



# the Bugle

**E**ach day, I like to ponder what God provides anew. Night has come and gone, but newness comes in the morning. Lamentations 3:22-23 states, *“The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”*

Each day is a gift. It is brand new, never used before, and it is purely a blessing from God and unfolds before us to discover the mysterious and wondrous work of God. There is nothing ordinary nor routine about God’s work. It comes to us and is revealed among us as we ponder, dream, envision and participate in the divine journey of faith and life.

Many of you will remember the introduction of the computer operating system, Windows 95. It was a significant shift for computer operating systems and the expansion of the Windows platform. The roll out was accompanied by a popular song from the Rolling Stones, *“Start Me Up,”* which came to mind for me as I anticipate the many startups that are about to take place. For some, school resumes August 2 with other startups taking place throughout the month. Fall sports activities are underway and will continue well into October. Many at Salem are planning for church picnic, Bible studies, Sunday school, choir, worship, confirmation, and other service and fellowship activities. While I have enjoyed some less structured time to reflect and rest over the summer, I do long to see many who have not been as actively present over the previous months.

This and the next issue of the *Bugle* will describe many opportunities to join in the blessings God provides through worship, education, fellowship, and service activities. The first of these takes place on **August 13** with Blessing of Backpacks and New Beginnings. Children of all ages are encouraged to bring backpacks and receive a blessing and a tag to identify you as a Salem member which goes with you even during the week. *“Let your light shine so others see the good you do (because of your faith connected through your church) and as a result, give glory to God our heavenly Father.”* At the same time, prayers will be offered for any and all who are going through life transitions and are starting up new possibilities: Pre-school, Primary, Secondary, High school, college, retirees, and job change. Your church wants to join in your journey and pray God’s blessings over you.

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Along with the new comes the opportunity to consider the old. Salem turns 140 years old this year. I am pondering ways to celebrate and give thanks for what has brought us this far and to then lean into the next decade with joyful anticipation and look forward to celebrating the sesquicentennial in 2033. I welcome your ideas.

As the days continue to unfold over the summer, I encourage us to consider praying the words of Lamentations as a reminder that each day is a gift, and we have the opportunity of sharing in God's divine gift of grace to bear witness to what God in Christ Jesus is doing among us. May God bless our days, seasons and years with new beginnings, renewed vision and renewed hope. *"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

**FALL WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES**  
Two worship services resume on **Sunday, Sept. 10**  
**8:15AM**  
**10:45AM**  
**EDUCATION HOUR: 9:30AM-10:30AM**

### Worship Participants

Fall worship participant schedules will be available mid-August. Please contact the church office if you wish to serve as a door opener, usher, communion assistant, bread baker, livestream operator, sound tech, or lector. Your time and talents are needed!

### AUG 13 Noisy Can Offering

On **Sunday, August 13**, there will be a Noisy Can Offering to support the Phoenix Community Development Services Rally Day service project. Please read more on page 5.

**AUG 13**

### Blessing of Backpacks and New Beginnings

On **Sunday, August 13**, during worship we will take time to recognize a season of new beginnings as many of us start school and all the "new" things we may do this fall. Students and teachers are encouraged to bring their backpacks to church on **Sunday, August 13 at 9:15am**.

We often think of January 1 as a time of "newness" as we recognize a new year, but this time of year is often the beginning of new schedules, activities, friends, classes of all kinds, new skills and learning take place. Sometimes we look forward to new beginnings, but we can also be anxious about it. Through the highs and lows, God never forsakes us.

Every season has a purpose and is an opportunity to see God as the God of new beginnings. The familiar passage from Ecclesiastes reminds us that:

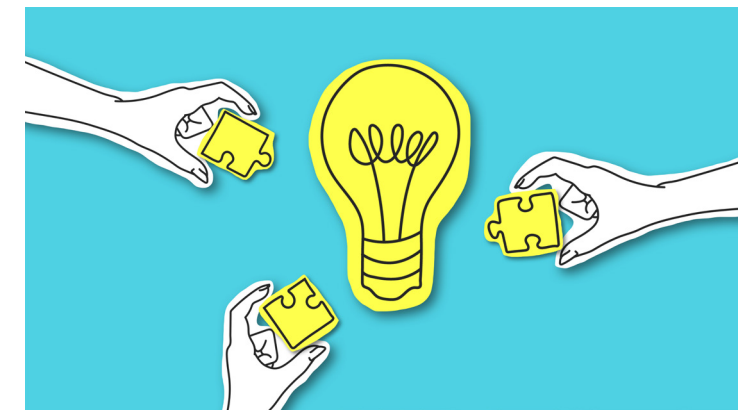
*"For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven..."* -Ecclesiastes 3:1

This is a personal invitation to come and celebrate this season of new beginnings. God is always creating and as we follow the path that Jesus shows us, with the Holy Spirit working in and through us, we are given strength and a desire to pursue new things.

