

## *Grace, Gratitude and Courage*

All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.

*(Acts 2:44-47)*



In the book of Acts Luke writes this of 1<sup>st</sup> century followers of Christ; members of the body of Christ, as together they grew into and through the mission they shared. Theirs was not an easy path to follow, yet called and moved by God's Holy Spirit and attentive to the teaching of the apostles, these early disciples withstood hatred and persecution to follow Jesus; to care for one another within their community and to share the good news of Jesus Christ with those outside of their community.

Our call today remains the same. We too are moved to serve our friends and neighbors and to share the love of Jesus with the world and to teach our children to do the same. What has changed and should continue to change, is our understanding and definition of neighbor.

20 centuries later, influenced by technology, automation, and world-wide mobility, our world has grown. Our local community no longer consists of different Nordic clans, but rather reflects a cacophony of God's created ones; our siblings, our fellow human beings of all varieties and flavors.

As we continue to discern our mission, to figure out where else God is calling us to action, I am excited as we consider the many opportunities there are to develop ministry opportunities that stretch our boundaries and that may put us a bit outside of our comfort zone, as we strive to create new relationships in the vibrant community that surrounds Salem Lutheran Church. Let us go forth in gratitude, remembering always God's abundant grace. Let us go with open hearts and eyes, so that we may see God's image reflected in all persons. Let us go with courage as we are called by God's Holy Spirit.

In Christ's love,

*Pastor Sue*



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**WITNESS**

Jessica Clark

**STEWARDSHIP**

Mandy Bergeson

**PASTOR**

Sue Hoff

# October Happenings!



## CHILI



## LUNCHEON

## and BAKE SALE

### Sunday, October 20

### (12:00 Noon - 2:00 PM)

Enjoy this lunch with friends and shop for  
sweet items to take home afterwards

### ADULTS \$6.00

### Children 5 and under are free

Sign up at the back entrance (the cooks  
need to know how much chili to make!)

Signup deadline is Thursday, Oct 17.

There will be regular and vegetarian  
chili

Eat in - or take it to go!



*Baptism of  
Ethan Hardin  
Audee Porter  
Declan Porter  
09/15/2024*



IN LOVING  
*memory*

In Loving Memory of Curt Tagtmeier

Given by.....Jon Whitcomb, Darlene Hann,

Frank and Karen Ege, Jim and Marti

Kernan, Dick and Margaret Castle

# Youth News

## Sunday School is Cool



**Sunday School begins September 15<sup>th</sup>, 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. Begins **September 19<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00PM.

## Family Events

**CROP Walk Service Project for all ages, October 6th, 2:00 PM**



Get ready to put your heart and “soles” into action. On Sunday, October 6th the Quad Cities will join 2,000 other communities to fight hunger at home and world-wide in the annual CROP Walk. You can walk 2 feet or 2 ½ miles crossing the new I74 bridge and back! Our team needs walkers to sign up family, friends, and neighbors. Or, if you can't join us for the walk, sponsor a Salem member who is walking. See Sally Patterson or Kim Luder for more details.





## Summary of Church Council Meeting September 8, 2024

Attending: Jon Gustafson, David Long, Nancy Patterson, Deb Kronfeld, Miranda Luder, Jessica Clark, Kim Luder, Pastor Sue Hoff, Camiel VanErstvelde, Becky VanErstvelde

Absent: Mandy Bergeson, Steve Morford

Meeting started at 11:52AM

Minutes were approved via email.

**Pastor** - No report

**President** - No report

**Vice President** - No report

**Treasurer** - Waiting for Finance to talk about selling the Stock. Need to check the Constitution for By Laws / Rules for Endowment.

**Secretary** - Church Mutual wanted a drone shot of flat roof. Was done on September 5 (and then came back September 12). Could save us on insurance. Still waiting on "the plan". Possibly get new I-Pad / Notebook for Broadcasting / Recording as Brett uses his personal one when he does it. Maybe get a target date?

### **Committee Reports:**

**Property** - Backups for power plan / Storage battery. Should this be under SAVANT? No, want them to concentrate on the Sanctuary. Dollars for furnace.

**Learning** - September 15 First Day of Sunday School.

**Service, Stewardship, Youth, Witness** all no reports.

### **Old Business:**

### **New Business:**

New insurance rates are in – We used Gold Plan in 2024.

Changes in 2025 as Pastor Sue will be going on Medicare, Supplemental for her and coverage for Natalie. Cost will go down about \$700/month (\$9,000/year). Sally is okay with plan as is. Pastor to check Portico to confirm everything is good for her and Natalie. Nancy motioned we keep the same plan with the adjustments, Miranda seconded, approved.

Pastor Mike Lawyer will be here October 6<sup>th</sup>.

October Council meeting will be the 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM

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

Steve Morford came in and gave an update on the furnace / backup generator. He's meeting with several companies. Backup generator will not be cheap.

Becky moved to adjourn, Miranda seconded, Motion passed

Lord's prayer was said

Meeting adjourned at 12:26PM

Deb Kronfeld  
Council Secretary

Welcome  
back to  
Sunday  
School!



**SUPER-SIZED!**



**This is going to be a GREAT year!**

## Happening Around Salem



### BOOK STUDY

“The World is  
About to  
Turn”



## Trunk Or Treat Saturday, October 26th 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Join us for a spooktacular time!!! If you would like to be a trunk or set up a table we would like them to be ready to go in the Salem parking lot by 5:45PM. Everybody is welcome to set up an area and if you would like to have an activity for the children to do we will resume this again this year. The children will start to parade around at 6PM and then Trunk or Treat after the Costume Parade. Look For a Sign Up Sheet at the sign in table on Sunday.

