

the Bugle

As the month of May comes to a close, some changes will occur beginning Memorial Day weekend. We shift from two worship services and an education hour to one service with 45 minutes of fellowship on either side. Time also will adjust for office hours to allow staff members more time to share summer activities. For me, June will include the Synod Assembly in Decatur as well as two weeks of continuing education followed by vacation for the first week and a half in July. Just stating these changes makes it feel like summer is already half over. I love the longer daylight hours and plan to get in more bike rides, some home projects and in general, take advantage of a less structured few months. What plans do you have for summer? Camping? Picnics? County Fairs? Parades? Outdoor concerts? Golf? Fishing? Travel? Regardless how you fill the time, I pray you make time to read and reflect on God's word. Read a Psalm or two each day. (One in the morning and one in the evening will nearly fill the summer.) Read a Proverb each day. (One for each day in July) Download the YouVersion app and invite others to join you for a study plan. Invite a friend or neighbor or family member to worship and share a time of fellowship on Sunday mornings. Add some fun by challenging your friends to see who can bring the most guests on a Sunday. Make time for your church friends by inviting them to a ballgame, a walk, a bike ride, a concert, out to lunch, and remain connected to your church family by intentionally growing and reflecting God's love in Jesus wherever summer's journey takes us. Enjoy the summer. Relax. Do something different. Be creative. But stay in the word. Pray frequently and worship regularly. Your faith life as well as the faith of your brothers and sisters of Christ are best served when shared with others. Summer blessings!

SUMMER SCHEDULE

May 26 – September 1

Fellowship: 8:30am-9:15am; 10:15am-11am

Sunday Worship: 9:15am

Office Hours: M-Th, 9am-2pm

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Register today!

Make sure to sign up for Vacation Bible School during the last week of June! more info on page 7

Lydia Circle, June 12

On **Wednesday, June 12**, Lydia Circle will be meeting at Olive Garden at 11:30am rather than at Salem.

Cards for Ron Hartman

Salem member, Ron Hartman will be going on the Greater Peoria Honor Flight on **Wednesday, June 12**. During the trip, veterans are presented with a mail bag. If you are interested in sending a card please mail a card/note to Ron c/o Mark Hartman. Mark, Ron's son, will be his sponsor on the trip. By mailing the notes to Mark, Ron won't find them in our mail box when he gets the mail every day. If you would like to do this, please send them to:

Ron Hartman
c/o Mark Hartman
6508 W. Willow Oak Court
Edwards, Illinois, 61528

Midwest Food Bank Volunteer Serving Opportunity on Wed, July 24 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/KMWigaHPOt> (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, July 24**.

OUTREACH PROJECTS

The Interim Outreach has created an online and print form for outreach project submissions. The forms are located at the Welcome Center or will be available online through the Bugle Blast. For any questions please contact Emily Jolliff, Interim Outreach chair.



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Ulriches Coming Home

The Ulrich family has a rich history with Salem. Luke's grandmother, Elizabeth, and mother, Lois, were active members and Luke was confirmed at Salem. In the summer of 2015, Luke and Jamie visited Salem and announced their family would become missionaries to Africa. They have served in Malawi, a very poor country in east Africa for eight years. Salem has had the privilege of helping support their ministry.

Luke and Jamie have focused particularly on the poor children including many orphans. They raised their own funding and learned the native language as few of those they ministered to knew English. They taught, shared God's Love and Word, and helped establish businesses to help fund the ministry. Jamie produced a Sunday School curriculum in the native language.



COMING HOME

Luke and Jamie Ulrich have served God in many wonderful ways and are now coming home to get reestablished in the United States. They will be visiting Salem during the service on **Sunday, July 21** and will host a special luncheon after the service.

All are invited. Come and help welcome the Ulrich family home!



The Ulrichs leave a cadre of trained locals to sustain and grow their ministry. They helped establish "Hope Home" to provide a safe environment for the very poor in eastern Malawi. Most of all they have shared God's Love that, as in all circumstances, is critical to becoming believers.



