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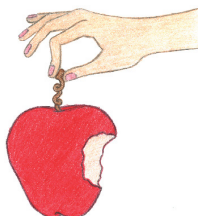
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Kappa Chi Youth Service

The Annual Kappa Chi Youth Service is Sunday, February 21, at both services. This year's theme is **Lead Us Not Into Temptation**. Sunday School children will sing the song "I Get Down, He Lifts Me Up" during the offering.

The Kappa Chi Youth Service is a wonderful tradition in the life of the Salem Family. Help us make it a cross-generational event by praying for the high school students and families during the process, encouraging children to sing with Kappa Chi during the offering and helping with the reception if you are able.



Wednesday Lenten Worship

Wednesday, February 24, is the first week of this year's Lenten midweek schedule.

The day begins with a morning prayer breakfast at 6:30 a.m. Salem is hosting the event this year, that we share with Grace and Peace Lutheran Church. The study for this year is "Confronting Death - a Christian Approach to the End of Life." This week the topic is Discovering Serious Illness.

We will have a worship service of traditional Morning Matins with Holy Communion at 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch in the Social Hall at noon. An evening prayer service will be held at 7:00 p.m. The topic for this week will be *Saved in the Storm*, from our Lenten theme of **The Sign of Jonah**.

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 ...

...Boots Saxhaug - "Thank you for the lovely
valentines. They were much appreciated. I had
fun opening them."

Join the Salem Prayer Chain

Are you looking for a way to serve the family of Salem? Something that doesn't involve a lot of time? Something that requires no meetings or additional training? Something that is very easy to do and greatly appreciated by others? If so, becoming a member of Salem's Prayer Chain is perfect for you! The only requirement is you say a prayer when a request is sent to you. Nothing more! You can receive prayer requests by email or by a phone call - your preference. If you choose a phone call, you can also choose the time of day that best suits you - daytime or evening. This is very simple and a much needed ministry.

Please help us expand our prayer ministry at Salem by becoming a member of the Prayer Chain. E-mail Norma Hartman at nkhartman@comcast.net or call her at 682-6782 to have your name added to the list. Your prayers are needed and your own faith life will be blessed.

Prayer Requests

- ...Midwest Food Bank and all those who donate time, funds and prayers
- ...The men and women of our armed forces
- ...Barb Witkowski - breast cancer
- ...Jim Coates - cancer
- ...Jeanne Peterson - Dick Peterson's mother
- ...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.

New Bible Study Opportunity

At the Annual Meeting, we passed a declaration with a resolve to provide “opportunity for Salem members to discuss our individual interpretation and reactions to the Churchwide Assembly decisions with respect and scriptural investigation.” We will begin these opportunities in March with a three-session class on interpreting the Bible. This class is meant to lay some groundwork for us in thinking more generally about how we approach the Bible before we address sexuality and the Churchwide Assembly later in the spring.

The topics of our three sessions will be “How do we use the Bible?”, “Exploring individual texts and context”, and “What are major threads woven throughout the Bible?” Gil Nolde will lead these discussions; he has been leading Bible studies for nearly 50 years. These will not be lecture sessions, but will offer ample time for participation by individuals. You are strongly encouraged to attend these sessions if you would like to participate in the later discussions about sexuality.

Please choose which three-session class you will attend from the list below, and sign up at the Welcome Center in the gallery or by calling the church office. Classes will be limited to 15 people so everyone will have an opportunity to participate in group discussion. For more information contact Gil Nolde or Pastor Elise.

Saturdays, March 6, 13 and 20 - 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Sundays, March 14, 21, and 28 - 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Mondays, March 15, 22, and 29 - 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

New Sunday Small Group

Beginning February 28, Pastor Elise will lead a four-week Bible study: “A Great-Grandma to a King, a King-maker, a King and a Royal Pain: Ruth, Samuel, David, Elijah.” This study will explore their faith journeys and make connections between their stories and yours. This study is for both those new to Bible study, and those looking for a fresh new introduction to the Bible. Study books will be \$5.50 each, payable to Salem; please contact Pastor Elise or Brenda in the church office to reserve a book.

I Believe Party

Sixth through eighth graders are strongly encouraged to attend the I Believe Party on Sunday, March 7, from 5:00

p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

It will be a fun night of learn-

ing with food, music, skits and games. Parents are also encouraged to join us. Call Pam Machacek at 691-7064 for more information.



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.



