

the Bugle

Pastoral Reflections by Pastor Craig

As the fall season unfolds more fully, there are many ways to give thanks for the changes that take place and the witness that is highlighted during this time of year. As we enter November, we anticipate several special events, including three festival Sundays. The first one gives thanks to God for the saints who have completed their labor on earth and have now been called to the church triumphant in the heavenly kingdom. With **All Saints Day on November 1**, the church celebrates the first Sunday of November as a time to name members who have died, and we pause to reflect on their lives and their witness to the light of Christ for those who knew them out of gratitude for having shared life among us.

November 21 is Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday in the liturgical calendar. It is a celebration that highlights that Jesus came not as an earthly king as expected but as one who ushered in a new kingdom. His rule does not come from human authority but from divine authority. His crown is not a glittery, jeweled one but a thorny one representing humility, suffering and death. It is by his rising that we are lifted above our earthly challenges to celebrate new and abundant life.

The **last Sunday of November** marks the beginning of a new church year with the four-week season of Advent as we prepare for the celebration of Christmas, Christ's coming into the world in human flesh and therefore a deep and personal connection to us as one with us in fellowship and partnership for abundant living.

Along with these celebrations and recognitions, Salem is also entering a Bridge Appeal which moves us from current and past realities into future possibilities. **Celebration Sunday will be November 21**, when we prayerfully give thanks for the pledged responses that are received to commit support for next year's ministries as well as paying down the mortgage for recent capital improvements in preparation for future ministry efforts.

This is an exciting time to be church together. It is a time to remember that we are not defined by worldly challenges, obstacles nor even accomplishments. We are defined by the identity God bestows on us as God's own, made alive and new through the Spirit's work in Holy Baptism. Through the gift of God's Son, Jesus, we can live with hope, joy, love and peace as we bear witness to God's abundant life at work among us.

I welcome you to share in celebrating the opportunities we will share together. Thank you for helping extend these opportunities at the church, in your homes and in the community for we are the church, living, breathing, dying, rising as we live out our identity in Christ in a daily basis.

God's blessings are abundant and are given to us to share with others. Happy sharing!



-Pastor Craig

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

THOSE REMEMBERED THIS YEAR.

Kristine Bell, Martha Burgeson,
Ruby Chelgren, Ashley Collins,
Keith Erickson, William Gavin, M. Joyce Grubb,
Beverly Holmes, Shirley Hornecker, Anton Martin,
John Mollenhauer, Frances Riley, Pastor Dennis Scoville,
and Roman Wegrzyn.



NOVEMBER 21 AFTER 9AM WORSHIP CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Plans are underway to break bread together and give thanks for the pledged responses that are received to commit support for next year's ministries as well as paying down the mortgage through the Bridge Appeal.

Box lunches will be provided upon reservation for after service on **Sunday, November 21**. You will have an option to eat them at church or take them to go. For those unable to attend church there is also a delivery option.

Please watch for the sign-up sheet through the Bugle Blast or at the Welcome Center.

OFFICE HOURS

The church office is open on Monday-Thursday from 8am until 2pm. Friday the office is open from 8am until 12pm. To contact the church office please email Isabel Gonzales at office@salemofpeoria.com or by phone (309-688-9212).

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ANNUAL GIVING & BRIDGE APPEAL RENEWING GOD'S MISSION



BRIDGING TO THE FUTURE

During this busy season and time of ever-changing uncertainty, we are excited to launch our Bridge Appeal— Renewing God's Mission! and our 2022 Annual Giving Appeal— as we focus on God's call forward in faith.

Someone early in the pandemic said, "What a great time to be the church!" Indeed. While at first blush, we might feel hard pressed to say such a thing, the truth is that Christ's church has been a source of light, compassion, faith and hope in plenty of dark and troubling times in the past.

Light shines most brightly in the darkness.

Compassion is most treasured in times of conflict and loneliness.

Faith is an anchor and a guide in times of uncertainty.

**And hope centers us upon the strength,
promise and spirit of Christ when despair attempts to upend us.**

Yes, what a great time to be the church! All of us together!

