

# the Bugle

As we enter the fall season, it is a good time to reconnect and refocus our sense of community and the new opportunities that are planned for sharing in the work of Christ's church through Salem. This fall, Salem will initiate a Capital Appeal focused on Salem's mission and vision statements. This month, I invite you to ponder with me the first of three key points in Salem's vision for our sense of who we are as people of God together.

***Growing People in Christ through:***

- **Dynamic and meaningful worship and prayer as the vital core fostering our sense of belonging.**

After more than two years, and through conversation, prayer, and reflection together, Salem's Council members agreed it was time to add a second time for worship on Sunday mornings. If we are going to be true to who we say we want to become, it is important that we spend time, effort, and resources to create worship opportunities that draw us in and nurture our connection to God and one another. On September 11, a new schedule was introduced which offers numerous gathering experiences at Salem on Sunday mornings: two different worship services, a fellowship hour as well as education for all ages. For generations, Sundays have been set aside as the Lord's Sabbath. As we all know, however, that pattern for individuals and families has changed and Sundays are now spent at ballfields, campgrounds, backyards, work settings, vacation venues, leaving less opportunities to gather in the Lord's house at the same time as was common not all that many years ago.

My questions are: ***Does this mean Salem needs to change our focus?*** and ***Is our sense of belonging being shaped differently and how do we feel about that?***

Later this month, you will begin to receive materials about **Engaging God's Mission: Hope for the Future**. These materials will help you prepare for deeper conversations with one another and guide us in the work that will unfold over the next three years. I see this to be an exciting time, a hopeful time, an engaging time to re-imagine what it means to be the church. ***Who will we become? Who will we invite? What will foster our sense of belonging on this journey?*** My greatest hope is that we will indeed feel that meaningful worship and prayer is vital to who we are as people of God and will grow our vision to further invite and extend God's kingdom. Please join me in prayerful and hopeful imagination for the work God is calling us to share.

- Pastor Craig



# OCTOBER MEETINGS & EVENTS

For more information: [saalemofpeoria.com/communications/calendar/](http://saalemofpeoria.com/communications/calendar/)

## WORSHIP TIMES

SUNDAYS at 8:30am (livestream) and 11am

SUNDAY, OCT 2 at 9:30am: Pet Blessing

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

SATURDAY, OCT 15 at 8am:

Outdoor Work Day

SATURDAY, OCT 15 at 5pm:

Adult Fellowship

SUNDAY, OCT 23 at noon:

Indoor Work Day

## FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAYS at 9:45am:

Education Hour

WEDNESDAYS at 10am:

Bible Study on Zoom with Pastor

THURSDAYS at 9:15am:

Adult Bible Study

TUES, OCT 4 at 10am:

Rebecca Circle

WED, OCT 12 at 2pm:

Lydia Circle

SUNDAY, OCT 16 at 5:30pm:

Youth Group

WEDNESDAYS THROUGH

OCT 26 at 6:30pm:

Faith for Life Education

WED, OCT 26 at 5:45pm:

Breaking Bread

WED, OCT 26 at 7:30pm:

Salem Book Club on Zoom

WED, OCT 27 at 6pm:

Viewing of *Luther* movie

## OUTREACH

OCTOBER: Sock Collection

for Phoenix Community

Development Services,

Food collection for

Bethel United Methodist

SUNDAY, OCT 2: Fair Trade

Sunday

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

THURSDAYS at 6pm:

Sanctuary Bell practice

THURSDAY at 7pm:

Sanctuary Choir practice



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### Pastoral Emergency Number:

In case of emergency please call:  
Pastor Craig: 309-258-4759 or  
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Capital Appeal Teams continue to work toward the 2023 Capital Appeal. **Engaging God's Mission: Hope for the Future.** Efforts will be made this fall to expand awareness of Salem's mission connected within by love and reaching out in hope as witnesses of the gospel. St. Paul describes what God provides as gifts from God for the purpose of abounding hope. There is work to do right here in our own church, with our Peoria neighbors, and in collaboration with synod and global partners.

All missions require not only a destination and a purpose but also fuel or resources that help make them happen. The 2023 Capital Appeal is two-fold: to invite each member's financial support for both:

- Salem's 2023 mission (our annual ministry budget) and...
- Paying off the remaining debt from our building renovation (gifts & 3-year pledges over and above your regular pledge/offerings)

Salem's mission statement is that *"Salem will be a vibrant welcoming Lutheran community that, through the grace of Jesus Christ, is connected within by love and reaching out in hope to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with one another, the community and the world."*

This month-long emphasis is all about increasing our engagement with our mission and vision and committing ourselves to support God's calling to us to be Christ's people of hope!

