



the Bugle

As we enter the last month of the year and anticipate one of the most special seasons of the church, lines of two hymns come to mind. “All earth is hopeful” and “Sleep in heavenly peace.” Advent is a season of hopefulness. It is a four-week time to prepare for celebrating the birth of God’s most precious gift to the world, Emmanuel, God with us, is born anew among us still. Even as new totals for coronavirus infections accelerate, more and more health care workers and facilities are reaching their limits, there is reason to be hopeful. Not that life will magically return to “normal” and we will be released from this dangerous and pervasive pandemic, but that even when life is difficult, we can know with certainty that God is with us and we can have peace in our hearts and lives not just one day, but now knowing that we are held securely in the hope of God’s divine coming among us in Jesus.

It is unclear if plans will follow through, yet we plan all the same. It is quite possible that in person worship may not be available yet again, but it is also possible that with care, we might be able to share space at Salem to celebrate the Advent/Christmas season in person. Plans are underway to create virtual worship experiences but also in person worship. We

*all earth is
hopeful*

also recognize Christmas will be especially difficult this year for many and the Service of Solace may be all the more meaningful and helpful. This service will be available on Saturday, December 19 through Salem’s website to further comfort grieving hearts and calm anxious souls through this special and yet difficult time. An in person

Service of Solace will not take place this year.

Virtual Christmas Eve worship will be available December 23 at 5pm and limited in person services will be offered December 23 at 7pm, December 24 at 4pm and 7pm and Christmas morning at 10am. Registration will be required for these events and they will be different from traditional singing of Joy to the Word and Silent Night and festive decorations, yet I believe can be an opportunity to share the experience together.

Whether we worship virtually or in person, we will be reminded that the heavenly peace that came to lowly shepherds with good news of great joy is the same presence of God who comes among us still in a world still longing for hope and peace. While this will be a different Christmas celebration for all of us, the central focus is the same and his name is Jesus. Blessed Christmas to you all.

-Pastor Craig

Renewing God's House Together

WELCOME • WORSHIP • GROW & LEARN

As of November 16, the total cash contributions for the capital appeal are \$1,868,325. There continues to be an excellent follow through on the original pledges of \$2,030,000 that was originally pledged. The cash contributions includes

well over \$100,000 from sources that were NOT pledged. Salem has a little over 12 months remaining in the original 38 month pledge period. So it is extremely important for those members who made the original pledges to follow through with their commitments. MANY members have completed their pledges and we are most thankful for all the gifts that we have received to date. Please know that all gifts of any amount are welcome and Salem now is able to see the results of our original dreams of bringing our physical building into it's current state. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

-Dick Peterson, co-chair of the Capital Appeal

Planning to Make a Year-End Charitable Contribution to Salem?

Thanks so much to those who have already made a special gift to Salem at the close of 2020. It's a real blessing to our ministry together. Such a gift can also be beneficial in easing your tax burden! If you are offset 2020 income, be aware of the the IRS: "Donors mail checks on or 2020, in order to c o n t r i b u t i o n 2020. Checks that are placed in the church offering on the first Sunday of 2021 will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2020, even if the check is pre-dated to 2020 or was actually written in 2020. However, checks that are written, mailed and post-marked in 2020 will be deductible in 2020 though they are not received by a church until 2021."



planning a gift to you'll want to official rules from must deliver or by December 31, claim a charitable deduction for

Thank you for keeping these things in mind as you plan your giving, and blessings and peace on your New Year ahead!



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Praying the Jesse Tree Advent Devotionals

Advent devotionals based on the Jesse Tree were mailed to Salem members and delivered to Salem Sunday School families in their December boxes. The season of Advent begins on **Sunday, November 29.**

What is the Jesse Tree? The symbol of the Jesse Tree comes from this passage in Isaiah:

And
there shall come
forth a rod out of the
stem of Jesse, and a Branch
shall grow out of its roots:
and the spirit of the Lord
shall rest upon him.
ISAIAH 11:1-2

Each branch – each leaf on the tree – is a story deeply rooted in Scripture that tells of the relationship between God and God's people. The symbols on the Jesse Tree represent a Biblical "Family Tree," and Jesus is grafted onto the family tree of Jesse, the father of King David. The branches of the Jesse Tree stretch all the way back to the Garden of Eden, and in those branches are familiar names like David and Ruth, and Abraham and Jacob.

As we have been studying Old Testament stories through our Sunday School curriculum and Wednesday night Bible study of The Jesus Storybook Bible, continuing these stories through Advent devotionals is a reminder of how we are all part of this "family tree" and the powerful love of Christ for this – our – family!

