

the Bugle

There are some smells, flavors and images that are so memorable that they can transport us to an experience so real that we recall the time and place just as vividly as yesterday. The thought of Norwegian *lefse* served regularly for Thanksgiving and Christmas meals stirs memories of my mom covered in flour as she carefully kneaded and rolled out potato dough and baked the large flat, round dough on a baker resembling a pizza baker. First one side, then carefully turning it over to bake on the other side. Several dozen at a time for us to spoon on a dollop of jelly, spread it out, roll it up like a fruit snack rollup and then savor with our turkey and stuffing dinner. I also recall her mom, my grandma, who made the best dinner rolls. No one did nor has since made dinner rolls like Grandma Sorenson. It has been 50 years since that experience, yet I still can see grandma with apron tied around her, standing in her small kitchen pinching off small sections of dough, rolling them between her hands, placing them in rows on a cookie sheet, baking in the oven (oh, the smell of fresh baked dinner rolls), pulling them out, brushing them with butter and letting them cool under tea towels to then be brought to the Sunday family dinner then next day. The *lefse* was special. The rolls were delicious, but they are not themselves the best of the experience. These special food treats point to the love these two ladies shared by making sure we enjoyed our time together. That is what I savor all the more in my heart.

As summer draws to a close, we focus on five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. As people learned of his words of wisdom, were welcomed through generous hospitality, and touched by acts of kindness, they gathered around him by the thousands. In John's gospel, we see Jesus provide for basic human needs by welcoming, healing and feeding them. He then draws the analogy to himself as the bread of life. Real food for hungry souls. As this next month unfolds, I invite you to recall times when you were comforted and fed by those near and dear to your heart. Then bring that same image to light as we gather week after week to hear the word and feast on Jesus, the bread of life and to be satisfied through his presence among us.



Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." - John 6:35

Taste and see that the Lord is good!
-Pastor Craig

Worship Times

After prayerful and intentional conversations among ministry members and with congregational input, Salem's Council members agreed to offer one worship service when fall programming resumes. While a second worship service did meet a need for some members, most people who shared input enjoy when all are together to sing, pray and gather at the table as a family unit at the same time. The fall schedule will begin **Sunday, September 8 with worship at 9am**. The **education hour (10:15am-11:15am)** will be used for the congregation-wide service project to pack personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief as part of a churchwide God's Work. Our Hands. effort. May our unity in our gathering further bear witness to the unity we have in Christ.



MUSIC & WORSHIP WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Fall Worship Participants

Fall worship participant schedules will be available mid-August. Please contact the church office if you wish to serve as a door opener, usher, communion assistant, bread baker, livestream operator, sound tech, or lector. Your time and talents are needed!



OUTREACH NOISY CAN OFFERING



Photo above are members of the companion synod of the Malagasy Lutheran Church.

June Noisy Can Offering

Thank you, the Noisy Can offered on **June 10** received \$306.84 to support Central/Southern Illinois Synod which has a companion synod relationship with two synods of the Malagasy Lutheran Church in Madagascar.



OUTREACH FAIR TRADE SUNDAY

AUG 4 Fair Trade

Fair Trade items will be available for purchase on **Sunday, August 4** after worship. If you need any items from Fair Trade please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Gallas at pew117@aol.com or (309) 692-5762.



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God's work. Our hands.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

IN SUPPORT OF LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

WHAT IS "GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.?"

Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly, and serve joyfully. "God's Work. Our Hands." is an annual day of service and an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) — one church, freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbor. "God's Work. Our Hands." is a way for us to be church together. On this day, **Sunday September 8**, we bear witness to the love and concern God's people have for one another.

These acts of service allow us to explore one of our most basic Lutheran convictions: All of life in Jesus Christ — every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life — flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

WHAT IS SALEM DOING THAT DAY?

On Sunday, September 8, we will work together during the Education Hour at 10:15am to assemble 1,000 personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). It's a big goal... but the need is great!

WHAT IS LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF?

Founded by Lutherans in the United States at the end of World War II, grounded in Lutheran theology, and building on decades of experience, Lutheran World Relief (LWR) tackles global poverty by helping people adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well-being.

