

# the Bugle

Summer is a busy time for families. Most schools take a break from classes, and some adapt to year-round schedules. At the same time activities, county fairs, camps, vacations and the like take on more prominent roles, and each year it seems more difficult to fit everything into a condensed three months.

As this time transitions, many at Salem are gearing up for a packed four-half-day event of Vacation Bible School. Traditionally, more than three-quarters of the people who participate are not members of Salem. It truly is an outreach opportunity to engage others with the message of God's love and practice being a community-minded family. That's what it means to be part of a church, to look for ways to partner with others in Christ's church who otherwise are less connected.

### ***Hero Hotline: Called Together to Serve God!***

During the week of June 26, through Vacation Bible School we will focus on stories that teach us to: ***Follow Jesus, Help Others and Work Together, Listen to God, and Share Grace.*** Songs, crafts, games, stories, experiments, and decorations will accompany the experience and deepen our understanding of where God invites us into relationships with one another and at the same time with God for deepening faith. Numerous volunteers are planning to make this an exciting opportunity of learning and growing together. Whether or not you are involved in this year's VBS program, you can still take part.

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**WE**  
..are called to..  
**FOLLOW JESUS!**

**WE**  
..are called to..  
**HELP OTHERS!**

**WE**  
..are called to..  
**WORK TOGETHER!**

**WE**  
..are called to..  
**LISTEN to GOD!**

**WE**  
..are called to..  
**SHOW GRACE!**

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There are four Sundays in June. Each week I introduce a different daily theme and lead us on a path that will climax in the last week of the month when we will be fully immersed in the faith-forming adventure together for four days. In anticipation, I ask you,

"Who are the *heroes* in your life who have guided and encouraged you in your walk of faith? Who have come along side you to show you how to help one another, to work together for the sake of sharing God's love more broadly and intentionally with others?"

We all have individuals who have nurtured and nudged us with examples of love and kindness as reflections of God's love. We all can recall family members, teachers, neighbors, and friends who have supported us as "**hero**" figures that rescued and protected us from fear, danger, loneliness, or heartbreak and have directed us along the journey of life. God's message of love in Jesus is for all of us, not just for those who participate in a week-long adventure in late June. We are daily servants of one another and are partners in the gospel. It is a great message to share as we are being called together to serve God and share what God provides. Blessings on the adventure!

-Pastor Craig

## Who is a "Hero" in Your Life?

If you wish to share a picture of a hero in your life, you are invited to send a picture to the *office@salemofpeoria.com* designated as "hero photo". These photos will be collected during the month and then shared as a photo album in worship on **July 2** when the children share a song or two from the week of Vacation Bible School.



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## Blessings to All Graduates!

On Sunday, May 21, Salem Lutheran Church celebrated an important milestone in the lives of several of our young people. High School graduates: **Lindsey Janco, Anna Kammerer, Levi Salverson, and Annie Swanson.** Know in your faith journeys ahead that your Salem Family is with you in spirit and our hearts are filled with joy in your accomplishments and bright hope for your future!



**Lindsey Janco** is a 2023 graduate of Richwoods High School. Lindsey has been a Varsity member and Captain of the Royalties Dance Team, and a member of the Interact Club. She has also enjoyed working on design projects for school organizations such as yard signs, tshirts, and the yearbook. Lindsey will attend Augustana College this fall to study Graphic Design and Marketing. She also enjoys working at Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory. Lindsey is the daughter of Mark and Lisa Janco.

**Anna Kammerer** is a 2023 graduate of Dunlap High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society and an Illinois State Scholar. Anna was a drum major in the marching band, the 2023 DHS recipient of the John Philip Sousa band award, a member of the concert band and jazz band, and a member of the Master Chorale and the Madrigal choir. She also enjoys volunteering at PFS Shelter. Anna will attend Clemson University in the fall majoring in Audio Technology. Anna is the daughter of Geoff and Sarah Kammerer and the granddaughter of Kay Grandinett, Al and Lynne Kammerer, and Salem members Connie and John Iverson.

