

# the Bugle

**N**ovember is an engaging and defining time at Salem. As the weeks unfold, so does the emphasis to engage in opportunities that deepen our partnerships, enliven our relationships, and increase the compassion we share with others. Salem members should now have received a packet of information regarding a second Capital Appeal as well as General Giving for this fall. This is an opportunity to complete the Renewing God's House Appeal from four years ago.

Thanks to generous giving, the project is over 80% paid. What a blessing it has been to have so many people commit to this endeavor. This second Capital Appeal will be a 3-year effort to complete the good work that has begun and that is preparing us for future ministry possibilities.

By mid-November, all Salem members will have received a two-sided response card for both the second Capital Appeal and General Giving. Engaging God's Mission, we can anticipate hope for the future! We have new work to do right here in our own church, with our Peoria neighbors, and in collaboration with synod and global partners. There is much to be done as we engage more fully in the work that God gives us so that we may abound in hope, empowered by God's Spirit.

**November 20 is Celebration Sunday!** It is the day we will ask God's blessings on both the annual stewardship appeal as well as the three-year capital appeal. Together in worship, we will present our gifts of intent and pray that God will use what we offer to support annual ministry needs, pay off the remaining debt from our building renovation (gifts and three-year pledges over and above your regular pledge/offerings), and support future ministry possibilities.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and response to this combined pledge appeal. Combined contributions will free us to more fully engage God's mission and increase our ability to share more fully in the work to which God is calling us as people of hope!



Thank you!  
Pastor Craig



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

**Sunday, November 6:** Invitation to Respond

**Sunday, November 20:** Celebration Sunday

## FOR ALL THE SAINTS

### THOSE REMEMBERED THIS YEAR.

Walter Anderson, Natalee Arff, Paul Bartholomew, James Bridges, Cynthia Elliott, Elaine McHugh, Beverly Maier, Bruce Norgard, Richard O'Connor, Irene Sawatzky, Bill and Mary Anne Welch, and Martin Wieshan



### CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

## Ladies of Salem Fellowship, Nov 7

On **Monday, November 7**, the Ladies of Salem will be holding a time of fellowship in the Salem Church Social Hall beginning at 6pm.

There will be a potluck dinner and ladies attending are encouraged to bring their favorite Fall recipe! There will be a time of fellowship following the meal. For those who want to be a little crafty, we will have an opportunity to make a fall project for your home or gift giving.

Ladies of Salem look forward to seeing you all there, and sign-up at the Welcome Center is encouraged. For more questions, call Pam Machacek (309-264-6127) or the church office and talk to Toni Greving.

## 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 Recognition, Nov 13

We will be honoring our Veterans on **Sunday, November 13**, through a video presentation at Salem in the lounge and first floor atrium. A video will also be available online. Please plan to join us in the Social Hall for refreshments and fellowship.

## Adult Fellowship, Dec 1

There will be an adult fellowship Christmas party on **Thursday, December 1 at 7pm** at the Lariat Steakhouse (2232 W. Glen in Peoria.) Sign up at the Welcome Center.

## Christmas Greetings

Let our members know they're remembered by providing a cheery greeting for their Thinking of You Christmas bags! You may bring your cards beginning on **Sunday, November 27 through Sunday, December 11**. The names of people to be remembered will be included in Bugle Blast and in the December Bugle.



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In case of emergency please call:  
Pastor Craig: 309-258-4759 or  
Lori Reimer: 309-303-3808

## NOVEMBER MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

### WORSHIP TIMES

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

**SUNDAY, NOV 20:** Celebration Sunday

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**SUNDAY, NOV 6 at 2pm:** Hymn Sing at Lindenhof

