Salem News

November 2024



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It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to God almighty and merciful, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

We hear these familiar words weekly as we give thanks and prepare our hearts and minds to receive, to participate in, the meal that provides sustenance for our spirit; that is the body and blood of our Lord and Savior. And we have much to be thankful for.

We give thanks for our confirmands, Grace, Kate, Kole and Macy . . . let their love be a blessing to others as they journey forward in faith.

We give thanks for the heart of Salem; for all who serve by volunteering for events; all who lend their time to maintain our building and grounds; for all who contribute financially and/or by sharing of their time and talents to support Salem's ministries; for our staff and volunteers who walk this path of faith with children and adults; for our musicians and all who help each week to prepare our worship.

We give thanks that God has given us hearts of love and compassion. We give thanks for God's mercy and love for us. We give thanks for our salvation. This is our hope and assurance.

In this season of Thanksgiving and as we recognize this national holiday, let us give thanks for the freedom we have been given through Christ Jesus. This freedom is our foundation; it is the place from where all blessings flow; to us and through us to others.

We give thanks for the saints who no longer walk this leg of the journey; and who still abide in our hearts, even as we know they abide always in God's love.

God's Peace, Pastor Sue

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PRESIDENT Jon Gustafson

VICE PRESIDENT David Long

TREASURER Nancy Patterson

SECRETARY Deb Kronfeld

LEARNING Miranda Luder

PROPERTY Steve Morford

WORSHIP Becky VanErstvelde

SERVICE Kim Luder

Youтн Camiel VanErstvelde

WITNESS Jessica Clark

Stewardship Mandy Bergeson

Pastor Sue Hoff



Thanksgiving Service and PIE NIGHT!

Join us on Tuesday, November 26 for our annual Thanksgiving service and Pie Night.

Worship at 6:00PM Pie and Coffee at 7:00PM

Sign up sheets to provide pie are at the back door! Thank you for your contributions!

Summary of Church Council Meeting October 16, 2024

Attending: Jon Gustafson, David Long, Nancy Patterson, Deb Kronfeld, Jessica Clark, Kim Luder, Pastor Sue Hoff, Mandy Bergeson, Miranda Luder, Steve Morford

Absent: Camiel VanErstvelde, Becky VanErstvelde

Guests: Rita Gustafson, Universal Church Directories Representative

Called to order at 6:35PM Devotions by Deb Minutes were approved via email. Going forward Jon would like the Council to spend 10-15 minutes on visions for future Presentation by Rita Gustafson. We agreed to proceed. Presentation by Universal Church Directories. Motion to proceed passed

Pastor's Report – Nothing additional President's Report – Comments on Sunday meeting with Moline / RI churches at Augie Vice President - Nothing additional Treasurer - Nothing additional Secretary - Bell Choir funding Committee Reports: Stewardship – Envelopes and Stewardship letters are out Witness – No report Service – CROP Walk – 27 walkers, \$1219 raised Learning – No report Youth – No report Worship – No report Property – Report on furnaces and generators Old Business

New Business

Deb will be gone for the November 10th meeting. Will show Pastor how to record meeting.

Pastor Sue moved to adjourn, Jessica seconded, Motion passed

Lord's prayer was said

Meeting adjourned at 8:21PM

Respectfully submitted Deb Kronfeld Council Secretary

Youth News

Sunday School begins September 15th, 9:45-10:30AM

Beginner's (up to Kindergarten) and **Elementary** Sunday School (Kindergarten thru 6th grade)

During the month of September, the Elementary age Sunday School will learn about Jesus and the Bible through games, snacks and science experiments.

Jr. High/High School SUNDAY'S COOL! (7th grade thru 12th grade)

This is our most important weekly gathering, and we meet in the Youth Room. Come for a great time of fellowship and hands-on learning of God's word.

Thursday Nights at Salem

Teen Drop In (6:00-7:00PM) – 6th grade & up. Youth are welcome to "drop-in" anytime between 6:00-7:00PM for a laid back, come as you are, environment to play games, ping pong, and just hang out with friends.

CROP WALK 2024

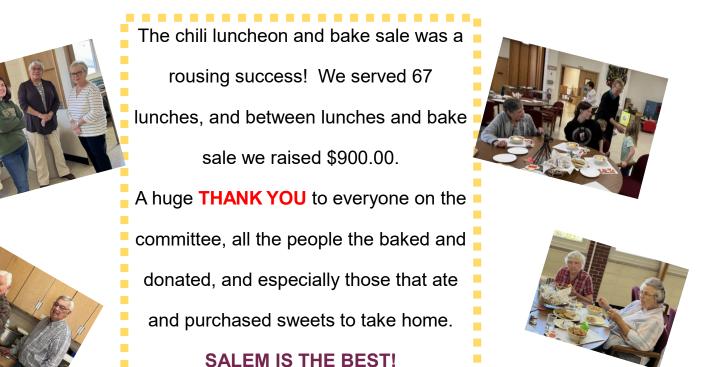
27 people walk to fight hunger and hurricane relief Over \$1,200 was raised to support the Salem team!