LWR works with people based on need, regardless of race, religion, or nationality and does not evangelize. They provide aid in emergencies and help families restore their lives. They partner with communities to build and grow rural economies. They help break the cycle of poverty, so families and communities can thrive. Their goal is to help people build self-sufficiency and create new community-owned approaches to problem-solving that will last long after our projects end.

WHAT ARE LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS?

Often, when natural disasters strike or when war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion, but we don't know how to help. Making LWR Kits is a simple, fun, and tangible way to offer comfort to those suffering and express love to our neighbors in need.

LWR Kits are specifically designed to help people coping with poverty, disaster, conflict, and more. Whether a kit helps someone to maintain good hygiene, care well for a newborn baby, keep education going during a crisis, or learn a new vocation, LWR Kits provide dignity and hope in the direst situations.

WHAT ARE PERSONAL CARE KITS?

Personal care kits provide much-needed self-care and critical germ fighting tools to those who need it most — people coping with poverty, hunger, conflict and more.



Items needed for the kits:

- one light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 27" x 52") — solid, dark color
- two or three bath-size bars of soap (equaling 8oz to 9oz, any brand, in original wrapping)
- one adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- one sturdy comb
- one metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

All items must be new and good quality, please!

HOW CAN I HELP?

- Donations of complete kits and/or kit items will be collected during August at church
- The Noisy Can offering on **August 11** will serve as support for the **God's Work. Our Hands.** Lutheran World Relief kit project.
- Read the *Bugle Blast* each week for more information and online shopping links for complete kits or individual kit items.

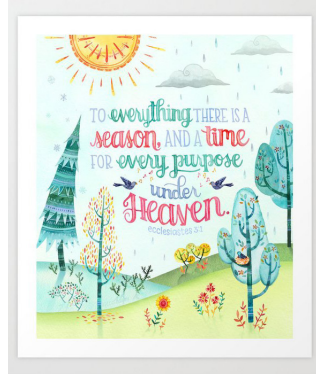


FAITH FORMATION
BLESSING OF NEW BEGINNINGS, AUG 11

AUG 11

Blessing of New Beginnings

On **Sunday, August 11**, worship time will recognize a season of new beginnings and new things. Students and teachers are encouraged to bring their backpacks to church on this Sunday.



January 1 is often thought of as a time of “newness” as we recognize a new year, but this time of year is often the beginning of new schedules, activities, friends, classes of all kinds, and new skills and learning take place. Sometimes we look forward to new beginnings. But we can also be anxious about it. Through the highs and lows, God never forsakes us.

Our God is a God of new beginnings as the writer of Lamentations tells us:

“The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ‘The LORD is my portion,’ says my soul, ‘therefore I will hope in him.’” (Lamentations 3:22-24)

Every season has a purpose and is an opportunity to see God as the God of new beginnings. The familiar passage from Ecclesiastes reminds us that:

“For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven...” (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

The Faith Formation ministry team hopes to see you as we celebrate this season of new beginnings. God is always creating and as we follow the path that Jesus shows us, with the Holy Spirit working in and through us, we are given strength and a desire to pursue new things.



SUNDAY SCHOOL
PASS ON THE FAITH

Salem’s 3rd and 6th grade students will be receiving new Bibles this fall. You are invited to “pass on the faith” and share your favorite scripture verse(s) with Salem’s children and youth to let them know what words in the Bible have been most meaningful to you in your faith journey.

Stop by the Welcome Center on **August 4 or 11**, to share your name, favorite verse, and optional one to two sentence explanation of why it is meaningful to you. (We request that you do not write out the whole verse, but list only the book, chapter, and verse numbers as we encourage our young people to use their Bibles to look them up.) If you are unable to make it to church, share your information with Meghan Peterson (mpeterson@salemofpeoria.com). Thank you so much for your participation in this faith milestone event.