Please let the church office know if you did not receive a devotional.

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SERVICE OF SOLACE
Online worship available at 7pm

23

CHRISTMAS EVE ONLINE WORSHIP
Online worship available at 5pm

23

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
Limited in-person worship at 7pm

24

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
Limited in-person worship at 4pm & 7pm

25

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP
Limited in-person worship at 10am

WORSHIP SERVICES

Please note that in-person worship is limited to registration only and is subject to change if necessary.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

CARTER APRAHAMIAN

JOSHUA 1:9
 “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

HENRY ARNOLD

JOHN 4:27
 “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

CONNER BIDNE

JOHN 3:16
 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

SOPHIA DOTY

PSALM 23:1
 “The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.”

AVA SALVERSON

2 CORINTHIANS 5:7
 “For we walk by faith, not by sight.”



Five students (LEFT-RIGHT: Conner Bidne, Sophia Doty, Ava Salverson, Henry Arnold, and Carter Aprahamian) 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.

Join Salem Families and Individuals of All Ages for a VIRTUAL

Gingerbread House Party

Sunday, December 20 from 4pm-5pm on Zoom

Make your Gingerbread Houses in advance of the ZOOM Party. Use a starter kit or create a design of your own. Sunday School students will receive a free basic gingerbread kit - contact Jill @ 370-1692 if you have not yet received your kit.

- Make your Gingerbread Houses in advance of the ZOOM Party.
- Designs can be submitted in advance by pictures or live at the event.
- Use a starter kit or create a design of your own.
- Salem has free kits available for all Salem families (provided by a Thrivent Action Team) or kits can be purchased at Walmart, Target, Costco...
- You may add candies and other items and be as creative as you want, as long as all the items you use in your design are edible.
- Gingerbread Houses can be submitted as individuals or families.



Winners will be identified from the following age categories: Children: Pre K-Kindergarten/1st – 5th grade; Youth: 6th-12th grade; Adult; Senior Citizen (70+); and Family Entries. Please contact Jill Goldhammer by email at JGoldhammer@salemofpeoria.com or text or call Jill at 370-1692 with any questions..

Christmas

TRADITIONS

Although the year 2020 has required creative modifications to almost everything we do, there are still many ways to participate in many beloved Salem Christmas Traditions this year.

• THROUGH DECEMBER 5

SWEET TREATS

Order Butter Braids or Coffee Cakes. All proceeds go to provide Christmas Grocery Gift Cards for Thomas Jefferson Families in need. (Instead of Christmas Food Baskets this year.)

• THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MUSIC

Submit your Christmas music video by Thursday, December 11.

• SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

SUNDAY SCHOOL ZOOM

Join us on Sunday, December 13 at 10am for fellowship and fun with other families and teachers. ALL AGES WELCOME!

• THROUGH DECEMBER 20

LAP BLANKETS

Tie lap blankets for Senior's Ministry "Thinking of You" bags. Kits provided.

- Curbside drop off available at church

• THROUGH DECEMBER 20

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Make Christmas Cards for the Senior's Ministry "Thinking of You" bags.

- Curbside drop off available at church.

• SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Be sure to watch! Program will go live on Saturday, December 19 at 6PM.

• SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

FAITH FOR LIFE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Attend the Faith for Life Virtual Christmas Party on Zoom Sunday, December 20 at 6:30PM

• SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

KAPPA CHI CHRISTMAS PARTY

Attend the Kappa Chi Virtual Christmas Party on Zoom Sunday, December 20 at 7:30PM

Sunday School Christmas Program

This year's program may not be what we have done in the past, but it will be one you can watch online and share with your family and friends. And although virtual, it will still be the Salem children telling the Christmas story. Save the date of Saturday, December 19 at 6pm to watch the program. The link will be in the Bugle Blast.

Kris Griffith, Jason Brinkman, Megan Thomasson, and Eric Schroeder have shared their gifts in bringing this to you! Salem families have dressed in costume; children have sung songs and read the Scripture passages of the Christmas story; and parents have videotaped to bring you the Christmas story. May the program be a blessing to you during this season of hope and joy!

SUNDAY SCHOOL ZOOM!

Join us on Sunday, December 13 at 10am for fellowship and fun with other families and teachers. We miss seeing each other and this is a great opportunity to "see" some of your Salem Family. All ages are welcome to join! Hope to see you in December.



