

the Bugle

One of my favorite books for middle and high school children is the whimsical and fun Dr. Suess "Oh, the Places You Will Go." I have shared the story at Baccalaureate services, given it as graduation gifts and have shared it in children's messages. "Congratulations! Today is your day. You're off to Great Places! You're off and away!" So, it begins... Life is an adventure and each of us are taking part in shaping what that adventure looks like. It is exciting, scary, wonderful and sometimes difficult depending on what we face and how prepared we are for the adventure. The month of May includes preschool, middle school, high school, and college graduations. It is a time of transition and rite of passage as individuals move into new life opportunities. Will the past have served to adequately prepare for the next chapter? Will the next path lead us to better opportunities, new friends, new skills? Just what does life look like for what is before us? There are also new adventures aside from graduations, a new job, retirement, birth of a child or grandchild, relocation, change in health status and the story still applies, "Oh, the Places You Will Go." Some you will like, others not so much, but onward and forward we go, even to places you would rather not go.

I was pleased with good participation in Holy Week and Easter celebrations. Thank you to readers, computer technicians, door openers, ushers, musicians, kitchen helpers, lily providers, worship attenders. Because of you, many enjoyed the transition from Lent to Easter in meaningful ways. We are moving forward through the season of Easter and by month's end, we will have been encouraged to anticipate the promise of the Holy Spirit's coming anew as on that first Pentecost, God's gift to empower and direct the first believers into new adventures, so it is with us. May 28 is Pentecost Sunday. It is also Memorial Day weekend and the change of time for the summer worship schedule. It is a new adventure and will set us on a path of summer activities, planning and anticipating and leaning into fall. For now, however, we give thanks for the weeks of the month, the continuation of the Easter season and the coming of new and exciting opportunities.

For those facing new adventures I pray this prayer over you. "As you go on your way may Christ go with you. May he go before you to show you the way. May he go behind you to encourage you, beside you to befriend you, above you to watch over, within you to give you peace."

-Pastor Craig





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Share Your Summer Sundays at the Quarter Hour!

SUNDAY, MAY 28 - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Fellowship time before worship at 8:15am-9:15am, followed by
worship at 9:15am. Following worship, fellowship time at 10:15am-
11:15am.

Thank you, Deacon Jill

Thank you to Deacon Jill Goldhammer for sharing in leadership
at Salem for many years. Deacon Jill began in the Children, Youth
and Family position in October 2005, was commissioned as an
Associate in Ministry in April 2006, called as Deacon in 2017 and
is now concluding her work as the position ends on April 30. With
gratitude for Deacon Jill's years of service to partner with Salem
children and families in growing in Christ, the Salem family wishes
her many blessings for the next opportunities God provides. Thank
you, Jill. We send you forth to love and serve in Jesus' name.

As always Salem members are encouraged to support Salem's
ministry efforts for all ages and stages of life. If you would like to
participate more fully in Salem's ministries such as Vacation Bible
School or fall programming, please contact the church office.

*"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."* - 1 Thessalonians 5:18

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Transportation Ministry

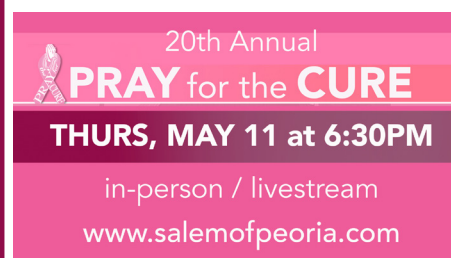
We are looking for a few transportation volunteers. On Sundays,
there is the need for transportation to second service. There are
also occasions when members need rides to doctor appointments
or short errands but do not need our Parish Nurse Lori Reimer
present with them in the doctor's office. If you would like more
details or are interested in this important transportation ministry,
please contact **Kris Griffith (309) 370-2336 or griffdk@comcast.net.**

Ladies' Night Out, May 15

Thank you to Pam Machacek for planning this year's Ladies' Nights
Out and to Toni Greving for providing seasonal craft projects. The
next Ladies' Night Out will be **Monday, May 15 at 6pm** (place TBD.)