Fill the Crib for Crittenton Centers

Huge thanks to Salem Lutheran Church for being an incredible support to our Fill the Crib donation drive! Thank you Salem high school youth, Brianna, Isaac, and Emily, who joined Jason and Kelly Brinkman on **Sunday, April 14**, to shop for baby supplies to benefit the Crittenton Centers' Fill the Crib campaign. Over \$500 of supplies was purchased through the generosity of a Thrivent Action Team grant and funds from Salem's Outreach Activities.

Thanks to the efforts of the youth service project and the generosity of the Salem community, Crittenton Centers received a total of 614 diapers, 44 packages of wipes, and 6 cans of formula, along with various other children's items and monetary donations. Your contributions will make a world of difference to families in need in our community. Thank you for spreading love and support during the month of April for Fill the Crib!

NOISY CAN OFFERINGS IN JUNE AND JULY

Companion Synods on Sunday, June 9

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

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. Additional gifts of support can be shared through Salem by designating Companion Synod Support.

Ulrich Family on Sunday, July 21

After much prayer and discernment, the Ulrich family is following His prompting and moving back to the United States. “What is next?” The Ulrich family will settle in the Illinois/Indiana area for the summer and spend time with family, friends, and helping their kids with their transition under Global Teams advisement. These next months will help their children adjust to life in their new home country, process the realities of the transition, and then find employment and start the next season of their life.

Thank you for Salem's support for the Ulrich family throughout their years in Malawi. This has allowed Luke and Jamie to be focused on the people and ministries in Malawi. Part of being a field partner is transition time. Just as time was needed for moving to the field, they will need to take time to transition to living back in the United States.

The Noisy Can offering will serve as continued support to Luke and Jamie Ulrich through Global Teams as they transition back to life in the United States. This support will allow the family to be fully present in the process of closure, and then transitioning and discerning their next steps. Please read more on page 3 about the Ulrich family. Additional gifts of support can be shared through Salem by designating Ulrich Family.



Noisy Can Offering on Sunday, April 21

Thank you, Salem Lutheran Church for celebrating Good Shepherd Sunday with Pastor Kelly Nieman Anderson from Lutheran Social Service of Illinois. Pastor Kelly preached and cheered on the youth-led "Noisy Offering," which, along with offering envelopes, offered \$761.22 to support Lutheran Social Services of Illinois.

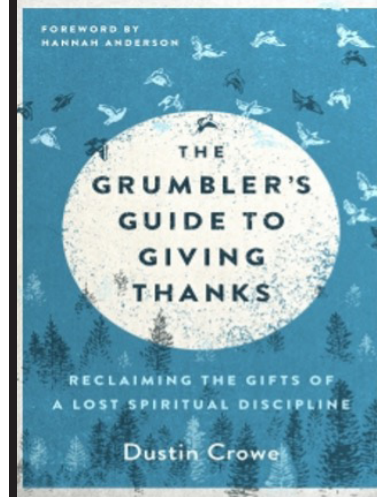


Fair Trade

Fair Trade items will be available for purchase on **Sunday, June 2** and **Sunday, August 4** in between worship services.

If you need any items from Fair Trade please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Gallas at pew117@aol.com or (309) 692-5762.

Salem Library



The Grumbler's Guide to Giving Thanks: Reclaiming the Gifts of a Lost Spiritual Discipline by Dustin Crowe - (248.4 CRO)

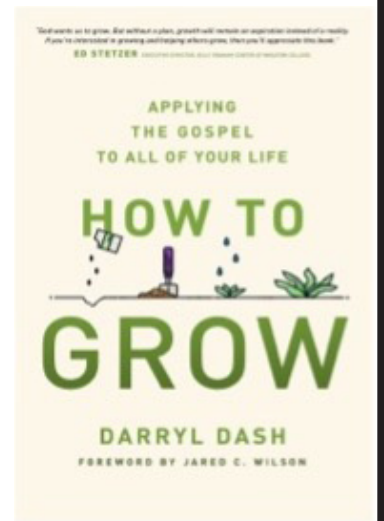
Trade Grumbling for Gratitude— Experience God like Never Before

