July 2022

Monthly News from Salem Lutheran Church

alem's Capital Appeal Team has been meeting to set things in motion for a fall pledge emphasis to kick off an appeal for pledged support for next year's ministry needs as well as the next three years to pay off the loan and plan for the future. **Engaging God's Mission: Hope for the Future** will be the theme for this appeal. It will be based on the Bible verse "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." – Romans 15:13

What gives you joy? What gives you peace? Are they things that last or are they temporary? Are they life sustaining and faith forming? St. Paul describes what God provides as fruits of faith. They are gifts from God for the purpose of abounding in hope. This is a message worth sharing and it is a message that reassures us that God has a mission. God has a plan for God's good creation. What is often lacking is our engagement with that mission. The greatest plan, the greatest program is of little value if it is not put into action. The appeal team is working on ideas to define opportunities to engage in God's mission through Salem.

Informational and inspirational materials will be created and events will be planned to engage in ministry opportunities for current as well as future ministry partnerships. It is a time to dream and anticipate future mission opportunities and to invite others into the work that is yet to take place.

The captain of the Starship Enterprise was known for saying, "ENGAGE" just before the crew set off on a new mission. It was his way to instruct the crew to turn on the system that would activate the hyperdrive and launch the spaceship to go where no one has ever gone before.

I am excited for the opportunity to revisit Salem's Mission and Vision Statements as guides to increase our partnership among Salem members as well as with community, synod and world partners and to engage us more fully in the work that God gives us with joy and peace filling us to overflowing, so that we may abound in hope, empowered by God's Spirit.

Engaging with God's Mission we can live with hope for the future.

MISSION STATEMENT

Salem will be a vibrant welcoming Lutheran community that, through the grace of Jesus Christ, is connected within by love and reaching out in hope to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with one another, the community and the world.

VISION STATEMENT

Growing People in Christ through:

- Dynamic and meaningful worship and prayer as the vital core fostering our sense of belonging.
- Supportive relationships will meet the personal needs of individuals and families at all stages of life.
- Sharing the Gospel to the community and world through both word and deed.

JULY MEETINGS & EVENTS

For more information: salemofpeoria.com/ communications/calendar/

WORSHIP TIMES

SUNDAYS at 9am (online/in person)

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

THURSDAY, JULY 14 at 6:30PM: Ladies' Night Out at Donnelly's

FAITH FORMATION

WEDNESDAYS at 10am: Bible Study on Zoom with Pastor Craig

THURS, JULY 14 at 9:30am: Day Trip to Galesburg Children's Museum-**Discovery Depot**

WED, JULY 27 at 7:30pm: Salem Book Club on Zoom

WED, JULY 27 at 6:30pm: Arts and Crafts Night at Church

OUTREACH

SUNDAY, JULY 3: Fair Trade Sunday SUNDAY, JULY 27 at 9AM: Midwest Food Bank

SALEM COUNCIL & MINISTRY GROUP MEETINGS

TUESDAY, JULY 5 at 7pm: Salem Council Meeting (in person)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6 at 6:30pm: Salem Capital Appeal Meeting

TUESDAY, JULY 12 at 7pm: Faith Formation Ministry

TUESDAY, JULY 19 at 7pm: Property & Finance Ministry

TUESDAY, JULY 26 at 6:30pm: Worship & Music Ministry



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OUTREACH MINISTRY

Lutheran World Relief **School Kit Project**

The Outreach Ministry group is sponsoring the Lutheran World Relief School Kit Project. School supplies will be collected for the project throughout the month of July. Items needed:

- 70-80 sheet one subject spiral notebooks wide or college ruled (4/bag = 600 notebooks)
- 12 inch ruler (1/bag = 150 rulers)
- 1- one hole manual pencil sharpener (1/bag = 150 sharpener)
- 1 pair blunt safety scissors (1/bag = 150 scissors)
- 5-# 2 pencils unsharpened (5/bag = 750 pencils)
- 5 black/blue ballpoint pens, no gel ink (5/bag = 750 pens)
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons (1 box/bag = 150 crayon boxes)
- 1 -2.5 inch eraser (1/bag = 150 pink erasers)

Outreach ministry has currently has 100 bags complete. With the goal of 150 bags we are halfway to our goal. Cash donations would also be gladly received.

Fair Trade, July 3

Outreach Ministry group will be selling fair trade items in the atrium on Sunday, July 3.

July Food Collection

To continue the non-perishable food collections for Bethel United Methodist's Food Pantry, Outreach Ministry will be having theme months - please donate anytime during the month.