Pray for the Cure and More Than Pink Event

from Helene Peterson, breast cancer survivor



PRAY FOR THE CURE

Please join me and other breast cancer survivors on **Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 6:30pm for the 20th Annual Pray for the Cure at Salem.** Pray for the Cure is an ecumenical prayer service enhancing the breast cancer survivor's spiritual well-being in healing and recovery through special prayers and music. Prayer is so very important to our healing!

Pray for the Cure and the Komen Race for the Cure and More Than Pink Walk have been an important part of my life the past 25 years. I have served in many different capacities but never as a BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR. I have been dedicated to Komen's ONE MISSION OF ENDING BREAST CANCER FOREVER.

However, going through the medical process in preparation for the surgery was amazing. You see, I was in Dallas at a National Komen Granting when Dr. Steven Harms presented his discovery on the breast MRI in the late 90's. Now breast MRI is a part of the process in preparation for my surgery. Genetic testing was also a part of the process in preparation for my surgery. Several of the procedures that I went through were as a result of the discoveries by National Komen grantees. I got to see the efforts of many of the Komen National Research in action. Believe me it was amazing and I am here to vouch for that today as a BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR!

Salem's choir will share special music as well as Women of Vision with the Pray for the Cure theme, I WILL BELIEVE! Dr. Lynne Jalovec and Dr. Denise Mammolito, breast surgeons, will be recognized for their many years of good and faithful service as they retire. Other survivors and healthcare professionals will also be participating.

MORE THAN PINK WALK

Mark your calendars and be sure to sign up for the Peoria More Than Pink Walk on **Saturday, May 13 on the Salem Lutheran Saints Team.** Registration is free. Watch for opportunities to sign up in the welcome center.

There are also ways to participate and support the Salem Saints Team through Susan Komen's More Than Pink™ beyond the walk:

- **April 29 at 5pm** – English themed fundraising dinner at Grebner home
- **Thursday, May 11 at 6:30pm** – Pray for the Cure



Spring Work Day, Saturday, May 6, 8am-noon

Please considering volunteering in May. There will be projects for all indoors and outdoors! Planning to clean-up and refresh landscaping and garden areas. 20 plus people needed.

For any questions please contact **Salem Churchmen president, Tim Hickey.**

Noisy Can Offering, Sunday, May 7

The Central/Southern Illinois Synod (C/SIS) has a companion synod relationship with two synods of the Malagasy Lutheran Church. The Ambovombe-Androy Synod and Faradofay Synod are in southern Madagascar and have approximately 40 pastors who serve 60 congregations with 30,000 baptized members. At the Synod Assembly Festival worship, the C/SIS gathers offerings that help support the ministry of these synods.

On **Sunday, May 7** at both worship services a Noisy Can offering will be taken for the Synod Assembly Festival beneficiaries the Ambovombe-Androy Synod and Faradofay Synod located in southern Madagascar.

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.

Thank you for your generous support. Salem will add an additional \$200 to this festival offering.



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> (link will also be in the Bugle Blast.) 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.**

Cinco de Mayo Family Fun: First Friday Night Fun: May 5, 2023, 6pm-8PM

Fellowship for Parents and Children in Pre-K through-8th Grade at Salem Lutheran Church.

You are invited for a great evening of family fun and fellowship!

Children preschool age and up will have dinner, games and maybe even a movie! (children will be supervised by Salem’s G.O.D. Squad (Grandparents on Duty!)) Adults will have a nacho bar and adult fellowship.

G.O.D. Squad (Grandparents on Duty):

Are you interested in working with our youth during the First Friday events or other Youth and Family Events? Do you believe in an intergenerational approach to ministry at Salem? We are welcoming "Grandparents" of any age to work with our youth! Reach out to **Rebecca Sipf (937) 408-9461** or **sign up at the Welcome Center.**

Children, Youth and Family Meeting, May 7

Parents are invited to attend a meeting about Children, Youth and Family for students that will be in 6th-12th Grade in 2023-2024 on **Sunday, May 7 at 9:45am** in the Faith Chapel (east side of the Sanctuary).