Christmas Greetings

Let our members know they're remembered by providing a cheery greeting for their Thinking of You Christmas bags! You can drop your cards, other small items or lap blankets off in the sealed container at the back entrance at church any time before December 20 or call the church office to make other arrangements. These Christmas greetings are sure to be cherished!

People to remember are:

Walt and Joy Anderson	Bev Holmes	Nancy Owens
Natalee Arff	Ron Hipple	Rosie Park
Susan Barham	Shirley Hornecker	Kay Peterson
Betty and Matthew Bennett	Bea Kent	Linda Peterson
Alf Berg	Ruth Landes	Marty Plunkett
Al and Edell Berg	Carol Love	Alan Puttcamp
Luan Borquist	Bev Maier	Fran Riley
Carl and Helen Buerger, Jr.	Tony and Elgene Martin	Marge Ryberg
Joyce Crone	Elaine McHugh	Irene Sawatzky
Velma Crowley	Marian Meinert	Marilyn Setterlund
John Day	Bill Mettam	Phyllis Shadley
Keith and MaryAlice Erickson	Bob Middleton	Marilyn Smith
Bill and Sis Gavin	Paul and JoAnn Misselhorn	Fred and Marilyn Stamerjohn
Joyce Grubb	Henry and Caroline Noe	Georgia Sutherland
Vi Gruber	Gil and Jo Nolde	Wanita Van Scoyoc
Laurie Hannon (Lesley Howard's mom)	Rick and Anitra O'Connor	



Friends in Christ

Have you checked in with your assigned Friends in Christ household yet? If so, the Congregational Care team would love to hear your stories. Please send an email to hmpeterson1@comcast.net (Helene) or lgebner@saalemofpeoria.com (Leah), if you have a story to share about making new friends or connecting with old friends through this project.

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

Christ, who said to the disciples, "You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you," can truly say to every group of Christian friends, "You have not chosen one another but I have chosen you for one another." - C.S. Lewis

Ulrich Family Update

Luke and Jamie Ulrich wanted to come and share their experiences in person, but given the current circumstances have instead sent video instead. This video may be viewed on Salem's webpage at: saalemofpeoria.com/ways-to-serve/serve-globally. Salem continues to support Luke and Jamie and their work in Malawi.

Lutheran Social Services Giving Tree

Thank you for your willingness to be a part of making Christmas special for those served by Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. Included in the Bugle Blast you will find the SignUpGenius form to sign up for the Giving Tree. The information includes the first name and a code no. along with other pertinent information for your shopping. Your gifts should include a clothing gift and a toy or fun gift, totaling \$30.00. Suggestions are included below for each person.

Both gifts should be wrapped and placed in a bag with a handle, labeled with the person's name and the code no. that is provided on the sign up sheet. All gifts need to be returned to Salem no later than **Sunday, December 13.**



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

Outreach Ministry Salem "curbside" food collection for the Bethel Food Pantry SATURDAY, DEC. 5, 10am-12pm

The theme for the food pantry collection for December is "A Cratchit Christmas." The Cratchit family taught Scrooge was it means to be generous and invited him to their Christmas feast. What will you bring to the feast as you help with food donations during this holiday season.

Watch "Cratchit Christmas" here: <https://youtu.be/J2GrpKlqcLQ>.

Curbside drop off to collect food pantry items for the Bethel's food pantry on **December 5 between 10am and noon**, this will coincide with the Fair Trade curbside order pick up.

Fair Trade - Saturday, December 5 from 10am-12pm

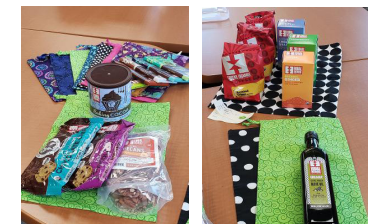
The holidays are approaching, and your Salem Fair Trade Team wants to help you with your holiday gift-giving! Here are some ways that you can support small farmers and get some great gifts for everyone on your list.

- **Equal Exchange's Solidarity Box** has a variety of high-quality products, sure to be a hit with family and friends. Check out the photo below for the products included. To order the Solidarity Box, you will have to order from Equal Exchange directly at www.equalexchange.coop or call 1-774-776-7366 to place your order. They will ship directly to you.



Solidarity Box

- **We can create a bag of good things for you from our supply of items at Salem!** Former Salem member Betty Ahlgren has donated some beautiful cloth bags that we want to share with you for your gift-giving this holiday season. Each order will receive a gift bag with your ordered items. See some examples in the photo of how you might make up a bag of Fair Trade items for your holiday giving!