The apostle Paul instructed the Philippians to be anxious in nothing and thankful in everything. And when he said everything—he meant everything. We can all agree that this is easier said than done. Disappointments and discontent may cause you to slip into dissatisfaction, and grumbling becomes a state of mind—gratitude seems impossible to find. However, what if this is the precise reason you lack the joy of a God-filled life? Instead of a reaction to when things are going well, what if gratitude is actually necessary to knowing the hope of our gracious God? This is exactly what Pastor Dustin Crowe identifies in *The Grumbler's Guide to Giving Thanks*.

Dustin examines the biblical foundations of thankfulness and traces how it can reshape every-day Christian living. When we express gratitude in all things, we not only praise our Creator, we also get to know Him better. With *The Grumbler's Guide*, you'll learn how to practice thanksgiving in both simple and extraordinary ways, even when you're tempted to dwell on the negative. You'll find your outlook on life realigned to see the hand of God in everything, strengthening your trust in Him. And in doing so, you'll find greater, more joy-filled reasons to continue expressing thanks to our good and generous God.

How to Grow: Applying the Gospel to all of Your Life by Darryl Dash - (248.4 DAS)

Are you dissatisfied with your spiritual life? Do you feel stuck or stagnant? Are you tired of going through the motions of faith? Do you want to make real progress in your life, but not know where to start? *How to Grow* is a book for people who want to grow spiritually and help others grow as well. We often see the gospel as the starting point of the Christian life, rather than the main point of all of life. But the truth is that the gospel is the key to all ongoing growth in our lives. As Galatians 2:14 says, we are called to live our whole lives "in step with the truth of the gospel." In *How to Grow*, Darryl Dash will walk you through a practical, habit-based approach to spiritual growth. Join Darryl as he unpacks the gospel, shows how it applies to every area of your life, and helps you evaluate your current stage of growth so you know what steps to take next. You'll learn why habits are important, how to build them, and which ones to focus on first. Plus, you'll discover the roles that joy and desire play in our spiritual growth journey.

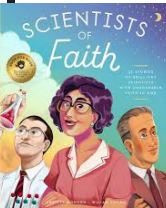


How to Access the Salem Library?

To access and view the library collection at 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.

Faith Formation for All Ages this Summer

“Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.” Psalm 111:2



Faith Formation is talking faith and science this summer! It seems we find ourselves, children and adults, presented with something of a false choice: to believe in God or to believe in the work of science. Perhaps we need to consider a third choice: to let God inspire our love of science and to let science deepen our wonder and awe of God! We are going to do this with two books, *Stars Beneath Us* by Paul Wallace and *Scientists of Faith* by Christy Monson and illustrated by William Luong.

Samples of these books will be available for you to look at this summer at the Welcome Center.

- *Stars Beneath Us* is a short, but very thought provoking discussion of faith and science with Biblical texts woven throughout and the author’s personal perspective.
- *Scientists of Faith* presents itself as a children’s book. However, upon closer inspection it most definitely is not! Presenting 28 stores of brilliant scientists, some familiar and some probably not, with remarkable faith in God, you will discover that your love of God and God’s wondrous creation is only deepened by scientific curiosity. This book is for all ages!

There are a few opportunities for everyone to be involved.

- Everyone is invited to join the Salem Book Club conversation on **Wednesday, June 19 at 7:30pm** via Zoom for discussion on *Stars Beneath Us* by Paul Wallace (see article below). Supporting materials will be available at the Welcome Center if you are unable to join this discussion.
- High School students (including rising 8th graders) should watch for a mailing with supporting materials to help you and your family engage in conversation.
- Sunday School families should watch for a mailing with supporting materials for you to engage in conversation about science and faith.

Happy reading and join in the conversation!

