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Consider with me, words of King David as he reflected on the invitation to worship.

¹ *I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"*

² *Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.*

³ *Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.*

⁴ *To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.*

⁵ *For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David.*

⁶ *Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.*

⁷ *Peace be within your walls and security within your towers."*

⁸ *For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."*

⁹ *For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.*

"I was glad," he said, when the invitation was extended to go to the place where it was understood that God lived in full glory. Place meant everything to faithful followers for hundreds and thousands of years. There was a place where it was clearly understood that God was revealed and made known to the gathered community, where prayers were heard, offerings received and where all felt safe and at peace securely in the walls of the city. What is that place for you? Where do you find joy and fulfillment? Where is the sense of community and what shapes your heart's desire?

It is my hope and prayer that weekly worship is the time and place where you can sense a closeness with God and that you find peace within the walls of the gathered community to experience the fullness of God. In order to create more opportunities of gathering for worship at Salem, the worship schedule is changing in September. Beginning on the same day as the fall education programming, September 11, Sunday mornings will look different this fall.

After reviewing with ministry members of Faith Formation and Worship and Music, staff and Council, it was decided that Sunday mornings would look this: **8:30am-9:30am worship, 9:30am fellowship, 9:45am-10:45am education for all ages, 11am-11:45am worship.**

I ask you to consider this as a personal invitation to come to the house of the Lord to be among God's people, pray, hear the word proclaimed, commune at the table of the Lord. There is joy in the house of the Lord, even more when we are together. I look forward to seeing you in worship.



NEW SERVICE TIMES

Sunday mornings will look different this fall.

-STARTING SEPT 11-

WORSHIP: 8:30am-9:30am

FELLOWSHIP: 9:30am

**EDUCATION HOUR FOR ALL AGES:
9:45am-10:45am**

WORSHIP: 11am-11:45am



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SEPTEMBER MEETINGS & EVENTS

For more information: salemofpeoria.com/communications/calendar/

WORSHIP TIMES

SUNDAY, SEPT 4 at 9am (online/in person)

**TWO WORSHIP SERVICES STARTING
SUNDAY, SEPT 11 at 8:30am** (online/in person)
and at 11am

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

MONDAY, SEPT 26 at 6PM:
Ladies' Night Out at Donnelly's Pub

FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAYS at 9:45am:
Education Hour

WEDNESDAYS at 10am:
Bible Study on Zoom with Pastor Craig

THURSDAYS at 9:15am:
Adult Bible Study

SUNDAY, SEPT 4 at 10am:
Family Sunday School

TUES, SEPT 6 at 10am:
Rebecca Circle

WED, SEPT 14 at 6:30pm:
Lydia Circle

SUNDAY, SEPT 18 at 5:30pm:
Youth Group

WED, SEPT 21-OCT 26 at 6:30pm:
Faith for Life Education

WED, SEPT 28 at 5:45pm:
Breaking Bread

WED, SEPT 28 at 7:30pm:
Salem Book Club on Zoom

OUTREACH

SEPTEMBER: Food collection for
Bethel United Methodist

SUNDAY, SEPT 4: Fair Trade Sunday

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 28 at 9:30am:
Midwest Food Bank

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 28 at 4pm:
Paws for a Cause Service Project

WORSHIP & MUSIC

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 at 6pm:
Sanctuary Bell practice resumes

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 at 7pm:
Sanctuary Choir practice resumes

SALEM COUNCIL & MINISTRY GROUP MEETINGS

TUESDAY, SEPT 7 at 7pm:
Salem Council Meeting (in person)

MONDAY, SEPT 12 at 6:30pm:
Congregational Care Ministry

TUESDAY, SEPT 13 at 7pm:
Outreach Ministry

TUESDAY, SEPT 13 at 7:30pm:
Faith Formation Ministry

TUESDAY, SEPT 19 at 7pm:
Salem Churchmen Meeting

TUESDAY, SEPT 20 at 7pm:
Property & Finance Ministry

TUESDAY, SEPT 27 at 6:30pm:
Worship & Music Ministry

SALEM COUNCIL & LIAISONS

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email: salemCouncil@salemofpeoria.com

Adult Small Group Opportunities

Sundays Resuming on Sunday, September 11 at 9:45am-10:45am

Women and the Word: Sundays during Education Hour at 9:45am, meet in the third floor conference room
Contact Leah Grebner (leah.grebner@icloud.com)

This women's small group meets on Sundays during Education Hour resuming on **Sunday, September 11**. Women and the Word explore and discuss the Sunday readings.