FAITH FORMATION

UPCOMING DATES

Sunday, Aug 11:
New Beginning Sunday
10:30am: Faith For Life
Confirmation meeting
2pm: Sundae School

Sunday, Aug 18:
Cross+Generational Choir Practice
after worship

Sunday, Aug 25:
Cross+Generational Choir
at worship

Wednesday, Aug 28
7:30pm: Salem Book Club

Sunday, Sept 8
10:15am: God’s Work.
Our Hands. service project
10:45am: Sunday School students
meet in classrooms after serving at
GWOH project
11:15am: Salem Picnic
2pm: Faith for Life at First English

Sunday, Sept 15:
Education hour resumes

Sunday, Sept 29:
Education hour: Acolyte, Crucifer,
and Communion Assistant Training
4:30pm: Congregation Campfire
Event



FAITH FORMATION
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

AUG 11

Sundae School

All high school youth, including rising 8th graders, are invited to come together on **Sunday, August 11 from 2pm-4pm at Salem** for conversation and activities centered on the book, Stars Beneath Us. Along with the exploration of the topic of faith and science, there will be time to enjoy fellowship with one another while creating your own ice cream sundae on a Sunday afternoon. We will give new meaning to the term “Sundae School!”



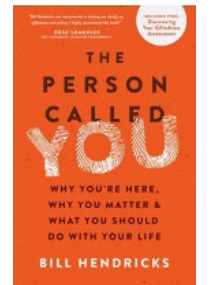
SALEM LIBRARY
MONTHLY BOOK SELECTIONS



Chosen for Christ: Stepping into the Life You've Been Missing

by Heather Holleman (248.843 HOL)

We all want to be chosen for something or someone—to be picked, set apart, wanted. And too often, we live out of the rejections of our lives, rather than the ways we’ve been chosen. Even after we’ve found our marriage partner, dream job, or hard-earned accolade, we can’t seem to escape that longing, that desire to feel chosen. That’s because you were chosen by an extraordinary God to live an extraordinary life, and Jesus is calling you deeper. In *Chosen for Christ*, Heather Holleman walks you through seven invitations that mark the life of those who know they are chosen. It you're tired of scrambling, striving, and scheming to feel like you've done enough, it's time to ask this question: How would you live differently if you truly understood that you are already chosen, for this life, for this moment, for Jesus?



The Person Called You: Why You're Here, Why You Matter & What You Should Do With Your Life

by Bill Hendricks (158.1 HEN)

For over twenty years, Bill Hendricks has been helping people of all ages and stages find meaning and direction for their work and for their lives. The key is harnessing the power of human giftedness. Every person has their own unique giftedness—including you! And the best way to discover it is not through a test or gift assessment exercise, but from your own life story. Through this book, find out what you were born to do and the profound difference that insight makes for every area—your work, your relationships, even your spirituality.

The Person Called You is a celebration, exploration, and explanation of human giftedness. Bill describes what it is (and isn't), where it comes from, how you can discover your own giftedness, and, most importantly, its potential to transform your life.

How to Access the Salem Library?

To access and view the library collection at 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. Questions? Please contact Karen Swenson at 309-258-5708 or at klswen@hotmail.com.



SALEM BOOK CLUB
FELLOWSHIP & CONVERSATION

AUG 28

Join the conversation of faith-and-science this summer with the Salem Book Club! Salem Book Club will meet on **Wednesday, August 28 at 7:30pm-8:30pm via Zoom**. All are welcome! You can attend for one book or join every month. Even if you do not finish the book, please come and enjoy conversation from others. Sometimes people join us and have not read the book just to participate and see if they are interested in reading the book selection!

Stars Beneath Us – Finding God in the Evolving Cosmos by Paul Wallace is available in paperback and Kindle. Copies will be available, with a Study Guide, at the Welcome Center. High school students, along with their Sunday School teachers Kelly and Jason Brinkman and Maggie Slotter, are reading this book, as well. They will have their own discussion time in August. But all adults are welcome to join the Salem Book Club to share in the discussion.

This book brilliantly shows God’s presence in the ever-evolving cosmos. Relying on his upbringing as a Baptist, his doctoral work in experimental nuclear and gamma-ray astronomy, and his ordination to the gospel ministry, Weaver weaves a book unlike any other in faith-and-science literature. This is a call to courage for those who fear a true encounter with the cosmos will distance them from God. *Stars Beneath Us* will inspire you to engage with the natural world in new ways, and find God, as it turns out, is everywhere.