**AUG 13**

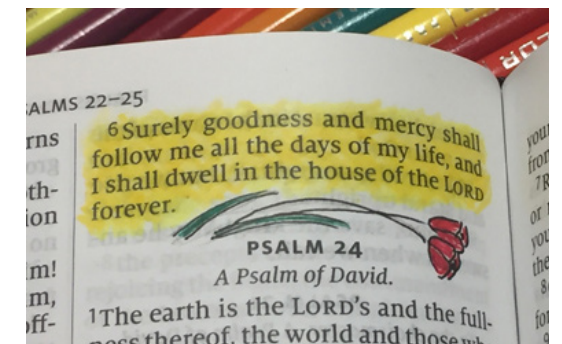
### Junior and Senior High Youth Meeting

The Faith Formation Ministry team invites all junior and senior high youth to gather together in the youth room (3rd floor) on **Sunday, August 13**, following worship for a brief discussion about activities students would like to participate in this school year. Please come with ideas that help build connections with one another, the congregation, and the community to help nurture and grow in faith. If you are unable to attend, contact Kelly Brinkman with your thoughts and ideas, or any questions. Looking forward to seeing you on the 13th!



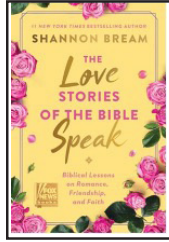
### Pass on the Faith: 3rd and 6th Grade Bibles

Salem's 3rd and 6th grade students will be receiving new Bibles this fall. You are invited to "pass on the faith" and share your favorite scripture verse(s) with Salem's children and youth to let them know what words in the Bible have been most meaningful to you in your faith journey.



Stop by the Welcome Center on **August 6 or 13**, to share your name, favorite verse, and optional one to two sentence explanation of why it is meaningful to you. (We request that you do not write out the whole verse, but list only the book, chapter, and verse numbers as we encourage our young people to use their Bibles to look them up.) If you are unable to make it to church, share your information with Meghan Peterson ([mpeterson@salemofpeoria.com](mailto:mpeterson@salemofpeoria.com)). Thank you so much for your participation in this faith milestone event.

## Salem Library



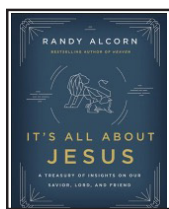
### *The Love Stories of the Bible Speak*

by Shannon Bream (248.4 BRE)

Love is at the heart of the Bible. From the moment Adam declared Eve "flesh of my flesh"... to the sacrificial love of Joseph for Mary... to the deep friendship of David and Jonathan... to the abounding and never-changing love of God: The Bible is a love story. But it also redefines the way the world tells us we should think about love.

In *The Love Stories of the Bible Speak*, Shannon Bream draws lessons from the good, the bad, and the ugly of Biblical romances, friendships, and families. She shows how God's love is often very different from ours, turning upside down our assumptions about life, relationships, and each other.

*The Love Stories of the Bible Speak* reminds us that, no matter where we find ourselves, God's unwavering love will sustain and guide us. These insights into biblical relationships will uplift and encourage you, and reveal new dimensions to the most central Christian duty: to love God and your neighbor.



### *It's All About Jesus: A Treasury of Insights on Our Savior, Lord and Friend*

by Randy Alcorn (232 ALC)

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus as you come to see him anew! In this spiritually rich compilation, Alcorn gathers quotes from Augustine, Martin Luther, Joni Eareckson Tada, Francis Chan, and other Christian thinkers to help you develop a deeper appreciation of who Christ is, what it means to seek him, and more.

To access and view the library collection (salemofpeoria.com), look for the Learn tab, click on Salem Lutheran Library, click again on Library Catalog and scroll through the online collection. Or search: salemofpeoria.com/salem-lutheran-library). Questions? Please contact Karen Swenson at 309-258-5708 or at klswen@hotmail.com.

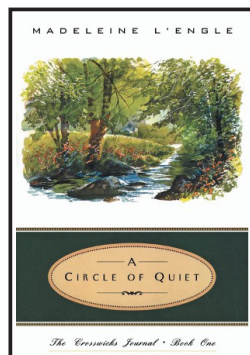
## August Book Club Night

Join Salem members for Book Club Night! We will be meeting via Zoom on **Wednesday, August 23 at 7:30pm – 8:30pm** to discuss "A Circle of Quiet" by Madeleine L'Engle.