Annual Giving Intent for 2022	Bridge Appeal for 2022
<p>In gratitude to God and in thanksgiving for the continued ministry of Salem Lutheran Church, I/we intend to give the following offering during calendar year 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">\$_____ to be given weekly OR\$_____ to be given monthly OR\$_____ to be given in total for the year on another schedule. <p>(If we understand that this offering may be adjusted, if necessary, by notifying the church office.)</p> <p>I/we will make this contribution via the automated Vanco services option through Salem. This automatic giving level will begin on _____ (date).</p> <p>Name(s) _____ Email _____ Address _____ Signature _____ Date _____</p> <p>Please return your Annual Giving Intent card by Celebration Sunday, November 21.</p> <p><small>Please consider all offers, check and return the intent portion (that) to Salem, and retain the response portion (that) to your church.</small></p> <p>After prayerful consideration, I/we commit to support the Annual Giving for 2021-2022. My/our intended offering during calendar year 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">\$_____ to be given weekly OR\$_____ to be given monthly OR\$_____ to be given in total for the year on another schedule.	<p>Thank you for considering to extend your level of giving or by participating through a one-year Bridge Appeal. I/we intend to give the following offering during the calendar year 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">\$_____ to be given weekly OR\$_____ to be given monthly OR\$_____ to be given in total for the year on another schedule. <p>(If we understand that this offering may be adjusted, if necessary, by notifying the church office.)</p> <p>I/we will make this contribution via the automated Vanco services option through Salem. This automatic giving level will begin on _____ (date).</p> <p>Name(s) _____ Email _____ Address _____ Signature _____ Date _____</p> <p>Please return your Bridge Appeal Intent card by Celebration Sunday, November 21.</p> <p><small>Please consider all offers, check and return the intent portion (that) to Salem, and retain the response portion (that) to your church.</small></p> <p>After prayerful consideration, I/we commit to support the Bridge Appeal for 2022. My/our intended offering during calendar year 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">\$_____ to be given weekly OR\$_____ to be given monthly OR\$_____ to be given in total for the year on another schedule.

Two-part intent cards have been mailed to members. Please return to church by Celebration Sunday, November 21.

More information may be found at: salemofpeoria.com/bridge-appeal/

What a great... an important time... to be who we are called to be at Salem Lutheran Church. We're planted and blessed here in the place for a time such as this! And this appeal and pledge drive invites each and every one of you to know you are treasured and have a place and a contribution to this ministry which has been entrusted into our care.

Please watch for opportunities to learn, to pray, to give, to imagine with us how we will bridge from where we are to where God is calling us. Pledge cards invite two opportunities for financial support. This is so critical to our strength and future as a congregation. Thank you in advance for your generosity and ongoing partnership in the work of the gospel we all share.

MONTH OF OCTOBER
OUTREACH MINISTRY

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN NOVEMBER:

- **Food donations** - non-perishable food items for Bethel United Methodist Food Bank
- **Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) Giving Tree** - Christmas gifts for foster kids
- **Pajama Collections** - Center for Prevention of Abuse
- **Midwest Food Bank Volunteer Day - November 24, 9am-11am**

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."
-1 Peter 4:10

THANK YOU

SALEM FAMILIES HELPING FOSTER FAMILIES

Thank you, Salem Family, for providing ten new smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to the Children's Home Association of Illinois in order to help foster families and other families in need meet licensing standards and keep kids safe in their homes. Come January 1, 2023, single and multi-family homes that are still using smoke alarms with removable batteries are required to install new alarms that feature 10-year sealed battery alarms. Thank you for participating in Salem's donation drive during fire prevention month in October.

NEWLY FRESHENED & READY TO BE USED!
SALEM LIBRARY

Located on 2nd floor down the hall past the Lounge

Salem's Library is "Open" whenever the church is open.

- Stop by during the week or browse during education hour on Sunday morning.
- Simple check out instructions located on the checkout table.
- Books may be checked out for 4 weeks.
- Baskets for "Returns" and "Donations" on lower shelf of check out table.

*Donations of books are welcome to enhance the *Growing People in Christ... to Love and Serve* with the understanding that they may or may not be added to the collection based on library's guidelines-Salem's mission, condition and limited space. Any books not used will be donated to a local agency.



ABOVE: Salem Library

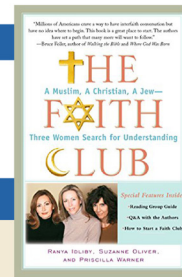


ABOVE: Check out table

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1 at 7:30PM-8:30PM

SALEM BOOK CLUB

Salem Book Club will be meeting on **Wednesday, December 1 at 7:30pm** via Zoom. If you would like to join us, please email gpetrakis@salemofpeoria.com to be added to the email group.



CHECK-OUT THIS BOOK FROM SALEM'S LIBRARY

The Faith Club
A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew:
Three Women Search for Understanding

SALEM BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, December 1 at 7:30pm on Zoom

The book for November is: *The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew-- Three Women Search for Understanding* by Suzanne Oliver, Ranya Idliby, and Priscilla Warner.

