

The Bugle

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Annual Meeting

Salem's annual meeting will 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.

The 2011 Salem annual report will be available in the narthex this Sunday, January 22. Please take one copy per family and bring it with you to the meeting to help us limit our copying costs.

Larry Olson in Concert

Larry Olson of the Christian musical group Dakota Road will be in concert at Salem on Saturday, February 4, at 7:00 p.m. (He will also take part in the Salem Youth Service on Sunday, February 5.) We will participate in the ELCA "Souper Bowl" Sunday effort that weekend, and ask you to bring a can of soup to the concert.



Kappa Chi Youth Service

The 41st annual Kappa Chi Youth Service will be **Sunday, February 5**, at both worship services. The 2012 theme is "Through the Looking Glass."

Students are hard at work learning music,



writing and rehearsing skits, and completing the other tasks involved. (Check out the Youth Service bulletin board in the Gallery).

You are encouraged to bring a can of soup to church on the morning of the Youth Service. All soup collected will be donated to the Midwest Food Bank as part of SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY, a national service project supported by Kappa Chi.

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 ...

...Marge Gramm - *"To my Salem friends, thank you for the sympathy and condolences I received following my brother's death last week. Special thanks to Pastor Barnes for his help and support at a difficult time."*

Breaking Bread

Join the Salem family at Breaking Bread this Wednesday, January 25, for a menu of mostaccioli, maple glazed carrots, tossed salad and pears, prepared by guest cook Gretchen Petrakis. The Senior's Movie begins at 4:00 p.m. with a showing of Calendar Girls.

Prayer of Saint Benedict

O gracious and Holy Father, give us wisdom to perceive Thee, intelligence to understand Thee, diligence to seek Thee, patience to wait for Thee, eyes to behold Thee, a heart to meditate upon Thee, and a life to proclaim Thee; through the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Prayer Requests

- ...Pastor Paul Park
- ...Scott Cochran (Chris Cochran's dad) heart surgery
- ...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

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

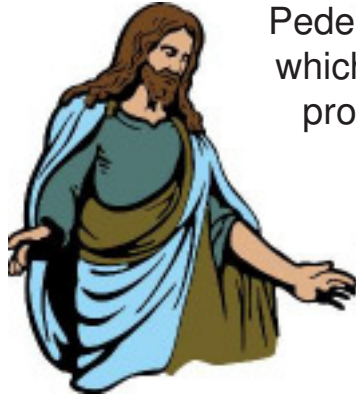


Thanks to everyone who came in to donate blood this past Monday. While we only had 16 present and 12 units donated, that is 36 potential people helped by these donations. I want to also thank those that helped with the blood drive: Virginia Lutes, Nancy Owens, and Arlene Schroeder. If you gave blood, you will be able to donate again March 12 (except those who gave double cells) but only until March 26, so you can give at Salem's next blood drive on May 21. Please consider donating in May to build Salem's donations back to 30+ individuals presenting. *Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you. Deuteronomy 16:17*

Be Like Jesus Weekend

The Northern Conference Youth Boards Annual "BE LIKE JESUS" 24-hour servant lock-in for 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th graders IS MOVING TO SALEM THIS YEAR!!!

The event begins Friday, February 24, at 7:00 p.m. and ends Saturday, February 25, at 7:00 p.m. Professional Christian musician and speaker Peder Eide will be here to lead the event which will include meaningful, age appropriate worship and music, hands



on service projects in the community, and even late night bowling at the Christian Center. Over 100 children participate in this event each year. The children are organized into small groups that are led by high school stu-

dents from congregations in our conference. The cost of this event is \$30 per student. Registration forms will be sent directly to Salem families with children in 3rd – 6th grade and will also be available at the Welcome Center. Mark the dates on your calendar. There will be lots of opportunities for the Salem Family to help with this AWE-SOME event!

Note: 7th and 8th graders have the opportunity to participate in Be Like Jesus again this year. The junior high event will begin and end at Salem. However, their group will move to St. Mark's in Washington for the overnight and Saturday service projects. 7th & 8th graders can sign up using the same registration form. High school students can sign up in the youth room to be small group leaders.



2011 Total Giving	Month of December	December YTD
Actual	\$64,386	\$565,249
Budget	<u>\$47,257</u>	<u>\$570,422</u>
Ahead/(Behind)	\$17,129	\$ (5,173)

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



SALEM FAMILY

Growing People in Christ

Unspoken Prayer

Sometimes God doesn't answer our prayers the way we want him to. As this prayer illustrates -- one found in the pocket of an unknown Confederate soldier at the end of the Civil War -- what we ask from God might be given to us in a way we never imagined. In the end, God knows what is best for us and works all things for our good.

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve; I was made weak, that I might learn to humbly obey.

I asked for health, that I might do great things; I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.

I asked for riches, that I might be happy; I was given poverty, that I might be wise.

I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men; I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life; I was given life that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing I asked for but everything I had hoped for.

Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.

I am, among men, most richly blessed.

*God alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold,
so that I shall never be shaken. Psalm 62:6*