Salem's vision is *Growing People in Christ* through:

- Dynamic and meaningful worship and prayer as the vital core fostering our sense of belonging.
- Supportive relationships will meet the personal needs of individuals and families at all stages of life.
- Sharing the Gospel to the community and world through both word and deed.

**Engaging God's Mission: Hope for the Future** is what we are about and where our focus is placed, and the Bible captures our enthusiasm: *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."* (Romans 15:13). Please anticipate the materials and prayerfully consider your response when you receive them later this month. Thank you.



### Capital Appeal Key Dates for "Engaging God's Mission: Hope for the Future"

- Saturday, October 22 at 6pm:** Early Giving Event
- Sunday, October 23:** Appeal Kick-off
- Sunday, November 6:** Invitation to Respond
- Sunday, November 20:** Celebration Sunday

## Welcome Karmita Alwan!

Welcome our new Nursery Attendant Karmita Alwan. Karmita has experience working in church nurseries and is currently a Nursery Attendant for another church on Wednesday evenings. She also has an alternations business. Karmita brings extensive experience as she ran her own daycare when her children were younger and has a nursing degree. Even if you do not have nursery age children, please stop by the Nursery and welcome Karmita to Salem.



Karmita Alwan,  
Nursery Attendant

## Sunday Fellowship

Please be sure to stop by the Social Hall after the first service AND before the second service for some fresh baked cookies and fellowship. Volunteers are needed to bring alternative snacks such as fruit. (Since apples are a nice fall fruit, there are bottles of Sprite in the refrigerator that cut apples may be dipped in to keep them from browning.) Sunday fellowship snack sign up is available in the Social Hall.

## Veteran's Day Remembrance: Military Roll Call Form

Congregational Care will be honoring Veterans on **Sunday, November 13**. In order to provide the most accurate information to celebrate and remember Salem veterans. Please complete the Military Roll Call form or submit photographs by **October 14** or contact the church office ([office@salemofpeoria.com](mailto:office@salemofpeoria.com)) for assistance.

## Adult Fellowship: Bonfire, October 15

Adult Fellowship hosted by Lori Reimer at Raymond Weitzel's home (2506 N Taylor Rd, Hanna City) will be having a bonfire on **Saturday, October 15 at 5pm**. Please bring a dish to share. The main course will be provided.

## FALL WORK DAYS

### Fall Work Days - Two Opportunities

#### Outdoor Projects: Saturday, October 15 at 8am:

On Saturday outdoor work projects will begin at 8am and finish at noon.

#### Indoor Projects: Sunday, October 23 at noon:

On Sunday indoor projects which are less labor intensive will begin after second worship around noon.

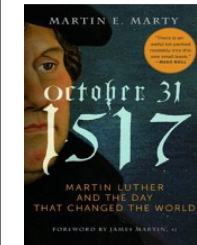
Thank you for helping to keep Salem Lutheran Church in great shape! Sign-ups will be available online through the Bugle Blast.



## Salem Library

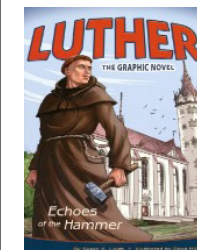
An online library resource is available through the library Catalog on Salem's website. Currently there are over 800 books of adult and children's collection from which to choose. You are invited to browse the collections, write down the call number or the children's section where the book is shelved, then come to the library to check-out books of your interest whenever the church is open. If you wish to have book delivery to your home, please contact Karen Swenson at 309-258-5708 or [klswen@hotmail.com](mailto:klswen@hotmail.com).

To access and view the library collection ([salemofpeoria.com](http://salemofpeoria.com)), look for the Learn tab, click on Salem Lutheran Library, click again on Library Catalog and scroll through the adult or children's online collection. Or, search ([salemofpeoria.com/salem-lutheran-library](http://salemofpeoria.com/salem-lutheran-library)).



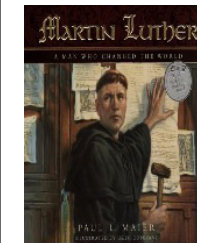
### October 31, 1517: Martin Luther and the Day that Changed the World by Martin E. Marty (284.109 MAR)

When Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the church in Wittenberg, little did he know it would start a revolution! Celebrating Luther's 500-year legacy, Marty explores the history and influence that this theologian's earthshaking writings have had on Christianity and their continued significance for believers today. Includes the 95 Theses.