Man-To-Man: Sundays during Education Hour at 9:45am, first floor conference room

Contact Leo Vandervlugt (leovandervlugt@gmail.com)

Men's Small Group, Man-To-Man resumes on **Sunday, September 11**, and continues with their book study: "Juggling Chainsaws on a Tightrope".

Weekday Bible Study

Wednesdays online through Zoom at 10am

Contact Pastor Craig (cswenson@salemofpeoria.com)

Pastor Craig leads this online Bible study through the upcoming Sunday's readings and psalm.

Thursdays at 9:15am, first floor conference room

Contact Bill Ligon (bligon@itv-3.com)

Bill Ligon leads the Bible Study group through an overview of the Bible as they search the books of scripture together.

Weekday Women's Groups

Circles are women's groups that meet monthly for Bible study, mission outreach, and the opportunity to foster friendships within the church. All women are invited to try out more than one circle if they wish to find the one which is the best fit for them. Below are the circles and their meeting times.

Lydia Circle: Wednesday, Sept 14 at 6:30pm, first floor conference room

Contact Annette Doughty (hayseed11@frontier.com)

Meets the second Wednesday at Salem Lutheran Church and uses the Bible study from the *Gather* magazine. In September, the Circle is meeting in the evening to see if there is interest in an evening Circle.

Rebecca Circle: Tuesday, September 6 at 10am, second floor fellowship lounge

Contact Roxanne Vandervlugt (roxannevandervlugt@gmail.com)

Meets the First Tuesday morning at Salem Lutheran Church and uses the Bible study from *Gather* magazine.

Weekday Men's Group

Salem Churchmen: Monday, September 19 at 7pm

Contact Chad Arnold (mail2chad@yahoo.com)

Salem Churchmen meet on the third Monday each month at 7pm. Salem Churchmen are blessed to be able to give to both the community as well as the congregation. Through faith, fellowship and service Salem Churchmen organize the church picnic, spring and fall work days, and distribute the Bachman Scholarship and Leadership Lab scholarships.

Online Book Club

Salem Book Club Contact: Gretchen Petrakis (gpetrakis@salemofpeoria.com)

Salem's Book Club meets via Zoom on the last Wednesday each month at 7:30pm. People join every month or join for a specific book. September's book is "Chasing Vines" by Beth Moore, and will meet at **7:30pm on Zoom on September 28**.

Sundays in September at Salem



ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD & KING

Caring for Pets & Celebrating the Joy Pets Bring Us

Pet food will be collected at Salem Lutheran all month for the **CRITTER MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM** through Neighborhood House

Monetary donations will be collected all month for **PETS FOR SENIORS (PFS)**

Take home a Trefzger's Coffee Cake for your donation on **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 PAWS FOR A CAUSE

4PM-6PM: Paws for a Cause Service Project

5:45PM-6:30PM: Breaking Bread Family Meal

6:30PM-7PM: Presentation by Woof Therapy Dogs

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

9:30AM: Blessing of Pets and Animals

- Blessing following the first worship service outdoors in the front lawn.
- Please bring your well-socialized pet or a picture of your pet.

HELP NEEDED - PLEASE CONTACT OR SEE DEACON JILL IF YOU CAN HELP WITH ANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES (jgoldhammer@salemofpeoria.com).