After September 11, Ranya Idliby, an American Muslim of Palestinian descent, faced constant questions about Islam, God, and death from her children, the only Muslims in their classrooms. Inspired by a story about Muhammad, Ranya reached out to two other mothers - a Christian and a Jew - to try to understand and

answer these questions for her children. After just a few meetings, however, it became clear that the women themselves needed an honest and open environment where they could admit - and discuss - their concerns, stereotypes, and misunderstandings about one another. After hours of soul-searching about the issues that divided them, Ranya, Suzanne, and Priscilla grew close enough to discover and explore what united them.

The Faith Club is a memoir of spiritual reflections in three voices that will make readers feel as if they are eavesdropping on the authors' private conversations, provocative discussions, and often controversial opinions and conclusions. The authors wrestle with the issues of anti-Semitism, prejudice against Muslims, and preconceptions of Christians. And as the authors reveal their deepest beliefs, readers watch the blossoming of a profound interfaith friendship and the birth of a new way of relating to others.

In a final chapter, they provide detailed advice on how to start a faith club: the questions to ask, the books to read, and most important, the open-minded attitude to maintain in order to come through the experience with an enriched personal faith and understanding of others.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

VETERAN'S DAY RECOGNITION

We will be honoring our Veterans on **Sunday, November 14**, through a video presentation at Salem in the lounge and first floor atrium. A video will also be available online. Please plan to join us in the Social Hall for individually wrapped cookies.

Statement of Ownership

The USPS Statement of Ownership, Management, and Circulation, also known as PS Form 3526, is required by the Post Office annually to show proof of continued eligibility for mailing under a Periodical Permit. This form was filed on September 28, 2021.

NOVEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 All Saints Day	2 11am: Staff Meeting 7pm: Council Meeting	3 10am: Zoom Bible Study	4 9:15am: Adult Bible Study 6pm: Sanctuary Bells 7pm: Sanctuary Choir	5	6
7 Fair Trade/Food Collection for Outreach Sunday 9am: Worship 10:15am: Education Hour	8 6:30pm: Congregational Care	9 Northern Conference Bugle Deadline 7pm: Outreach Meeting 7:30pm: Faith Formation Meeting	10 10am: Zoom Bible Study 11am: Staff Meeting 6:30pm: Endowment Mtg 7pm: Praise Band Practice	11 9:15am: Adult Bible Study 6pm: Chancel Bells 7pm: Chancel Choir	12	13
14 Veterans Recognition 9am: Worship 10:15am: Education Hour	15 6:30pm: Worship & Music Meeting 7pm: Salem Churchmen Meeting	16 11am: Staff Meeting 7pm: Property & Finance Meeting	17 10am: Zoom Bible Study 7pm: Praise Band Practice	18 9:15am: Adult Bible Study 6pm: Chancel Bells 7pm: Chancel Choir	19	20
21 Celebration Sunday 9am: Worship 10:15am: Education Hour	22	23 11am: Staff Meeting	24 9am: Midwest Food Bank	25 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	26 Office Closed	27
28 First Sunday of Advent 9am: Worship 10:15am: Education Hour	29	30 11am: Staff Meeting 7pm: Zoom Executive Committee				

FROM THE PARISH NURSE, LORI REIMER, RN

CAREGIVING

November is National Family Caregiver month. Caregiving usually starts before you know it. You start by dropping by your mom's and helping with medications or laundry. You take your dad to a doctor's appointment. You go shopping for a neighbor. At some point, you realize you are doing more and more. Caregivers can be spouses, partners, children, parents, other relatives, friends, or neighbors. Your relationship with the person you're caring for doesn't matter but you need to add the "caregiver" to the list of things you are. If you don't identify as "caregiver" then you won't think to seek out resources that can help you maneuver in this new role.

Some common tasks caregivers do (may be all or just one):

- Buy groceries, cook, clean house, do laundry, provide transportation
- Help with every day needs like getting dressed, taking a shower, preparing medicine
- Assist with more complex medical needs like injections, feeding tubes, wound treatment, breathing treatments
- Arrange medical appointments, drive to the doctor, sit in during appointments, speak with healthcare team
- Handle finances and other legal matters
- Be a companion
- Often on call 24/7

As a new (or even ongoing) caregiver, you may feel like "I just can't do this!"