JULY DONATION THEME: RED, WHITE & BLUE Please consider donating items that have red, white or blue. These items could include: canned meat, canned fruit, ketchup, and more!

Midwest Food Bank, July 27

SERVING OPPORTUNITY

Salem Lutheran Church is serving as volunteers at Peoria's Midwest Food Bank on Wednesday, July 27 from 9am-11am. Please sign up in advance here: https://x.gldn.io/zxK26BmO0ib. This would be a great month to bring your family along.

Salem Book Club

Salem Book Club will meet on Wednesday, July 27 from 7:30-8:30pm on Zoom. All are invited to join us as this month's book selection is about the fruit of the spirit and nicely fits in with our summer theme of "Travels with Paul." Paul talks about the fruit of spirit in Galatians 5:22-25 - "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

Written by Elisa Morgan, our book is "Naked Fruit - Getting Honest about the Fruit of the Spirit" with a summary below: Fruit is the evidence that a plant has been firmly rooted and nurtured, and spiritual fruit is produced when we're rooted in God. But, as Elisa Morgan



emphatically states, the fruit of the Spirit is not just about "being nice." It's about God's fruit being expressed in your own unique personality, a concept that frees people to reject superficial standards and embrace a life of producing the kind of fruit God likes. So, the author tells readers, "strip off the nice and get naked." With a fun, fresh style of writing, Morgan thoroughly explores all the fruits of the Spirit and offers new twists on these sometimes over-worn and misinterpreted concepts. Thought-provoking questions at the end of each chapter give readers ways to evaluate their spiritual growth and get down to the business of growing.

Ladies' Night Out

The next Ladies' Night Out will be Thursday, July 14 at 6:30pm at Donnelly's Irish Pub (4501 N Rockwood Dr, Peoria). Please sign up at the Welcome Center, so reservations may be made in advance. Any questions please contact Pam Machacek.

Capital Appeal Funds Final Distribution

The Outreach Ministry was tasked with dispensing 1% of the funds that were received as pledges for each of the 3-years of the initial Capital Appeal. In the final year of the appeal, the Outreach Ministry group solicited suggestions from the congregation for charities they support and why we might provide a donation to their charity.

We received several responses and chose three to split the funds between. Each of these organizations received donations of \$541.66. These charities provide unique opportunities to volunteer and support local programs to enhance and enrich lives in the Peoria Area. You are invited to read more about each of these worthy charities and consider volunteering.

ALMOST HOME KIDS (AHK)

Almost Home Kids at the OSF Children's Hospital of Illinois provides both transitional care and respite care for children with complex medical needs. What does that mean? Our kids in transitional care have often not lived at home yet. They've lived

their lives in the hospital and are working to go home still at a year old, two years old, sometimes older. Often our kids are dependent on medical machines - tracheostomy tubes, ventilators, central lines, oxygen, etc. They come to AHK from the hospital both so they can get stronger in a more home-like environment, and also so their families can be trained on how to take care of their kids at home. Respite care is for kids with complex medical needs who already live at home. Those kids can stay up to two weeks a year at AHK, which gives their parents

"I've been volunteering at AHK for 3 years (AHK is 3.5 years old) as a recreational volunteer, meaning that I go in and play with the kids. *I read books, play with toys, sometimes help practice walking, and just interact with* the kids. They need interaction with people other than their nurses, and families can't be there all day every day, so volunteers fill in. We support the occupational and physical therapists, the child life specialist, the nurses, and the social worker. I also serve on the AHK Ambassador Team, which started about a year ago. We're still developing what exactly our role looks like, but it includes fundraising, outreach, and special projects to support the families. Our newest project getting underway is to find a few professional photographers to come in during the fall to take family photographs the families can hang on their wall or use for Christmas cards. I suspect most have never had a professional photo of the whole family. This will be a surprise gift! We're also about to embark on a major fundraising push to raise money for a central monitoring system. If you choose to support AHK, I'd like to see the funds go to one of the projects I've just mentioned, but we also have wish lists through Amazon and Target for our more regular needs. AHK is always looking for more volunteers, too. Please let me know if you'd like a tour of AHK or more information about volunteering or supporting our kids."

SARAH KAMMERER

a much needed break to spend time alone or with another child. These are kids who can't just have a regular babysitter. It's hard on parents and families, and we try to care for both the kids and the families at AHK.