Fruit of the Spirit Cross-Generational Activity

Join your Salem family on **Sunday, September 4 at 10:15am in the Social Hall** for a closing event to the summer long emphasis on the Travels of Paul. As we have been learning this summer, Paul wanted people to understand how to live the way God wanted them to live. He traveled all over, wrote many letters, and preached to people for many years. In the book of Galatians, we find wise words that Paul had written to the people in Galatia about getting along. He suggested that they try to live with the fruit of the Spirit in mind:

- Show love, joy, peace and patience to one another
 - Be kind, generous, and faithful
- Be gentle with one another and always show good self-control

Make plans to join us as we dive a little deeper into the fruit of the spirit and enjoy learning and fellowship with Salem members of all ages!

Education Hour Kick-off September 11

Come together and celebrate the beginning of the Faith Formation year. Faith education programming begins with classes for all ages including classes for children ages 3-year-old through 8th grade, high school students, and adults on **Sunday, September 11**. Everyone is invited to join this kick-off celebration in the **Sanctuary at 9:45am for an opening**. Sunday School students will be dismissed after the opening with their teachers to classrooms. We will enjoy time together singing and praising God and learning about God's unchanging love for us... even as change is all around us. Hope to see you there!

Salem Book Club

Book Club will meet via Zoom on **Wednesday, September 28, at 7:30pm**. You are welcome to join the online book club! People join every month or join for a specific book. We would love to have you join us!

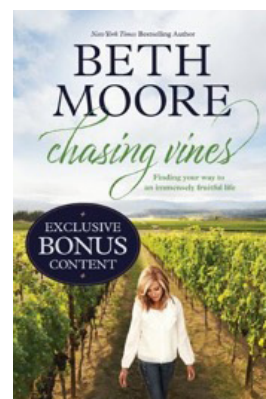
Our book this month is "Chasing Vines" by Beth Moore. She writes in her introduction:

"Here's what I know after decades of life and ministry among myriads of people: we all want to matter. The yearning to matter is no respecter of persons. Man or woman: adult or child; religious or irreligious; rich or poor; black, brown, or white – such a longing is sewn in permanent thread within the fabric of every human soul.

The great relief is finding out that the hope is not deferred. You do matter – already – without making one single change. But everything changes when you let your Maker show you why you matter and how He can take all the concerns you and, sooner or later, here or there, subtly or astonishingly, make it matter.

I have been enamored with Christ's teaching on the vine and the branches since I cut my teeth on Bible study, and I've taught about His call to fruitfulness as an essential part of life's satisfaction for at least twenty years. The spectacular thing about Scripture, however, is that, like no other book held in human hands, its ink may be dry but it is the furthest thing from dead. The words are alive and active, and the Holy Spirit who inspired them can animate the most familiar passage and spring it to fresh life in your soul."

Hope you can join Salem Book Club, we discuss Beth Moore's latest book. She is a dynamic teacher whose conferences take her across the globe. She has written numerous bestselling books and Bible studies.



Fair Trade Sunday, September 4

Outreach Ministry group will be selling fair trade items in the atrium on **Sunday, September 4**.

September Food Collection

To continue the non-perishable food collections for Bethel United Methodist's Food Pantry, Outreach Ministry will be having theme months - please donate anytime during the month.

SEPTEMBER DONATION THEME: "Back to School": Please consider donating peanut butter and jelly, lunch snacks, and cereal.

Noisy Can Offering, September 11

During **September 11's** two worship services there will be a Noisy Can Offering for the Synod Mission Trip to Salem's Sister Congregation, Trinity Lutheran Church in Olney.

Midwest Food Bank, September 28 at 9:30am

Midwest Food Bank (Peoria Division - 9005 N Industrial Rd, Peoria, 61615) volunteer opportunity is **Wednesday September 28 at 9:30am-11:30am**. (Please note this change in time for this date only.) Please register in advance through this link: <https://portal.goldenvolunteer.com/timeslots/LNII&tCDuq>

CT Vivian Mentoring

CT Vivian is a primary school (K-4th) that Salem has been helping for a long time. The Mentoring Program matches a Salem member with a teacher. Schedules are flexible but usually involve one hour per week. If you are interested, please contact Toni Greving in the office (309-688-9212) or Bill Ligon (263-2128).