Lori Reimer
688-8190

Can you hear me now? Kids, this one's for you! Your mom or dad has probably told you, "Turn that down before you go deaf!" Unfortunately, they have a valid point. Loud noise from music or other sources, such as machinery or jet engines, can cause both temporary and permanent hearing loss. If the noise around you is so loud that

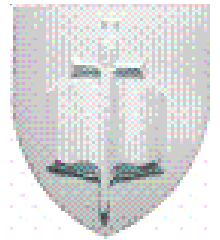
you have to shout to be heard, there is a chance that the mechanism inside your ear can be injured. **Temporary hearing loss** can happen after you've been exposed to loud noise for any duration and you won't be able to hear as well as you normally do for a while. You may have a ringing in your ears or a feeling of "fullness." Although your hearing frequently returns to normal, the dangerous part is that you can have **permanent hearing loss** if you listen to loud noise or music over and over again. Protect your ears by wearing ear protection when you're using machinery, such as in metal shop at school. Also remember to turn down the volume, especially in the car or when you're wearing headphones. You also might want to give your ears a rest once in a while if you like wearing headphones. And if you're going to a concert, consider wearing earplugs to protect your ears from the boom, boom, boom! In fact, special earplugs can be made for you if you're going to concerts a lot or if you're a musician yourself. Take these steps now and you won't be saying "What?" later on.



The Armor of God

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

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



Read Acts 4:31. When they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness.

Are you staying home watching the Olympics and thinking of ordering a pizza? Instead, why not have a "make your own pizza night" and drop the money you save in the offering plate.



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January Giving

Actual	\$57,158
Budget	\$45,554
Ahead/(Behind)	\$11,604

Salem Pictorial Directory Online

Have you looked at the new Salem pictorial directory online? It's a convenient way to match a name with a face, or look up an address and phone number.

If you were unable to have your picture taken for the directory last summer, you can request a portrait sitting, and have your picture added to the online directory.

Visit the Salem online pictorial directory by going to our website, www.salemofpeoria.com and clicking on the link in the news item.

Each family has a unique username and password to access the site. Individual postcards with the information required for each family to logon are available on the table in the Narthex. There are also instruction guides for getting started.



Peoria Alternative High School

Hannah circle has developed a relationship with Peoria Alternative High School over the past few years, providing mentoring and spring educational sessions for pregnant teen students and teen mothers at the school. Many of these students do not live in homes with adults who provide a caring, supportive atmosphere and they are often lacking positive role models in their lives, especially during this special time of need. Since Salem has adopted Peoria Alternative High School through the District 150 Adopt-A-School program, Hannah circle wants to invite additional women (or men) of the church to help us with the educational sessions. We are looking for assistance with babysitting and preparing light snacks. Please prayerfully consider joining us in this opportunity to provide a caring shoulder and supportive Christian attitude for these young mothers. The sessions are April 16, April 23, May 14, May 21, and May 28 from 9:00 - 10:45 a.m. at Salem. Please contact Leah Grebner at 648-4859 or via e-mail at lgrebner@midstate.edu if you are interested in helping with babysitting or snacks on any of these Friday mornings.

Be Like Jesus

The 2010 "Be Like Jesus" 24-Hour Servant Lock-In for third through sixth graders is February 26 - 27. There are registration forms at the Welcome Center, or contact Jill Goldhammer if you are interested in attending. A brochure with complete details is also available through a link in the news item on the front page of our website.



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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



SALEM FAMILY

Growing People in Christ

Salem Preschool Fundraiser

The Preschool is selling Bergner's Community Day coupon booklets. Each booklet contains one \$10 off coupon, six 20% off coupons, and bonus buy offers. Community Day is Saturday, February 27. Cost of the booklets is \$5 and 100% of the price is ours to keep. Contact Pam Machacek, Lisa Janco, or Melanie Coulter for more information.

Tri-M Bowling

Join Tri-M for a night of bowling Saturday, February 27, at Landmark Lanes. We will bowl from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. followed by a social hour at Donnelly's Pub. Bowling will be in Dutch Doubles format and no experience is necessary. Cost is \$6.00 per person, plus shoe rental. Sign up at the Welcome Center. For more information, contact Jeff or Pam Machacek at 691-7064.

SALEM
Basketball
SAINTS

Tuesday
February 23
6:00 p.m.

The logo for Salem Basketball Saints features a blue square background. Inside the square, there is a yellow basketball with orange lines, and two yellow hands are shown reaching up towards the basketball. Below the square, the word "SALEM" is written in red, "Basketball" in blue, and "SAINTS" in red.

*For God will give the angels
charge over you, to guard you in
all your ways. Psalm 91:11*