Gift bag examples

Our Fair Trade curbside pickup will be on Saturday, December 5, partnering with the Outreach Committee Food Drive. We ask that you use the online form to order by credit card ahead of time or call Fair Trade Team members listed below to place your order and pay by check.

Please understand we are trying to minimize contact for the coronavirus by not doing credit cards on site or setting up a booth for sales. If you are going to be purchasing multiples of items (such as candy bars), please let us know, as we may have to place an additional order to accommodate your needs.

Questions? Please call Jennifer Gallas at 309-256-5862 or Jane Topel at 309-966-4953. We look forward to seeing you in December!

Jane, Jennifer, and Karen – Salem's Fair Trade Team

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 Faith at Home

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

Zoom Wednesday Bible Study

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

Zoom Friday Mom's Group

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

Blood Pressure

Most of the time, high blood pressure (or hypertension) has no obvious symptoms to indicate that something is wrong and many people don't even know they have it. A variety of symptoms may be indirectly related to, but are not always caused by high blood pressure, such as blurred vision, facial flushing, or dizziness. If you experience any of these symptoms, please notify your primary care office as they can also be signs of other health issues.

High blood pressure can develop slowly over time and/or can be related to other issues. It cannot be cured but can be managed effectively through lifestyle changes and, when needed, medication. The best ways to protect yourself are being aware of the risks and making those changes that matter. Some risk factors that you cannot change are age, gender, race, and family history so work on those changes that you have control over by:

- Eating a well-balanced diet that's low in salt
- Limiting alcohol
- Regular physical activity
- Managing stress
- Maintaining a healthy weight
- Quitting smoking
- Taking your medications as prescribed
- Working with your health care team



Also often asked regarding blood pressure is "what do those two numbers mean?"

- Systolic blood pressure (the top number) – indicates how much pressure your blood is exerting against your artery walls when the heart beats.
- Diastolic blood pressure (the bottom number) – indicates how much pressure your blood is exerting against your artery walls while the heart is resting between beats.

Typically, more attention is given to systolic blood pressure as a major risk factor for cardiovascular disease for people over 50. In most people, systolic blood pressure rises steadily with age due to the increasing stiffness of large arteries, long-term buildup of plaque and an increased incidence of cardiac and vascular disease.

However, either an elevated systolic or an elevated diastolic blood pressure reading may be used to make a diagnosis of high blood pressure. For more information go to heart.org and click on high blood pressure under health topics.

**SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
PARISH NURSE**



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18 at 7pm on Zoom

Join us for a fun evening of music on Friday, December 18 at 7pm. We will be presenting your favorite festive Christmas carols as well as some solo and instrumental pieces. In addition to the music, we will be having an ugly sweater contest. Please join us for an evening of safe Christmas fun! The event will be recorded so that it can be shared with those who are unable to attend.

DECEMBER BOOK: "Penguins and Golden Calves: Icons and Idols in Antarctica and Other Unexpected Places"

Zoom Discussion Meeting will be December 17 at 7:30pm



The book for our December discussion is "Penguins and Golden Calves: Icons and Idols in Antarctica and Other Unexpected Places" by Madeleine L'Engle. Due to Christmas, Book Club will meet on the December 17 at 7:30pm. 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.

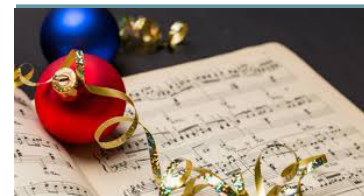
Penguins and Golden Calves: Icons and Idols in Antarctica and Other Unexpected Places by Madeleine L'Engle

Despite protests and warnings from friends and family, author Madeleine L'Engle, at the age of seventy-four, embarked on a rafting trip to Antarctica. Her journey through the startling beauty of the continent led her to write *Penguins and Golden Calves*, a captivating discussion of how opening

oneself up to icons, or everyday "windows to God," leads to the development of a rich and deeply spiritual faith.

L'Engle explains how ordinary things such as family, words, the Bible, heaven, and even penguins can become such windows. She also shows how such a window becomes an idol—a penguin becomes a "golden calf"—when we see it as a reflection of itself instead of God.

With delightful language, insightful metaphor, and personal stories, L'Engle brings readers to a deeper understanding of themselves, their faith, and the presence of God in their daily lives.



Salem Youth Musicians

We would like to extend an invitation to your child to consider sharing special music as part of the online Christmas service. Some of you have had your children share music with us before, so we hope they will do so again. Vocal or instrumental music is requested. It is a wonderful opportunity to share their gifts on this special night.

