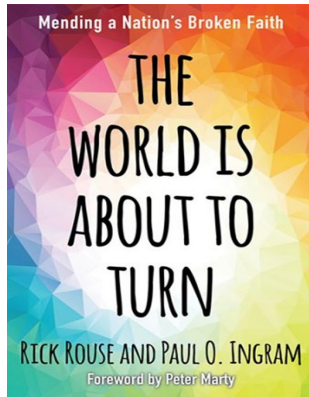




## Look what's happening at Salem!!



### **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.

**We will meet starting Tuesday, September 10 from 6:00-7:00PM OR Wednesday, September 11 from 9:00-10:00AM. If you need a book, please contact Pastor Sue or the office. We will be ordering through the office. They can be paid for when you get them.**

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>)



### **VITALITY SURVEY**

Our Salem council has already participated in a ELCA synod survey titled "Congregational Vitality Survey". The purpose of this survey is to bring awareness to our membership and our synod on how we perceive ourselves by helping us to understand our immediate community and how we might apply ourselves to better enhance Christ's mission, regardless of where it is.

**The survey will be offered both online and/or on paper (for those w/out internet access).**

**The URL for online access was sent out in an email on Thursday, August 8, 2024.**

If you would prefer the paper version, please find a packet at the table in the narthex or contact the church office and one can be sent to you.

To complete the survey - you do NOT need to have hard numbers, dates, or specific information. The goal is to understand your PERCEPTION of Salem. We intend to have the survey results compiled early in October 2024, so we request that you complete & turn-in your survey by Sunday the 29th of September 2024.

We encourage your genuine input and if you have any questions or

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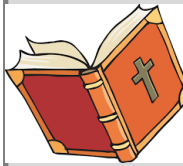
## MORE of what's happening at Salem!!

### ACOLYTES AND READERS NEEDED!

Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> -- no experience needed - we will provide all the training you need.




**ACOLYTES:** Acolytes at Salem Lutheran Church are a very important part of our worship experience. Acolytes, as light bearers, symbolically bring the light of Christ into the worship service at the beginning of worship and at the end of worship take Christ's light out into the world -which is why the Acolyte Team is so special. Acolytes do NOT need to robe up unless there is a special worship service (unless they would like to).



**READERS:** We need people (adults or children) to read the lessons during worship. You can read one or both.

Please let Pastor Sue or Sally know if your youth is interested and willing to volunteer. The more volunteers we have, the more our youth participate. (And Pastor Sue and the congregation see our kids in action). You can sign up as few or as many times as you like. Once a month or once every several months – I'll make a schedule based on interest and availability. Sally

### VOLUNTEER / INKIND REPORTING

 Volunteer Reporting

Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

What I did: \_\_\_\_\_

Miles driven (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Amount spent (no receipt required): \_\_\_\_\_

Items purchased: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for using your Time and Talent!*

We so appreciate all the volunteer time and donations you give to Salem to help our various ministries. We would like to start tracking that so at end of the program year, we are able to show you how much that impacts Salem (we think you will be amazed!). We are asking that you please fill out a Volunteer / Inkind Reporting slip when you volunteer to do something (examples: Be Assisting Minister, take communion to homebound, deliver DISH, decorate the church, Thursday Morning crew, special events like High Tea or Golf Outing, teach Sunday School, work on / for a committee) OR when

you donate something (examples: buy items for DISH, VBS, Willard School, Supply Drive for church, Angel Tree). How long did it take you to do it, how much did you spend (receipts are NOT required), what did you purchase. You are not required to put your name on the form. The treasure chests will be at the back of the sanctuary and the back door.

There will also be a drop box in the Youth Room. Forms will be available at all those locations, the auditorium, along with the office. Thank you for your assistance with this project. It will be interesting to see the results – I can't wait!

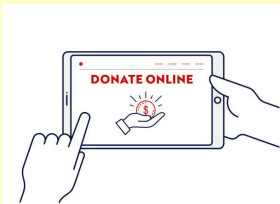
# EVEN MORE of what's happening at Salem!!



## PLANNING CALENDAR MEETING

If you have a meeting or event that you need on the church calendar, please come to our meeting on Tuesday, September 3 at 6:00PM in the auditorium. We will have copies of all the calendar pages for the next year (September 2024 – August 2025) to fill in with events / times. That way, if someone calls the office to schedule, we will already know if the date is take. Thank you in advance!

## ELECTRONIC GIVING



I have been updating the website, [www.salemmoline.org](http://www.salemmoline.org), and we now have the option to give electronically. On the Home Page in the upper right corner is the word "Giving". If you click on that, it will take you to a page where you can make a donation with your credit card. It has space for a message, and asks for your email address so you get a receipt. I have used it several times, and it works. I got an email today with the message "with that new way of submitting a monetary gift. I don't need the book of envelopes. Love this idea". If you have any questions about it, please contact the office. Thank you in advance for your donation!

## GIVING TUBE



The "Giving Tube" is back! Located at the back of the Sanctuary, you are invited to help fill it up with your quarters. When the tube is full, we will make a donation to the non-profit listed on the sign on the base of the tube. Currently our donations are directed to World Relief. Check your pockets, purses, couches and cars for your quarters and drop them in! Thank you!