### Luther: Echoes of the Hammer (Graphic Novel) by Susan K. Leigh (YA 284.1LEI)

Witness the life of Martin Luther in a completely new way—a graphic novel style. This biography of Martin Luther is visually appealing with its comic book illustrations depicting major moments in this religious hero's life. This is the story of one man who headed a revolution that changed the world. From a small town in medieval Germany, the Reformation resulted in dramatic, sweeping change that still echoes to all corners of the world today.



### Martin Luther: A Man Who Changed the World by Paul L. Maier (Children's section - "Martin Luther")

The reformer, Martin Luther, was a powerful, influential man whose personal quest for peace with God launched widespread change in the church and laid a new foundation for society. As a young monk, Luther searched the Scriptures to ease his anxieties about sin and salvation. He became convinced that the Roman Catholic Church had lost sight of its central themes. Luther challenged the church by posting his Ninety-five Theses on the door of the Wittenberg Church, an act that guaranteed attention. Rome responded quickly, demanding Luther to retract his remarks and eventually declaring him an outlaw. Despite its best efforts, the hierarchy of the church could not suppress Martin Luther. These dramatic events of his life sparked discontent that had been smoldering for centuries. Luther's writings were widely read and accepted as the Renaissance ended and the Reformation began. His words continue to influence the church today as Christians rely on the truth of God's Word.

## Cross-Generational Movie, Oct 27 at 6pm

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

Children, Youth and Family Ministry is hosting a view of the *Luther* movie on **Thursday, October 27, 6pm-9pm**. This movie is a biography of Martin Luther, the sixteenth century priest who led the Christian Reformation, and opened up new possibilities in exploration of faith. The film follows the highlights of Luther's life, from his early days as a law student, through his conversion during a lightning storm, to his days as a bright young Augustinian monk.



## Salem Book Club

Book Club will meet via Zoom on **Wednesday, October 26, 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!



"A Lineage of Grace" by Francine Rivers -- something new for Salem Book Club ...historical fiction.

The Bible is filled with inspiring stories of unlikely candidates God chose to change eternity. This bestselling compilation in one volume contains five novellas about such people—women in the family tree of Jesus Christ.

Tamar. Rahab. Ruth. Bathsheba. Mary.

Each was faced with extraordinary—even scandalous—challenges. But they had courage. They lived daring lives. Sometimes they made mistakes—big mistakes. And yet God, in His infinite mercy, used them to bring forth the Christ, the Savior of the world. Their

stories still hold great meaning and inspiration for us today.

Each novella includes an in-depth Bible study perfect for personal reflection or group discussion.

## Faith for Life (6th-8th Grade Students)

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.

### Life Together Education - Wednesdays, 6:30pm-8pm

October 5, 12, 19

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

### Faith for Life Special Projects & Events

#### Blessing of Pets and Animals

Sunday, October 2, 9:30am

#### Youth Group Night (Junior & Senior High - Conference Game Night)

Sunday, October 16, 5pm-7:30pm  
pizza and games

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

Thursday, October 27, 6pm-9pm

#### Synod Youth Gathering at Lake Williamson in Carlinville, IL

Friday-Sunday, November 18-20

## Northern Conference Youth Group Night

The NCYB (Northern Conference Youth Board) is a collaborative ministry of ELCA congregations of the Northern Conference of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod offering faith formation events and resources for children, youth and families. On **Sunday, October 16 from 5pm-7:30pm**, Salem Lutheran will be hosting a NCYB Game Night. Come meet other ELCA high school and junior high youth, enjoy games and pizza!

## Affirmation of Baptism

Salem Lutheran Church students will affirm their baptisms on **Sunday, October 30 at 8:30am worship.** Please keep these students (Emily Arnold, Sienna Hopkins, Sydney Hopkins, Brianna Schroeder and Brent Wallstedt) in your prayers as they grow in their faith.

## Fair Trade Sunday, October 2

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

## October 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.

**OCTOBER DONATION THEME: "Pet Supplies":** October food collection theme is pet supplies to go along with the pet outreach efforts.

## Noisy Can Offering, October 9

During **October 9's** two worship services there will be a Noisy Can Offering to support the Socktober Outreach focus.



MONTH OF OCTOBER

## OUTREACH MINISTRY SOCK COLLECTION

### Socks are the most requested item for the homeless

For those who don't have a home, it often means walking on average up to 10 miles each and every day. A simple piece of clothing such as new, fresh socks, feet can be protected from getting cold, getting wet, and getting blisters or worse.

Salem Outreach Ministry Group will be collecting sock donations throughout the month of **SOCK**tober for donation to a Phoenix Community Development Services. Look for the **SOCK**tober blue bins to drop off your donations. Thank you for helping make an impact in the Peoria community.