Set against the lush backdrop of Crosswicks, her family's farmhouse in rural Connecticut, this deeply personal memoir details Madeleine L'Engle's journey to find balance between her career as a Newbery Medal-winning author and her responsibilities as a wife, mother, teacher, and Christian.

As she considers the roles that creativity, family, citizenship, and faith play in her life, L'Engle reveals the complexities behind the author whose works—

honored with the National Book Award, the Lewis Carroll Shelf Award, and countless other prizes—have long been cherished by children and adults alike. Written in simple, profound, and often humorous prose, "A Circle of Quiet" is an insightful woman's elegant search for the meaning and purpose of her life.



## Peoria Chiefs Ball Game

Members and friends are invited to enjoy an evening together at the Peoria Chiefs ballpark for fun, fellowship with fireworks on **Saturday, September 9 (6:35pm game)**. Salem Churchmen are sponsoring the event contributing \$10 of the \$16 per person ticket price. This is an evening with fireworks after the game. Please **RSVP by August 20** at the Welcome Center or online: [www.form.jotform.com/salemofpeoria/peoriachiefsrsvp](http://www.form.jotform.com/salemofpeoria/peoriachiefsrsvp).

## Hike or Bike, Aug 20

Grab your bike or hiking shoes and meet-up at the Rock Island Bike Trail (meet just north of Pioneer Parkway) on **Sunday, August 20 at 4pm**. Meghan Peterson is hosting. Please reach out to her with any questions (309) 369-3061.

## Rally Sunday is September 10th!

Plans are underway for Rally Day – when Salem Lutheran Church transitions to the fall schedule of two worship services and faith formation classes begin on **Sunday, September 10!** There will be a cross-generational service project for you to participate in during the Education Hour.

We will be collecting items for Phoenix Community Development Services (Phoenix CDS) and other social service agencies in our community throughout August. Items needed are listed below and will also be listed in future **Bugle Blasts** and on tags at the Welcome Center.

### Service Project Item Collection

Collecting new and unused items for **Welcome to Your New Home Supply Kits** – For Individuals and Families

- One reusable shopping tote per kit, in which to put the following items.
- One roll of paper towels (in original packaging)
- 2 to 4 rolls of toilet paper (in original packaging)
- Dish soap
- All-purpose cleaner and/or glass cleaner
- Small box or roll of trash bags (kitchen size)
- Sponges or dishcloths
- Optional add-ins: disposable gloves, air freshener, small flashlight with batteries
- Add a "Welcome to Your New Home" note if you'd like!

Also collecting new and unused items for **Take Care: Basic Hygiene Kits** – For Youth and Adults

- One gallon-sized zip top plastic bag per kit, in which to put the following items. (Bag may not close, depending on the size of the items. All items must be new and unused and can be full-size or travel-size items.)
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Body wash or bar of soap (in original packaging)
- Shower pouf or washcloth
- Deodorant (male or female scent)
- Optional add-ins: Hair conditioner, lip balm, hairbrush, disposable razors, shaving cream
- Add a "Take Care" note if you'd like!

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### Cross-generational Service Project Assembly

On **Rally Day, September 10**, join the cross-generational team to assemble the items collected into "kits" to assist Phoenix CDS in their work. Their primary goal is to end homelessness and provide the individuals, families and veterans they serve with a warm, safe place to live independently – and away from the dangers of the streets. Phoenix CDS works with them to set and achieve goals, make healthy life choices, find employment, build skills, and become stable, self-sufficient members of society. Check out their website for more information: [www.phoenixcde.org](http://www.phoenixcde.org).

Sunday School classes (ages 3-year-olds through High School) will participate in the service project and then parents and students will have time to go to the classrooms and meet teachers. There will be a shortened class time on **Sunday, September 10**.

SUMMER UPDATE

# Jocette + Salih Arbeyi

## Tanzania Agriculture Summer Mission

Salih Arbeyi's CRU team wrapped up their summer mission in Arusha, Tanzania in June. This was an amazing three-week trip for their team. Every time when faced with a roadblock they have seen God's provision.

Their team consisted of six university students with two as agriculture specialists. They worked mainly with the Maasai community in northern Tanzania, and conducted three agriculture workshops, each lasting four days.

Maasai are a people group who are predominantly live a nomadic pastoralist lifestyle. Due to droughts and losing their pastures in recent years, the community had an urgent need for food security. As they surveyed the access to meals, the team discovered some families who only had access to a meal every other day.

