

*Jesus said to them, "I am the **bread of life**. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. (John 6:35)*

These words from Jesus may sound familiar. They are, in a sense, fairly simple words. Yet they are profoundly deep. They remind us that Jesus is our sustenance. They remind us that we long and need to be fed spiritually and physically. They remind us that Jesus knows our hunger and thirst, our physical and spiritual needs and sufferings . . . because he also lived through pain and suffering, even into death. They remind us that Jesus gave his life for the sake of our lives.

We will contemplate this during August worship, as we dive into and wander through the texts of John chapter 6 and hear the words of Jesus as he teaches hungry and wandering crowds who are, as we are, looking for sustenance and reassurance.

Jesus never fails.

And as we wind through the month of August, vacations will wind up as the school year begins and Salem will wind up for a return to Sunday School, Wednesday night drop-ins, and Bible and book studies. In the meantime, though, before the bustle begins, take time to relish what God has given us in nature, in relationships, and all of the fruits of the Spirit that we have been given and that we share, *"love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things."* (Galatians 5:22-23)

So, take a rest. Take a vacation. Center yourself in the Bread of Life and know that you are loved beyond your wildest imagination by the One who created you to be who you are . . . beautiful child of God.

In Christ's love,  
**Pastor Sue**

**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

**YOUTH**

Camiel VanErstvelde

**WITNESS**

Jessica Clark

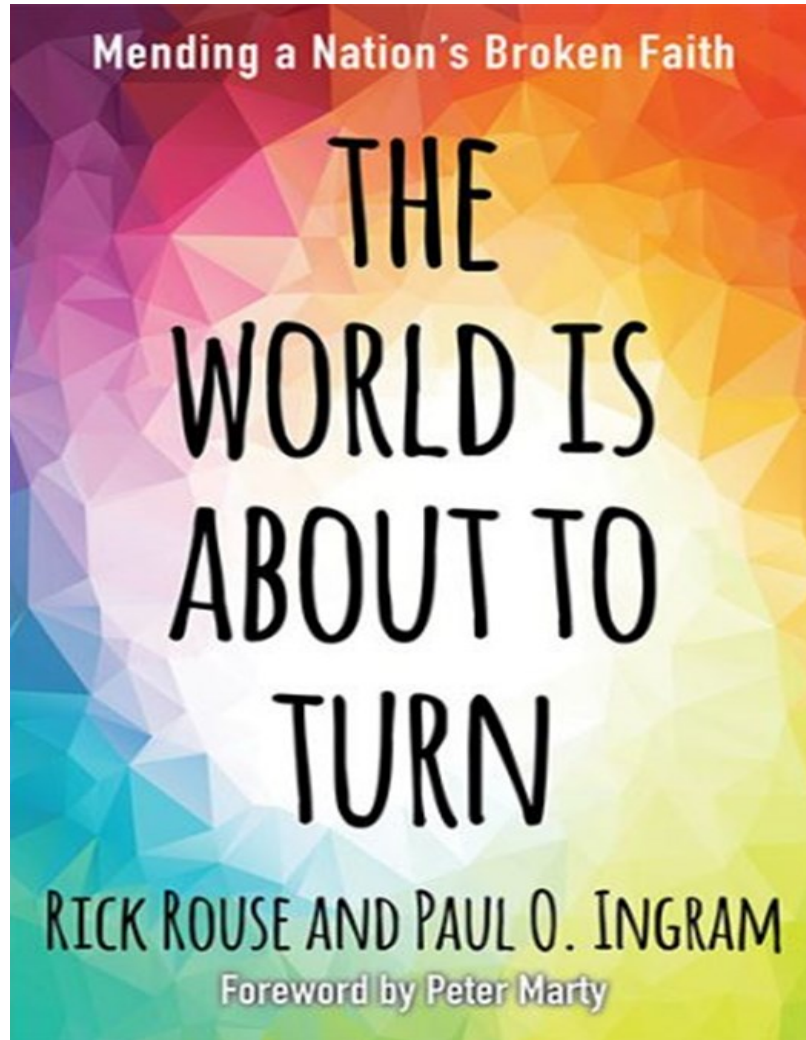
**STEWARDSHIP**

Mandy Bergeson

**PASTOR**

Sue Hoff

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**BOOK STUDY!**

Hungering for a new book to ponder? Join in this fall with Pastor Sue to read and discuss "The World Is About to Turn" by Rick Rouse and Paul O. Ingram. The study will run ~6-8 weeks depending on the depth and pace of discussion.

The link below is to an article about the book that appeared in Living Lutheran.