Here are some steps that can help:

- First, you MUST identify yourself as a caregiver
- Get a good diagnosis of your loved one's health condition and learn the specific needs and skills needed to care for them
- Talk about finances and healthcare wishes and complete legal paperwork, e.g., Powers of Attorney, Advance Directives
- Bring family and friends together to discuss care and keep them up-to-date
- Identify resources, both personal and in the community
- Find support for yourself and your loved one

For additional information on caregiving as well as how to care for yourself as you give care to others, go to: www.caregiver.org/resource/caregiving-101-being-caregiver.



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS! NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 1

Ron Breidel

November 2

Randolph Middleton

November 3

Mark Janco
Linda Wragge

November 5

Kris Griffith
Lois Knutson
Suzanne Neltner
Jacqueline Storks

November 6

Richard Serrahn

November 7

Matthew Grimm
Keniya Scoville
David Sterr
Nathan Wiesehan

November 8

Evan Lott
Suzanne McMickle

November 9

Lachlan Kelly
Alivia Sansale

November 10

Jennifer Gregg
Carolyn Noe

November 12

Alf Berg
Tyler Blum
Benjamin Uphoff
Julia Wallstedt

November 15

Peyton Manning

November 16

Chad Doty
Mickayla Hughbanks
Barbara Ricketts

November 17

Kirsten Kelly

November 19

Emily Ferrell

November 20

Susan Faulkner

November 21

Isabel Gonzales

November 22

James Bridges
Jerome Sokolowski

November 23

Lynette Christensen
Dennis Thomasson

November 24

Andrew Ferrell

November 25

Megan Faulkner
Heather Hopkins

November 26

Catherine Setterlund

November 27

Kathryn Cowser
Martin Creager
Gary Johnson

Aaron Kotewa

Harper Wowra

November 29

Matt Bastian

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to the Salem Family for their support for the Salem Lutheran Saints More Than Pink Walk Team. The Salem Team was the top fundraising team having raised over \$20,000 to support breast cancer research, treatment, and patient assistance. A special thanks to Regg and Barb Glawe for hosting the More Than Pink Shrimp Boil. Over \$6,700 was raised through this event! Thanks again for all who supported the Salem Team in many different ways.

LUTHERAN WOMEN OF GREATER PEORIA SELLING PEORIA DINING TOUR COUPON BOOKS

Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria (LWGP) is selling Peoria Area Dining Tour Books for \$30. They are available and are valid until October 31, 2022. Ten dollars from each book will go equally to Lutheran Hillside Village and Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. Purchase your book through Inez Norgard (309-208-6317) or contact the church office. Please make your check payable to the Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria. Thank you for your continued support!

PRAYER REQUESTS

THANKSGIVING TO GOD FOR...

- Salem's growing ministry

DIRECTION...

- Salem Congreg. Council
- Salem's Pastor, Deacon and Staff

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
- Ulrich family in Malawi
- Families at Crittenton Center
- Midwest Food Bank
- Betty Ahlgren
- Mark Anderson and family
- Alice Bahnfleth

- Wally Bastian and his family
- Lesly Baumgarten
- Luan Borquist
- Jim Chelgren
- Butch Conard
- Stephanie Dammann's grandfather
- Ethan, grandson of Bea Kent
- Marilyn Franson
- Gabe
- Jack Grant
- Mary Haynes
- Henry
- Ron Hipple
- Helen Johnson
- Clarence Knutson
- Larry
- Lizzie
- Morgan Lott
- Marta
- Bill Mettam
- Tom Mueller

- Dr. Rick O'Connor
- Lana Pasco
- Rosy Park
- Regina

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY...

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

If you would like your prayer request to appear on the prayer list beyond this one month period, please submit a new request each month. Thanks for your partnership in Salem's prayer ministry.

Please contact the church office with prayer requests at: 309-688-9212 or contact Norma Hartman at: 309-240-8387 or at nkhartman248@gmail.com.



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THANK YOU!

Thank you, Salem Family, for your generous support of Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center through our 5K/Fun Walk fundraiser. On October 10, participants of all ages walked laps in Salem's backyard. A total of \$1447 was raised for LOMC through this event. That amount includes a \$500 match through Salem's outreach programs.

LOMC, located just off Illinois Route 2 in Oregon, Illinois, relies primarily on funding through activities that bring people of all ages to the camp. As you can imagine, the camp has had to be incredibly resourceful and creative to survive the pandemic. Thanks to prayer and financial support from congregations like ours, LOMC continues to be an outdoor sanctuary that provides faith formation activities connecting the Word of God with the World of God.