### Surprises & Challenges

The trip was full of surprises and challenges for the team. Maybe a bit more than usual – here are some highlights.

### Surprises

The resilience of the team of students was admirable. The last three weeks had no shortage of inconvenience. Long flights, no running water, days without power or cell service, rough roads, life in the bush, and 13-hour days pushed the limits of their capacity. But the joy and commitment of the students until the very last day exceeded expectations.

Teaching a group of pastoralist communities who never farmed was a scary task. The team was not sure

if they would be open to the idea since historically they presumed this a labor for the slaves implemented by the colonial suppressors. Despite their fears, the Maasai were very engaged and invested in learning how to grow their own food. Recent years have threatened their very existence with lack of food for their families or livestock. As soon as the workshops started, the team knew their work could make a survival impact for these families.

### Challenges

The magnitude of the need in this part of the world can easily overwhelm one's mind. One of the first challenges for the team was the lack of time they had with the people. Even though workshops were extended to four days compared to three, the team could only cover the essential foundations for composting, raised garden beds, nutrition, and the core farming practices.

The first two workshops were in a tropical climate and comparably some on the best soils we worked on. The last workshop in the Maasai land was a landscape a few years before complete desertification. They had to



ABOVE: Pastor Bariki and local staff showing the team the land for the potential gardens.



ABOVE: Zai Pits integrated with Chapin Bucket Drip Irrigation Kits

come together as a team and find farming techniques that have a chance in this dry and sandy landscape. The team decided Zai Pits (pictured below), a small basin in which seeds of annual or perennial crops are planted, had a better chance for success than raised garden beds.

The nutrition-deprived sand was another issue for their gardens. The clay-rich termite mounds and dry manure (which they had in abundance) was used to create a soil mixture that had a higher moisture hold capacity. Over time their garden beds will start to create top soil and additional compost would make farming possible in this harsh environment.

Pastor Bariki is a visionary man. When he heard about our ministry, he wanted us to teach farming to his Maasai church. He saw the first two workshops in the lush green areas, but he didn't know how we would react when we visited his church. As we came up with the new techniques for farming, he told the team, "We expected you to see the land and run away. I wanted it to be real, but I didn't think we could farm in this dry land."

Overall, this trip to Tanzania was full of spiritual and physical impacts for the local communities. They never doubted the instant impact they created as they serve.

Recently, Salih connected with Pastor Bariki from Arusha, Tanzania. The CRU seeds have sprouted and through their summer mission over 430 young adults accepted Christ as their Savior. Praise to Lord for both physical and spiritual harvest! Salih is walking away with

Please pray for Jocette and Salih Arbeyi and their CRU team as they take steps of faith for a growing ministry.

### Praises & Prayer Requests

- Jocette and I need to find a new house to rent as our current lease is coming to an end this month. Please pray for a smooth moving experience.
- Please pray the new gardens we planted in Tanzania and 8 other countries this year.
- I am thankful for the provision of God as I had the funds to be on the field ministry this year. Since last summer some of our supporters needed to stop giving for life changes. I will start building new ministry partnerships in the next couple of months. I need to raise \$1800/monthly support to be fully funded. I have hope that God will provide this amount.

a deep gratitude for the new lessons, an appreciation of the Maasai culture and many new friends.

### Summer Plans

After two long trips, Salih is back home in Dallas. After taking a few days for rest and adjustment, he will start working on a long list of summer goals.

The CRU team is growing with two new staff and a new intern. The team is also expanding the content of their workshops with at least five new lessons. This summer will be a time of preparation for the expansion of their agriculture program.

### About CRU

Jocette and Salih Arbeyi are members of a CRU international team. CRU is a caring community passionate about connecting people to Jesus Christ. Their purpose is helping to fulfill the Great Commission in the power of the Holy Spirit by winning people to faith in Jesus Christ, building them in their faith and sending them to win and build others. CRU helps the body of Christ to do evangelism and discipleship in a variety of creative ways.

Each ministry of CRU, as well as individual staff members, gathers a team of people who fund the work to which God has called them to do. Their efforts are only made possible through the generous donations and prayers of people like you, vital partners in ministry. Thank you.

Visit [give.CRU.org/1131134](https://give.CRU.org/1131134) to join their team!



## Cross+Generational Choir

Salem's Faith Formation and Worship and Music Ministry Teams are partnering together to provide an exciting music ministry opportunity. You are invited to join our Cross+Generational Choir for elementary age young readers through adults. This choir will hold one rehearsal on **Sunday, August 20 at 10:30-11:15 AM** following worship, and focus on learning one song accessible to various ages and musical skills. The choir will then share this song during worship the following **Sunday, August 27**. This short-term commitment is a great way for many to experience the joy of choir while enhancing our worship with beautiful music.

