

The Bugle

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Join the Sonshine Singers!

The Sonshine Singers is a children's choir at Salem for children in kindergarten through fourth grade. We meet on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:00 p.m., just before our Breaking Bread dinner. The children share their music during Sunday morning worship once a month, and at some health centers and assisted living facilities in the area. Our winter session will begin on Wednesday, January 11, and will run through Sunday, February 26. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to be a part of the worship ministry at Salem. They also learn great music and enjoy the fellowship of their friends at church. If you are interested in your child joining the choir, please contact Kelly Brinkman at 692-7046 or at kellyjasonbrinkman@att.net.



Breaking Bread

The Breaking Bread program starts up again on Wednesday, January 11, with dinner from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. The menu includes ham, macaroni and cheese, green beans, applesauce and rolls. Watch next week's edition of *The Bugle* for a complete listing of Breaking Bread menus for the winter session.

The Senior's movie also begins January 11. The movie will be "The Help" and we will start at 3:30 p.m. (this week only) due to the length of the movie. The Salem bus can pick you up for the movie and take you home after dinner. Please contact the church office if you need a ride.

Annual Reports

Annual reports for 2011 are due in the church office by Monday, January 9, 2012.



In accordance with Salem's constitution, this article, along with verbal announcement at worship, constitutes official notice of our annual meeting to be held Sunday, January 29, 2012.

There will be lunch following our second worship service, with the business meeting beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Worship With Us



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

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Thank you from ...

...Boots Saxhaug - "Thank you for the many Christmas cards! It's nice to be remembered."

...Ralph and Helen Ugron - "Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia and the bag of Christmas cards for Ralph."

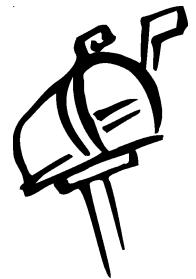
...Virginia Sommers - "Thank you for all the beautiful Christmas cards and special treats that you sent me. It's so wonderful to be remembered. I really miss my Salem family. Thank you again for your kindness. God bless you all."

...Dorothy Ryberg - "Thank you for the Christmas cards, greetings and poinsettia from Salem. Thank you, also for prayers during my recent hospitalization and recovery. I have returned to my apartment from health care."

...Fran Riley - "Thank you to my Salem friends for the pretty sack of Christmas greetings. It took me all afternoon to read and re-read them."

Pen Pals

Your response is due back in the mailbox by this Sunday, January 8.



Prayer Requests

- ...Pastor Paul Park
- ...Lori Billerbeck, hospitalization for pneumonia
- ...Midwest Food Bank and all the agencies they serve
- ...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

To add your prayer concern to the Prayer Chain (or to join the Prayer Chain) please contact Norma Hartman at 240-8387 or send an e-mail to: nkhartman@comcast.net



Lori Reimer

p.m. You are eligible to give if you haven't donated since November 21, 2011. Sign-up in the Gallery today. Whatever your reason is for giving, blood donors like you play an extremely important role in helping ensure a safe and adequate blood supply is available during the winter months. In addition to great food and conversation in the canteen area following your donation, free 5 minute chair massages will be offered. If you are unable to donate blood but would like to donate food or your time volunteering at the drive, please contact Lori Reimer.

Salem's Adult Resource Center

Looking for ideas for devotions? Want games to play at a children's party? Need parenting hints, wedding suggestions, Bible study help, church or Biblical history? Like to read good Christian fiction? All this and much more is awaiting you in the Adult Resource Center near the church office.

New material arrives regularly. Some is purchased, while other items are donated. We greatly appreciate these shared resources.

Our annual Advent Corner Book and Gift Sale earns extra funds for the library while providing Salem members access to quality Christian books and gifts for the Christmas season.

Please feel free to use your library. It is maintained for your benefit.

This time of year we are making New Year's resolutions. Take a moment and make a resolution to give the gift of life. The hour it takes you to give blood could mean a lifetime to somebody else. Salem's next Blood Drive is January 16, 2012 from 3:00 - 6:30

Christian Symbols

"Ecce Agnus Dei"



Latin for "Behold, the Lamb of God," this is the phrase John the Baptist used twice to point out Jesus to others (John 1:29, 36). It marks Jesus' Epiphany (manifestation, revelation) as the Anointed One (Christ, Messiah).

Tri-M Event

Tri-M is sponsoring an outing to the Bradley Men's Basketball game vs. Missouri State on Saturday, January 21. Game time is 7:00 p.m. We'll gather for dinner at 5:00 p.m. at a location to be announced. Children are invited to come along. Sign up to reserve your tickets at the Welcome Center or contact Suzanne Ellis at 265-5298. Tickets will be ordered January 13.



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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



What Not to Take Into the New Year

- Self-help books — Trust in God first; don't turn to him as a last resort. (See Proverbs 3:5-6.)
- Tape measure — Consider only God's standards; don't compare yourself to other people. (See Luke 18:9-14.)
- Rearview mirror — Don't live in the past. You'll miss out on what God is doing in your life now. (See Philipians 3:12-14.)
- Gavel — Stop wasting time judging others. Instead, pray for them, help them and team with them. (See Luke 6:37-38.)
- Life vest — Don't be overly cautious spiritually. Peter experienced Jesus in a real way because he dared to step out of the boat. (See Matthew 14:22-33.)
- Garage-door opener — We think we're networked but often isolate ourselves. God intended for us to live in community with one another. (See Hebrews 10:23-25.)
- Handcuffs — Don't offer excuses about why you can't help out. God can do amazing things through — and despite — us. Just follow him, with no excuses. (See Mark 6:35-44.)



—Gregg McCaslin

O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace. Psalm 29:11