Faith Formation Meeting

Interested in being a part of the Faith Formation ministry team? All are welcome as this ministry team continues to vision and plan for the future. The next meeting date is: **Tuesday, May 9 at 7pm** on zoom. Please contact **the church office to receive the meeting link.**

Graduation Sunday, May 21

Sunday, May 21 is Graduation Sunday for Salem's High School Graduates. Graduates (Lindsey Janco, Anna Kammerer, Caleb Lott, Levi Salverson, Annie Swanson) will be recognized during the 8:30am worship service.

Salem Book Club, May 24

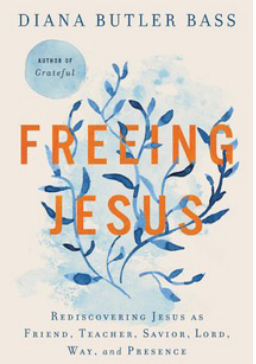
Salem Book Club will meet on **Wednesday, May 24 at 7:30pm on Zoom.** All are welcome to join us — even it is only one time for a specific book that interests you! This month we will be reading "Freeing Jesus," by Diana Butler Bass.

How can you still be a Christian?

This is the most common question Diana Butler Bass is asked today. It is a question that many believers ponder as they wrestle with disappointment and disillusionment in their church and its leadership. But while many Christians have left their churches, they cannot leave their faith behind.

In "Freeing Jesus," Bass challenges the idea that Jesus can only be understood in static, one-dimensional ways and asks us to instead consider a life where Jesus grows with us and helps us through life’s challenges in several capacities: as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence.

"Freeing Jesus" is an invitation to leave the religious wars behind and rediscover Jesus in all his many manifestations, to experience Jesus beyond the narrow confines we have built around him. It renews our hope in faith and worship at a time when we need it most.



Salem Lutheran Church



Vacation Bible School 2023 Hero Hotline

Monday, June 26 – Thursday, June 29 from 9am-noon

Called to Serve Together - Hero Hotline Vacation Bible School invites children of all ages to the Hero Hotline Headquarters where everyone's gifts are valued, and every hero has a role to play.

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

Vacation Bible School is a high impact event for children at Salem in the Peoria Community. Help is needed on **Monday, June 26 – Thursday, June 29 from 8:30am-noon.** It takes a great number of adult and student volunteers to provide Vacation Bible School to a large outreach community event. Youth and adults are encouraged to invite a friend to help you help at Vacation Bible School. We have big jobs and small jobs – every volunteer matters! Please contact the church office with any questions or sign up online: salemofpeoria.com/vbs-2023.

HEROES (PRE-K-5th Graders)

We look forward to seeing Pre-K – 5th graders at Salem Lutheran Church, **Monday, June 26 – Thursday, June 29 from 9am-noon daily.** At Hero Hotline, kids are invited to learn from the heroes of the Bible! As kids (called Heroes) experience these stories through music, storytelling, games, arts and crafts, science, and even snacks, they'll learn that Heroes are called to Follow Jesus, Help Others, Work Together, Listen to God, and Show Grace! And, best of all, they'll be invited to answer this call at Vacation Bible School, at church, at home, and in every area of their lives.



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TO VOLUNTEER



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TO REGISTER

FROM THE PARISH NURSE, LORI REIMER

Playing sports is a lot of fun and can keep kids fit and healthy. Sports can also help build confidence, self-worth and social skills. Playing sports can put children at risk of serious injury. Since their bodies are still growing, their bones, tendons and muscles can be damaged more easily than in adults. Some ways to help prevent injuries include:

- Talk with the coaches and inform them of any health issues.
- Get the right gear for the sport and be sure it fits; wear protective gear, such as helmets, protective pads.
- Warm up and stretch before games and cool down after; don't play when injured
- Remember to hydrate.
- Know the rules of the game and watch out for others.

Have a fun summer and stay safe.