Mark your calendars with these dates, and contact Director of Music, Maggie Slotter (mslotter@salemofpeoria.com) if you are interested, or sign up at the Welcome Center. The song we will be learning and sharing is called *Sing the Glory of the Lord!* arranged by R. Kevin Boesiger & Lloyd Larson ([www.youtube.com/watch?v=PDUSHBjCAJI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PDUSHBjCAJI)). It is a lovely piece that incorporates a familiar favorite, *Jesus in the Morning*. Please consider joining us!

## Salem Family Picnic

All are invited to the Salem Family picnic on **Sunday, August 27 at 10:30am**. Fun for all ages!

### Sat., August 26: Salem Churchmen prep and fellowship

- 7:30am breakfast at Childers restaurant (on University)
- 8:30am-10am picnic prep and set-up

### Sunday, August 27: All invited! Bring a friend!

- Worship service 9:15am
- 10:30am to 11am activities:
  - Balloon animals
  - Outdoor games
  - Facepainting
  - Outdoor music
- 11am to 12pm picnic lunch in social hall, outdoor tables available
  - Menu: pulled pork sandwiches, mac and cheese, chicken nuggets, beans, potato salad, fruit salad
  - Potluck desserts from congregation
- 12pm to 1pm bingo in social hall



## Vacation Bible School 2023



"Love this! A wonderful week indeed! So much fun!" -Inez Norgard



ABOVE: Items collected for Bethel United Methodist Food Pantry.

From registration indication: 10% no church home, 22% worship at Salem, 68% worship at another congregation.

Vacation Bible School is an outreach-faith formation program that engaged 41 families. 66 children in preschool through 5th grade during the week of June 26, through Vacation Bible School focused on stories that taught them to: Follow Jesus, Help Others and Work Together, Listen to God, and Share Grace. Songs, crafts, games, stories, experiments, and decorations accompanied the experience and deepen their understanding of where God invites all of us into relationships with one another, and at the same time with God for deepening faith.



"They were so excited to tell me about their day" -Lesley Howard

Thank you for sharing your gifts, time and prayer with Salem Lutheran Church through Vacation Bible School. With 25 teen volunteers and 39 adult volunteers Vacation Bible School was an exciting opportunity for 66 student participants in grades preschool through fifth grade. Vacation Bible School is an outreach opportunity to engage others with the message of God's love and practice being a community-minded family. You helped make Vacation Bible School an exciting opportunity of learning and growing together in God's love.



ABOVE: Avery Uphoff sharing her craft!

# Outreach Ministry: Missions and Outreach

Salem Lutheran Church shows the love and care of Christ by participating in these ministries, missions and faith-based programs outside Salem Lutheran Church through service and contributions. At the end of May, Salem Lutheran Church through the Outreach Ministry distributed \$6,000 to Salem's ministry partners.

## Bethel United Methodist Church

Salem partners with the Bethel United Methodist Church food ministry by collecting non-perishable goods for their pantry. At the beginning of each month the food collection cart is located in the atrium. Vacation Bible School's mission offering was also collecting items for Bethel's Food Pantry. Contributions enable Bethel United Methodist to better serve those who are less fortunate and give the opportunity to witness the love of our savior, Jesus Christ.

Non-perishable food items suggested for donation include: canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned meat, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti, cereals, stuffing, mac and cheese, cake mix with frosting, pancake mix, ramen, instant potatoes, rice, paper towels and toilet paper.



ABOVE: Donations offered to Bethel United Methodist Food Pantry

Food Collection items will be received on **Sunday, August 6**. Thank you for your continued blessings for this ministry effort the outpouring of generosity was abundant during the month of July. With your help, Bethel United Methodist provides food resources for 30-40 individuals weekly.

## Crittenton Centers

Crittenton Centers' mission is to protect and nurture children and families. Crittenton Centers would not be able to impact hundreds of children and families each year without the generosity of people like you. In part to Salem's outreach donations, Crittenton Centers was able to say "yes" to 4,040 admissions to the Crisis Nursery, provide 2,947 children with basic needs and help 165 parents graduate from parent education class in the 2022 fiscal year.

In April, Salem Lutheran Church participated in the Fill the Crib campaign. Many items were collected including 20 packages of diapers, 4 packages of baby wipes, 3 packages of formula, diaper ointment, and various baby supplies and school supplies.