Salem Book Club, June 19

Salem Book Club will meet on **Wednesday, June 19 at 7:30pm-8:30pm** via Zoom. All are welcome! You can attend for one book or join every month. Even if you do not finish the book, please come and enjoy conversation from others. Sometimes people join us and have not read the book just to participate and see if they are interested in reading the book selection!

Our book is, *The Stars Beneath Us – Finding God in the Evolving Cosmos*, by Paul Wallace. It is available in paperback and Kindle.

This book brilliantly shows God’s presence in the ever-evolving cosmos. Relying on his upbringing as a Baptist, his doctoral work in experimental nuclear and gamma-ray astronomy, and his ordination to the gospel ministry, Weaver weaves a book unlike any other in faith-and-science literature. This is a call to courage for those who fear a true encounter with the cosmos will distance them from God. Stars Beneath Us will inspire readers to engage with the natural world in new ways, and find God, as it turns out, is everywhere.

"If you're tired of debates that pit the Bible against science or bored of arguments over the compatibility between Genesis and evolution - and yet remain convinced that we have much yet to learn about the positive relationship between science and faith - Paul Wallace's Stars Beneath Us is the next book for you to read. As a scientist, a theologian, and an educator, he is just the one we need to remind us just how interesting the conversation between science and faith can be." -David Wood, Glencoe Union Church, senior minister

THANK YOU to Sunday School Teachers!

The words of the wise:
Incline your ear and hear my words
and apply your mind to my teaching,
for it will be pleasant if you keep them within you,
if all of them are ready on your lips.
(Proverbs 22:17-18)

Thank you to Sunday School teachers who reliably and devotedly led our children and youth in faith formation this school year. Their dedication to sharing their faith and teaching is very much appreciated.

Special thank you to **Becky Hagen** for all her efforts in providing hands-on activities each week for the Sunday School classes to use. This work helped teachers be better prepared to teach with enriching activities for our youth.

- Preschool and Kindergarten: **Karen Holmes**
1st – 3rd Grades: **Emily Arnold, Becky Hagen, and Wendy Thomasson**
4th and 5th Grades: **Nicole Breidel and Rebbecca Sipf**
6th – 8th Grades: **Amy Schroeder and Maren Thompson**
High School: **Kelly and Jason Brinkman, Matthew Grebner, and Maggie Slotter**
Sunday School Coordinator: **Gretchen Petrakis**
Thank you, faithful servants!

Cross-Generational Vacation Bible School:
Operation Restoration

Monday, June 24 - Thursday, June 27, from 5:30pm-7:30pm

Participants are welcome to come to Vacation Bible School even if you need to miss a night for sports or other activities. Each night will be independent of the others.

Operation Restoration is a cross-generational Vacation Bible School that invites participants to be menders in God’s world. All generations can come together this summer to participate in faith formation activities together. Come help others make connections between Bible stories and mending actions. Discover simple ways to live out faith in daily life.

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

It takes a great number of adult and student volunteers to provide Vacation Bible School to a large community event. Youth and adults are encouraged to invite a friend to help you help at Vacation Bible School.

Emily Jolliff and Jeanne Setterlund, Co-Directors of Vacation Bible School, are ready to help guide you through every step of your volunteer experience at Vacation Bible School. There are jobs of all sizes - every volunteer matters! Interested in volunteering, please contact Emily Jolliff at (309) 712-4979 or Jeanne Setterlund at (309) 369-1991 or register online at www.salemofpeoria.com/vbs-2024



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TO REGISTER



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TO VOLUNTEER



2024 Youth Gathering

YOUTH ARE CARED FOR, ENCOURAGED AND CHALLENGED AS THEY EXPERIENCE THE LOVE OF CHRIST THROUGH COMMUNITY

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

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TO BE MYLE
the table Young Adult Gathering

New Orleans
July 16-20, 2024

ELCA Youth Gathering Bags

Please pray for the youth and leaders on their upcoming trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. There will be goodie bags in the Welcome Center in the atrium for each youth gathering participant from **June 16 through July 14**. Notes of encouragement or small treats (non-melting). Some examples are: small boxes / bags of cereal, bugles, chex mix, trail mix, mini bags of pretzels, gum, twizzlers, starburst, skittles, small boxes of crazins, or peanut butter crackers.