Please submit your videos to the shared folder by Thursday, December 11. If you are needing accompaniment for a song or have questions about songs please let Maggie Slotter know as soon as possible. She may be reached at mslotter@salemofpeoria.com. Usually one song, or two short ones, is appropriate.



Salem Friends - Bea Kent is celebrating a most significant birthday on December 15. Let's shower her with birthday cards for her 100th birthday! Bea's family will deliver the cards all at once. Please bring your birthday wishes to Salem by December 13. (There will be opportunities to drop off your card during the Curbside Outreach event on December 5 from 10am-12pm or during CYF Sweet Treat pick up on Friday, December 11 from 2pm-5pm and on Saturday, December 12 from 9am-12pm.) Otherwise you may mail your card to Salem and we will make sure Bea receives it.

THANK YOU!

A thousand thanks from the Salem family for those who provided coffee hour treats before the Covid-19 hit, and kept us from socializing. They

the Board of Directors, Staff and Volunteers of Crittenton Centers thank you for your gift of \$500. Thank you for your thoughtful gift to assist us in meeting the needs of the children and families in our care. - Jeff A. Gress, President and CEO of Crittenton Centers

were delicious and of great variety. Thank you again! If you would like to donate treats when we can again hold a yummy coffee hour, please watch your Bugle for information.

Special thanks go out to the willing helpers who took a turn scrubbing and polishing to make sure Salem's kitchen was ready for us to use at all times (again before the Covid-19.) Our gratitude is extended to the Salem Pre-school Board, Rebecca Circle, and Faith for Life. THANK YOU, ONE AND ALL! When the kitchen is being used again, any individual, family, or group is encouraged to volunteer to take a month to clean just one time. The work goes quickly and your ministry of service would be greatly appreciated. Simply call Annette Doughty (309-446-3400) for information or to volunteer.

- Walt and I would like to thank our Salem friends for the "thinking of you" cards, treats and gifts delivered by Meghan and Emily Peterson. Walt loves hearing familiar names. - Blessings, Walt & Joy Anderson

- Thank you for partnering with Neighborhood House to ensure the most vulnerable in our community have the support they need. It is because of You and your support that we have been able to continue to feed, educate and empower our community. Without fellow community advocates like you, the work we do and the impact we have would not be quite as magnanimous. Thank you for the recent donation of \$500. All programs have been refocused to feeding people due to COVID-19 and sheltering in place.- Becky Rossman, President/Ceo of Neighborhood House

- It is so heartwarming when a support like you makes it possible for us to say "yes" to one more child in need, or move one more parent out of a crisis. On behalf of

- Thank you for doing God's work in financially supporting the Christian Mission of Lutheran Hillside Village. With your help of \$500, we are making an impact in the lives of older adults who turn to Lutheran Hillside Village to help at a vulnerable time in their life. Your gift reminds older adults that God cares for them. What a precious reminder of God's provision that is for those who have paved the way for the next generation. - Phil King, Foundation Executive Director of Lutheran Hillside Village

- Thank you so much for your generous contribution of \$500 and for partnering with us to help those who are suffering locally, nationally, internationally. Midwest Food Bank greatly appreciates your open heart, prayers and donations as we strive, through the Lord's strength, to give freely to those who need relief and assistance. - Tom Tieker, Treasurer Midwest Food Bank

- Your congregation has shared its blessings with the people served by Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) Peoria area and we're grateful. Thank you so much for your gift of \$1000. Your generosity offers people the opportunity to reach their full, God-given potential, making the love of God tangible for those in need. There are short videos at www.lssi.org on the YouTube icon that shows how you are helping to change lives. -David P. Novak, JD, VP Advancement at LLSI

- A thank you for the outpouring of love, support cards and memorials for Romans passing. Our family appreciates your love and prayers during this time. - Sincerely, Karla, Brant Lesly and Joe