## The Center for Prevention of Abuse

The Center for Prevention of Abuse (CFPA) exists to help all people—women, men, and children—live free from violence and abuse. Salem members donate pajamas, personal care products, and monetary donations to help those suffering abuse. CFPA provides safety, counseling and therapy, advocacy for women, men, and children who have been affected by violence and abuse and works to prevent abuse from happening. Ministry funding helps provide programs and services to help build a safe and peaceful community. Salem Lutheran Church also has collected pajamas and other items for the Center for Prevention of Abuse. Plans are to share our generosity with the Center for Prevention of Abuse in November and December. Watch for more details forthcoming about **Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 3**.

## CRU Missionary, Salih Aribeyi – see page 6

## Dr. C.T. Vivian Primary School

Salem has been an Adopt-a-School partner with Dr. C.T. Vivian Primary School for over 20 years. Salem members volunteer in the classroom, provide items for Teacher Appreciation treats and provide outreach funds to support Salem's Adopt-a-School partner.

Thank you for enabling Salem Lutheran Church to participate in the Adopt-a-School program. A strong public school system is basic to the health and growth of a community. Quality schools attract people to live in the area. The Adopt-A-School program strengthens and improves our schools, creates a climate of involvement and interaction between organizations and schools and involves the community in preparing for its own economic future. You are part of working to make a positive impact in our community.

## Global Missions, Ulrich Family – see page 12

## Lutheran Outdoor Ministries

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries (LOM) has a place for everyone around the campfire! In all their programs, activities and events, Lutheran Outdoor Ministries (LOM) provides safe and inclusive environments that reflect the lessons Jesus taught us: *"Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another"*. (John 13:34) Their programs reach God's children of all ages through summer camping programs, retreat opportunities, hospitality, team-building activities, and partnership with congregations. Through Salem's outreach benevolence LOM is able to welcome guests and summer campers!

## Lutheran Hillside Village

Thanks to Salem Lutheran's outreach benevolence the Christian mission of Lutheran Hillside Village is financially supported. With your help, Lutheran Hillside Village is able to make an impact in the lives of older adults who turn to Lutheran Hillside Village for help at a vulnerable time in their life. Lutheran Hillside Village is part of the Lutheran Senior Services network that creates senior living choices that embrace community and encourage opportunity for engaged, independent-minded seniors. It's their Christian mission based on John 10:10 where Jesus says, *"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."*

## Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) is one of the largest statewide social service providers. LSSI is a nonprofit social service organization of the three Illinois synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Responding to the Gospel, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) brings healing, justice, and wholeness to people and communities. With Salem's outreach contributions and Good Shepherd Sunday gifts, it enables LSSI to serve over 42,000 people annually, providing critical programs for Illinois residents each year, including foster care, mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment, affordable senior housing, residential programs for people with developmental disabilities, home care for seniors, and services that help families who have been impacted by incarceration.

Through the simple act of generosity, LSSI is able to help others in their time of greatest need. Thank you for following the example of Christ and loved your neighbor as yourself. Watch short videos about how LSSI is helping

to change lives on [www.lssi.org](http://www.lssi.org) and click on the Youtube icon. See how your gifts are being put to work in response to the Gospel!

## Midwest Food Bank

As a faith-based organization, it is the mission of Midwest Food Bank to share the love of Christ by alleviating hunger and malnutrition locally and throughout the world and providing disaster relief; all without discrimination. Midwest Food Bank's vision is to provide industry-leading food relief to those in need while feeding them spiritually.

Thanks to the generosity of Salem Lutheran Church, the valuable work of volunteers, and most importantly, the blessings of God, Midwest Food Bank now shares the blessings worldwide. Midwest Food Bank currently distributes nearly \$34 million worth of food to over 2,200 non-profit organizations each month. This is done from our twelve locations in Illinois, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Texas, Pennsylvania, New England, East Africa, and Haiti.



ABOVE: Volunteers serving at Midwest Food Bank in Peoria

Salem organizes serving opportunities at the Peoria Division every other month. **The next opportunity is September 17 at 9am. Please consider serving at Midwest Food Bank.**

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## Neighborhood House

Salem Lutheran Church's support is essential to Neighborhood House's mission of providing a safe environment, resources, and education to empower our community to reach their fullest potential through all life stages. Every act of kindness helps Neighborhood House continue providing services through its many community support programs. Because of you, they can provide daily nutritious meals for local senior citizens and children. They also provide a safe place to be before and after school for elementary school students and have helped numerous adults through our adult education services. Every donation, regardless of size, helps Neighborhood House make a difference in the lives of those in need.