Ladies' Night Out

The next Ladies' Night Out will be on **Monday, September, 26 at 6pm at Donnelly's Irish Pub**. Please note that this is a tentative meeting place as Donnelly's is planned to reopen. If there is a change you will be notified. Please sign-up by **Friday, September 23** at the Welcome Center.

Atrium Design Team

During the month of August, the Atrium Design Team have met with two design consultants. The purpose of the team is to listen to ideas, recommendations, as well as concerns regarding the furnishing and using this unique space. If you have ideas or concerns, related to how this space could be used for various purposes, please share your thoughts with any member of the Salem Atrium Design Team.

Members of the Salem Atrium Design Team include: Julie Kotewa, Connie Iverson, Helene Peterson, Paula Sydow, Roxanne Vandervlugt and Gayle Young. If you are interested in being part of the Atrium Design Team, please call Julie Kotewa at 309-712-8175, or through the Salem office (office@salemofpeoria.com) with attention to Julie, Atrium Design Team Facilitator.

Thank you for your ideas and input during this early planning stage.

Julie Kotewa,
Facilitator Atrium Design Team

Faith for Life

(6th, 7th & 8th grade students and families)

Pastor Craig and Deacon Jill are eager to get started with a new and exciting year of Salem's "Faith for Life" program, and we hope you are too! Faith for Life is an opportunity to grow in faith and relationships with others specifically designed for junior high students. Salem Lutheran's program includes catechism education as well as opportunities to participate in worship, service projects, and fellowship.

Faith for Life follows a three-year rotation including a New Testament Year, an Old Testament Year and a Lutheran Year. 2022-2023 is Faith for Life's Lutheran Year!

The Fall, 2022, Faith for Life Calendar for junior high students includes the following:

Life Together Education - Wednesdays

September 21: 6:30pm-8pm

September 28: Breaking Bread Family Dinner Served 5:45pm-6:30pm; Education at 6:30pm-8pm

October 5: 6:30pm-8pm

October 12: 6:30pm-8pm

October 19: 6:30pm-8pm

October 26: Breaking Bread Family Dinner Served 5:45pm-6:30pm; Education at 6:30pm-8pm

Faith for Life Special Projects & Events

Wednesday, September 28, 4pm-6:30pm: Paws for a Cause Service Project

Sunday, October 2, 9:30am: Blessing of Pets and Animals

Youth Group Nights at Church - Junior and Senior High School - Third Sundays from 5pm-7:30pm

Sunday, September 18 – dinner provided

Sunday, October 16 – dinner provided

Synod Youth Gathering at Lake Williamson in Carlinville, IL

Friday-Sunday, November 18-20

Cross-Generational Opportunities with Faith for Life:

There is a specific cross-generational emphasis during the Faith for Life years, too. Student Fan Clubs are currently being established. All Salem members are encouraged to participate in a Student Fan Club (See Fan Club article info in this newsletter on page 9.)

Reformation Special - Cross-Generational viewing of the *Luther Movie*

Thursday, October 27, 6pm-8:30pm



FAITH FOR LIFE FALL CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Sept 18: 5PM-7:30PM
Youth Group

Sept 21, 28: 6:30PM-8PM
Faith for Life: Life Together Education

September Service Project:

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING: CARING FOR PETS & CELEBRATING THE JOY PETS BRING US

- Pet food will be collected all month for the Critter Meals on Wheels Program
- Monetary donations will be collected all month for Pets for Seniors (PFS)
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E WEDNESDAY, SEPT 28

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OCTOBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

Oct 16: 5PM-7:30PM
Youth Group

Oct 5, 12, 19, 26: 6:30PM-8PM
Faith for Life: Life Together Education

E SUNDAY, OCT 2

9AM: Worship

9:30AM: Outside Pet Blessing

10AM: Sunday School

11AM: Worship

E WEDNESDAY, OCT 26

5:45PM-6:30PM: Breaking Bread Family Meal

6:30PM: Faith for Life

E THURSDAY, OCT 27

6PM-8:30PM: Viewing of Luther Movie (also available for check-out!)