**Levi Salverson** is a 2023 graduate of Dunlap High School. He was a member of the high school swim team and the Dunlap Dolphins swim club. In both organizations he qualifies as an Illinois State Championship qualifier. Levi was also a member Leaf club and the National Honor Society. He played viola for the Dunlap High School orchestra from freshman through junior year. He volunteered in the Salem Youth Service and with Loaves and Fish. He will attend North Dakota State University and plans to study finance in Fall 2023. He is the son of Brent and Sandy Salverson.

**Annie Swanson** is a 2023 graduate of Dunlap High School. Annie was involved in Cross Country, Track and Field, and SOS (Saving our Species) Club where she served as vice president. Annie is a member of the National Honor Society and is an Illinois Global Scholar. Annie will be attending Iowa State University this fall as an undecided major. Annie is the daughter of Dave and Kelly Swanson and granddaughter of Salem members Don and Rosemary Swanson.

## Vacation Bible School 2023 Hero Hotline Monday, June 26 – Thursday, June 29 from 9am-noon



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### HEROES (PRE-K-5th Graders)

At Hero Hotline, kids are invited to learn from the heroes of the Bible! As kids experience these stories through music, storytelling, games, arts and crafts, science, and even snacks, they'll learn that we are called to Follow Jesus, Help Others and Work Together, Listen to God, and Show Grace!

### ADULT AND STUDENT VOLUNTEERS (6th Graders and up!)

Vacation Bible School is a outreach serving event for the Peoria Community. We have big jobs and small jobs – every volunteer matters! Please contact Meghan Peterson with any questions or sign up online: [salemofpeoria.com/vbs-2023](http://salemofpeoria.com/vbs-2023).



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## Midwest Food Bank Volunteer Serving Opportunity on Wed, May 31 from 9am-11am

This project will be instrumental to helping Midwest Food Bank reduce hunger in our community. Please register online to volunteer at: <https://portal.goldenvolunteer.com/timeslots/KMWigaHP0t> . If interested in this service opportunity, please register in advance and plan to meet at the Peoria Division (9005 N Industrial Rd, Peoria, 61615) at 9am on Wednesday, May 31.

## Food Collection for Bethel Food Pantry

Outreach Ministry group will be accepting non-perishable food donations for Bethel United Methodist Food Pantry all month. During Vacation Bible School - students will be encouraged to bring a donation for the Bethel United Methodist Food Pantry.

## Fair Trade, June 11

Outreach Ministry group will be selling Fair Trade items in the atrium on **Sunday, June 11.**



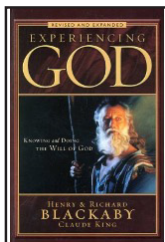
## Noisy Can Offering

Thank you for your generous support. On **Sunday, May 7** at both worship services a Noisy Can offering received \$348.09 for the Synod Assembly Festival beneficiaries the Ambovombe-Androy Synod and Faradofay Synod located in southern Madagascar. Salem will add an additional \$200 to this festival offering.

Your gift designated for "Synod Assembly Festival," will provide support for the Synod's companion synods of the Malagasy Lutheran Church. Companion synod relationships are rooted in "accompaniment," which promotes the values of mutuality, inclusivity, vulnerability, empowerment, and sustainability.

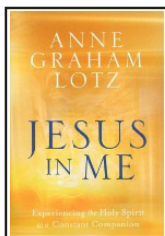
Companion synods nurture and strengthen one another for life and ministry through prayer, study, communication, exchange of visitors and sharing of resources. The relationships enrich and deepen our ministries by exposing us to global challenges and perspectives as we seek to work with one another to build up the body of Christ and the world.

## Salem Library



### *Experiencing God: How to Live the Full Adventure of Knowing and Doing the Will of God* by Henry T. Blackaby & Claude V. King (248.4 BLA)

A modern classic that has sold millions of copies worldwide, "Experiencing God" is based on seven Scriptural realities that teach us how to develop a true relationship with the Creator. By understanding how God is working through us, we can begin to clearly know and do His will and discover our lives greatly and gracefully changed.