"If you're tired of debates that pit the Bible against science or bored of arguments over the compatibility between Genesis and evolution - and yet remain convinced that we have much yet to learn about the positive relationship between science and faith - Paul Wallace's *Stars Beneath Us* is the next book for you to read. As a scientist, a theologian, and an educator, he is just the one we need to remind us just how interesting the conversation between science and faith can be." -David Wood, Glencoe Union Church, senior minister





BIBLE STUDY ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

AUG
22

Gospel of John

John's purpose for his Gospel: "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." (John 20:31)

John was one of Jesus' closest earthly friends, to whom on the cross Jesus committed his mother. John wrote his Gospel, his letters, and the book of Revelation late in his life.

Join the **Thursday 9:15am Bible Study group beginning August 22**, to review and discuss this wonderful Gospel. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Ligon.



EDUCATION HOUR ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

SEPT
15

Sunday Women's Study

The Women's Sunday Study group will read and discuss Golden Fruit beginning on **Sunday, September 15** during education hour. Golden Fruit, a nine-session Bible study, helps Christian women put all of their various roles, characteristics, and emotions into perspective. Each session focuses on one fruit of the Spirit and considers how the lives and stories of nine biblical women convey that characteristic. Readers study women like Esther (self-control) and Dorcas (goodness), Ruth (love) and Elizabeth (joy), learning how God is at work in their lives, too, and how His promise of salvation and peace through Jesus are fully theirs all the time.

Copies of the book will be available to all participants. Please sign up at the Welcome Center for your copy or join the study on **September 15** to explore the study group.

SEPT
15

Men of Salem Study Opportunity

The Man To Man study group will resume on **September 15**. We plan to start with a series called 'Men of Character' written by well-known author Pastor Gene Getz. This series consists of well-known Biblical men, the books give some great insight and background on names we all know. The study will start off with Joshua.

We are excited to be together again and learn from famous men of the Bible as well as learn from each other. Any man of Salem is invited with open arms to join us. There is no homework and the study is light and informative. While there is some continuity it is no problem to miss a Sunday, one can pick up where we left off. We will be meeting in the comfortable main meeting room on the first floor. Come try us out. I hope to see many of you!

-Leo Vandervlugt, facilitator.



EDUCATION HOUR

SEPTEMBER 8

Education hour (**10:15am-11:15am**) will be used for the congregation-wide service project to pack personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief for God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday.

After working on the service project for about a half hour, Sunday School for ages three through high school will meet in their classrooms.

SEPTEMBER 15

Education Hour opportunities for all ages: Sunday School and Women and Men's studies meet starting at **10:15am on Sunday, September 15**.



LYDIA CIRCLE ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

SEPT
11

Lydia Circle

Lydia Circle will meet at **2pm on September 11** at Salem

Lutheran Church in the conference room. Come join the circle for study and conversation.



MUSIC & WORSHIP AND FAITH FORMATION 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 adults. This choir will hold one rehearsal on **Sunday, August 18 at 10:30am-11:15am** following worship, and focus on learning one song accessible to various ages and musical skills. The choir will then share this song during worship the following **Sunday, August 25**. 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 invite your friends to participate! You can contact Director of Music, Maggie Slotter (mslotter@salemofpeoria.com) if you are interested, or sign up at the Welcome Center. The song we will be learning and sharing is called *We Are Singing, For the Lord Is Our Light*, a Traditional Zulu Song arranged by Hal Hopson (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4E_Zlruw_DA). This catchy song will have you humming on your way out of the Sanctuary. Music and rehearsal/practice tracks will be available ahead of time. Please consider joining us to raise your joyful voice!



SALEM CHURCHMEN SALEM PICNIC 2024

Salem Picnic

All are invited to the Salem Family picnic following the God's Work. Our Hands. service project on **Sunday, Sept 8**.

Sat., Sept 7: Salem Churchmen prep and fellowship

- 7:30am: breakfast at Childers restaurant (on University)
- 8:30am-10am: picnic prep and set-up

Sunday, Sept 8: All invited! Bring a friend and a dessert!

- 9am: Worship service
- 10:15am: God's Work. Our Hands. service project assembly
- 10:45am: Sunday School students meet in classrooms
- 11:15am: picnic lunch in social hall, outdoor tables available
- Bingo in social hall following the picnic lunch



CONGREGATIONAL CARE WEEKDAY WELCOME CENTER VOLUNTEER

Weekday Welcome Center Volunteers

Thank you to Judy Cagle, Florence Clark, Nancy Peterson, and Deb Sanders for their help and weekday support at the Welcome Center. These quiet summer months sure do make us miss your smiles and all you do! We look forward to seeing you again in September.