Chili Luncheon and Bake Sale













Confirmation 2024 Congratulations to: Macy McCurdy Kate Woomert Grace Bergeson Kole Wood









To the Veterans of Salem -

Thank you for your servíce!



Salem members met at Augustana with leadership teams from Trinity, First Moline, St. John's, Calvary, St. James and First, Rock Island to discuss the future of the Moline / Rock Island churches.

Den Salem Fronily: Hond you so much for my Hallowan goodie bag & the beautiful sparol. The visit with gem Kerron who delived it was delightful ! your love + Caring meon so much to me and are so sprewited! Cathe andusa

For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever. Psalm 9:18





Samantha Cramer	11/1
Mitch Bergeson	11/4
Wayne Thompson	11/4
Maryell Cox	11/6
Linda Graflund	11/9
Pete Davidson	11/11
Lisa Starofsky	11/13
Deborah Thompson	11/13
Janet Bender	11/14
Heather Roelens	11/16
Todd Bender	11/19
Asta Gustafson	11/20
Rebecca Wilburn	11/20
Daniel Tollerud	11/21
Gretel Hengst	11/22
Wayne Anderson	11/23
Darren Staes	11/27
Barbara Craver	11/28
Jackson Otten	11/29
Sally Krantz	11/30
Catherine Anderson	11/30
Jameson Clark	11/30



In Loving Memory of Curt Tagtmeier Given by....

> Tom and Beth Tagtmeier Karin Martin

In Loving Memory of Ron Lindgren Given by.....

Jerry Hardin and Barb Feik

Linda Graflund

Karen and Frank Ege

Bonnie Casper



SERENITY CIRCLE

will meet Monday, October 2 at 1:00PM in The Lounge

All ladies of Salem are welcome!

			Sept	Sept	YTD	YTD
Stewardship	Statistics		Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
FINANCIAL		Income	\$13,484.14	\$14,485.86	\$140,966.79	\$145,069.34
INFORMATION		Expenses	\$22,284.01	\$25,637.07	\$193,574.34	\$213,182.56
		Net Income	(\$8,799.87)	(\$11,151.21)	(\$52,607.53)	(\$68,113.32)
A D	Date	Sunday	Public	Private	YouTube	Total
т	Sept 1	33	53	31	26	143
E N	Sept 8	49	35	32	20	136
D A	Sept 15	74	43	28	16	161
N C	Sept 22	50	35	38	16	139
E	Sept 29	65	0	0	10	75

Acolytes - November 2024

Summer vacation for Acolytes. Duties will be handled by the Assisting Minister.

If you are not able to acolyte on your scheduled week, please make arrangements with another acolyte. Thank you

Altar Guild / Worship November 2024

Paraments - Darlene Hann **Communion Set up** - Rick Jones

Greeters - 10:45 Service

Nov 3	Suzanne Witcher
Nov 10	
Nov 17	Kathy Hotchkiss
Nov 24	Becky VanErstvelde
Nov 28	Rick Jones

Assisting Ministers - October 2024

Sunday	Assistant
Nov 3	David Long
Nov 10	Cathy Bigelow
Nov 17	Nancy Patterson
Nov 24	Jon Gustafson

Salem Lutheran Church 1724 15th Street Moline, IL 61265 309-764-5614 www.salemmoline.org Worship: Sunday Fellowship: 9:45am Service: 10:45 Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 8:00AM to 12:00PM

Last. But Not Least....

Please make sure you have your 2025 pledge turned in by November 17. There are forms at the back entrance. Put your completed form in the treasure chest at the back door or back of the sanctuary. Thank you.

Dear Salem Lutheran Church member,

As we continue our journey together as a church family, I am reminded of the many ways God has blessed each of us. Through his grace, we are united in faith and called to serve one another and our community with love. Today, I am writing to ask for your partnership in this ongoing mission. Salem Lutheran Church is inviting you to contribute in three specific ways:

Your Time

We ask you to consider how you can dedicate some of your time to the ministries of our church. Whether it's participating in worship services, helping youth programs, joining a Bible study group, or serving our local community.

Your Talents

God has blessed each of us with different talents—skills that can make a difference in the lives of others. Perhaps you are gifted in teaching, music, organizing events, or working with your hands.

Your Treasures

Our church is sustained through the generosity of our members, who give faithfully to support its ministries, youth programs, and operations. If you are able, we ask that you consider

contributing financially to the work of Salem Lutheran Church. Every gift, no matter the size, helps us fulfill our mission to share God's love and serve those in need.

We ask that you consider increasing your donation, fill out your pledge card or go to our website https://salemmoline.org/giving to donate. Also, please fill out a time and talent sheet for each of your family members. If you would like more information or are unsure how best to serve, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. Together, we can accomplish great things.

In Christ's Service,

Mandy Bergeson, Stewardship