



the Bugle

With fall comes the process of reflecting on what has been, the previous three-fourths of the year and the plans and visions for the next year ahead. Later in October, you will receive a mailing from Salem with some highlights of ways your gifts of support have helped define and live out the mission of the church to grow people in Christ to love and serve others. You will also be invited to make a pledge of support for current and future ministry opportunities as together we learn and grow together through God's word. Now, nearly three-fourths through this budget year, many might wonder where we stand financially. Some of this information will be more fully spelled out in the stewardship material that will be sent through a separate mailing but for now, this is what we know.

1. At the end of August, year-to-date (YTD) giving totaled \$362,000 versus a budget of \$336,800 resulting in \$25,300 better than YTD budget.
2. Total Expenses related to giving is right on target through 8 months at 67%
3. Total Cash on-hand less dedicated obligations leaves \$56,800 operating cash available.
4. Thanks to many generous gifts, the current balance of our construction loan with Mission Investment Fund (MIF) is now only \$103,000 along with the \$200,000 owed to Endowment. This means that in just five years, you not only supported the general ministry expenses but have additionally given over \$3 million toward the Capital Appeal! That's amazing! The finish line of loaned debt is within our reach. Just imagine what we will be able to do once these two remaining balances are paid in full and we can then focus all our financial giving to support to the mission of making Christ known at and beyond Salem.

Wouldn't it be a great way to celebrate 140 years of ministry by paying off our financial obligation at least to the MIF loan, then pay off the Endowment Fund loan in 2024 and begin working to grow into a future with hope for what is next to come? We are blessed to be part of a generous congregation. When needs are identified, you step forward to meet and exceed expectations. Generosity is a gift from God. It is a response in returning a portion of what is entrusted to us in thanksgiving to God and hope of making a difference for others. So, I invite you to pray, dream, envision what is yet to come and prepare to renew and further extend your pledge of support to help fulfill those hopes and dreams as we invite God to bless what has prepared us to grow and serve faithfully together. Thank you! Pastor Craig

Welcome, Laura Nduka!

Welcome to our new Nursery Attendant Laura Nduka. Laura is a freshman at Bradley University majoring in Biomedical Science on the Pre-Med track with hopes of becoming a pediatrician. After taking Child Development at her high school in LaGrange, IL, she was asked to supervise a kids' group at an Elementary School. Please stop in the Nursery and say hello to Laura.



Laura Nduka,
Nursery Attendant

Serving Salem Opportunities!

This message is from the Nominating Committee.

The team consists of the following persons:

Inez Norgard, Alan Puttcamp, Gayle Young, Leo Vandervlugt (chair)

The Nominating Committee are currently starting the process of inviting Salem members to serve in various capacities, to begin after the Annual Meeting in January 2024.

We will have openings in the following areas:

- Church Council
- Endowment Committee
- Lutheran Hillside Village Congregational Association
- Voting delegates for our annual Synod Assembly
- Nominating Committee for next year after this team retires.

We invite all Salem members to prayerfully consider serving in one of the capacities mentioned above as you see fit. Salem is a vibrant congregation impacting the greater Peoria area; your input and participation assures it to remain so in the future!

For more information please contact any of the team members listed above. With God in our midst everything is possible!

Respectfully submitted,
The Nominating Committee

Veteran's Day Remembrance: Military Roll Call Form

The Veteran's Day Remembrance is scheduled for **Sunday, November 12**. Please plan on joining us for this important celebration and fellowship in between services in the Social Hall. If you would like to provide any updated military information or provide a photo if we do not have one, please send that information to Salem by October 15th. Thank you!



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Sunday Worship
8:15am / 10:45am
Education Hour
9:30am

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Blessing of Pets and Animals

Please bring your well-socialized pet or a picture, collar or leash of your pet. Blessing following the first worship service outdoors in the front lawn on **Sunday, October 1 at 9:30am**.

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Noisy Can

Gary Setterlund is on a mission trip in Malawi installing wells through the organization Marion Medical Mission. Within a six week period, this organization plans to install 3000 wells, which have been dug and prepared by the villages receiving them. You may read more about this

project at www.mmmwater.org. Salem will assist the Marion Medical Mission with the Noisy Can offering received on **October 8**.

Fall Adult Fellowship Camp fire and Cookout

Gather around the camp fire for an Adult Fellowship cookout. The event is hosted by Lori Reimer at Raymond Weitzel's home (2506 N Taylor Rd, Hanna City) on **Saturday, October 14 at 4pm**. Hot dogs, chili, beverages, chips, macaroni & cheese, and s'mores ingredients will be provided. Please bring a side to share and your lawn chair.