Anyone who would like to be involved as a Weekday Welcome Center Volunteer, you are welcome! Call the office for more information.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE MEMBER SUPPORT

Cards for Dick Serrahn

Salem member, Dick Serrahn will be going on the Greater Peoria Honor Flight on **Tuesday, September 3**. During the trip, veterans are presented with a mail bag. If you are interested in sending a card please mail a card/note to Dick Serrahn please leave it at the Welcome Center in the collection basket or mail it to Salem by **August 25**. The Salem bus will be available for those wishing to greet Dick on his return from Washington, DC. Please contact the church office by **August 26** if you would like transportation to the Peoria Airport on **September 3**.

Veterans wishing to go on future Honor Flight trips, but need financial support, please contact the church office as Salem Churchmen may have resources to offset guardian expenses.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CROSS-GENERATIONAL OPPORTUNITY



Special thanks to all volunteers and co-directors, Emily Jolliff and Jeanne Setterlund, for the 2024 Cross-generational Vacation Bible School.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE PARISH NURSE, LORI REIMER

As we age, our minds and bodies change. Having a healthy lifestyle can help you deal with those changes. It may also prevent some health problems and help you to make the most of your life.

A healthy lifestyle for older adults includes:

- **Healthy eating.** As you age, you may need fewer calories, but you still need to get enough nutrients. A healthy eating plan includes foods that give you lots of nutrients without a lot of extra calories. This includes fruits and vegetables, whole grains, lean meats, low-fat dairy, nuts, and seeds.
- **Regular physical activity.** This may help you maintain a healthy weight and avoid chronic health problems. If you have not been active, you can start slowly and work up to your goal. Check with your health care provider on what is right for you.
- **Staying at a healthy weight.** Ask your health care professional what a healthy weight for you may be. Healthy eating and exercise can help you get to that weight.
- **Keeping your mind active.** Lots of activities can keep your mind active and improve your memory, including learning new skills, reading, and playing games.
- **Making your mental health a priority.** Work on improving your mental health, for example by practicing mediation, relaxation techniques, prayer, or gratitude. Know the warning signs of a problem and ask for help if you are struggling.
- **Participating in activities that you enjoy.** People who are involved in hobbies and social and leisure activities may be at lower risk for some health problems. Doing things that you enjoy may help you feel happier and improve your thinking abilities.
- **Playing an active role in your health care.** Make sure that you get regular checkups and the health screenings that you need. You should know which medicines you are taking, why you need them, and how to take them properly.
- **Not smoking.** If you are a smoker, quitting is one of the most important things that you can do for your health. It can lower your risk of several different types of cancer, certain lung diseases, and heart disease.
- **Taking steps to prevent falls.** Older adults have a higher risk of falling. They are also more likely to fracture (break) a bone when they fall. Getting regular eye checkups, getting regular physical activity, and making your house safer can lower your risk of falling.

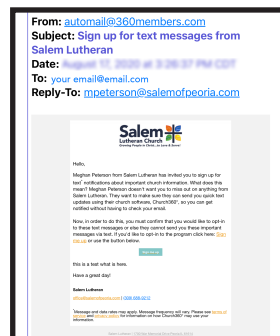
Following these tips can help you to stay healthy as you age. Even if you have never done them before, it's never too late to start taking care of your health. If you have questions about these lifestyle changes or need help figuring out how to make them, ask your health care provider.

"Source: MedlinePlus, National Library of Medicine."

Text Message Sign-up

Mailboxes full of important information is often lost. Text messages are a quick way to share important information with individuals and groups. Please watch for an email message to opt-in to receive text messages on **August 19**.

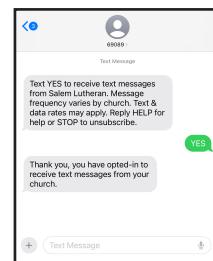
On **August 19**: you will receive an email that is similar to this image to the right:



If you do not receive a text-opt in message on August 19, or need to update your email contact information please contact the church office.