### About Phoenix Community Development Services

Phoenix Community Development Services' mission of "Turning Lives Around" reflects their long history of serving populations of individuals who have limited resources and support systems, including those with mental health challenges, intellectual disabilities and other special needs. In addition to the economic challenges these individuals face, a disability often further impacts access to employment, adequate housing, and services to address special needs.

Phoenix CDS provides comprehensive, supportive services to Peoria's most vulnerable citizens who face great challenges. Thank you for your support!

## Ministry Team Members

Dear Salem Family,

The Worship and Music Ministry Team is looking to add a couple new members!

Our Team works behind the scenes to support Pastor Craig in creating worship services, to support our director of music Maggie with various music and musician selections, and to provide new and updated services throughout the year.

For instance, recently our Team was instrumental in returning to 2 services on Sundays.

We work well as a unit and meet once per month throughout the year. Currently we have been meeting via Zoom Communications, which we have found to work well for us.

Our current members are:

Pastor Craig, Maggie Slotter, Nadine Willems, Matt Grebner, Karen Swenson, Leah Grebner, Christine Steele, Todd Kelly, Kelly Brinkman, Julie Kotewa and myself.

Please contact any of our members for more information. Let me know if you are interested in strengthening our amazing Team!

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ALL ARE WELCOME

Salem Lutheran Church

# HYMN FEST

Sunday, Nov 6, 2022

Hymn sing  
Drinks and  
Pretzels available  
for purchase

2PM-4PM • Free Admission  
Linden Hof German American Society  
7601 N Harker Dr • Peoria, IL 61615

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On **Sunday, November 6 from 2pm-4pm**, "Hymn Fest," will be held at the Lindenhof German American Society (located at 7601 N Harker Dr, Peoria, IL 61615). This is a casual gathering of people singing hymns over a beer or soda. Hymns led by Don Bauer, Director of Music from St. John's in Bartonville.

There is free admittance to this event. Beer, soda and pretzels will be available for purchase. This is an all-inclusive event, so bring a friend and join in this sing-a-long event!

If you have further questions please contact Joan Creager at (309) 688-9212.

## Wine and Cocktails: A Wine and Cocktail tasting for Lutheran Social Services Illinois (LSSI)

Enjoy a Wine and Cocktail tasting for adults (age 21 and above) at Mackinaw Valley Winery, at 2pm on Sunday, October 16, 2022. You'll enjoy Award-Winning Mackinaw Valley Vineyard wines turned into cocktails, and ready-to-drink cocktails, along with "palate-cleansing" snacks for a fun and tasty sensory experience, AND a chance to participate in some "cocktail related" challenges.

Door Prizes, fun and fellowship and a light supper follow (Grilled by the Mackinaw Lions Club), and a Silent Auction and Raffle of donated items. Relax with live music by the popular Greg Williams on guitar and voice.

Enjoy the picturesque scenery and explore the winery and vineyards. Additional Wines, Cheeses and Gourmet Chocolates may be purchased.

Tickets are \$30 per person (write your checks payable to Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria) Proceeds will go to the LSSI Children's Community Services program.

**ADVANCE TICKETS REQUIRED!** To get yours, mail a check and your email address to: Pepper Bauer, 5220 S. Cameron Lane, Mapleton IL 61547. We will send you an Email receipt, and your tickets, or hold your tickets for you at the door. Please place your reservation by **October 10**.

Questions? Call Pepper at (309) 697-5762, cell: (309) 657-5726, or email: pepperbauer@att.net

## Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria (LWGP)

### General Membership Meeting: You are invited!

On Friday, October 14, 9am-11am Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria will meet in the Schwindenhammer Room, 2nd floor of Lutheran Hillside Village (formerly The Galena Room). Fellowship will be from 9am-9:30am with breakfast items provided by the ladies of First English Lutheran Church. Men's Songsters will perform. Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria General Membership Meeting will take place followed by a tour of LHV's new Wellness Center, conducted by Phil King.

Please RSVP to Lisa Mack (309) 360-2669 by **October 8**.

Please help the LWGP and the annual Wine and Cocktails event at Mackinaw Valley Vineyard by bringing along one of the following to the General Membership Meeting:

- A bag of oyster crackers
- A bag of pretzels
- A canister of nuts
- OR a box of crackers (your choice)

## Church Mouse Thrift Shop: Donate items, please

When you are cleaning your closets and you find gently used clothing or toys, where do you take them?

Think of The Church Mouse Thrift Shop! Located near the campus of Bradley University (600 West Main Street, Peoria.) Donations may be brought to the back entrance Monday – Saturday between 10am – 3pm. The Church Mouse financially supports both Lutheran Hillside Village and Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. They appreciate your support!