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Bible Overview Course Offered

Bible Overview course offered Oct 14 and Oct 21 from 9am-11:30am, for all but especially for families (adult and children courses). Coordinated by Gretchen Petrakis and Bill Ligon. Read more on Page 5.

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Fall Work Day

Saturday, October 28 at 8am:

On Saturday outdoor and indoor work projects will begin at 8am and finish around noon. Thank you for helping to keep Salem Lutheran Church in great shape! Please let us know you are available to help by signing up at the Welcome Center.

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Affirmation of Baptism

Salem Lutheran Church student, Emily Peterson, will affirm her baptism on **Sunday, October 29 at the 8:15am worship**. Please keep Emily in your prayers as she affirms and grows her faith.



Mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 3 at 3pm** to join us for a Lessons & Carols Event here at Salem Lutheran! We celebrate the beginning of the Advent season by sharing song and scripture. This will be a highly collaborative event, including many of our Salem members and other community members sharing their musical talents. This event is the perfect way to get into the Christmas spirit. This event also includes a partnership: Salem Lutheran is partnering with The Center for Prevention of Abuse to support their "Adopt Our Families" program. This program provides essential items for

families that receive services. The Center for Prevention of Abuse is a local 501(c)3 NonProfit Organization that has been serving Central Illinois since 1975. More information to come about specific items that we will be collecting at the event.

Invite your friends and family to enjoy this immersive experience. A reception will follow in the Social Hall with light refreshments.

October Food Collection

When donating food - there are many food banks and food pantries that will happily take your donations. Throughout the month of October please consider donating items for Salem's partner in ministry - Bethel United Methodist Food Pantry. Items that the pantry needs include: canned vegetables, canned meats, canned soup, cereal, paper towels, kleenex, and toilet paper.

Fair Trade

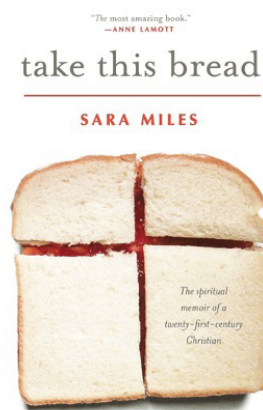
Salem has supported the Equal Exchange Fair Trade Program for more than 22 years! We thank you for continuing to empower small farmers and cooperatives around the world with your Fair Trade purchases. Equal Exchange works directly with these partners to give the best price possible for their goods while minimizing the impact to the environment.

Equal Exchange does not aim to maximize profits. They generally make around 2-5% profit and share some of these modest returns with worker-owners and investors who help to finance our mission in an increasingly consolidated food system. At Salem, we sell items at cost so that we can keep prices low while supporting the Fair Trade ministry to make a difference around the world.

Unfortunately, the cost of packaging, transport, green coffee, and other agricultural products have all gone up. Our prices will be increasing in October. This is mainly affecting coffee and cocoa products at the moment and there will be some slight increases with other products. We will still offer items at the wholesale cost that Equal Exchange offers to its faith partners.

There will be no Fair Trade booth in October, but if you are in need of items, you are welcome to call Jennifer Gallas at 309-256-5862 or email her at Pew117@aol.com. Fair trade sales will resume on the first Sundays of November and December. Thank you for your support and understanding!

October Book Club Night, Oct 25



Join Salem members for Book Club Night! We will be meeting via Zoom on **Wednesday, October 25 at 7:30pm – 8:30pm** to discuss “Take this Bread” by Sara Miles.

Early one morning, for no earthly reason, Sara Miles, raised an atheist, wandered into a church, received communion, and found herself transformed—embracing a faith she’d once scorned. A left-wing journalist who’d covered revolutions around the world, Miles didn’t discover a religion that was about angels or good behavior or piety; her faith centered on real hunger, real food, and real bodies. Before long, she turned the bread she ate at communion into tons of groceries, piled on the church’s altar to be given away. Within a few years, she and the people she served had started nearly a dozen food pantries in the poorest parts of their city. Take This Bread is rich with real-life Dickensian characters—church ladies, millionaires, schizophrenics, bishops, and thieves—all blown into Miles’s life by the relentless

force of her newfound calling. Here, in this achingly beautiful, passionate book, is the living communion of Christ.

Sara Miles is the author of *How to Hack a Party Line: The Democrats and Silicon Valley* and co-editor of *Directed by Desire: The Collected Poems of June Jordan*. Her work has appeared in *The New York Times Magazine*, *The New Yorker*, *The Progressive*, *La Jornada*, and *Salon*, among others. She has written extensively on military affairs, politics, and culture. She lives in San Francisco with her family.

