

The Bugle

Volume 64, Number 9

Easter Prayer

Vigil

On Transfiguration Sunday we heard Pastor Barnes discuss how special it was when Jesus asked Peter, James, and John to come up the mountain and pray with him. For them it must have been a special opportunity, a respite in the midst of Jesus' normal hectic travels. Each was better prepared for the "valley" work of the next weeks. Pastor went on to describe a first time air plane traveler and how each aspect of the trip was exciting and memorable for her. Her seat mate marveled at her enthusiasm and speculated how much better his life would be if he approached travel the same way.

Have we been too busy to accept God's invitation for a mountain experience, too rooted in the problems of the plains that we can no longer appreciate the marvels of life? Most of us would, unfortunately, answer yes at times. How about accepting God's invitation to pray during the Easter Prayer Vigil that will take place from Good Friday evening through Easter morning? What better time and place to accept Jesus' invitation to communicate with Him than in the quietness of Faith Chapel by praying for the prayer concerns submitted by our congregation.

If you would like to accept this invitation, please sign up for the Easter Prayer Vigil in the Gallery beginning Sunday, March 14.



M
A
R
C
H

7

Third



SUNDAY

IN LENT

There's Time to Turn

Worship With Us



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

The Bugle is published by
Salem Lutheran Church (ELCA),
1700 West War Memorial Drive,
Peoria, Illinois 61614-6724
phone: (309) 688-9212
fax: (309) 688-9266
Website: www.salemofpeoria.com
Office Email:
office@salemofpeoria.com

Stephen D. Barnes, Senior Pastor
sbarnes@salemofpeoria.com

Elise Rothfus, Associate Pastor
erothfus@salemofpeoria.com

Dave Shotick, Editor
dshotick@salemofpeoria.com

Deadline for copy is Tuesdays
at 12:00 p.m. in the church office.

Published Weekly
Periodicals Postage Paid at
Peoria, IL. 61601
Annual Subscription \$10.00.

POSTMASTER:
Send Address Changes to:
Salem Lutheran Church,
1700 W. War Memorial Dr.,
Peoria, IL 61614-6724

Parish Record for February 28
Worship Services 287
Education 102



Thank you from ...

...Florence Quimby - "Thank you, Salem family for the lovely valentine package that Helen Polk sent me by mail. It was like being in church with you all on a Sunday morning.

Thanks, too for sending me *The Bugle* every week to read what's going on at Salem. God Bless you all."

...Lillian Ries - "Thank you for the valentine package."

Easter Flowers

We invite you to help add to that spirit of celebration and victory that is experienced by all Christians on Easter by placing a Spring flower in Salem's Chancel on Easter morning. This year we will have a variety of Spring flowers - lilies, azaleas, mums, begonias and more. We hope this will add to the festive experience of Easter morning. To order your flower(s) for the Salem Chancel Memorial Garden, please complete the order form that was in the Lenten mailing and is available in the pew racks. The cost for each flower is \$12.00 and must be paid with the order. So that acknowledgments can be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin, orders must be received in the church office no later than Friday, March 26.



Prayer Requests

...Jeanne Peterson - Dick Peterson's mother
...Lois McRaven (Janet Jones' sister) - lung disease
...Salem members celebrating their birthday this week
...Our country and those defending it
...Those of our congregation serving in the military

To add your prayer concern to the Prayer Chain (or to join the Prayer Chain) please contact Norma Hartman at 682-6782 or send an e-mail to:
nkhartman@comcast.net, or
prayerchain@salemofpeoria.com.



Lori Reimer
688-8190

When we hear about a health condition, whether our own or a loved one's, or even an acquaintance, many of us quickly "Google" the disease, condition, or medication. If you do this, you often go away more confused, or believing and passing on misinformation. While researching conditions and medicines does make you a great advocate

in your own health care, not everything you read online is fact. Here are a few tips when looking online for accurate, helpful health information:

- Consider the source – use recognized authorities such as a .gov or .edu site.
- Look for an "about us" page to see who runs the site.
- Look for evidence – look for research, not opinion.
- Check how current the information is.
- Beware if the site is just an ad for a product.
- Protect your privacy when asked to take online surveys.
- Consult with your health care professional about information that you have learned.

Stop by the Wellness Center (weekday narthex) for more information on searching for accurate health information online.

And The Winner Is ...

At Wednesday Lenten services on February 24, Gil Nolde nominated five short stories from the Bible as his top choices, and asked the congregation to vote on the "best short story in the Bible." The winner: The Good Samaritan. In order, the other four choices were: Joseph, Ruth, the Prodigal Son, and Jonah. Other recommended favorite stories included: Mary and Martha, Easter, the thief on the cross, Lazarus, and John the Baptist.

Milestone Ministry Team Meeting

The Milestone Ministry Team will meet this Sunday, March 7, at 7:00 p.m. at Salem. If you would like to be part of the planning and discussion involving this ministry, please join us! We also welcome any help or ideas you can offer with our current milestone celebrations/events. If you have questions, or would like more information about Milestone Ministry, and how you can be involved, contact Kelly Brinkman at 692-7046 or at kellyjasonbrinkman@att.net.



The Armor of God

Our March theme is **Praying in the Spirit.**

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication --



Ephesians 6:18

Read Romans 8:26. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

Be Like Jesus Servant Lock-in

A **GREAT BIG WELL DONE** to the following students who participated in the Be Like Jesus 24 hour servant lock-in for third through sixth graders this past weekend: Lexi

Campbell, Aaron Grebner, Matthew Grebner, Daniella Gonzales, Noah Impens, Maren Kelly, Ashley Owens, Sean Patterson, Juliana Rees, Mia Wright, and Joey Ghazanfari.



Participating in the **Junior High Be Like Jesus** program were: Emma Krantz, Nathan Wiesehan, Connor Kelly.