### *Jesus in Me: Experiencing the Holy Spirit as a Constant Companion* by Anne Graham Lotz (231.3 LOT)

The Holy Spirit is not a magic genie, a flame of fire, or a vague feeling; he is our constant companion! Lotz draws on biblical knowledge and personal stories---including her cancer diagnosis---to help us understand and appreciate the meaning behind seven of the titles given to this Third Person: Helper, Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor, Counselor, Strengthener, and Standby.

Questions? Please contact Karen Swenson at 309-258-5708 or at [klswen@hotmail.com](mailto:klswen@hotmail.com)

## First Friday Family Cookout, June 2

We will have a whole family First Friday event **Friday, June 2 at 6pm** at the Sipf's. We will have a good 'ole family cookout complete with lawn game tournaments. Please register at the Welcome Center and bring a dish to share. Address and directions will be shared once your registration is received.



## Women of Salem, June 4

All women are encouraged to stay after church on **June 4** to discuss the future of the Women of Salem. Please come with ideas and an open mind as we attempt to navigate our future.

## Rebecca Circle, June 6

Rebecca Circle plans to meet for lunch on **Tuesday, June 6 at 11am at Olive Garden.** Join this circle by contacting Roxanne Vandervlugt.

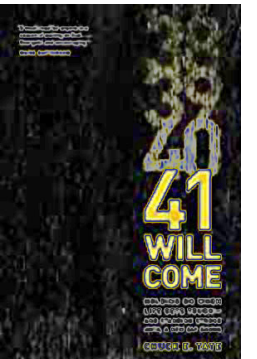
## Salem Book Club, June 28

Join Salem members once or every month for fellowship and book discussions! Our next meeting is **Wednesday, June 28 from 7:30pm-8:30pm on Zoom.** Recommended by two book club attendees, we are reading **41 Will Come** by Chuck E. Tate.

In the words of the author: "In the Bible, it rained for 40 days and 40 nights. 41 came and the rain stopped. The people of Israel wandered the wilderness for 40 years. 41 came and a new generation entered their Promised Land. For 40 days Goliath bullied Israel and taunted anyone to fight him. 41 came and David slew Goliath.

Do you see the theme? Don't quit. Don't give up. Perhaps you're stuck in a downpour or lost in one of life's deserts. Maybe you're facing someone or something that could take you down. You might feel stuck on your journey . . . but day 41 is on its way.

No matter how long your battle--days, weeks, or years--Chuck E. Tate offers you seven keys to help you hang onto the promise and the truth that God will come through for you."



## Family Fellowship at the Peoria Municipal Band

**Come enjoy the band's 86th season of providing fun, free, family entertainment**

Please join Salem members at the opening night of the Peoria Municipal Band at the Glen Oak Park Amphitheater on **Sunday, June 4 at 7pm.** The Morton Civic Chorus, which includes Jeanne Setterlund and Dave Griffith, will be singing a couple songs with the band. Molly Slotter is currently chairperson of the band.

The concert is free of charge, as are raffle tickets for restaurant gift certificates. You can meet Kris Griffith at the raffle table to find out where the Salem folks are sitting or call her cell (309) 370-2336. You may want to bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. More information can be found on their website [www.peoriamunicipalband.com](http://www.peoriamunicipalband.com). If the concert is cancelled due to weather, it will be announced on the Peoria Municipal Band Facebook page.

## FROM THE PARISH NURSE, LORI REIMER

Every year, high temperatures and humidity claim the lives of more than 600 people in this country, according to the American Red Cross and the CDC. Those at most risk of developing a heat-related illness are adults over 65, those with chronic medical conditions, people who work outside, infants and children, and athletes.

The American Red Cross shares some guidelines to help you keep yourself and your family safe as temperatures rise.