Visit the her website at www.saramiles.net.



Bible Overview Course Offered

Saturday, October 14 & Saturday, October 21 from 9am-11:30am

This course is designed to help us better understand the whole of Scripture. On October 14, we will review the Old Testament, God’s ways, and the promise of a Savior. On October 21, we will review the New Testament, why Jesus came, and through the Holy Spirit, why He is always with us.

The course is for all Salem members with a special emphasis on families. A children’s course will be offered at the same time as an adult course is offered. These courses will be coordinated by Gretchen Petrakis and Bill Ligon.

Youth Group Camp fire and Cook-out, Oct 8

Junior High, Senior High Youth and their families and friends are invited to a camp fire and cook-out on **Sunday, October 8 from 4:30pm-6pm**. Hot dogs, chips, water and s'mores ingredients will be provided. Please bring lawn chairs and roasting forks. Please sign up at the Welcome Center. For questions contact Laura Hartman (goteamhartman@gmail.com).

Philippians: Books of Faith

Sundays (Oct 22-Nov 12) on Zoom at 6:30pm / Mondays (Oct 23-Nov 13) in person at 6:30pm

Explore the book of Philippians through historical, literary, Lutheran, and devotional lenses using Brenda Ihssen’s Philippians Learner Guide. Philippians is a letter from Paul to the community of faith in Philippi, which supported Paul's ministry. Paul writes from prison to reassure the Philippians that his ministry continues despite his situation. This four-session study uses four paradoxes as lenses to look at Paul's letter which is useful for both those new in the study of scripture as well as seasoned learners who are looking for opportunities to deepen and expand their engagement with the Bible. The study and discussion will be led by Pastor Craig.

Salem Library



Elisabeth Elliot: A Life, by Lucy S.R. Austen (B ELL)

Elisabeth Elliot (1926–2015) is one of the most widely known Christians of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. After the death of her husband, Jim, and four other missionaries at the hands of Waorani tribesmen in Ecuador, Elliot famously returned to live among the same people who had killed her husband. Her legacy, however, extends far beyond these events. In the years that followed, Elliot became a prolific writer and speaker, touching the lives of countless people around the world.

In this single-volume biography, Lucy S. R. Austen takes readers on an in-depth journey through the life of Elisabeth Elliot—her birth to missionary parents, her courtship and marriage to Jim Elliot, her missions work in Ecuador, and her private life and public work after she returned to the United States. Through Elliot’s example of love for God and obedience to his commands, readers will ponder what it means to follow Jesus.

BLESS: 5 Everyday Ways to Love Your Neighbor and Change the World by Dave Ferguson, Jon Ferguson (248.4 FER)

BLESS is a simple, biblical, and relational set of 5 practices that everyone—young and old—can use every day to reach their neighbors, show them love, and change their world! From the beginning of the Bible, God has spoken of blessing. Throughout the gospels, Jesus blessed others through his life and leadership. This book will break down the Bless principles, and help Christians engage in a relational form of evangelism. Readers will learn the five practices of BLESS.



- Begin (with prayer) to discover your personal mission
- Listen to others
- Eat with others and build the relationship
- Serve others
- Tell your Story. By establishing a relationship, and investing in others, opportunities will arise to share your story of God’s influence upon your life.

To access and view the library collection (saalemofpeoria.com), look for the Learn tab, click on Salem Lutheran Library, click again on Library Catalog and scroll through the online collection. Or search, (saalemofpeoria.com/salem-lutheran-library).

Questions? Please contact Karen Swenson at 309-258-5708 or at klswen@hotmail.com

FROM THE PARISH NURSE, LORI REIMER

When we hear about a health condition, whether our own or a loved ones, many of us quickly “Google” the disease, condition, or medication. If you do this, you often go away more confused or believing and passing on misinformation. While researching conditions and medicines does make you a great advocate in your own health care, not everything you read online is fact. Here are a few tips when looking online for accurate, helpful health information:

- Consider the source – use recognized authorities such as a .gov, .org or .edu
- Look at the “home page” or find the “about us” page to see who runs the site
- Look for evidence – look for research, not opinion; who wrote the information – a health professional or someone who developed the page after experiencing the health condition
- Check how current the information is
- Beware that the site is not just an advertisement for a product
- Protect your privacy when asked to take online surveys, etc
- Consult with your health professional about information that you have learned
- Also be aware of health scams that could include “miracle” drugs and cures.

For more information, check National Institutes of Health’s website.

Thank You!