Salem's Next Blood Drive is Monday, May 15 from 1pm-6pm. Donors are needed more than ever as summer approaches and outside activities keep people busy. The seasons may be changing but the need for blood never changes. Donating blood takes only about an hour of your time but could mean a lifetime for a person in need. Using the Rapid Pass prior to your appointment will decrease your time at the drive. Because one blood donation can help up to three patients, your selfless act can mean so much to them and their families. Sign-up by going to redcrossblood.org and search for Salem or by emailing **Lori Reimer at Ireimer@salemofpeoria.com or by calling Lori at the church office.** If you are unable to donate but would like to volunteer your time, let **Lori Reimer know.**

Thank Yous

- Thank you to all who lifted my mother and I up in prayer during and following her recent hospitalization. Your prayers and God's response were definitely felt. - Leah Grebner
- Thank you to Helene Peterson for planning, shopping for, and organizing the Easter breakfast as well as the crew who helped prepare food and set tables the day prior and the Church men who served the food and cleaned up. – Congregational Care
- Thank you to Pam and Jeff Machacek for organizing the Scotch Doubles bowling fellowship event and providing the meal at Salem beforehand for the group of 30. Those who attended were bowled over by how much they have missed this event since the pandemic. – Congregational Care
- Thank you to the individuals and groups who made food, served, and cleaned up for the Lenten lunches, as well as those attended. Your presence in fellowship is most appreciated. – Congregational Care
- Thank yous received from Cuddles with Kindness. With your help the organization was able to donate 4,234 cuddly friends.
- Bethel United Methodist Church would like to thank the congregation for all the generous donations of non-perishable items.
- Thank you for your gift of \$905.03 to Lutheran Disaster Response. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA are to bring the promise and hope to your neighbors around the world.

Just Desserts Bake Sale

Donated baked goods are needed for the next Lutheran Hillside Village bake sale – cupcakes, cookies, pies, small loaves of bread, candies. Please bring donations to the main entrance of LHV (6901 North Galena Road, Peoria) before 11am on **Thurs, May 11.** Putting your items in a container that you do not need back is recommended. It is also very helpful if you label your donation: ie.: Banana Bread (no nuts) made by _____ from _____ Church for LHV Bake Sale.

Just Desserts opens at 8am on Friday, May 12 until 1pm. Proceeds benefit The Benevolent Fund for those residents who have outlived their resources. Questions? Contact **Lisa Mack (309) 360-2669 or LisaDMack14@gmail.com**

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!
MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 1 Karla Wegrzyn	May 9 Calvin Janssen	May 17 Marilyn Setterlund Claire Zapf	Eric Schroeder
May 3 Carter Aprahamian Tracy Daugherty Theresa Gustafson Karen Huxtable	May 10 Jennifer Gallas Lori Reimer	May 19 Arlan Maier	May 26 June Janssen
May 7 Bradley Mangan Lana Pasco	May 12 Collin Swanson	May 21 Magdalene Sipf	May 27 Sue Colloton Kayla Steele Nadine Willems
May 8 Tim Hickey Pam Machacek Deb Sanders Richard Thompson	May 14 Janet Saylor	May 23 Jason Lantz	May 28 Charles Aprahamian Larry Kotewa Paul O'Connor
	May 15 Florence Clark	May 24 Lindsey Janco Jeff Neltner	May 29 Carol McGregor
	May 16 Helen Buerger	May 25 Ronald Hipple Brenna Salverson	May 31 Micah Thompson

Condolences

Carol Adams joined the church triumphant on April 2. Prayers for comfort and strength for her daughter, Heather, son Nate, their families, and all who mourn Carol's death. The celebration of life was held at Salem Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 8.

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
- the family of Carol Adams

- Wally Bastian and his family
- Luan Borquist
- Charlene
- Jim Chelgren
- the family of Rev. Thomas Christell, Jr.
- 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
- Lizzie
- Morgan Lott

- Marta
- Marian Meinert
- Bill Mettam
- Jo and Gil Nolde
- Larry Olsen
- Nancy Owen
- Linda Peterson
- Rosy Park
- Regina
- Debi Smith
- the family of Tessa Sutton
- Georgia Sutherland
- Brant Wegrzyn
- 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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Summer Worship at 9:15am will begin on Sunday, May 28 through Sunday, September 3. Fellowship time (conversation, coffee, cookies and fruit) will be on the quarter hour before and after worship.

New Worship
TIME