

Ahhh . . . Summer! Wait . . . what?

You mean this is just August?

Haven't we had more than our share of hot weather?? On the other hand, if the weather was much cooler and rainy we might be pining for some extra sun! It's not that we're never satisfied, it's just that we want what we want when we want it and we want it now. That's our human condition.



Through this year of invitation into discipleship, we've been focusing on following Jesus, like the disciples did; learning through prayer, through studying God's word, challenging ourselves to continue our strong history of welcome and to extend that welcome in a more visible way as a Reconciling in Christ congregation. We have gone out as Jesus did, seeking deeper relationship with our fellow Moline / Rock Island ELCA congregations, with willing hearts and trusting in God's Holy Spirit to guide our way as we seek also to serve our community in collaborative ways. At the same time our youth ministry has continued to thrive. Salem continues to be dedicated to growing disciples "from the ground up." And that means paying attention to the children of our Salem families and the children of our community through VBS, Leadership Lab, Willard School outreach and a focus on building a supportive relationship with Lutheran Social Services.

No overnight successes, no magic potions and no glimpses of the "glory days," when, if your building said "Church" on the front, people would gather there in droves. We are instead, focused as we should be, on honoring our past and looking with bright hope towards the future as we continue follow the lead of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Peace be with you, always,  
*Pastor Sue*



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**STEWARDSHIP**

Allison Senkbeil

**PASTOR**

Sue Hoff

*Souper*



**Mark your calendars NOW!!**

**Sunday, September 28**

**12:30 PM**

Join us for a fun afternoon of Trivia.

Home-made soups, salad, and desserts included!

\$10 per person  
Tables seat 8

Friends, family, public!  
All are welcome to join in the fun!

Mulligans will be  
3 / \$5.00  
(1 use per round)

6 Rounds -  
10 questions each round

**Individual or table registrations -**

Call 309-764-5614 or email [salem@salemmoline.org](mailto:salem@salemmoline.org).

Make checks payable to Salem Lutheran Church  
(memo - Trivia).

**Reservations due by September 18**

**ALL proceeds will go to our community outreach program**

## 7/20/25 RRO Summary of Council Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Rita Gustafson, Jon Gustafson, David Long, Becky Potenberg, Deb Kronfeld, Nancy Patterson, Jessica Clark, Miranda Luder, Mark Staes, Steve Morford, Becky VanErstvelde, Kim Luder, Allison Senkbeil, Ruby Clark, Camiel VanErstvelde, Pastor Sue Hoff

**Absent:** Mandy Bergeson

Meeting called to order at 12:00 PM

Rita led with devotion and prayer

### Long Term Planning Committee Report from Dick Castle

### Council Change Over

**Treasurer's Report:** report was approved. Leftover stock funds, RIC category as extended ministry, Youngdahl Scholarship, Pathways, Fundraising ideas

**Pastor's Report:** Confirmation with Trinity, Dr Caryn Riswold, Dr Stephanie Dykes, Professional Leadship Conference

**Learning:** Dispose of choir desks

**Property:** Auditorium ceiling repairs, Fire Department Inspection, AED, AC Unit Inspection / Repairs, Parking Lot, Generator

**President's Report / Old Business / New Business:** Churchwide Assembly Rita is attending, RIC Welcome Statement update, Golf Tournament, World Hunger Goal, ELCA Disaster Relief, Community Use of Building, Augie Potluck, Chili Luncheon, LSSI Ministry Fair / Movie, Additional Nominating Committee Member, RIM taskforce replacement, SAVANT, Rose Lawn Cemetery, Constitution, Worship times

**Vice President's Report:** Directory update

**Worship:** Cleaning Rolls

**Stewardship, Service, Youth, Witness:** No reports

Picture taken of current council for directory

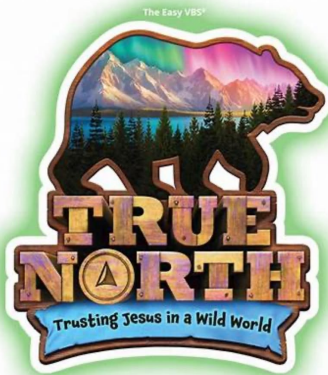
Lord's Prayer recited

Meeting adjourned at 1:45PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Potenberg  
Church Council Secretary



# Youth News



**Vacation Bible School was a HUGE success!**

**We had 65 kids, 12 teens and 17 adult volunteers**

**THANK YOU** to everyone who participated, whether a child, teacher, student leader, adult assistant, kitchen crew - you made this week **AWESOME!!**

**A special thanks to Sally, Miranda and Monika for their innovation and direction. You are the BEST!**







**Before our new Sunday Schedule  
begins on September 21  
Your opinion matters, so please join in to  
discuss on  
August 3 or August 10  
9:45 - 10:15 a.m. in the auditorium  
Proposed times are  
8:30 Sunday School & 9:30 worship**

### **LSSI MAKE-A-WILL WEBINAR**

Next month is *National Make-A-Will-Month* and in an effort to be of service to those individuals and churches LSSI partners with, we are offering an estate planning webinar led by David Novak, LSSI Chief Advancement Officer. We hope you will join us and invite a friend! This webinar will be held from 12:00pm – 1:00pm on Wednesday, August 13, 2025.