- Never leave children or pets in your vehicle. The inside temperature of the car can quickly reach 120 degrees.
- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids. Avoid drinks with caffeine or alcohol.
- Check on family, friends and neighbors who do not have air conditioning, who spend much of their time alone or who are more likely to be affected by the heat.
- Avoid extreme temperature changes.
- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, light-colored clothing. Avoid dark colors because they absorb the sun's rays.
- Slow down, stay indoors and avoid strenuous exercise during the hottest part of the day.
- Postpone outdoor games and activities.
- Take frequent breaks and use a buddy system when working outdoors.
- Check on animals frequently to ensure that they are not suffering from the heat. Make sure they have plenty of cool water and shade.

## Condolences

Prayers are requested for Becky Hagan and her family. Becky's father, Bill Mettam died peacefully at Lutheran Hillside Village on Wednesday, May 10. Prayers for peace and comfort for Becky, Gretchen, and Wendy and all family members who mourn his passing.

## Thank You

- Thank you to everyone who made and delivered May Day baskets. We hope it brought cheer to the 85 Salem members and any neighbors and friends of members who received one. - Congregational Care
- To Salem Family - We feel blessed that Mom was surrounded by your love while at Salem and during her celebration of life. Thank you for the fitting service, followed by luncheon. Love- Heather, Noah, Sydney and Sienna and Nate and family.



- Thank you to the Salem Family for their support of the Salem Saints fundraising team for the More Than Pink Walk (team photo to the left.) With your help - the Salem Saints raised \$23,684, and were the top fundraising team.

## BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS! JUNE BIRTHDAYS

### June 1

Sophia Doty

### June 2

Dawn Koeltzow

### June 3

John Ford  
Scott Kalbacken

### June 4

Jane Topel

### June 5

Jaeyden Grebner

### June 6

Robert Suelter

### June 7

Sis Gavin  
Robert Petrakis

### June 8

Gilbert Nolde

### June 9

Rebecca Snyder

### June 10

Rosy Parks

### June 11

Mark Hartman

### June 15

Mary Luan Borquist  
Chloe Steele

### June 17

Travis Janco  
Jeff Machacek

### June 18

Clarence Knutson  
Stacy Lantz

### June 19

Earl Gallas  
Donna Miller

### June 21

Edell Berg

### June 22

Jeffrey Bastian  
Timothy Hamann  
Shane Snyder

### June 23

Christine Harvey  
Morgan Lott  
Jennifer Swanson

### June 24

Walker Koeltzow  
Caleb Lott

### June 25

Marilyn Smith

### June 26

Amy Boland  
Lance Koss

### June 27

Paula Sydow  
Maxwell Thompson

### June 28

Cailey Deirking

### June 30

Brant Wegrzyn

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### THANKSGIVING TO GOD FOR...

- Salem's growing ministry

### DIRECTION...

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

### PRAYERS REQUESTS...

- Salem's Sister Congregation: Trinity Lutheran Church (Olney)
- 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

- Luan Borquist
- Charlene
- Jim Chelgren
- Colleen Cole
- Butch Conard
- John Day
- Zachery Dickerson
- Bill Fischer
- John and Tanya's daughter-in-law and their family
- Leah Grebner
- Ken Gulliford
- Norma Hartman
- Ron Hipple
- Lesley Howard
- Rev. Steven Jacobsen
- Helen Johnson
- Julia and Larry Kotewa
- Chris and Dan Layng
- Lizzie
- Marta
- Marian Meinert
- the family of Bill Mettam

- Jo and Gil Nolde
- Larry Olsen
- Nancy Owen
- Linda Peterson
- Rosy Park
- Regina
- Jackie Ruthman
- Dick Serrhan
- Debi Smith
- Georgia Sutherland
- Brant Wegrzyn
- Harry Wier
- Allen Willers
- Zachery

### PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY...

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





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## Salem Lutheran Church

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Monday, June 26 - Thursday, June 29, 9am-noon  
Sunday, July 2: Students share their voices at worship

Register online: [www.salemofpeoria.com/vbs](http://www.salemofpeoria.com/vbs)



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