Participants: Isaac Hartman, Brianna Schroeder, Makayla Schroeder, Micah Thompson, Laura Hartman, Amy Schroeder

In July, Salem Lutheran Church will be represented by students, Isaac Hartman, Brianna Schroeder, Makayla Schroeder, Micah Thompson and two adult leaders, Laura Hartman and Amy Schroeder at the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. The Gathering theme, “Created to Be,” highlights the arts, music and soul of beautiful, vibrant and resilient New Orleans. This will be the first youth gathering since 2018 – youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. This week long experience will include days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship. Young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

During the Gathering, youth and their leaders plan to dive deeper into justice, mental health and anti-racism conversations. These are hard conversations, but our church desperately needs to have them. We also hope to foster relationships and be a sanctuary for one another. We are saint and sinner simultaneously, and we need forgiveness when we aren’t or can’t be brave, authentic, free, disruptive disciples.

Young Lutherans have been gathering for more than 100 years! The Lutheran denominations that made up the ELCA each had rich traditions of bringing their young people together. We’ve gathered in places from Los Angeles to Boston under such themes as “Called to Freedom” and “Jesus, Justice, Jazz,” with speakers from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to Bishop Desmond Tutu. You are encouraged to pray for these youth and leaders that they affirm and are challenged in their faith, experience new perspectives, ponder their vocation, bond with their peers, and learn more about the ELCA and their partners.

ELCA Youth Gathering PARTICIPANTS

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ISAAC HARTMAN

Leaning into sophomore year in 2024!

It brings me joy to share experiences with others, connecting us through our actions.



What are you looking forward to for ELCA Youth Gathering?

Talking with other youth from different backgrounds, hearing their stories of Christ, and forming long-lasting bonds.

What are you looking forward to for ELCA Youth Gathering?

Aiding others who need help so that they can also enjoy good food like we do.

How can Salem members pray for you?

To help me bring joy to more people than I would be able to do on my own.



BRIANNA SCHROEDER

Moving into junior year in 2024!

Bringing joy to others, I feel a sense of purpose, which brings me joy.

MAKAYLA SCHROEDER

Moving towards high school as a freshman in 2024!

By spreading the joy of Christ to others and feeling a sense of purpose brings me joy.



What are you looking forward to for ELCA Youth Gathering?

Meeting new people who share my view in helping and aiding.

How can Salem members pray for you?

Pray to help me show love and aid to others.

What are you looking forward to for ELCA Youth Gathering?

Fellowship and community

How can Salem members pray for you?

Pray for safety and well-being.



MICAH THOMPSON

Bounding into senior year in 2024!

The sense of team accomplishment after working hard brings me joy.

ADULT LEADERS LAURA HARTMAN AMY SCHROEDER



Service at Midwest Food Bank

On **Saturday morning, April 28**, a group of youth, parents and grandparents volunteered at Midwest Food Bank. Thank you to: Conner and Allen Bidne; Mark, Isaac, Ella, and Aaron Hartman; Meghan, Emily, Landon Peterson and Robert and Laurel Moffett; Gretchen Petrakis; Jeanne Setterlund; John, Rebecca, Maggie and Eli Sipf; and Jennifer, Avery, and Emma Uphoff for volunteering.

Midwest Food Bank is a faith-based organization to share the love of Christ by alleviating hunger and malnutrition locally and throughout the word and also by providing disaster relief. Their vision is to provide industry-leading food relief to those in need while feeding them spiritually. Midwest Food Bank currently distributes nearly \$34 million worth of food to over 2,200 non-profit organizations each month. This is done from their twelve locations in Illinois, Arizona, Georgia, Indiana, Texas, Pennsylvania, New England, East Africa, and Haiti. For more information about Midwest Food Bank, please check out their website: midwestfoodbank.org.