High School small group leaders from Salem included: Jennifer Faulkner, Justin Machacek, Meg TouVelle, Morgan Baumgarten, and Megan Faulkner.

And a **BIG THANK YOU** to the following **Adult Helpers** from Salem: Inez Norgard, Dave Rees, Karen Rees.

There were a total of 80 third through sixth graders, 25 junior high students, and 27 high school leaders representing 10 Lutheran churches in this year's event. Small group service projects included: making blankets for LHV residents, interviewing residents and singing at LHV, crafts at Belwood Nursing Home, making beds at the Peoria Rescue Mission, learning about Project Return and a Greyhound rescue program, making surgical caps for Children's Hospital patients, making quilt squares, first aid kits, and greeting cards, and learning about mission work in Guatemala. The Junior High Students visited residents at Washington Christian Village and learned about being servant leaders. It was a very productive and inspiring 24 hours!

Style Show and Luncheon

Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria will hold their 25th Annual Style Show and Luncheon on Saturday, March 13, at 11:15 a.m. at the Hotel Pere Marquette. Tickets must be purchased by March 8. Please contact Susie Bohm at 671-0308, Ext. 243 or 692-3064. Tickets are \$30.00 for adults or \$13.00 for children, and proceeds benefit the Single Parent Program at Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. Parking will be available at Trinity Lutheran Church and vans will transport guests to the hotel.

Sunday School Families

The Sunday School children will sing on Sunday, March 28, (Palm Sunday) during the 10:45 a.m. service.

Children will meet in the social hall after education hour, and then sing



at the beginning of the service. With palm branches waving, they will sing "Hosanna," and share the story of Palm Sunday with the congregation! Children will be rehearsing the song during their musical opening, and a CD will be sent home to help the children practice. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Brinkman at 692-7046.

Seniors Retreat

Save the dates of April 25-27 for the Salem Seniors Spring Retreat to LOMC. The cost will be \$115. Watch *The Bugle* in the coming weeks for more details.



New Bible Study Opportunity

We will begin a three-session class on interpreting the Bible in March. This class will lay some general groundwork about how we approach the Bible, before we address sexuality and the Churchwide Assembly later in the spring.

The first session will focus on "How do we use the Bible?" Session two will consider "Exploring individual texts and context." Finally, the third session will explore "What are major threads woven throughout the Bible?" Gil Nolde will lead these discussions, and there will be ample time for individual participation. You are strongly encouraged to attend if you would like to participate in 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 please 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.

Can You "Pass on" a Favorite Hymn?

Our sixth grade Sunday School class is beginning the milestone event of learning about worship, and is preparing to assist with one of our worship services in April. One of the things we have touched on is the importance of music in our worship. Hymns are one way we share God's word, and the music can help us emotionally connect to that message. Do you have a favorite hymn that influenced your faith life when you were growing up? Would you "Pass on the Faith" to these young people, by taking part in a cross-generational "gifting" of these hymns to our sixth graders? Please fill out a card at the Welcome Center with the title of your favorite hymn, sign your name on the card, and slip it into the designated envelope. Please limit your hymn suggestion to your one most favorite if possible, to help us complete our project. Thank you for your support, and if you have any questions, please call Kelly Brinkman at 692-7046.

Coffee Sunday

On Monday, March 8, women all over the world will be honored on International Women's Day, 2010. The United Nations' theme for this day is "Equal rights, equal opportunities: Progress for all." This is a perfect slogan for the women who are an important part of the farmer cooperatives in Nicaragua and Peru that produce Organic Sisters' Blend Coffee. To celebrate



these women, and Lutheran women all over the U.S. who have become advocates for Fair Trade, Lutheran World Relief and Equal Exchange are offering Organic Sisters' Blend Coffee for \$5.75 a pound. Please stop by the coffee station this Sunday, March 7, and buy a bag for a friend, sister, wife, mother or daughter and celebrate women everywhere.

Portals of Prayer

The April through June edition of Portals of Prayer has arrived and is available at various places throughout the church. Large print copies are also available in the office.

Salem Lutheran Church
1700 W. War Memorial Dr.
Peoria, IL 61614-6724

The Bugle
USPS 477-460

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



SALEM FAMILY

Growing People in Christ



March 10

6:30 a.m. -- Lenten Prayer Breakfast and Study at Salem with Grace and Peace Lutheran Church; topic "Caring for the One Who is Not Sick"

11:00 a.m. -- Worship Service* using traditional Morning Matins with Holy Communion, lunch served afterwards

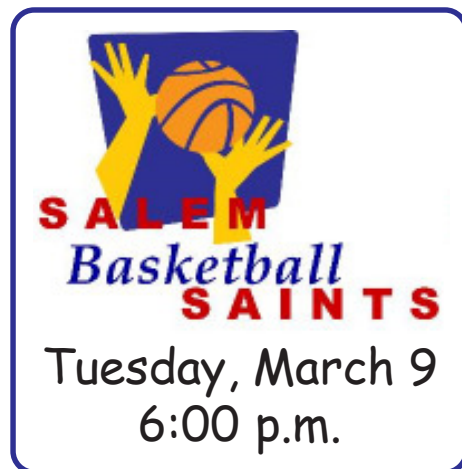
1:00 p.m. -- Seniors' Movie -- Oklahoma

6:00 p.m. -- Soup Supper

7:00 p.m. -- Worship Service* using Marty Haugen's Evening Prayer with Holy Communion

* "Praying from the Belly of the Great Big Fish"
- Jonah 2:1-10 - presented by Brad Mangan

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you. Psalm 63:1



Used Cell Phones

Remember to bring old cell phones to church and place them in the bin at the donation center. Our Youth and Family Ministries program benefits from recycling these phones.