As stewards of our shared mission, we know that lasting impact comes from planting seeds that will bless others tomorrow - the Lord loves a hopeful gardener!

LSSI has branded its planned giving program as: "*What Brings You Joy? The Gift Planning program at LSSI*"

This presentation will include:

- Planned Giving Essentials
- An overview of Charitable Giving Tools
- What the Big Beautiful Bill means for donors.

You can register by visiting this link: [LSSI.org/Webinar](https://LSSI.org/Webinar)

Whether you're just getting started or updating your plans, this webinar will help you align your legacy with what brings you joy—while supporting the people and ministries that matter most.

Please let me know if you have any questions and I hope to see you virtually on August 13th!



Denise Gidel	8/2
John Lartz	8/2
Rebecca Cramer	8/3
Bonnie Casper	8/6
Gentry Heiple	8/7
Jackson Clark	8/8
Marcy Bell	8/11
Julie Monnard	8/11
Kate Woomert	8/13
Stephanie Caldwell	8/14
Emily Leuck	8/17
Dick Fislar	8/18
Rita Gustafson	8/18
Allison Senkbeil	8/18
Barb Hauf	8/19
Chris Cramer	8/20
Becky VanErstvelde	8/20
Margie Hulsbrink	8/22
Mary Wolff	8/26
Jessica Tillberg	8/30
Lisa Kinney	8/31
Nicole Tillberg	8/31

**Sunday School,  
Wednesday Night Drop-In  
and  
Children's Activities  
will return in the September**

**Have a great summer!**



## **SERENITY CIRCLE**

**Will start up again on  
Monday, September 8  
With lunch - location TBD  
We will let you know!**



## Stewardship Statistics

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	June Actual	June Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income	\$21,331.22	\$28,884.00	\$104,228.08	\$ 97,857.32
Expenses	\$25,452.96	\$20,690.13	\$131,994.37	\$136,846.04
Net Income	(\$4,121.74)	(\$8,194.04)	(\$27,766.29)	(\$38,988.72)

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

Date	Sunday	Public	Private	YouTube	Total
June 1	50	75	28	3	156
June 8	Augustana	Augustana	Augustana	Augustana	Augustana
June 15	42	74	24	2	142
June 22	57	82	32	6	177
June 29	59	92	33	4	188

### Altar Flower Sponsor Schedule

#### August 2025

August 3	Bonnie Lartz
August 10	Rick Jones
August 17	Claudette Swenssen
August 24	Deb Kronfeld
August 31	Jon Whitcomb

### Altar Guild / Worship August 2025

Paraments -

Communion Set up - Rick Jones

#### Greeters

August 3	
August 10	Catherine Long
August 17	Wayne Thompson
August 24	Becky VanErstvelde
August 31	

### Assisting Ministers - August 2025

Sunday	Assistant
August 3	Becky Potenberg
August 10	Dick Fislar
August 17	Nancy Patterson
August 24	Jon Gustafson
August 31	Lizzie Dail

### Salem Lutheran Church

1724 15th Street  
Moline, IL 61265  
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[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





The Salem-Willard Outreach Committee will be collecting school supplies during the summer months for the Willard School students' 2025-26 school year. Below are items the teachers have indicated will help the students at Willard. The items may be placed in the Willard barrel. **Deadline will be August 10.**

**THANK YOU** for your support.

## 2025-2026 School Year      Willard School Items

Expo Dry Erase Markers

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Wipes Disinfectant

Boxes of Kleenex

Box of Washable Markers (Classic Colors)

Crayons – 24 count **Crayola brand only please**

Plastic Boxes for Crayons

Zip Lock Bags – Quart, Gallon and Sandwich size

Glue Sticks

Plain color two pocket folders with and without prongs

Wide Ruled Spiral Notebooks

*Last, But Not Least....*

**Attention Salem Golfers and volunteers!**

As we are not having our golf outing this year, we want to throw our support behind the LSSI Golf Outing. Please see the information below, get your foursome registered, or sign up to volunteer, and have some fall fun!

**Registration due by August 29.**

**Thank you!**

 **Lutheran Social Services of Illinois**



**2nd Annual**

# **Chip in Fore Children Charity Golf Outing**

**Saturday, September 13, 2025  
1 p.m. Shotgun Start**

**Register your team by April 30, 2025 and receive 20 free raffle tickets for your team.**

**Four-Person Scramble, \$300/Team  
Golf Cart, Lunch, and Goodie Bag Included  
Raffle Prizes & Games on Golf Course**

**Highland Springs Golf Course  
9500 35th Street W, Rock Island, IL 61201**



Join fellow golfers, foster parents, and community members for a day of friendly competition for a cause. Funds raised will benefit local foster care programs.

Visit [LSSI.org/Golf](https://LSSI.org/Golf) or scan the QR code to learn more and register.

Questions? Contact Andrea McClean at 309.373.3728