Salem has a long history of volunteering at Midwest Food Bank. If you are interested in helping, watch for the sign up in *The Bugle* as a group from Salem volunteers every other month. Please feel free to reach out to John Grabel, Randy Blum, or Ann Sterr as they are very knowledgeable about Midwest Food Bank for more information.



Sunday School: LIFE OF MOSES

On **Sunday, May 5**, Sunday School junior and senior high helped re-enact the life of Moses during Education Hour. Thank you to Laura Hartman for capturing photographs of Sunday School re-enacting of the life of Moses.



More Thank Pink Walk

Thank you all for the support for the Salem Lutheran Saints More Than Pink Team. It was another successful MORE THAN PINK WALK!



ABOVE: Henry Arnold, Ava Salverson and Conner Bidne

Honoring Graduates
On May 12, High School seniors were honored. . Blessings to you all in your next steps. Thank you to Rebecca Sipf for organizing the reception, and to Rebecca and Gretchen Petrakis for the senior quilts.

FAITH FORMATION

Upcoming dates...

Wednesday, June 19, 7:30pm: Salem Book Club

Monday, June 24 - Thursday, June 27, 5:30pm-7:30pm: Vacation Bible School

Sunday, Aug 11: New Beginning Sunday

Sunday, Aug 18: Cross+Generational Choir Practice

Sunday, Aug 25: Cross+Generational Choir Practice

Sunday, Sept 29: Acolyte, Crucifer, and Communion Assistant Training

Spiritual Gifts: TIME AND TALENT

Please watch for an opportunity for youth to complete a survey indicating how they would like to use their spiritual gifts. Saint Paul describes the church as one body with many members with a variety of gifts. When each part is working properly, it promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love. Participation is a good way to share your gifts, contribute to the work of Christ's church and expand your connection to others.

FROM THE PARISH NURSE, LORI REIMER

Each June, Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month is recognized as a time to raise awareness about Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, as well as those who care for them.

As both a family and professional caregiver, I have learned that one of the most important things you can do is take care of yourself- both physically and mentally. Ways to do this include:

- Ask for help. It is a necessity as well as okay to ask for help from your family and friends. This can include meals, sitting with the care recipient, helping with appointments, and more.
- Utilize services from home health or adult day services when needed.
- Join a caregiver support group.
- Take breaks each day.
- Spend time with your friends.
- Keep up with your hobbies and interests.
- Keep your own health, legal, and financial information up to date. Have a plan in case of your own illness or emergency situation.
- Eat healthy, exercise as often as you can, and see your own doctor on a regular basis.

Most caregivers have trouble asking for help and taking care of themselves. As the care recipient needs change, so will the caregivers. As a friend or family member, ask what you can do to help. Let the caregiver know what tasks you are comfortable with or able to do. For more information, check out resources in the Parish Nurse office.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Salem’s growing ministry

DIRECTION...

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

PRAYERS REQUESTS...

- The men and women of our armed forces
- Support for all caregivers when loved ones suffer
- Individuals suffering from depression
- Ulrich family

- Jocette and Salih Arbeyi missionaries through CRU
- Families at Crittenton Center
- Midwest Food Bank
- Luan Borquist
- Butch Conard
- Crystal Grabel
- Ron Hipple
- Craig Humphries, very ill young man. His brother, Ross, his caregiver.
- Carolyn Noe
- Jeff Olsen and family
- Sally Olsen and family
- Tim, Jessica, Daniel Peterson

- Linda Peterson
- Rosy Park
- Phyllis
- Donita Lynn Purcell
- Jim
- Debi Smith
- Jason Sterr
- Brant Wegrzyn

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY...

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

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS! JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 1
Sophia Doty

June 2
Dawn Koeltzow

June 3
John Ford
Scott Kalbacken

June 4
Jane Topel

June 6
Robert Suelter

June 7
Sis Gavin
Robert Petrakis

June 9
Rebecca Snyder

June 10
Rosy Parks

June 11
Mark Hartman

June 14
Tatum Dierking

June 15
Mary Luan
Borquist

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

Thank You!