## Eating A Healthy Diet

Eating fruit provides health benefits — people who eat more fruits and vegetables as part of an overall healthy diet are likely to have a reduced risk of some chronic diseases. Fruits provide nutrients vital for health and maintenance of your body

### Nutrients

- Most fruits are naturally low in fat, sodium, and calories. None have cholesterol.
- Most vegetables are low in fat and calories,
- Fruits are sources of many essential nutrients that many people don't get enough of, including potassium, dietary fiber, vitamin C, and folate.
- Vitamin C is important for growth and repair of all body tissues, helps heal cuts and wounds, and keeps teeth and gums healthy. Vitamin C helps your body absorb iron more easily
- Vegetables are sources of many of the same nutrients as well as Vitamin A. Vitamin A keeps skin and eyes healthy and helps protect against infections.
- Diets rich in potassium may help to maintain healthy blood pressure. Fruit sources of potassium include bananas, prunes and prune juice, dried peached and apricots, cantaloupe, honeydew melon, orange juice, sapote, jackfruit, guava, and kiwi.
- Vegetable sources of potassium include sweet and white potatoes, tomato products, lima and kidney beans, soybeans, spinach, and acorn squash.
- Diet fiber from fruits and vegetables, as part of an overall healthy diet, helps reduce blood cholesterol levels and may lower risk of heart disease. Fiber is important for proper bowel function.

For more information, checkout [www.myplate.gov/eat-healthy/fruits](http://www.myplate.gov/eat-healthy/fruits) (or [/vegetables](http://www.myplate.gov/eat-healthy/vegetables)).

## THANK YOU

On **September 11** the Noisy Can offering for the Synod Mission Trip to Salem's Sister Congregation, Trinity Lutheran Church in Olney was \$293.71. Thank you for your generosity.

Deacon Jill offers prayers of thanksgiving and gratitude as her husband Bill continues to make improvements after his hospitalization.

Bill has returned home with a variety of in-home services. Please continue to pray for strength, healing, and patience, as he continues to recover at home.

## CONGRATULATIONS

- On **Sunday, September 4**, Alice Elenora Christiansen, daughter of Timothy Christiansen and Kerstin O'Connor was baptized at Salem Lutheran Church. Sponsors are Martin O'Connor and Anna Lindquist.
- Joshua French and Kristen Cooper Wedding on **Saturday, September 24**.

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

### October 1

Kim Ascherl  
Zachary Ferrell

### October 2

Velma Crowley  
Stephanie Dammann  
Miles Janssen  
John Sipf

### October 3

Susan Oldenburg  
JR Runkel

### October 4

Jackson Gabel  
Karsen Gabel

### October 5

Allen Bidne

### October 6

Alton Berg  
MaryAlice Erickson  
Elijah Sipf

### October 7

Trenton Hainline  
Meghan Peterson

### October 10

David Griffith  
Maren Kelly

### October 11

Terry Krus

### October 12

Aaron Hartman  
Brent Wallstedt

### October 13

Jane Grimm  
Scott Hainline  
Michael Newcomb

### October 15

Melissa Aprahamian  
Sharon Coyner  
Marilyn Oertley  
Gavin Stenzel

### October 16

Roberta Kessinger

### October 18

James Ripper  
Kelly Swanson

### October 19

Christa Taubert  
Gayle Young

### October 20

Matthew Kammerer

### October 21

Kelsi Gustafson  
Jaxon Howard  
Kathy Kalbacken  
Kalinda Topsword

### October 23

Susan Barham  
Joann Blum  
John Gabel

### October 25

Jodi Campbell  
Brett Cooper  
Faith Forkell  
Erika Haedicke  
Sandra Harvey  
Fred Stamerjohn  
Celeste Woerner

### October 26

John Day

### October 27

Alison Meinert

### October 28

Mike Shadley

### October 29

Gail Serrahn

### October 30

Aaron Grebner  
Ann Sterr  
Annie Swanson

### 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
- Helen Buerger
- Jim Chelgren
- Butch Conard
- Gabe
- John and Tanya's daughter-in-law and their family
- Jack Grant
- Henry
- Ron Hipple
- Lesley Howard
- Rebecca Johnson
- Helen Johnson
- Linda
- Lizzie

- Morgan Lott
- Dave Mabee
- Marta
- Bill Mettam
- Bill Monckton and Deacon Jill
- Jo and Gil Nolde
- the family of John 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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God's work. Our hands.



Thank you to the Salem Churchmen for hosting the Salem Family Picnic on August 28. Fun was had by all and \$296.56 was raised for Lutheran World Relief School Bag shipping costs.