Please let us know if you will be designing a trunk/table and how many kids will be Trunk or Treating. This year we will be serving hot dogs, chips, and lemonade.

If you have questions call or text Becky VanErstvelde at 309-738-9573.





Marlea Clark	10/1
Steve Morford	10/1
John Anderson	10/3
Audee Porter	10/3
Julie Smith	10/3
Hannah Oswald	10/04
Jennifer Garnant	10/5
Parry Gustafson	10/10
Amy Hillyer	10/10
Deb Kronfeld	10/14
Joanne Halverson	10/17
Mia Hillyer	10/17
Julie Dean-McCurdy	10/20
Susan Ketelaar	10/20
Bonnie Yuuvan	10/23
Corri Curry	10/23
James Kernan	10/24
Hadley Maertens	10/24
Quinn Wiley	10/24
Isabella Efflandt	10/26
Andrea Provost	10/28
Leah Michel	10/31

Sept. 11, 2024  
 Dear Friends at Salem,  
 Thank you so much  
 for the beautiful  
 fall bouquet. Every  
 time I see it, I  
 will think of all  
 of you and our  
 friendship.

Marilynn Cushman



## SERENITY CIRCLE

will meet Monday, October 2

at 1:00PM in

The Lounge

All ladies of Salem are welcome!



## Stewardship Statistics

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	Aug Actual	Aug Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income	\$12,772.02	\$13,300.82	\$127,482.65	\$130,583.48
Expenses	\$18,221.47	\$23,450.78	\$171,393.46	\$187,545.92
Net Income	(\$5,449.34)	(\$10,149.96)	(\$43,910.81)	(\$56,962.01)

### A T T E N D A N C E

Date	Sunday	Public	Private	YouTube	Total
Aug 4	41	56	45	10	153
Aug 11	84	46	37	7	174
Aug 18	68	30	29	4	131
Aug 25	45	31	31	10	117

### Acolytes - October 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 October 2024

**Paraments** - Becky VanErstvelde  
**Communion Set up** - Karen Staes /  
Wayne Thompson

#### Greeters - 10:45 Service

Oct 6 Linda Lundgren  
Oct 13 Darlene Hann  
Oct 20 Allison Senkbeil  
Oct 27 Rick Jones

### Assisting Ministers - October 2024

Sunday	Assistant
Oct 6	Cathy Bigelow
Oct 13	Nancy Patterson
Oct 20	Jon Gustafson
Oct 27	Jim Kernan

### Salem Lutheran Church

1724 15th Street  
Moline, IL 61265  
309-764-5614

[www.salemmoline.org](http://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....*

## **A Word from Bishop Stacie Fidler**

I turned 21 in Arusha, Tanzania. I had been selected to be one of the team that represented the Northern Illinois Synod on our initial visit to our companions in (at that time) the Arusha Diocese. It was an eye-opening, mind and heart expanding journey, taken between my college graduation and my first year of seminary.

That relationship, now with the North Central Diocese (NCD) of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT), has continued and had ebbs and flows over the last 33 years (yes, yes, do the math). Post-covid, we are looking to once again deepen that relationship and build up our congregational and synod relationships.

Every synod in the ELCA has at least one companion. These relationships are rooted in “accompaniment,” which promotes the values of mutuality, inclusivity, vulnerability, empowerment, and sustainability.

Through the program, companion churches and ELCA synods nurture and strengthen one another for life and ministry through prayer, study, communication, exchange of visitors, and sharing of resources.

Outside of our companion relationship with the North Central Diocese in Tanzania, we also have a relationship with Arcot Lutheran Church in India. This past August, along with Vice President Minnette Willard, I traveled for the consecration of Bishop Peter Paul Thomas. It was a trip that focused on building relationships, of showing up to celebrate with Bishop Peter Paul Thomas and the Arcot Lutheran Church.

As we live out being the body of Christ, it is important to show up for the important things, the celebrations and the painful things. To support one another and be reminded of the love that fills us as children of God. It's the same reason why our Northern Illinois synod staff are so eager to worship with your congregations on a regular basis. It is why I go to as many congregations as I can. We are in this journey together, following God-made-flesh in Jesus and living that same embodied faith for and with each other.

## **God's work. Our hands.**

On September 8<sup>th</sup>, congregations around the Northern Illinois Synod participated in “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Many churches packed school kits for Lutheran World Relief, like First Lutheran Church in DeKalb who packed 652 kits after worship. First had spent the previous months collecting supplies, sorting them, and recruiting many hands to make the packing happen as quick as possible.



For Grace Lutheran Church in Wilmington, “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday was more than just a day of service but rather created new connections in their community. A planning team led the congregation in gathering items for gift bags for the local nursing home. On a Sunday morning, their members created an assembly line for filling the bags, which included hygiene items, snacks, a Bible verse card, and a personal card with the church's information.

A root beer float station was set up at the nursing home. Nursing home residents enjoyed their treat bags and root beer floats. In the month prior, members of Grace joined with members of United in Gardner to work the Food Share fest held at the Wilmington High School. Congregation members from both churches helped load food into cars for over 300 families on a hot summer day. Members at Grace are excited about connections they can make with other churches and outreach provided to their community. As we open God’s story, as we live as the body of Christ, we know we are called out in love to serve our neighbor.