- The Bethel United Methodist Church would like to thank you and the congregation for the monetary donation and generous donations of non-perishable items during the months of April, May and June. All of your donations and many acts of kindness are very much appreciated. Your contributions enable us to better serve those who are less fortunate and afford us the opportunity to witness the love of our savior, Christ Jesus. Thank you for your continued generosity and all of your love. May God richly bless you in His service. - In Christian Friendship, Rev. Tyson T. Parks III, Pastor
- Thank you for donating to LOMC's ministry of helping guests of all ages connect with God and each other. Your gift makes all the difference in helping LOMC thrive.
- Thank you for your donation to Phoenix Community Development Services. Because of you and your congregation we were able to help our consumers thrive! None of this would be possible without your help! Thank you for the donation of 40 winter hats, 126 pairs of socks, 2 pairs of slippers, 3 jackets, 3 blankets, 6 scarves, 8 pairs of gloves, one sweatshirt and 24 pairs of hand warmers. We truly appreciate your generosity! -Jolene Whisler, Resource Development Manager, Phoenix Community Development Services
- Dear Members of Sunday School -thanks to each and every one of you for the Easter blessings. I hope you had as much fun putting the Thinking of You bags together as I had receiving it. A special thanks to Suzanne Ligon for delivery service. Sincerely – Suzanne McMickle
- Thank you for their efforts on Work Day: Dean Doughty, John Harvey, Larry Kotewa, Julie Kotewa, John Iverson, Rick Lambie, Jason Lantz, Jeff Machacek, Deb Sanders, and Eric Schroeder.
- Outreach Committee - Thank you so much for the beautiful roses and the Panera gift cards that you gave to the Preschool teachers. All of us truly love working with children and it is so nice to be appreciated! - Pam, Lisa, Cortney and Brooke

Church Mouse

The Church Mouse is in need of infant, toddler, and children’s clothing. Please consider donating to the Church Mouse when deciding where to take your items for donation. Donations accepted M-Sat from 10am – 3pm. 600 West Main Street, Peoria near the campus of Bradley University.

The Church Mouse is operated by the Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria. Proceeds from the store sales help support vital ministries at Lutheran Hillside Village and Lutheran Social Services.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 2
Matthew Bidne
Chris Cozadd
Leah Owen

July 3
Regg Glawe
Tamara Ott
Ashley Owen

July 4
Layla Hull
Logan Hull
Helene Peterson
Jordan Snider

July 5
April Madigan

July 6
Bradley Hamann
Heather Hodgkins

July 8
Thomas Anderson
Caleb Kotewa
David Nelson
Karen Swenson

July 9
Julie Eastwood
Linda Peterson

July 10
Nancy Bastian
Kyle Griffith
Lauren Hood

July 11
Jessica Bastian
Branden Cooper
Joey Ghazanfari
Chris Janssen
Leah Joyce
Karen Norman Rees
Jodi Serfling
Stella Serfling
Jean Yancick

July 12
Monica Dockery
Laurie Seidel
Elaine Sokolowski

July 13
Jason Brinkman
Ellen Forkell

July 14
Dennis Lehmann

July 15
Bill Cox
Sydney Neltner
Brenda Newcomb

July 16
Kayla DeGood
Taylor Eastwood
Emily Nichelson

July 17
Sharon Couden
Cindy Fischer

July 18
Scott Faulkner
Leah Grebner

July 19
Megan Thomasson
Craig Young

July 20
Jonathan Arnold

July 21
Caroline Hurlbut
Rampy

July 24
Jason Egan

July 25
Melissa Berchtold
Kay Peterson
Lynsey Steinbach

July 26
Thomas Hokanson

July 27
Richard Huxtable

July 28
Alyvia Cowser
Merrell Hickey
Abigail Monahan
Avery Uphoff

July 29
Mary Starzynski

July 30
Brooke Drury
Christopher Snyder
Rod Topel

July 31
Rebecca Hagen



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