You may read more about Almost Home Kids here: www.osfhealthcare.org/childrens/services/almost-home-kids (request submitted by Sarah Kammerer)

PETS FOR SENIORS (PFS) SHELTER

PFS Shelter is a local animal shelter for which Anna, Madeline, Matthew, and Sarah Kammerer volunteer. They have been volunteering as cat socializers for a year and half, meaning they go in once a week and pet cats, play with them, and take photos for their profiles. Sarah Kammerer is also involved in processing adoptions, helping with adoption events, co-writing the PFS Shelter Facebook page posts, make monthly "Happy Tails" videos with Mix106.9. Sarah is also on the Board for PFS Shelter, and she even was convinced to do a TV interview with WTVP.

PFS Shelter was started as a senior dog/cat to senior person shelter over 20 years ago. There was an unmet need for placement of older animals after their owners either died or went into assisted living, leaving usually senior animals with nowhere to go. The Pets for Seniors program matches senior animals (age 7 and up) to senior people (age 60 and up) with some perks: reduced adoption fee and care of the animal in an emergency being the biggest. The real perk, though, is the companionship the animals and seniors give each other. Pets for Saving program places younger animals (kittens and cats/dogs under 7 years). PFS Shelter adopt senior animals to younger people and younger animals to senior people, too, although we try to discourage adopting a kitten to senior seniors. PFS Shelter houses 20-25 cats in the shelter on Sterling Avenue, kittens are housed in foster homes (they need around the clock care), and dogs are housed in foster homes, too, because our shelter isn't big enough and isn't zoned for dogs.

By choosing to support PFS Shelter, the funds will go to purchasing a new kennel system, so the shelter may take in more cats at a time. This new kennel system is estimated to be at least \$3,000. Additional fundraising for the kennel system will be done, and there are also wish lists on both Chewy.com and Amazon (listed as "Pets for Seniors") for our most commonly needed items (food, litter, medicines, etc.).

If you're looking to adopt a cat or dog, please let Sarah Kammerer know! She would happily introduce you to some excellent candidates!

You may read more and see our currently available animals here: *petsforseniors.org*

PEORIA SYMPHONY GUILD

The Peoria Symphony Guild was founded in 1951 as an auxiliary of the Peoria Symphony Orchestra. It is organized under the charter of the Peoria Symphony Orchestra, a 501 (c) (3) organization a non-for-profit organization. Donations are taxdeductible. The Guild was created by a group of forward-thinking women for the purpose of providing music education to all age groups and to elevate the standard of the art of Music in the community.

The Guild has three signature Educational Outreach Programs which were created specifically for young people within a 100-mile radius of Peoria.

- live daytime Peoria Symphony concert at the Civic Center.
- Wolf," "Hansel and Gretel," and "Peer Gynt".

Monies are specifically needed for each of these programs in a variety of ways. Examples would include getting the stage setup for puppet shows, which is done by local park districts. The Young Artist Competition requires piano tuning, room rental, payments for judges and award monies for winners. For the Annual Student Concert, ticket costs are subsidized as the Peoria Symphony Guild tries to keep ticket prices for all students to about \$3 for the concert. The Guild pays the Peoria Symphony for two concerts, as field trip experiences for the attending schools.

These Educational Outreach Programs have reached over 1,200,000 young people, from these surrounding counties, over this last half-century.

Salem has other members who have served on this Guild Board currently and in the past including Ellie Hansen, currently Director of Events, Nadine Williams past Director, John Day, Past President, Nan Day, and Maggie

"My personal involvement with the Symphony Guild started in 2013 when I became the chairperson for the Young Artist Competition and was in that role for 7 years, as well as Director of Educational Outreach for a couple of those years. I served as President of the Symphony Guild for two recent years and am currently in the Past President voting position."

Sloter who is the current treasurer.

Something for us all to consider is that today's students are tomorrow's musicians and tomorrow's concert-goers. It has been gratifying for Julie Kotewa to volunteer for a cause that impacts the lives of so many young people. You may read more about the Peoria Symphony Guild here: peoriasymphony.org/outreach/pso-guild

(Submitted by Sarah Kammerer & family)

1. Annual Student Concert (since 1953): Over 2,000 students from grades 3rd to 12th travel up to 100 miles for a

2. The Young Artist Competition (since 1958): invites instrumentalists and vocalists grades 7th to 12th to compete to perform a concerto or aria to win the honor of performing with the Peoria Symphony at the Student Concert.

3. The award-winning Puppet Troupe (since 1969): Guild Puppeteers via delightful stories, performed to classical music, perform for elementary school children in this 4 county area using delightful stories like "Peter and the

JULIE KOTEWA

(Submitted by Julie Kotewa)

Salem Library

A Young Adult section has been created!