**MON, NOV 7 at 6pm:** Ladies of Salem Night Potluck

**SUNDAY, NOV 13:** Veteran's Day Remembrance

**THURS, DEC 1 at 7pm:** Adult Fellowship at the Lariat Club

### 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, NOV 1 at 10am:** Rebecca Circle

**WED, NOV 16 at 2pm:** Lydia Circle

**FRI, NOV 18 - SUN, NOV 20:** Synod Youth Gathering

**WED, NOV 30 at 7:30pm:** Salem Book Club on Zoom

### OUTREACH

**SUNDAY, NOV 6:** Fair Trade Sunday

**WED, NOV 30 at 9am:** Midwest Food Bank (Peoria)

### WORSHIP & MUSIC

**THURSDAYS at 7pm:** Sanctuary Choir practice

**WED, NOV 9 & NOV 16 at 7pm:** Praise Team practice

### SALEM COUNCIL & MINISTRY GROUP MEETINGS

**TUESDAY, NOV 1 at 7pm:**  
Salem Council Meeting  
(in person)

**MONDAY, NOV 10 at 6:30pm:**  
Congregational Care Ministry

**TUESDAY, NOV 11 at 7pm:**  
Outreach Ministry

**TUESDAY, NOV 11 at 7:30pm:**  
Faith Formation Ministry

**MONDAY, NOV 21 at 7pm:**  
Salem Churchmen Meeting

**TUESDAY, NOV 22 at 7pm:**  
Property & Finance Ministry

**TUESDAY, NOV 29 at 7pm:**  
Worship & Music Ministry

All Salem members are invited to attend ministry group meetings. If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact the council liaison or the church office.

### SALEM COUNCIL & LIAISONS

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## Salem Book Club

Salem's Book Club will meet on **Wednesday, November 30 at 7:30pm** to discuss The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak by Shannon Bream - this is the same author of the book, Women of the Bible Speak, which we read earlier in the year. All are invited to join us.

"Have faith" is a phrase we hear all the time. But what does it actually look like to live it out? In The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak, Shannon

Bream examines the lives of biblical women to see how God's plans can turn our worlds upside down.

Through stories, Shannon Bream explains the intimate connection between faith and family—and how God's unexpected agenda can redefine the way



we think about family. Not all of these mothers and daughters in the Bible were paragons of virtue. Like us, they were human beings who faltered and struggled to do their best. While some heard God's voice, others chose their own paths. Through the lens of their imperfections, we can see how God used their stories to bring about His divine plans. He's still doing the same work in our lives today.

The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak shows that faith is more often a twisting road than a straight line. Yet, as the stories of biblical families attest, at the end of these journeys lies greater peace and joy than we could ever imagine.

*Salem Book Club will not meet in December, but will meet in January.*

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

## OUTREACH MINISTRY

### Pajamas for Prevention of Abuse

The Center for Prevention of Abuse (CFPA) is working to end abuse and break the cycle of generational violence. CFPA is the only agency in the entire state sanctioned to provide its combined services of Domestic Violence, Sexual Abuse/Assault, Human Trafficking, Adult Protective Services, and Prevention Education under one roof. CFPA operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, and all victim services are free and confidential.

Pajamas for children and women of all ages will be collected during the month of November and delivered to the Center for Prevention of Abuse. Here is a link should anyone prefer monetary donations: [www.centerforpreventionofabuse.org/how-to-help/monetary-donations](http://www.centerforpreventionofabuse.org/how-to-help/monetary-donations).

## Outreach Ministry Christmas Giving Tree Opportunities 2022

This holiday season the Outreach Ministry group is providing opportunities for Salem to purchase gifts for OSF Almost Home Kids and Lutheran Social services Foster Kids programs. The links below are available for you to select gifts or donate funds to these worthy causes, and will also be included in the Bugle Blast.

### Almost Home Kids (AHK)

OSF HealthCare Children's Hospital of Illinois is proud to offer an Almost Home Kids location - one of only three in the nation - in Peoria, Illinois. Almost Home Kids provides transitional and respite care in a home-like setting for children with complex medical needs and their families. Funded entirely through community donations, Almost Home Kids is a 12-bedroom, 21,000-square-foot home. AHK provides compassionate, competent care to children from birth to age 21 who have complex medical needs. Often they are dependent on medical technology such as ventilators, tracheostomy tubes, G-tubes, central lines or oxygen. Almost Home Kids has served children with over 400 different diagnoses.



### Almost Home Kids Target Wish List:

[www.target.com/gift-registry/gift-giver?registryId=f39ad81a-88ea-11eb-a89e-2fadf0c18e30&type=CUSTOM](http://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift-giver?registryId=f39ad81a-88ea-11eb-a89e-2fadf0c18e30&type=CUSTOM)



### Almost Home Kids Amazon Wish List:

[www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/2WRTD03THZ6BM/ref=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_cp\\_ep\\_ws\\_SCRnBb81NVQX4](http://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/2WRTD03THZ6BM/ref=cm_sw_r_cp_ep_ws_SCRnBb81NVQX4)

### Lutheran Social Services of Central Illinois (LSSI)

LSSI's Children's Community Services office in West Peoria last year served 565 children, ages infant to 19, across Peoria, Tazewell, Woodford, and Stark Counties in addition to the recruiting and training of foster parents. The office also provides a variety of other services for children and families, including adoption preservation, counseling, and Intact Family services.



