host the Advent Corner at this time.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



November 1 Ron Breidel	November 8 Evan Lott Suzanne McMickle	November 15 Peyton Manning	Dennis Thomasson
November 2 Randolph Middleton	November 9 Lachlan Kelly Alivia Sansale Bill Welch	November 16 Chad Doty Mickayla Hughbanks Barbara Ricketts	November 24 Andrew Ferrell
November 3 Mark Janco Linda Wragge	November 10 Jennifer Gregg Caroline Hartmann Carolyn Noe	November 17 Kirsten Kelly	November 25 Megan Faulkner Heather Hopkins
November 5 Kris Griffith Lois Knutson Suzanne Neltner Jacqueline Storks	November 11 Keith Erickson	November 19 Emily Ferrell	November 26 Catherine Setterlund
November 6 Warren Hartmann Richard Serrahn	November 12 Alf Berg Tyler Blum John Mollenhauer Julia Wallstedt	November 20 Susan Faulkner Kerstin O'Connor	November 27 Kathryn Cowser Martin Creager Gary Johnson Aaron Kotewa Harper Wowra
November 7 Matthew Grimm Keniya Scoville David Sterr Nathan Wiesehan	November 14 Lori Goffinet	November 21 Isabel Gonzales	November 29 Matt Bastian
		November 22 James Bridges Jerome Sokolowski	
		November 23 Lynette Christensen	

PRAYER REQUESTS

THANKSGIVING TO GOD FOR...

- Salem's growing ministry

DIRECTION...

- Salem Congreg. Council
- Salem's Pastor, Deacon and Staff
- Salem's Renovation Project
- Salem's Sister Congregation - St. John's Shelbyville

PRAYERS REQUESTS...

- All those affected with COVID-19
- The men and women of our armed forces
- Support for all caregivers when loved ones suffer
- Individuals suffering from depression
- People of Guatemala
- Families at Crittenton Center
- Midwest Food Bank

- Wally Bastian and his family
- Evie and Rosie Biegler
- Laura - Leah Grebner's friend
- Luan Borquist
- Ruby Chelgren
- Scott Cochran
- Keith Erickson
- Gabe
- Jack Grant
- Laurie Hacker
- Pastor Hanson's daughter, Judy
- Ron Hipple
- Helen Johnson
- the family of John Johnson
- Karie
- Nicole Inman
- Briggs Landwehr and family
- Carl Lindquist and his family
- Judy Livingston
- Lizzie

- Morgan Lott
- Bill Mettam
- Tom Mueller
- Dr. Rick O'Connor
- Rosy Park
- Bill Schroeder
- Teddy' and for his family
- Ella Vandervlugt
- Wayne (brother of Barbi Ricketts)
- The Wegrzyn family as Roman is in hospice care
- Lesly Wegrzyn

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY...

Stateside: Gibson Gonzalez, Emily Graff, Barry Joyce, Jim Sterling, Jason Sterr, Scott Wolfmeyer
Overseas: Ian Borquist, Talon Maki

NOVEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>9am: Live Phone Call 9am: Worship 11am: Zoom Adult Fellowship Coffee Hour 7pm: Faith for Life Faith at Home Devotion 7:30pm: Kappa Chi Faith at Home Devotion</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10am: Zoom Staff Meeting 7pm: Zoom Council Meeting</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10am: Zoom Bible Study 7pm: Zoom Adult Sunday School Study</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>1pm: Zoom Grown & Flown Mom's Group</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10am-12pm: Fair Trade Curbside Pickup 10am-12pm: Outreach "Thanksgiving" Drop off 5pm: Worship Online</p>
<p>8 INTENT SUNDAY</p> <p>9am: Live Phone Call 9am: Worship 10m: Zoom Sunday School for All Ages 11am: Zoom Adult Fellowship Coffee Hour 7pm: Faith for Life Faith at Home Devotion 7:30pm: Kappa Chi Faith at Home Devotion</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30pm: Zoom Congregational Care Meeting</p>	<p>10 Northern Conference Bugle Deadline</p> <p>10am: Zoom Staff Meeting 5:30pm: Pray for the Cure Wrap Up 7pm: Zoom Outreach Meeting 7:30pm: Zoom Faith Formation Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:45am: Endowment Committee 10am: Zoom Bible Study 7pm: Zoom Adult Sunday School Study</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>1pm: Zoom Grown & Flown Mom's Group</p>	<p>14</p> <p>5pm: Worship Online</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9am: Live Phone Call 9am: Worship 11am: Zoom Adult Fellowship Coffee Hour 7pm: Faith for Life Faith at Home Devotion 7:30pm: Kappa Chi Faith at Home Devotion</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7pm: Zoom Salem Churchmen Meeting</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10am: Zoom Staff Meeting 6:30pm: Lydia Circle 7pm: Zoom Property & Finance Meeting</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10am: Zoom Bible Study 7pm: Zoom Adult Sunday School Study</p>	<p>19</p> <p>5:30pm: Executive Committee 7:30pm: Zoom Book Club</p>	<p>20</p> <p>1pm: Zoom Grown & Flown Mom's Group 7pm: Adult Fellowship Bingo</p>	<p>21</p> <p>5pm: Worship Online</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9am: Live Phone Call 9am: Worship 11am: Zoom Adult Fellowship Coffee Hour 7pm: Faith for Life Faith at Home Devotion 7:30pm: Kappa Chi Faith at Home Devotion</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10am: Zoom Staff Meeting 7pm: Worship & Music Meeting</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9am: Midwest Food Bank 10am: Zoom Bible Study 7pm: Zoom Adult Sunday School Study</p>	<p>26 Thanksgiving Day</p>	<p>27</p> <p>1pm: Zoom Grown & Flown Mom's Group</p>	<p>28</p> <p>5pm: Worship Online</p>
<p>29 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p>9am: Live Phone Call 9am: Worship 11am: Zoom Adult Fellowship Coffee Hour 7pm: Faith for Life Faith at Home Devotion 7:30pm: Kappa Chi Faith at Home Devotion</p>	<p>30</p>					



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