Books to help us better understand our faith in daily life are being acquired. Come by anytime the church is open and have a look to see what might interest you!



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Brave Heroes and Bold Defenders by Shirley Rave Redmond (YA 270.092 RED)

Nicky Cruz, Billy Graham, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Tim Tebow . . . this artfully illustrated resource introduces a whole gallery of "greats" who defended the faith---whether on the streets, from the pulpit, in a jail cell, or on the football field!

Courageous World Changers by Shirley Raye Redmond (YA 270.092 RED)



Live on Purpose by Sadie Robertson Huff (YA 242.63 HUF)

Celebrate every moment as you follow your God-given passions! Drawing on themes from her best-selling books, Huff helps teens and young adults reach new depths of faith with 100 meaningful devotions. Sadie offers practical tools for setting aside fear, anxiety, and comparison; living with confidence; replacing temporary highs with God's promises; dreaming big; and more.

Consider donating to the Salem Library your gently used books that would help others to grow deeper in faith to love and serve!

Questions? Please contact Karen Swenson at 309-258-5708 or at klswen@hotmail.com

To access and view the library collection (salemofpeoria.com), look for the Learn tab, click on Salem Lutheran Library, click again on Library Catalog and scroll through the online collection. Or, search (salemofpeoria.com/salem-lutheran-library).

CROSS+GENERATIONAL CHOIR

Salem's Faith Formation and Worship and Music Ministry Teams are partnering together to provide an exciting music ministry opportunity. You are invited to join our Cross+Generational Choir for elementary age young readers through adult. This choir will hold one rehearsal on Sunday, August 21 at



10:15AM-11AM following worship, and focus on learning one song accessible to various ages and musical skill. The choir will then share this song during worship the following **Sunday, August 28**. This short term commitment is a great way for many to experience the joy of choir while enhancing our worship with beautiful music. Mark your calendars with these dates, and contact Director of Music, Maggie Sloter if you have questions, or would like more information.

Follow in the Footsteps: What are the lessons we may take from St. Paul?

Worship for July continues to focus on a selection of Paul's letters as part of this journey to follow Paul's footsteps. Summer Faith Formation also has online lessons and videos, so you may read and watch to learn more about Paul and his many travels as a missionary this summer.

In July there are many choices for you and your family to participate in various activities. These activities are designed to help you follow in the footsteps of Paul and the lessons he wrote about in his many letters to the early Christians and their churches. Visit online (salemofpeoria.com/ summer-faith-formation-june-july) to "check off" the activities that you complete.

FROM THE PARISH NURSE, LORI REIMER **Learn More About Medications**

Medications are used to treat diseases, manage conditions, and relieve symptoms. They are generally safe when used as prescribed or as directed on the label, but there are risks in taking any medicine.

Each year adverse drug events harm resulting from medication use - cause more than one million visits to hospital emergency departments. Learning about medication safety can reduce and even prevent the risk of harm for you and your loved ones.

Start with keeping a current list of

ALL your medication. This includes not only those prescribed by your health care team (HCT) but also all OTCs (over-the-counters). Herbals, ointments, drops, and "as needed" meds are included in this list. Be sure to keep this list updated and review it at every appointment with all physicians' offices.

JULY EVENTS CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY



Thursday, July 14 - Children and Family Day Trip to the Galesburg Children's Museum-Discovery Depot. (Best for children ages 1-12) \$5.00 per person - We will leave Salem at 9:30 AM

and return by 2PM. Sack lunches provided. Online registration here: form.jotform.com/ salemofpeoria/galesburg-discovery-depot-trip

Wednesday night, July 27 - Arts and Crafts Night at Church 6PM-7:30PM. Watch for details about a special art project. All ages welcome. Online registration available here: form.jotform. com/221725468708160

Med List

- Levoxyl (00 mg (per day - Lisinopril 20 mg (per day - Sertraline (00 mg ((1)2 per day - Zyrtec (0 mg (per day - Aspirin 8 (mg (per day - Topamax 25 mg (per day - Vitamin C - Vitamin B () - Calcium - St. John's Wort

The list should include medication name, dosage, when to take, why taking, and prescribing physician.

Know your side effects but don't obsess over them. Key rule is to notify your HCT of any abnormal changes after starting a new medication. Take only as prescribed and if you miss a dose, check with your pharmacist or HCT on the best way to stay on course.

Take your medications at the right time (and same time daily), right dose (that's prescribed for you), and never stop without consulting your HCT.

Be safe with your medications by following these guidelines as well as do not share with others (even if they're on the same medication) and keep out of the reach of children.

MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY (Mark your calendar)

September 3-4 is a mission partner opportunity to travel to Olney, Illinois for a synod-wide event to assist our sister congregation and community in needed work to expand their mission. The next weekend is God's Work-Our Hands Sunday as conference congregations join in a project together.



Thank You

Salem Members and Salem Nominating Committee:

Larry and I would like to thank Salem and the Salem nominating committee for allowing us to represent the congregation as voting delegates to the Lutheran ELCA Synod Assembly June 2 - 4th in Champaign with Pastor Craig and Jill. This was our first time attending the Assembly.

We found the experience to be educational, and the guest speakers to be inspiring, as well as seriously thought provoking, in regards to the future of the Lutheran/Christian church in the United States and the world over the next decades.

-Larry and Julie Kotewa

Thank you for the generous \$647.54 was given through a noisy can offering in support of Central/Southern Illinois Synod's companion synod relationship with two synods of the Malagasy Lutheran Church.

Thank you for the generous support for Hope Home as \$2,485.00 was received in Sunday, June 19's offering toward the Ulrich missionary work.

Thank you for everyone who helped make Vacation Bible School fabulous the last week in June. Watch for a full re-cap in the August Bugle.

-Deacon Jill Goldhammer

Condolences

Walt Anderson

Walt Anderson joined the church triumphant on June 3, 2022. Prayers of comfort and peace for his wife, Joy, and all family and friends who mourn his death. Walt Anderson was a lifelong member of Salem Lutheran Church where he served in the choir for over 50 years, was a member of the board, Luther League advisor, led Sunday school singing and served in many other ways.

Walter Anderson's Memorial Service will be on July 9 with visitation at 9:30am, funeral service following at 11am, and a luncheon to follow.

Worship Volunteer Opportunities

There are worship volunteer opportunities for worship participants including: communion assistants, lectors, ushers and livestream operators. Please contact the church office (office@salemofpeoria.com or 309-688-9212) if there is interest in participating in any of these volunteer positions.

Georgia Sutherland July 2

Stephen Arff Matthew Bidne Chris Cozadd

Nancy Bastian Kyle Griffith Lauren Hood

Julie Eastwood

Linda Peterson

July 3 **Regg Glawe** Tamara Lott Ashley Owen

Carol Adams

Ronald Hoehn

July 4

July 1

July 11 Jessica Bastian **Branden** Cooper Joey Ghazanfari Chris Janssen Leah Joyce Chris Kroodsma Karen Norman Rees Jodi Serfling Stella Serfling Jean Yancick

July 12 Monica Dockery Laurie Seidel

Thomas Anderson Caleb Kotewa David Nelson Karen Swenson

July 13 Jason Brinkman Ellen Forkell

Elaine Sokolowski

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
- the family of Walt Anderson
- Wally Bastian and his family
- Marta

July 10

July 9

Leah Owen

Helene Peterson Jordan Snider

July 5 April Madigan

July 6 Bradley Hamann **Heather Hodgkins**

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 14 Dennis Lehmann

July 15 **Bill Cox** Sydney Neltner Brenda Newcomb

July 16 Kayla DeGood Taylor Eastwood **Emily Nichelson**

July 17 Sharon Couden **Cynthia Fischer**

July 18 Scott Faulkner Leah Grebner

July 19 Megan Thomasson Craig Young

July 20 Jonathan Arnold

July 21 **Caroline Hurlbut** Rampy

July 24 Jason Egan

July 25 Melissa Berchtold Kay Peterson Lynsey Steinbach

July 26 **Thomas Hokanson**

July 27 **Richard Huxtable**

July 28 Alyvia Cowser Merrell Hickey Abigail Monahan

Julv 29 Mary Starzynski

Julv 30 **Roger Anderson Brooke Drury** Christopher Snyder Rod Topel

July 31 Rebecca Hagen

Lesly Baumgarten

- Luan Borguist
- Jim Chelgren
- Butch Conard

• Debbie

• Gabe

Henry

• Hope

• Lizzie

- Kathy Embree
- John and Tanya's daughter-in-law
- and their family
- Jack Grant
- Deejay Hariford
- Ron Hipple
- Lesley Howard Helen Johnson
- Morgan Lott
- Melody and her son Caleb Marian Meinert

- Bill Mettam
- Natalie
- Jo and Gil Nolde
- Bill Osborne
- Lana Pasco
- Donita Purcell
- Robert, father of Lisa Janco
- Rosy Park
- the family of Irene Sawatzky
- Shirley
- Rebbecca Sipf
- Nadine Willems

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY...

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

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