### Lutheran Social Services Gifts for Christmas:

<https://www.lssi.org/make-a-gift/>

## Affirmation of Baptism

Salem Lutheran Church students affirmed 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.

## Adult Faith Formation

Salem parents of all ages are invited to take a fun, informative look at Parenting Styles during Sunday School Hour from **9:45am-10:45am on Sunday, November 6**. Deacon Jill will facilitate this discussion using the *Nurturing Families* curriculum. Please plan to meet in the second-floor fellowship area.

## Bible Presentation: A Milestone Ministry

As part of Salem's Milestone Ministry, Bibles will be presented on **Sunday, November 13th at both services** to students in our 3-year-old and 3rd Grade Sunday School classes. Presenting Bibles to these students helps fulfill promises that their parents; sponsors; and we, the Salem Family, made at each of their baptism. Placing the word of God in the hands of these young people is an important milestone in their faith journey. Let us celebrate with them and give thanks to God for their continued growth in faith.

## Synod Youth Gathering at Lake Williamson

The Synod-wide middle & high school youth event at Lake Williamson will be held this year from **November 18-20**. The theme is "Hold Us Together" and will feature times for small group mixers, worship, service projects, and lots of games! Please keep these youth in your prayers.

## Fair Trade Sunday, November 6

Outreach Ministry group will be selling fair trade items in the atrium on **Sunday, November 6.**

## November Food Collection

To continue the non-perishable food collections for Bethel United Methodist's Food Pantry please donate anytime during the month.

## Noisy Can Offering, November 13

During **November 13th's** two worship services Noisy Can Offering will be received to support the pajama collection for the Center of Prevention of Abuse outreach focus.

## Midwest Food Bank Serving Opportunity, November 30

In two short hours you can see directly how you have helped in just two hours. Volunteering at Midwest Food Bank (Peoria Division - 9005 N Industrial Rd, Peoria, 61615) is a rewarding experience and the next volunteer opportunity is **Wednesday November 30 at 9am.** Please register in advance through this link: <https://portal.goldenvolunteer.com/timeslots/LNII8tCDuq>



Scan here to register



### Outreach Ministry: Growing People in Christ

Growing people in Christ... to Love and Serve. Growing in Christ at Salem means that we are both gathered and sent. We gather around God's Word and Sacrament at worship on Sundays, and then we are sent out to love and serve God's world with the rest of our week.

Outreach Ministry Group is looking for anyone interested in joining our ministry group. We work to develop ways for Salem to reach out into the community with service projects, and other activities to share God's word. If you are interested in joining the planning of outreach activities - Outreach meets the second Tuesday of each month (except for June and July) at 7pm at Salem. If you are interested or have questions please contact Sarah Gonzales, sarbear11814@gmail.com.

#### Thank you, Sarah Gonzales

Outreach Ministry's current chairperson, Sarah Gonzales will be stepping down at the end of the year. The ministry group and church leadership are actively looking for someone to chair this wonderful committee. Sarah Gonzales has served in the leadership role for the Outreach Ministry Group for over three years. Her experience leading and coordinating programs and activities that help Salem members grow in Christ to love and serve have been greatly appreciated. Thank you, Sarah!



Sarah Gonzales helping assemble Lutheran World Relief school kits.

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.

## Adult Fellowship

Adult Fellowship has been led by co-coordinators, Leah Grebner and Merrell Hickey, since 2017. Thank you both for five years of coordinating special events and outings for Salem's adults. As they step aside towards other projects and endeavors let's learn more about Adult Fellowship!

**What did you like about leading Adult Fellowship?** Leading Adult Fellowship we enjoyed getting to know congregation members better. Since we tried to offer a variety of activities, you had the chance to find out different church friends' interests.

**How many events do you schedule?** Usually one a month, but every other month might enable more people to attend.

**What was your favorite event?** Leah didn't have a favorite, but each event was unique and enjoyable in its own way. Merrell really liked how we got creative and found different ways to connect with activities online during covid restraints.

**What is the goal of Adult Fellowship?** Just like offering various Sunday worship opportunities, adult fellowship offers multiple ways to gather outside church to learn more about each other and find common interests. The goal of adult fellowship at Salem fits well with the mission of growing people in Christ to love and serve, as it helps us grow in love and friendship for all members. In the future, perhaps the inclusion of service projects might help further meet our institutional mission.