STEPS:

- When you open the email, click on the **"Sign me up"** link in order to access the opt-in page.
- After clicking on the link, you will be directed to the opt-in page. Then you enter your mobile phone number and click **"Opt-In Now."** If your phone number entered is not in Salem's member database, you will be asked to enter your name and click **"Opt-In Now"** again.
- You will then receive a text message on your mobile phone (similar to the image to the right) asking you to confirm you wish to receive text messages. All messages will come from the short code **69089**.
- Once you respond **"Yes"** you will then be opted in to receive texts.



Thank you for signing up for this program. We don't want you to miss out on communications from Salem! *If you have any questions please contact Meghan Peterson.*

SEASONS OF LIFE Embrace the Journey

As the season changes to fall, we recognize that our lives have seasons that change as well. We are offering a series of topics to help us along this journey.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR SUNDAYS, SEPT 29 - OCTOBER 20

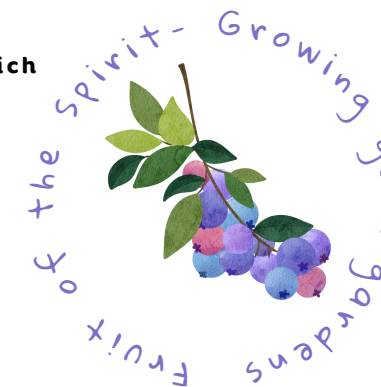
Please look for a detailed list of each topic in the *September Bugle*. Please consider attending one or all of these events if they pertain to you, a loved one, or you have experience to share with others.

Women's Fall Gathering C/SIS WELCA Northern Conference

Worship & song
led by
Pastor Lisa Dietrich

Special guest
speaker
Deacon Pat Caley

Love
Joy
Peace
Kindness
Gentleness
Faithfulness
Patience
Self Control



\$10 per person
Pay at the door

Continental
breakfast
and
lunch served

Shop the
Fair Trade market



Verse: *I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing (John 15:5).*

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED. ENJOY A REFRESHING MORNING.
WORSHIP - FELLOWSHIP - FUN - FAIR TRADE MARKET

Saturday September 28
9:00am-1pm

Register by
September 14

In-kind offering
for
Lutheran World Relief
(LWR)
student backpacks

Free-will offering
during worship goes
to WELCA & LWR



St. Paul Lutheran Church
1427 West Lake Ave. Peoria, IL 61614

Contact Kathy Olesuk at kfolesuk@yahoo.com or (540) 505-8062 for more information.

Thank you

Thank you to the Salem Lutheran Church Women of the ELCA. Thank you for supporting the ministries of Women of the ELCA with your recent gift of \$671. Your faithful generosity makes a real difference.

Women of the ELCA in all its expressions - congregational and special units, synodical women's organizations, the churchwide women's organization - is still as work with life-changing ministry. We might be engaging in ministry and action in different ways for a while, but that's what we do - because that's who we are: a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit.



MANY GIFTS ONE MISSION
2024 CENTRAL/SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Synod Assembly Recap

We were honored to represent Salem Lutheran Church as delegates to the 2024 Central/Southern Illinois Synod Assembly held on June 6-8 in Decatur with 277 people in attendance. Bishop Greg Busboom presided over his first Synod assembly with the theme that we each have different gifts that we bring together to carry out the mission of the church.

Elections were held for open positions including Synod Vice Present, Synod Council members, male rostered ministers for 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly for election to the ELCA Church Council and voting members to the ELCA Churchwide Assembly. Voting members approved the synod 2025 budget of \$1,230,000 of which \$578,100 will be directed to the ELCA ministry at the churchwide level and \$651,900 to be used by the Synod.

Bible studies centered on the theme that everyone has talent that has been gifted by God (Exodus 35), the best gift is sacrifice out of poverty not out of abundance (Mark 12), and the story of Ruth and Naomi who as widows had lost everything, but who then rested in the hand of God (Ruth 1).

The assembly broke into small groups called "Spirit Labs" to identify the values, mission, vision and emerging priorities of the Synod to help shape our future.

Respectfully submitted, Dave and Paula Sydow

Unclaimed Dishes

Missing one of your favorite baking dishes at home? Maybe you brought it to church for a funeral luncheon or event. We seem to have accumulated a number of unclaimed dishes on the wire rack outside of the kitchen. Take a look and see if any might be yours.