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



December 1

Matthew Crone
William Fischer

December 2

Henry Arnold
Darlene Ford
Susan Hamann
Wren Jolliff

December 3

Gloria Kroodsma
Eric Webster
Hailey Zapf

December 4

Martha Plunkett

December 5

Susanne Hermanson
Donald Hoffman
Grayson Rook
Rosemary Swanson

December 6

Isaac Hartman

December 7

Jon Arehart
Bonnie Gallas

December 8

Caleb Bastian
Mark Holmes
Suzanne McGrew

December 10

Natalee Arff
Dan Starzynski

December 11

Walter Bastian
Wanita Van Scoyoc

December 12

Holland James Koss
Jody Jean
McKinty
Greg Roberts

December 13

Marjorie Ryberg
Hans Vandervlugt

December 14

Viola Gruber

December 15

Julie Gannon
Laura Hartman
Bernice Kent
Cindy Patterson
Gerald Snyder

December 16

Margaret Steele

December 17

Jill Goldhammer
William Ricketts

December 18

Audrey Koeltzow
Nancy Peterson

December 19

Terry Baumgarten
Julia Hokanson
Lisa McGregor

December 20

Julianna Rees
Jackie Scoville

December 22

Elise Rastatter

December 24

Jennifer Marquez
Richard Peterson

December 26

Kaesev Glasess

December 27

Joel Brinkman
Michael Petrakis

December 29

Beth Cooper
Spencer Lantz
Grant Peterson
Kathleen Self

December 30

Jill Becker
Braden Wallstedt

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
- the family of Ruby Chelgren
- Scott Cochran
- Keith Erickson
- Gabe
- Jack Grant
- Laurie Hacker
- Pastor Hanson's daughter, Judy
- Ron Hipple
- Helen Johnson
- Karie
- Nicole Inman
- Briggs Landwehr and 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)
- Lesly Wegrzyn

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY...

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

DECEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1</p> <p>10am: Zoom Staff Meeting 10:30am: Rebecca Circle 7pm: Zoom Council Meeting</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10am: Zoom Bible Study 7pm: Zoom Adult Sunday School Study</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9am: Adult Bible Study 7pm: Man-To-Man</p>	<p>4</p> <p>1pm: Zoom Grown & Flown Mom's Group</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10am-12pm: Fair Trade Curbside Pickup 10am-12pm: Outreach and Card Drop off 5pm: Worship Online</p>
<p>6</p> <p>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 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>7</p> <p>6:30pm: Zoom Congregational Care Meeting</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Northern Conference Bugle Deadline 10am: Zoom Staff Meeting 7pm: Zoom Outreach Meeting 7:30pm: Zoom Faith Formation Meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10am: Zoom Bible Study 7pm: Zoom Adult Sunday School Study</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9am: Adult Bible Study 7pm: Man-To-Man</p>	<p>11</p> <p>1pm: Zoom Grown & Flown Mom's Group</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5pm: Worship Online</p>
<p>13</p> <p>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9am: Live Phone Call 9am: Worship 10am: Zoom Sunday School for All Ages 11am: Zoom Adult Fellowship Coffee Hour 7pm: Faith for Life & Kappa Chi Faith at Home Devotion</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10am: Zoom Staff Meeting 7pm: Zoom Property & Finance Meeting</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10am: Zoom Bible Study 7pm: Zoom Adult Sunday School Study</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9am: Adult Bible Study 7pm: Man-To-Man 7:30pm: Zoom Book Club</p>	<p>18</p> <p>1pm: Zoom Grown & Flown Mom's Group 7pm: Hymn/Carol Sing</p>	<p>19</p> <p>5pm: Worship Online 6pm: Salem Sunday School Online Christmas Program 7pm: Service of Solace Online</p>
<p>20</p> <p>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9am: Live Phone Call 9am: Worship 11am: Zoom Adult Fellowship Coffee Hour 4pm: Gingerbread House 6:30pm: Faith for Life Virtual Christmas Party 7:30pm: Kappa Chi Virtual Christmas Party</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7pm: Zoom Salem Churchmen Meeting - Christmas Party</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10am: Zoom Staff Meeting 7pm: Worship & Music Meeting</p>	<p>23</p> <p>5pm: Christmas Worship Online IN PERSON WORSHIP TIMES 7pm: Christmas Eve Service</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Christmas Eve Office Closes at noon IN PERSON WORSHIP TIMES 4pm: Christmas Eve Service 7pm: Christmas Eve Service</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Christmas Day Office Closed WORSHIP TIMES 10am: Christmas Day Service</p>	<p>26</p> <p>5pm: Worship Online</p>
<p>27</p> <p>9am: Live Phone Call 9am: Worship 11am: Zoom Adult Fellowship Coffee Hour 7pm: Faith for Life and Kappa Chi Faith at Home Devotion</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>New Year's Eve Office Closes at noon</p>		



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**This year has been different
But the story's the same
Of the birth in the stable
And the shepherds who came
Yes, God's promise of salvation
Remains most assuredly true
No matter the difficulties
We are now going through.**

- Luan Borquist 2020