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# The Bugle

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## Hopeful Even in Hard Times

A crisp cold morning at Turtle Pond finds the ice thick and snow covering the hills that surround the water. Turtle homes are quiet as winter sleep has taken hold and Zebedee, old beyond knowing, is the only one stirring to keep watch. All the family of turtles and other creatures of the pond have worked hard to stock up on needed food and ferns to keep warm and all gave what they could so no one would be found wanting.

Zebedee, sitting in front of his place at Turtle pond, gives thanks to God that so many creatures with so many different needs set aside their time and gave their energy for the safety and life of the pond.

As one of your Pastors looking out at the cold that now grips Peoria, I also give thanks to God for your setting aside many different needs to give of your time, energy and yes, money to the ministry and community that is Salem.

For those who made a commitment during our stewardship focus, the overall increase was 4-9% in giving. Thanks for your faithfulness! But Salem and Peoria are also in the grip of harder economic times and concerns which resulted in 31 fewer pledges. I looked through the numbers of those who made no pledge or have not given and the great majority were due to four causes: moving from our community, joining the church triumphant, age/health related issues, and retirement concerns. There were also a small number who have withheld giving because of concerns over the ELCA social statement.

In the wise counsel of Zebedee, the first thing to do is give thanks to God for all of you and the relationship we share as the Body of Christ. The second thing to do is always move ahead in hope.

Having said the above, we have had to reduce our budget for 2010 by approximately \$70,000. It is of great concern for our community of Salem and the ministry we would have shared in this new year. I will continue to move ahead in hope and prayer. I ask that you would also pray for guidance and then be a part of Salem's Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 31.



*Pastor Stephen D. Bame*

## 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 ...

...Bill McHugh - "Thanks to all of you who sent or brought Christmas cards, cookies and the beautiful poinsettia plant. All were appreciated and enjoyed."

...Marjorie and Bill Fanning - "The warmth of the Salem family's caring came to us Christmas day when Walt and Ruby Chelgren delivered to our home a beautiful poinsettia and bag full of cards and prayers. Thanks to our Salem friends and a special thanks to Walt for taking time to visit with Bill, an old friend from Caterpillar."

...Ted Losby - "Thank you for bringing the spirit of Christmas and fellowship of Salem to me during the holidays. The greeting cards, special treat from first and second grade SCS, poinsettia and visit with the Petersons, and remembrance from Rebecca Circle are all so appreciated. God bless the Salem family in the New Year, and always."

...Luan Borquist - "I wish to thank everyone for the gifts and cards this Christmas. God Bless."

## 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.

## 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  
...Robert Sumner - Air Force Base in North Carolina  
...Salem members celebrating their birthday this week  
...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](mailto:nkhartman@comcast.net), or [prayerchain@salemofpeoria.com](mailto:prayerchain@salemofpeoria.com).

***You are invited to a very special lunch  
and program in the life of our  
Salem Family...***

**Sunday, January 24, 2010  
Noon – 3 P.M.**



*Growing in Christ*

## **Cross-generational Milestone Ministry Celebration**

with guest speaker, Linda Staats

Lunch is provided. All ages are invited.  
(parents, children, grandparents, seniors...)

Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

### **About our speaker...**

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.

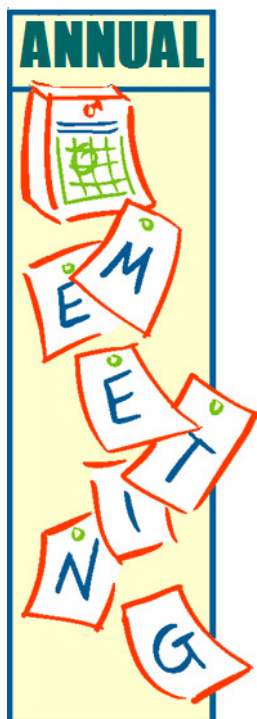
Linda is known for her ability to combine research, theology and people's own holy stories to empower all ages to serve at home and in the world. With a Master's Degree in Human Development and the Family, Linda brings a life span approach to ministry. Her deep roots in the Lutheran church and her broad experiences with families through all of life's stages fuel her passion for passing on faith from generation to generation. Recently, Linda wrote an article, *Faith Sharing at Mealtime - "Pass the Peas, Catch the Faith - Please!"* which was featured in the July, 2009 issue of *Lutheran Partners*.

Please contact Kelly Brinkman for more information about the Salem Milestone Ministry Program.

## SALEM PRESCHOOL

### OPENINGS

Enrollment has begun for the fall 2010 classes of Salem Preschool. Enrollment is open for 3 year-olds and available on a preference basis for 4 year-olds. Our curriculum is designed to prepare children for kindergarten, utilizing various activities such as art, music and learning appropriate social skills. We also take fun field trips and have a large playground area with a rainbow play set. Call Pam Machacek at 688-9212 if you would like more information about our program.



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## Blood Drive

Salem's next blood drive is January 18, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. You are eligible to donate if you have not given since November 23. If you're unable to donate, check with Lori Reimer for other ways you can help by donating food or time. Don't forget, after your donation you will receive a meal of homemade soups, sandwiches, and desserts.



## Bible Study Reminders

We have a **weekly breakfast** that meets each Wednesday morning, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the social hall. Everyone is invited to attend for some breakfast, fellowship, and a review of the **Worship on the Way** for the upcoming Sunday worship service.



An **Old Testament Study** is being held in the Social Hall during the Sunday School hour. We have studied Abraham and how he is considered the father of Christianity, Judaism and Islam. We will start the study of Jacob and the twelve tribes of Israel this Sunday, January 17.

## Handcrafted Items Needed

Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria will hold their Style Show and auction Saturday, March 13 to benefit the single parent program at LSSI. Handcrafted items are needed to be sold at the auction. What a great opportunity for all of Salem's woodworkers, seamstresses, knitters, etc. (both men and women) to utilize their skills during the cold winter months, and create beautiful items for donation and sale at the auction. If you can help, or would like more information, call Paula Sydow at 446-9254.





## 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 Peter 1:3-9** - <sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! **By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the**

**dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the genuineness of your faith — being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.**



**Lori Reimer**  
688-8190

The Department on Aging is encouraging older people and their families to recognize that winter poses a special threat to seniors. Seniors should make sure they set their thermostats above 65 degrees. Older persons are at a higher risk of falling ill during the cold winter months -- especially those who take certain medications, drink alcohol, lack proper nutrition, or who have conditions such as arthritis, stroke, Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's disease. During cold weather, seniors are encouraged to:

- Dress in layers, both indoors and outdoors.
- Keep active. Make a list of exercises and activities

to do indoors when you can't get out.

- Eat well and drink 10 glasses of water daily. Stock up on non-perishable food items.
- Keep extra medications in the house. If this is not possible, make arrangements to have your medications delivered.
- Have your house winterized.
- Protect against fire. Have a fire extinguisher in your house. Keep space heaters at least three feet from anything flammable. Do not overload extension cords.
- Do not shovel snow or walk in deep snow. Plan for someone else to shovel the snow. The strain from the cold and hard labor could cause a heart attack. Sweating can lead to a chill and even hypothermia.

*Keepwarm.illinois.gov from the Illinois Department on Aging*

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



## SALEM FAMILY

Growing People in Christ



### January 20

**Seniors movie** 4:00 p.m.  
**Dinner** 6:00 p.m.  
**Activities** 6:45 p.m.

**Movie:**  
**The Incredibles**

Tuesday  
January 19  
9:00 p.m.



## Tri-M

Join Tri-M as we watch the Bradley Braves basketball team take on 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. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

*Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds. Psalm 36:5*