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, NOV 18-20: Synod Youth Gathering at Lake Williamson in Carlinville, IL

Salem Student Fan Club - Coming this Fall...

THE #1 JOB DESCRIPTION TO BE IN A STUDENT FAN CLUB IS TO PRAY FOR YOUR STUDENT!

There are a countless prayers one can offer for adolescents growing up in today's complex world. Salem Student Fan Club will introduce some general student prayer themes through the *Bugle* each month. As a Fan Club participant, you will receive a picture and some info about your assigned student this fall, and periodically, we will send you an update on your student's life in their own words including their activities, joys, concerns and any special prayer requests they have to help guide your prayers.

When you participate in the Salem Student Fan Club, we ask that you introduce yourself to your student and their parents. Salem will host a student open house each semester to facilitate intentional caring conversations. If you want to send a birthday card or note of encouragement, that's great, too, but not required. These are long-term relationships – there is no rush to know everything about your student or vice versa. We believe in the power of prayer, and we believe the Holy Spirit will nurture these relationships as we all grow in Christ together to love and serve.

Interested in joining Salem Student Fan Club please use the online form:

<https://form.jotform.com/222275150180143> or contact Deacon Jill (jgoldhammer@salemofpeoria.com)

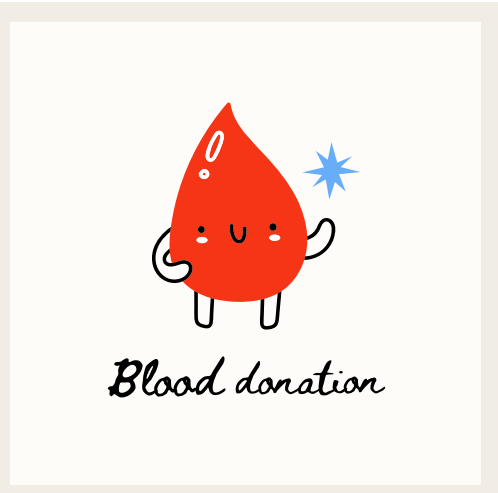
FROM THE PARISH NURSE, LORI REIMER

Blood Cancer Awareness and Salem Blood Drive

This year, 1.9 million people will be diagnosed with cancer. Needing a blood transfusion can be an essential part of going through cancer treatment. For those undergoing chemotherapy treatments, a blood transfusion might give them relief from some symptoms and improve their quality of life. Cancer patients use nearly 1/4 of the blood supply – more than patients fighting any other disease – but only 3% of Americans donate blood in a year.

Give Blood to Give Time has been an initiative of the American Red Cross and the American Cancer Society to encourage people across the country to donate blood or platelets to help cancer patients receive the lifesaving care they need.

In addition, September is Blood Cancer Awareness month. Leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma, and myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS) are types of cancer that can affect the bone marrow, the blood cells, the lymph nodes and other parts of the lymphatic system. Some people with these and other blood diseases or disorders such as hereditary anemias and aplastic anemia need periodic blood transfusions for several reasons. The disease process itself can sometimes interfere with the normal production of red cells, white cells and platelets in the bone marrow. For example, almost all patients with leukemia (which primarily affects the marrow and blood) require some transfusions during their care. Many chemotherapy drugs can temporarily impair blood cell production in the marrow and depress immune system functions. Stem cell transplantation patients receive high doses of chemotherapy, which depletes stores of normal blood cells.



I personally would like to dedicate Salem's September Blood Drive in memory of my brother, Brad Livingston who many of you knew as an amazing guy who always had a joke for you or might have even opened the narthex door for you on a Sunday morning. Brad's birthday was in September, and he was an avid blood and "almost" platelet donor. In his first screening to donate platelets was when he was diagnosed with leukemia. Thus began his journey of receiving many platelet and blood transfusions donated by generous people he never knew until two plus years after diagnosis he received a life-saving bone marrow transplant. So, if you knew Brad or have another personal example of a blood recipient, consider donating at Salem on **September 19 between 1pm and 6pm**. Contact Lori Reimer through the church office or her email at Ireimer@salemofpeoria.com or go to recrossblood.org and search for Salem's Blood Drive.