There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt gratitude for the sympathy, love and support you have extended to our family during this time of loss. Thank you for your presence and guidance through this journey of celebrating Matt's life. The service was beautiful and truly captured the true spirit of Matt. We felt God's love and kindness. A special thank you to Helene and her luncheon volunteers who prepared a fantastic meal for our family and friends. Also thankful for Meghan. Forever grateful.

-Sharon, Lynnce Coyner, Emily and Dave Ferrell, Jenny Coyner

You were an amazing family for Gil for many years. From the fellowship, faith to the music and trips - Salem Lutheran Church was a foundation our dad loved. Thank you for providing him a place to celebrate and grow his faith for so many important years. I attended the ground breaking ceremony with him a few years back. How excited he was to witness the growth! Thank you for being here with him on his journey.

-Kendra, Susan, Judy, and Mindy

Noisy Can Offering

On Sunday, August 13 a Noisy Can offering was received for the Rally Day Service Project. Thank you to your generosity as \$242.98 was collected.

Wine, Women, and Song:

Wine Tasting and Fun – For Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI)

Enjoy a Wine Tasting for adults (age 21 and above) at Mackinaw Valley Winery, at **2pm on Sunday, October 22**. You’ll taste how Award-Winning Mackinaw Valley Vineyard wines enhance any part of your dining experience, from appetizer through dessert, for a fun and delicious sensory experience, and a chance to participate in some “Taste or Dare” challenges.

Door prizes, fun and fellowship and a light supper follow, and a Silent Auction and Raffle of donated items. Relax with live music by the “Hearts of Harmony” women’s barbershop ensemble, and piano music by Don Bauer. Tickets are \$30 per person (checks payable to Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria.) Proceeds will go to the LSSI Children’s Community Services program.

ADVANCE TICKETS REQUIRED! To get yours, mail a check and your email address to: Pepper Bauer, 5220 S. Cameron Lane, Mapleton IL 61547. We will send you an email receipt, and your tickets, or hold your tickets for you at the door. We need your reservations by **October 15**. Questions? Call Pepper at home: (309) 697-5762, cell: (309) 657-5726, or email: pepperbauer@att.net.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 1

Kim Ascherl

Zachary Ferrell

October 2

Velma Crowley

Stephanie Dammann

Miles Janssen

John Sipf

October 3

JR Runkel

October 4

Jackson Grabel

Karsen Grabel

October 5

Allen Bidne

October 6

Alton Berg

MaryAlice Erickson

Elijah Sipf

October 7

Trenton Hainline

Meghan Peterson

October 10

David Griffith

Maren Kelly

Ella Snyder

October 11

Terry Krus

October 12

Aaron Hartman

Brent Wallstedt

October 13

Jane Grimm

Scott Hainline

Michael Newcomb

October 15

Melissa Aprahamian

Sharon Coyner

Marilyn Oertley

Gavin Stenzel

October 16

Roberta Kessinger

October 18

James Ripper

Kelly Swanson

October 19

Christa Taubert

Gayle Young

October 20

Matthew Kammerer

October 21

Kelsi Gustafson

Jaxon Howard

Kathy Kalbacken

October 23

Joann Blum

John Grabel

October 25

Brett Cooper

Faith Thornquist

Erika Haedicke

Sandra Harvey

Fred Stamerjohn

Celeste Woerner

October 26

John Day

October 27

Alison Meinert

October 28

Mike Shadley

October 29

Gail Serrahn

October 30

Aaron Grebner

Ann Sterr

Annie Swanson

Congratulations

Salem Lutheran Church welcomes Michael Orlo DeGood into the family of faith on **Sept. 10**, through Holy Baptism. Parents are Brock and Kayla DeGood. Sponsors are Bret DeGood and Kylee Lambie.

Condolences

Prayers are requested for the family and friends of Matt Coyner as Matt joined the church triumphant on **Aug. 24**. Prayers for his family, and all who mourn his passing. May they find comfort and strength in the promises of Jesus.

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

Jocette and Salih Arbeyi missionaries through CRU

Families at Crittenton Center

Midwest Food Bank

Wally Bastian and his family

Luan Borquist

Jim Chelgren

Butch Conard

the family of Matt Coyner

John Day

David’s father-in-law

John and Tanya's daughter-in-law and their family

Ken Gulliford

Ron Hipple

Lesley Howard

Patty and Jason Lantz and the family of Walter Hulvey

Helen Johnson

Lois Knutson

Julie Kotewa

Lizzie

Jo Nolde

Will Parker

Helene Peterson

Linda Peterson

Rosy Park

Donita Lynn Purcell

Robyn

Eric Schroeder and his family

Debi Smith

Teresa

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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JOIN US ON SUNDAY

THERE IS JOY!
WHEN WE ARE TOGETHER!