Thank You!

- Salem Lutheran Members, I appreciate your prayers and cards on Senior Sunday. Thank you to Rebecca Sipf for all her work to make the day special. The quilt is a wonderful keepsake—thanks to everyone who worked on them. Blessings, Henry Arnold and family
- Ron and I want to thank our Salem family that supported him and Mark when they made the Greater Peoria Honor flight. It was a very memorable and emotional day and we appreciate everyone who contributed to making it special—those who wrote notes, came to the welcome home celebration, chauffeured me to the airport. A special thank you to Scott Faulkner for driving the Salem bus and Pastor and Toni for organizing that. We are blessed because of our Salem family.
- A big thank you to my Salem members for the dozens of cards and letters regarding the Greater Peoria Honor Flight for Veterans to Washington D.C. on June 12. Our welcome reception was great with joy and music coming home after midnight. Thousands gather at the Peoria Airport with many from Salem to greet us. Liberty comes at a price and the men and women who serve our country are willing to pay that price for our freedom and peace. Thank you once again—Arlan Maier
- Thanks to Toni Greving for quickly putting together a way for folks to get to the Peoria Airport to greet the Honor Flight Veterans. And thanks to Scott Faulkner for stepping up to drive the Salem bus and still get to work at 7am Thursday morning! The next Honor Flight is scheduled for September 3.

Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria Fall Mum Fundraiser

Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria is sponsoring a Fall Mum Fundraiser in conjunction with the Picket Fence Foundation. The plants are sourced through Picket Fence Foundation in Chillicothe, which is a nonprofit organization that provides employment and training opportunities to people with disabilities. Learn more at: picketfencefoundation.org.

The mums come in an 8" pot in a variety of colors for only \$10 each. \$25 gift cards for the Picket Fence are also available. Please complete the order form and return it along with your check made payable to LWGP. Money must accompany your order. Order forms are available at the Welcome Center. The deadline to order is Sunday, September 1.



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS! AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 1 Adeline Young	August 4 Idan Ghazanfari	August 14 Justin Grabel	August 21 Evelyn Arahamian Sandra Carlson	August 28 Ellen Mangan
August 2 Maggie Sloter	August 8 Patricia Arehart Rebecca Sipf	August 15 Jaedyn Grebner Riley Neltner	August 22 Jason Breidel Kirk Cooper	August 30 Levi Salverson
August 3 Paul Bahnfleth Cloyd Conard Candence Forkell Patty Lantz	August 9 Nicholas Doty Quinn Salverson	August 16 Heather MacIver-Arnold Jon Ripper	August 25 Leo Vandervlugt	August 31 Donald Graves
	August 13 Gayle Carrillo	August 19 Liam Dammann Dylan Schroeder	August 27 Joy Anderson Amy Schroeder	

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Salem's growing ministry

DIRECTION...

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

PRAYERS REQUESTS...

- The men and women of our armed forces
- Support for all caregivers when loved ones suffer
- Individuals suffering from depression
- Ulrich family
- Jocette and Salih Arbeyi missionaries through CRU

- Barb Glawe's dad, Allen
- Charlotte Austin
- Families at Crittenton Center
- Midwest Food Bank
- Luan Borquist
- Butch Conard
- Crystal Grabel
- Ron Hipple
- Gary Johnson
- Thelma Neal
- Jeff Olsen and family
- Sally Olsen and family
- Tim, Jessica, Daniel Peterson
- Linda Peterson
- family of Rosy Park
- Phyllis
- Donita Lynn Purcell

- the family of Judy (Cindy Fischer's sister-in-law)
- Lori Reimer's sister-in-law involved in house fire
- Lori Reimer's aunt on hospice care
- Debi Smith
- Brant Wegrzyn
- Raymond Weitzel

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY...

Stateside: Ian Borquist, Gibson Gonzalez, Emily Graff, Barry Joyce, Talon Maki, Greg Miller, Ashley Owen, Lucas Owen, Jim Sterling, Jason Sterr



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WHAT DID JESUS MEAN WHEN HE SAID,

"I am the Bread of Life"?

JOHN 6:35

LEARN AT WORSHIP!

9:15am on Sundays through August