# Serving in Malawi – Summer Update from the Ulrich Family

## Project Update

The kitchen, storage room, and office portion of the multipurpose building are finished. The Ulrichs are applying to have electricity to be brought to this part of the building. The process of having the electrical connection made may take a couple years.

## Making a Difference

Enough funds have been raised to provide for the foundation and part of the walls, however, funds are still needed to finish the building. If you would like to join in on making a difference in the ministry, the lives of the children that are being impacted, and want give to this project, please go to <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/gtfpulich> and write in the notes section "Project".

## Sunday School Ministry

The next phase of the Sunday School curriculum has been written! Praise God! All curriculum has been sent to the translators. Most of the lessons have been received back and translated into Chichewa. The next step is making sure all the formatting is correct and it is ready for the printers. It will go through one final check before the teachers are trained and given the books, but it is so exciting to see things at this stage.

The Ulrichs have already been using the curriculum at one local church to test it. It has been exciting to see God growing the children every time that Jaime and Luke, go and teach. They are very excited to get the lessons out to more children as soon as we can.

Jamie has continued in her opportunity to help with writing a curriculum for four different countries in Africa. It has been a neat opportunity to work with so many different individuals from different countries. Continue to pray for this wonderful opportunity as it could continue to give so many teachers the needed resources to help them to minister to children in these countries.

## Finances

Jamie and Luke depend on prayer partners, but also financial

partnerships from individuals and churches for their monthly income. Over these last eight years they have been blessed by their prayer and financial partners. Each month they see how faithful God is in providing for our needs through all of you. Just last month they received some money from a first-time financial partner.

With prices of almost everything starting to climb, drastically, their current balance is drawing closer to dipping into the negative.

A friend told the Ulrichs that when this happens, they should take these steps, in this order:

1. Ask God why... in case he wants to show us something.
2. Ask God first... we go to God; we trust in his sustenance.
3. Only then do we connect with our partners... make the need known, God is bigger. But we do want people to have the chance to be part of His ministry, so we make it known.

The Ulrichs have done steps one and two and He has made it clear to stay in Malawi to continue His work. So Luke is making it known that they are in need of additional financial partners... and they are continuing to pray. Would you please pray and see if God would like you to partner with the ministry He is doing in Malawi?



Every day the Akazembe ministry is touching so many children. Dorothy is just one of hundreds of lives that have been touched.

**"My name is Dorothy. I want to thank the ministry of Akazembe very much. Since I started, up to now, my life has changed. There was a lot about God that I didn't know before coming to this ministry. Now I can pray. I am thankful for the many ways the teachers help me. I had dropped out of school before coming to Akazembe. I have now found grace in my life to go back to school. I am very thankful to God who has changed my life."**



ABOVE: Children participating in the Sunday School Ministry

## Praises and Prayer Requests

- Continued prayers for wisdom and direction for the curriculum and the ongoing projects.
- Pray for more financial partnerships.
- Praise God that the project has moved to the next phase. Pray for the funds to come in to complete the project and for safety and continued wisdom.
- Pray for the Malawi economy. There is still very little foreign currency in the country. Prices continue to rise. The fuel crisis in Malawi continues.
- Praise God for a good rainy season in the central region. Pray for the south that was devastated by a cyclone and the north that has experienced drought.
- Pray for our family as Jamie has just lost her grandpa and this is emotionally hard on the entire family.
- Praise God for the home school co-op and the successful play for their family. Continue praying for next year as we maneuver all the changes from this year.

## About Global Teams

Global Teams field partners Luke and Jamie Ulrich serve in Malawi, along with their three children. Global Teams is an international mission movement focused reaching the 2.9 billion people who have never heard the gospel. Following John 1:14: "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." Follow the Ulrich Family's facebook page for more ministry, prayer, and family updates at: <https://www.facebook.com/lul777> or visit [hoperisestogether.wordpress.com](http://hoperisestogether.wordpress.com) for more information.

## FROM THE PARISH NURSE, LORI REIMER

Cardiac arrest and heart attack are not the same, but people often use the terms interchangeably. Cardiac arrest (an electrical issue) occurs when the heart malfunctions and stops beating unexpectedly. A person quickly becomes unresponsive and will stop breathing. Death occurs within minutes if the victim does not receive treatment.

A heart attack (a circulation problem) is caused by blocked blood flow to the heart which will cause some of the heart muscle to die.

Cardiac arrest can be reversible in some victims if it's treated within a few minutes.

