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Sunday School Epiphany Program

On Sunday, January 10, we will have a special program during the Education Hour as Sunday School and Cat-e-kids present "The Epiphany Story" in the Sanctuary. The entire congregation is invited to hear the Bible stories of: Jesus being presented to Simeon in the temple; the Wise Men visiting King Herod; the Wise Men visiting Jesus and his family; the Holy Family's flight to Egypt; and finally, Jesus separating from his family and staying behind in the Temple at the age of 12. These stories being presented comprise all the stories we have from the Bible of Jesus as a young boy.

All Sunday School children should come to the Sanctuary at 9:15 a.m. and sit with their class and teachers. Parents are invited to stay and join us! Children may be picked up in their regular classroom at the end of Education Hour at 10:30 am. Following the children's presentation, Pastor Elise will lead a short adult forum in the Sanctuary.



ANNUAL MEETING

Per the bylaws of Salem Lutheran Church, this serves as the official notice of the Annual Congregational Meeting. This meeting is open to all confirmed members of the church and will be held Sunday, January 31, at 1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. A light lunch will be served immediately following the second service, before the meeting.

Psalms Class

Beginning January 17, Pastor Elise will lead a six-session Bible study on the Psalms during the Sunday School hour in Faith Chapel (transept). Please bring a Bible.

PEN PAL letters deadline
extended to January 10.

Worship With Us



Sundays
8:00 & 10:45 a.m.*
Education Hour*
9:15 a.m.
*Nursery Provided

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Thank you from ...

...Lilas Riddle - "Dear Salem Friends, I want to thank you for the beautiful poinsettia. Thank you also for the cards. Happy New Year!"

...Arlene Schroeder, Lori Reimer, Brad Livingston, and families - "We would like to thank our Salem family for their support during Arlene's hospitalization and continuing recovery. We appreciate all that you have done - visits, cards, flowers, phone calls, and most of all your faithful, on-going prayers."

...Forrest and Virginia Richman - "Thanks to all those who sent cards, to the first and second graders for the tasty treats, to Paul and Joann Misselhorn for delivering them and to Walt Chelgren for the beautiful Poinsettia. And to Salem for making it all possible. We miss you all."

...Wesley Krantz - "To all the Salem Family: Thank you so much for the beautiful Poinsettia and all the greetings in your cards. The Christmas Star did shine bright by your sharing His love on this Christmas."

Thank You for the Treats

A thousand thanks from the Salem family to those who have provided delicious coffee hour treats this past year.

Anyone who would like to donate treats is most welcome to sign up for a Sunday of your choice on the sheet on the table near the coffee pot in the gallery. Call Annette Doughty at 446-3400 for information or to volunteer.

Prayer Requests

...Midwest Food Bank and all the agencies they serve
...Lt. Jason Sterr and the men and women of our military
...Wesley Krantz - pneumonia
...Our country and those defending it
...Those of our congregation serving in the military

Add your prayer concern to the Prayer Chain throughout the week. To begin a Prayer Chain please contact Norma Hartman at 682-6782 or send an e-mail to: nkhartman@comcast.net, or prayerchain@salemofpeoria.com.

NORTHERN CONFERENCE ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL LEADER'S RETREAT

PASSING ON THE FAITH FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

An Old Fashioned Recipe for a New Life in Christ

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2010

9 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.

(Registration begins at 8:30 A.M.)

at First English Lutheran Church
725 E. Forrest Hill Avenue, Peoria, IL

COST: \$5.00 for lunch

Linda Staats will be our leader. Linda serves as the Assistant to the Bishop for Youth and Household Ministry in the Rocky Mountain Synod. She also serves the larger church as an Associate with the Youth and Family Institute; a member of the ELCA Book of Faith Advocate's Leadership Team, and the Youth Ministry Network Board.

All are welcome – this conference is for pastors and professional leaders, Christian education leaders, Sunday school staff, outreach/fellowship teams, parents, grandparents and any additional leaders and volunteers interested in milestone ministry, cross-generational ministry, and passing on the faith from generation to generation.

Milestone Ministry Celebration Sunday

Sunday, January 24, 2010, will be a Milestone Ministry Celebration Sunday at Salem. Guest speaker, Linda Staats will be with us during worship and will host an intergenerational milestone celebration from noon – 3 p.m. in the Salem Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided. Mark your calendars and watch for more information in next week's edition of *The Bugle*.



Lori Reimer
688-8190

Why Donate Blood?

Donating blood is truly a “gift of life” that a healthy person can give to others in their community who are sick or injured. Take about an hour of your time to donate one unit of blood that can be separated into differ-

ent components and help save several lives. From one unit of blood, red blood cells can be extracted for use in trauma or surgical patients. Plasma, the liquid part of blood, is administered to patients with clotting problems. The third component of blood, platelets, clot the blood when cuts or other open wounds occur, and are often used in cancer and transplant patients. A recent study showed that more than 5,000 individuals who were current blood donors at the time or who had given blood in the past were asked why they donate blood. Nearly three-quarters of the respondents said that they give blood to help others. Many say that giving blood makes them feel good about themselves, supports their local communities and hospitals; and is a “pay back” for the times when they or their families have needed blood products in the past. If you haven’t given blood since November 23, 2009, you are eligible to donate at Salem’s next Blood Drive on January 18, 2010 from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. Sign-up in the Gallery or call the church office with your preferred time. Walk-ins are welcome. Any questions, ask Lori Reimer.

Thank You Kitchen Helpers

Special thanks go out to the willing helpers who take their turn scrubbing and polishing to make sure Salem’s kitchen is ready for use at all times. Our gratitude is extended to the Salem Preschool Board, Wednesday evening supper team, Cat-E-Kids, Naomi Circle, Hannah Circle, Rebecca Circle, Lydia Circle, Kappa Chi, Salem Churchmen, and Serendipity. Thank you, one and all!

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. Call Annette Doughty at 446-3400 for information or to volunteer.



The Armor of God

Our theme for the month of January is **The Helmet of Salvation.**

Take the helmet of salvation. --
Ephesians 6:17



Read **1 Thessalonians 5:8** - Put on for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



SALEM FAMILY

Growing People in Christ

Bradley Basketball Outings

Join the Salem **Church Men** for the Bradley Braves basketball game against Missouri State on **Saturday, January 16**, at 2:00 p.m. Following the game, the Salem Church Men will provide pizza and drinks at Agatucci's. Sign-up, indicating your number of tickets, at the Welcome Center. Cost for the game is \$8.00 per ticket. Be at Salem by 1:15 p.m. the day of the game for your ticket and a ride to the game. Contact Chris Coulter at 657-3375 for more information.

Join **Tri-M** as we watch the Bradley Braves basketball game versus the Evansville Aces on **Saturday, January 23**, at 2:00 p.m. Meet at the church at 1:00 p.m. if you want to ride the Salem bus that leaves for the Civic Center at 1:15 p.m. The cost is \$6 per person including your ticket and transportation.

Tuesday
January 12
8:00 p.m.



Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Psalm 29:2