

The Bugle

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Salem Annual Meeting

The 2010 Salem Annual Meeting was held Sunday, January 31. Over 115 Salem members attended the meeting. Here is a brief summary of actions approved:

Five members were elected to fill three-year terms on the Congregational Council. Newly elected were Chris Coulter, Kris Griffith and Case Pudik. Re-elected were incumbents John Day and John Gregg. Our appreciation is extended to these individuals for their dedication and willingness to serve

in a church leadership role. Following the meeting, the Congregational Council met and re-elected John Gregg Council President, and Regg Glawe Council Vice-President.

With regard to the ELCA Social Statement, Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust, a congregational declaration was approved in which it is resolved that Salem will continue to follow the ministry policies in effect prior to this year's ELCA church-wide assembly. The declaration also resolved that Salem will provide opportunity for Salem members to discuss our individual interpretation and reaction to the Churchwide Assembly decisions with respect and scriptural investigation. On a related matter, the Congregational Council reported to the Congregation that it approved a Mission Support Option for 2010. This provides an option for those who, for reason of conscience, choose not to support the ministry of the ELCA with their financial gifts. Contributions received under this option will be sent to Lutheran Social Service of Illinois.

The 2010 budget was approved. The budget reflects about 30 fewer pledges, and a reduction in pledged and estimated giving of approximately \$61,000 from 2009. This is due to economic conditions, and the conscience-bound reaction of some members to the ELCA church-wide actions. Due to reduced revenue, the budget has a deficit of \$28,284 despite reductions in budgeted expenditures in all ministry groups. It is expected that the 2010 deficit will be covered by existing unallocated cash reserves. We continue to hope that those who are able will give faithfully to enable us to cover the deficit and support all the ministries of Salem. Watch *The Bugle* for monthly status updates on our 2010 financial progress.

Extra copies of the 2009 Salem Annual Report are available in the office if you would like to read more details from the reports of all the ministry groups.



**Annual Meeting
NEWS**

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 ...

...Frank and Jean Yancick - "We would like to express our appreciation to all the people who kindly helped us look for my lost pendant last Sunday."

...Pastor Elise - "Thank you for the many birthday greetings! They were much appreciated!"

Valentine Bags

Valentine bags for our homebound members will still be in the Gallery this Sunday, February 7. They will be labeled with names of these members: Judy Erickson, William and Marge Fanning, Mildred Getz, Wes Krantz, Norma Larson, Ted Losby, Bill McHugh, Phyllis Miller, Lee Moser, Marjorie Olson, Florence Quimby, Forrest and Virginia Richman, Lilas Riddle, Lilian Ries, Mildred Sarver, Gertrude Saxhaug, Virginia Sommers, Mable Stromlund and Judy Webster.

There is also a sign-up sheet for you to volunteer to deliver one of these bags the weekend of Valentine's Day.

Seniors Event

The Salem seniors will take a bus trip for eagle watching along the Illinois River Sunday, February 7. We will leave after second service and go to Kenyon's in Lacon for lunch. Sign-up at the Welcome Center.

Prayer Requests

...Midwest Food Bank and all the volunteers
...The men and women of our armed forces
...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, or prayerchain@salemofpeoria.com.



Lori Reimer
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February is the time we all think about Valentine hearts. The American Heart Association acknowledges this as American Heart Month to raise awareness of warning signs for heart attacks, cardiac arrest, and strokes. Some heart attacks are sudden and “crushing,” but most start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. Of-

ten people affected aren’t sure what’s wrong, and wait too long before getting help. Here are signs that can mean a heart attack is happening: Chest discomfort that can feel like pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain; Discomfort in other areas of the upper body, including pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach; Shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort; Other signs may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or light-headedness. Symptoms may vary depending on gender and other health conditions. Don’t wait more than five minutes to call 9-1-1 or your emergency response number if you experience these symptoms. Calling 9-1-1 is almost always the fastest way to get lifesaving treatment. Emergency medical services (EMS) staff can begin treatment when they arrive — up to an hour sooner than if someone gets to the hospital by car. EMS staff are also trained to revive someone whose heart has stopped. For more information stop by the Wellness Center.



The Armor of God

Our theme for the month of February is **The Sword of the Spirit.**

Take ... the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. --
Ephesians 6:17



Read Hebrews 4:12
¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Taking Another Step

During our recent annual meeting, we had to face some difficult decisions regarding our 2010 budget. Our Parish Nurse, Lori Reimer, challenged all of us to give more of our time volunteering in the various programs of Salem. Another member has also suggested that we take it one step further and follow the creative, thematic challenge to do “10 in 2010”. Once a month, give up going out to lunch or dinner, serve a meatless meal, or have a family game night instead of going to a movie, and donate the money saved to Salem -- maybe \$10 or whatever you can afford. If everyone helps just a little, we can reduce some of the cuts in all the areas of our budget. It’s a win-win situation. So think “10 in 2010” and let’s strive to end the year in the black and on a positive note!

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



SALEM FAMILY

Growing People in Christ



February 10

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

Movie: Julie and Julia

Menu: Barbecue

Be Like Jesus

The 2010 "Be Like Jesus" 24-Hour Servant Lock-In for third through sixth graders is February 26-27. Registrations are filling up fast. There are forms at the Welcome Center, or see Jill Goldhammer for more information. A brochure with complete details is also available through a link in the news item on the front page of our website.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The Lenten season is quickly approaching so plan now to join the Salem family for the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake and Sausage dinner. It will be held Tuesday, February 16, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. This year's supper will be hosted by Lydia Circle. A sign-up sheet is available at the Welcome Center.



When I called you answered me; you increased my strength within me. Psalm 138:3