CONGRATULATIONS

- Congratulations to Jeff and Raluca Hamann as they welcome Valeria, who was born on **August 2, 2022** in Romania. Donald and Susan Hamann are proud grandparents.
- Congratulations to Kevin and Stephanie Dammann as they welcome daughter Charlotte Ann, who was born on **July 23, 2022**.
- Congratulations to Ashlynn McKinty as she celebrated part of her faith journey as a child of God engaging in her baptism on **Sunday, August 14, 2022**.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|--|---|---|---|
| September 1
Julie Doty | September 9
Jamie Hancock | September 15
Kadyn Cochran
Jeffrey Hamann | September 22
Haley Aubrey
A.J. Bastian
Rebecca Glawe |
| September 3
Emily Jolliff | September 10
Laura VanLaningham | September 15
Marlene Peterson | September 22
Nicole Vandervlugt |
| September 4
Greg Grebner
Caidon Hickey
Talon Maki | September 11
Paul Misselhorn
Gregory Scoville
Melissa Snider | September 16
Connor Kelly
Henry Noe | September 23
Daniela Gonzales
Donna Siegrist
Alex Swanson |
| September 5
Diane Engfer
Carole Love
Robert Middleton,
Sr.
David Swanson | September 12
Caleb Brinkman
Grant Kroodsmma | September 17
David Rees | September 24
Inez Norgard |
| September 6
Katherine Hancock
Nancy Knobloch | September 13
Jennifer Friberg
Donald Hamann
Jordyn Manning
David Thomasson | September 18
Kevin Setterlund | September 26
Alice Bahnfleth
Kelly Brinkman
Justin Machacek |
| September 8
Mary Gibson
Suzanne Ligon | September 14
Amy Hoffman | September 20
Ella Hartman
Tim Koeltzow
Kylee Lambie
Drew Swanson | September 29
Alyssa Glawe |
| | | September 21
Karl Larson | |

THANK YOU

Thank you to Howard and Marjorie Walker for their generous \$1000 gift in memory of Fran Riley. This gift has been divided between Salem Endowment, Memorials and Salem's Capital Appeal.

PRAYER REQUESTS

THANKSGIVING TO GOD FOR...

- Salem's growing ministry

DIRECTION...

- Salem Congreg. Council
- Salem's Pastor, Deacon and Staff

PRAYERS REQUESTS...

- Salem's Sister Congregation: Trinity Lutheran Church (Olney)
- All those affected with COVID-19
- The men and women of our armed forces
- Support for all caregivers when loved ones suffer
- Individuals suffering from depression
- People of Guatemala

- Ulrich family in Malawi
- Families at Crittenton Center
- Midwest Food Bank
- Wally Bastian and his family
- Lesly Baumgarten
- Luan Borquist
- Jim Chelgren
- Butch Conard
- Gabe

- John and Tanya's daughter-in-law and their family
- Jack Grant
- Valeria Hamann and family
- Joy Hartman and family in the death of Joy's mother
- Henry
- Ron Hipple
- Lesley Howard
- Rebecca Johnson
- Helen Johnson

- Lizzie
- Morgan Lott
- Marta
- Bill Mettam
- Jo and Gil Nolde
- Lana Pasco and family on the death of Lana's husband, Sam
- Sally Olsen
- Larry Olsen
- Donita Purcell
- Rosy Park
- Robert, father of Lisa Janco

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY...

Stateside: Gibson Gonzalez, Emily Graff, Barry Joyce, Jim Sterling, Jason Sterr
Overseas: Ian Borquist, Talon Maki



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2 WORSHIP SERVICES

STARTING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11

8:30AM AND **11AM**
TRADITIONAL CASUAL

9:45AM: ALL AGES EDUCATION HOUR