Call your local emergency number and start CPR right away. If an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is available, use it as soon as possible. Salem has 2 AEDs - one on the main floor by the front door and one on the second floor in the lounge area.

With a heart attack, every second matters. Even if you're not sure it's a heart attack, call your local emergency number. Emergency personnel can start treatment sooner than if taken to the hospital by car.

For more information on these two conditions, check out the American Heart Association or information in the Parish Nurse office.

### CPR/AED/First Aid Training, Aug 24

CPR/AED/First Aid training will be held at Salem on **August 24 from noon to 3:30pm**. This certification class will be taught by personnel from Carle Health and the cost is \$55 per person (cash, check, or Venmo to the Carle health personnel). There are 10 spots available so let Lori Reimer know if you are interested by **August 20**. Also contact Lori if you have any questions or would be interested in a class but cannot make this date.

## Unclaimed Dishes

Missing one of your favorite baking dishes at home? Maybe you brought it to church for a funeral luncheon or event. We seem to have accumulated a number of unclaimed dishes on the wire rack outside of the kitchen. Take a look and see if any might be yours.

## Nursery Attendant Position

Thank you to Karmita Alwan for serving as our Nursery Attendant since the fall. She has taken another opportunity, and decided not to return this September. If you know of anyone who might be interested in this paid position, please put them in contact with Kris Griffith (309) 370-2336 or griffdk@comcast.net.

## Volunteer Opportunity

Lutheran Hillside Village needs volunteers with a pickup truck, van, or trailer and able to periodically pick up donated items at Lutheran Hillside Village for the Church Mouse. The items are typically smaller pieces of furniture (small tables and chairs, lamps, etc.), clothing, and other smaller household items.

Please contact Phil King, Lutheran Hillside Village Foundation Executive Director, for more information at (309) 683-1298 or phil.king@lssliving.org.

## Thank You!

Salem Family - I can not express my sincere gratitude for my May Day flowers and birthday wishes as well. It has been a very rough year for me. And I am getting mentally and physically better with each day. I am fortunate to have you all and others supporting me through these trying times. God Bless you all for being there for me. Love and Prayers-Lana Pasco

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

<b>August 2</b> Maggie Sloter	Quinn Salverson	<b>August 17</b> Jill Sidell	<b>August 25</b> Leo Vandervlugt
<b>August 3</b> Paul Bahnfleth Cloyd Conard Candence Forkell Patty Lantz	<b>August 12</b> Jan Taylor	<b>August 18</b> Nona Mitchelar	<b>August 27</b> Joy Anderson Amy Schroeder
<b>August 4</b> Idan Ghazanfari	<b>August 13</b> Gayle Carrillo	<b>August 19</b> Liam Dammann Dylan Schroeder	<b>August 28</b> Ellen Mangan
<b>August 8</b> Patricia Arehart Rebecca Sipf	<b>August 14</b> Justin Grabel	<b>August 21</b> Evelyn Aprahamian Sandra Carlson	<b>August 30</b> Levi Salverson
<b>August 9</b> Nicholas Doty	<b>August 15</b> Jaedyn Grebner Riley Neltner	<b>August 22</b> Jason Breidel Kirk Cooper	<b>August 31</b> Donald Graves Dylan Rastatter

## Condolences

### Nancy Owens

Prayers for the family of Nancy Owens as she joined the church triumphant on Friday, June 2. Prayers for comfort, peace, and strength for all who will be mourning her passing. May God grant them the comfort and peace they need at this time.

### Marian Meinert

Prayers for the family of Marian Meinert as she joined the church triumphant on Thursday, July 13. Marian made a life of serving others. She was a longtime member of Zion Lutheran Church in Peoria until it closed in 2019. In recent years, she enjoyed senior outings as a member of Salem Lutheran Church. May God grant all those mourning her passing the comfort and peace they need at this time.

## 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
- Quentin Bathje
- Luan Borquist
- Jim Chelgren
- Butch Conard
- John Day
- John and Tanya's daughter-in-law and their family
- Ken Gulliford
- Norma Hartman
- Ron Hipple
- Lesley Howard
- Walter Hulvey
- Helen Johnson
- Lizzie
- Marta
- the family of Marian Meinert
- the family of Margaret Grebner

- Jo and Gil Nolde
- the family of Nancy Owen
- Linda Peterson
- Rosy Park
- the family of Regina
- the family of Jackie Ruthman
- Debi Smith
- Georgia Sutherland
- Brant Wegrzyn
- Allen Willers
- Jean Yancick
- 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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WORSHIP AT 9:15AM THROUGH SEPTEMBER 10