If there you are interested in coordinating an Adult Fellowship event please contact Congregational Care Ministry leader Kris Griffith (griffdk@comcast.net).

## Food Preparations

Fixing meals and eating with family is a part of many holiday celebrations. Here are some tips to help prevent food poisoning, or food borne illness, during the holidays.

- **Keep foods separated.** Beef, chicken, turkey, seafood, and eggs should be separate from all other foods at the grocery store and in the refrigerator. Prevent juices from meat, chicken, turkey, and seafood from dripping or leaking onto other foods by keeping them in containers or sealed plastic bags.
- **Cook food thoroughly.** Meat, chicken, turkey, seafood, and eggs can carry germs that cause food poisoning. Use a food thermometer to ensure these foods have been cooked to a safe internal temperature.
- **Keep food out of the “danger zone.”** After food is prepared, keep hot food hot and cold food cold. Refrigerate or freeze any perishable food within 2 hours (1 hour if food is exposed to temperatures above 90°F). The temperature in your refrigerator should be set at or below 40°F and the freezer at or below 0°F.
- **Use pasteurized eggs** for dishes containing raw eggs, such as eggnog, tiramisu, hollandaise sauce, and Caesar dressing.
- **Do not eat raw dough or batter.** Dough and batter made with flour or eggs can contain harmful germs, such as E. coli and Salmonella. Do not taste or eat raw dough or batter that is meant to be baked or cooked. Some companies and stores offer edible cookie dough that uses heat-treated flour and pasteurized eggs or no eggs. Read the label carefully to make sure the dough is meant to be eaten without baking or cooking.
- **Thaw your turkey safely;** thaw in the refrigerator, in a sink of cold water (change the water every 30 minutes), or in the microwave.
- **Wash your hands with soap and water** during times when you are likely to get and spread germs. Wash your hands before, during, and after preparing food as well as before eating.

For more information on food safety visit [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov) or [foodsafety.gov](http://foodsafety.gov).

## THANK YOU

On **October 9** the Noisy Can offering for Socktober was \$164.64.

Through the generous donations during September, \$1350 was donated to Pets for Seniors.

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.

## CONDOLENCES

Prayers are requested for the family of Elaine McHugh who joined the church triumphant on **Thursday, September 29**. The funeral was on Saturday, October 8 at 2pm, with visitation at 1pm at Salem Lutheran. May God grant comfort and peace to her family and friends.

## BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS! NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

### November 1

Ron Breidel

### November 2

Randolph Middleton

### November 3

Mark Janco

Linda Wragge

### November 5

Kris Griffith

Lois Knutson

Suzanne Neltner

Jacqueline Storks

### November 6

Richard Serrahn

### November 7

Matthew Grimm

Keniya Scoville

David Sterr

Nathan Wiesehan

### November 8

Evan Lott

Suzanne McMickle

### November 9

Lachlan Kelly

### November 10

Jennifer Gregg

Carolyn Noe

### November 12

Alf Berg

Tyler Blum

Benjamin Uphoff

Julia Wallstedt

### November 15

Peyton Manning

### November 16

Chad Doty

Mickayla Hughbanks

Barbara Ricketts

### November 17

Kirsten Kelly

### November 19

Emily Ferrell

### November 20

Susan Faulkner

### November 21

Isabel Gonzales

### November 22

Jerome Sokolowski

### November 23

Lynette Christensen

Dennis Thomasson

### November 24

Andrew Ferrell

### November 25

Megan Faulkner

Heather Hopkins

### November 26

Catherine Setterlund

### November 27

Kathryn Cowser

Martin Creager

Gary Johnson

Aaron Kotewa

Harper Wowra

### November 29

Matt Bastian

## 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
- Norma Hartman
- Ron Hipple
- Lesley Howard
- Rebecca Johnson
- Helen Johnson
- Kim
- Linda
- Lizzie

- Morgan Lott
- Dave Lyons
- Dave Mabee
- Marta
- the family of Elaine McHugh
- Bill Mettam
- Bill Monckton and Deacon Jill
- Jo and Gil Nolde
- Larry Olsen
- Donita Purcell
- Rosy Park
- the family of 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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## Blessing of the Pets and Animals

Thank you to Pastor Karen Norman Rees for conducting the Blessing of the Pets and Animals on Sunday, October 2. For those unable to attend may your pet and your family enjoy life together and find joy with God who created you.

Photographs from Pet Blessing Sunday by Laura Hartman.