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/2021/02/a-practical-guide-to-bridging-societal-gaps/>

In order to determine the best days/times for this book study, a poll has been posted on the Salem Lutheran Church FaceBook page: (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/119216191515383>)

This book is available on Amazon for \$15.99 (plus tax)

## Summary of Church Council Meeting July 14, 2024

Attending: Jon Gustafson, Jim Kernan, Deb Kronfeld, Mandy Bergeson, Becky VanErstvelde, Camiel VanErstvelde, Aiden Hardin, Kim Luder, Nancy Patterson, David Long, Marti Kernan, Miranda Luder, Pastor Sue Hoff, Steve Morford

Absent: Wendy Hilton-Morrow, Jessica Clark

Meeting started at 11:43AM

Minutes were approved via email.

**Pastor gave a report**

**President gave a report**

**Vice President gave a report**

**Treasurer gave a report**

**Administration gave a report**

**Committee Reports:**

**Service, Stewardship, Learning, Youth, Witness and Property all gave reports.**

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Devotions sign-up sheet passed around

Council Retreat will be Saturday, August 17 from 9:00AM-3:00PM

Council Installation will be Sunday, August 18

Meeting adjourned at 12:53PM

Deb Kronfeld

Church Council Secretary

## Happy 103rd Birthday

June Piff!



## Youth News



### Leadership Lab

Lizzie Dail, Aiden Hardin, Camiel VanErstvelde, Ruby Clark, Miranda Luder, Monika Luder and Sally Patterson attended Leadership Lab camp at Augustana College on July 24-30. This is an ELCA event where Lutheran Youth from all over the country come together

safely for a week of worship, fellowship, and Leadership activities. They thank the congregation for their support and prayers.



### SCUBA - Vacation Bible School

**THANK YOU!!** Salem's SCUBA Vacation Bible School was successfully "fin-tastic"!!!! We would like to say thank you to all our "jaw-some" volunteers, our

participant families, and those who contributed supplies, monies and snacks to our camps. Miranda and Sally



### Sunday School is Cool

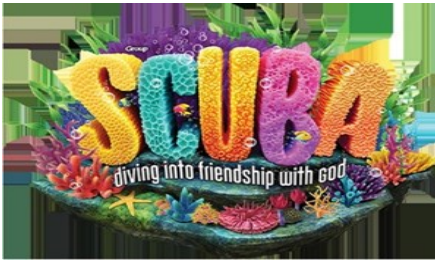


### Sunday School begins on September 15th!

Mark your calendar and join us on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:45-10:30am as we begin our Sunday School year with activities. Details to follow. All children/teens through grade

12 are welcome to attend Sunday school!!





**What a GREAT SCUBA Week!!**  
**Thanks to all the volunteers and the**  
**kids who participated!!**

## *Memorials Received - July 2024*

IN LOVING  
*memory*

In Loving Memory of Bill Jones

Given by.....Karen Staes

## **Previous Youngdahl Scholarship Award winners**



2024 is the 60th  
Anniversary of the Youngdahl Scholarship at  
Salem Lutheran Church - that is HUGE!!

**August 11th at 10:45 Service we will be announcing  
the winner of this year's scholarship. Please join us  
for this special occasion**



**Thanks to ALL who  
donated, played,  
volunteered and had  
fun with us at  
Salem FORE Youth and  
Community!**





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
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

# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

The Salem-Willard Outreach Committee will be collecting school supplies during the summer months for the Willard School students' 2024-25 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 4.**

**THANK YOU** for your support.

Items we need to finish up our supply drive:

**Wipes Disinfectant**

**Box of Washable Markers (Classic Colors)**

**Zip Lock Bags – Quart, Gallon and Sandwich size**



## SERENITY CIRCLE

**Is on vacation until the fall.  
Watch this space for when we start  
meeting again.**



## Stewardship Statistics

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	June Actual	June Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income	\$29,255.17	\$14,959.44	\$ 98,228.32	\$103,838.85
Expenses	\$19,982.83	\$22,181.21	\$122,573.12	\$142,870.01
Net Income	\$ 9,272.34	(\$ 7,221.77)	(\$24,344.80)	(\$39,031.16)

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

Date	Sunday	Public	Private	YouTube	Total
Jun 2	67	47	29	12	155
Jun 9	67	42	38	11	158
Jun 16	43	38	35	24	140
Jun 23	71	10	42	9	132
Jun 30	69	12	42	12	135

### Acolytes - August 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 August 2024

**Paraments** - Miranda Luder  
**Communion Set up** - Deb Kronfeld /  
Bob and Nadyne Stockhecke

#### Greeters - 10:45 Service

Aug 4 Linda Davidson  
Aug 11 Rick Jones  
Aug 18 Deb Kronfeld  
Aug 25 Becky VanErstvelde

### Assisting Ministers - August 2024

Sunday	Assistant
Aug 4	Jon Gustafson
Aug 11	Nancy Patterson
Aug 18	Dick Fislar
Aug 25	Cathy Bigelow

### 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....*

# **Sunday School is Cool**



**SUNDAY,**

**September 15**

**9:45AM—10:30AM**

***Are you ready???***

***We are excited for the new***

***Sunday School year!***

***Come join us!***