## DRIVERS



We are looking for people who would be available to be the driver for members of Salem to doctor appointments. If you would be able to provide this service, please contact the church office with your name, phone number and day(s) / time(s) you could assist. Example: Tuesday morning, Thursday afternoon from 2:00-4:00, etc. When someone calls in looking for assistance, we will be able to give them your name and number to contact to see if you are still available.

You can call the Rock Island County Senior Center at 309-788-6335 to make arrangements for a ride. You need to call at least a week in advance. They are located at 2221 11<sup>th</sup> Street Rock Island.



## BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

We would like to continue doing Blood Pressure checks once or twice a month. If you are able to do this for our members during Fellowship on Sunday morning, please contact the office.

*Thank you in advance for your assistance!*

# Youth News

## Sunday School is Cool



**Sunday School begins September 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:45-10:30AM**

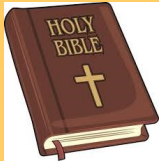
**Beginner's** (up to Kindergarten) and **Elementary** Sunday School (Kindergarten thru 6th grade)

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.

### **\*\*September 29 – Blessing of the Bibles**



Salem Sunday School will be giving Bibles to Sunday School students entering Elementary Department (Kindergarten), 3rd grade, and Confirmation. Bibles will be age appropriate. The Bibles will be blessed and distributed during the 10:45AM service on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **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**

### **Youth Bike Ride Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM**



Bike Ride at the Mississippi River (9:00-10:30AM). Join us as we celebrate the beginning of the Sunday School year with a laid-back bike ride on the Ben Butterworth Bike Path -- beginners are welcome. A light snack will be provided. Bikers must bring their own water bottles, helmets and bikes. Bikers will meet and end in the parking lot on River Drive just east of 34th street (across from George Evans Corporation, 3700 River Drive, Moline). Let us know if you plan to attend! (Friends are welcome).

\*\*\* NON BIKERS can meet us at the pavilion for fellowship and games

### **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 worldwide 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 August 17, 2024

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

Absent: Miranda Luder

Meeting started at 11:32AM

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:**

Confirmands were approved

RIC Committee will be headed by Wendy Hilton-Morrow

**New Business:**

ELCA Church Leadership Augustana College

Discussion on Trust Gift

Meeting adjourned at 1:42PM

Deb Kronfeld

Church Council Secretary



# Previous Youngdahl Scholarship Award winners



**2024  
Winners -  
Congratulations!**



**Joshua Morrow -  
Endowment Scholarship**



**Rebecca Cramer -  
Youngdahl Scholarship**

*Thank you so much for choosing  
me for the scholarship. It will help  
so much towards my tuition. I'm  
so grateful!*

*Thanks again!  
Rebecca Cramer*

## In and around Salem

Dick Castle and his Jazz Band played for service in honor of Bix!



Nancy Lindstrom and Linda Davidson work hard keeping our flower beds looking awesome!



Sally, Deb, and Pastor check out the equipment to "go fishing" at Sunday School September 15th

Sally taking care of the details after the cleanup - just in time for Thursday Night Drop In!



Steve, Mark, Bob, Wayne and Natalie -  
The Thursday Morning Crew doing what they do best!



Brecken Krantz	9/2
Ava Miller	9/4
Zeke Roseman	9/4
Gavin Wilburn	9/5
Richard Anthony	9/7
Hailey Fulkerson	9/8
Julie Geyer Miner	9/8
Maverick Hann	9/11
Colly Peterson	9/14
Richard Wood	9/15
Amy Jahn	9/16
Cullen Tillberg	9/16
Sydney Woomert	9/16
Emmett Kump	9/19
Ryan Curry	9/20
Bonnie Lartz	9/20
Alexis Clark	9/21
Pat Lundgren	9/22
Diane Kelly	9/23
Suzanne Witcher	9/24
Brandon Krantz	9/26
Coy Dettmer	9/28
Logan Curry	9/30

*Thank You*

*A big Thank you to  
Pastor Tom of St John's and  
Pastor Jon of Shepherd of the Hill  
for coming to preach at our service  
while Pastor Sue visited your  
churches.*

*We enjoyed having you, and we  
hope you come back again!*



**SERENITY CIRCLE**  
will meet Monday, September 8 at  
La Herradura Mexican Grill  
201 W 2nd Ave Coal Valley  
Meet at Salem at 12:30PM  
to Carpool

## Stewardship Statistics

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	July Actual	July Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income	\$16,853.31	\$13,340.00	\$114,173.45	\$117,282.55
Expenses	\$30,605.87	\$21,224.70	\$153,171.99	\$154,094.71
Net Income	(\$13,752.56)	(\$7,884.70)	(\$38,998.54)	(\$36,772.36)

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

Date	Sunday	Public	Private	YouTube	Total
Jul 7	57	48	43	4	152
Jul 14	93	0	0	0	93
Jul 21	49	42	40	7	138
Jul 28	56	37	32	17	142

### Acolytes - September 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 September 2024

**Paraments** - Suzanne Witcher  
**Communion Set up** - Gordon and Karri  
Kinhead

#### Greeters - 10:45 Service

Sept 1

Sept 8

Sept 15

Sept 22 Suzanne Witcher

Sept 29 Rick Jones

### Assisting Ministers - September 2024

#### Sunday

#### Assistant

Sept 1

David Long

Sept 8

Nancy Patterson

Sept 15

Jon Gustafson

Sept 22

Dick Fislar

Sept 29

David Long

### 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

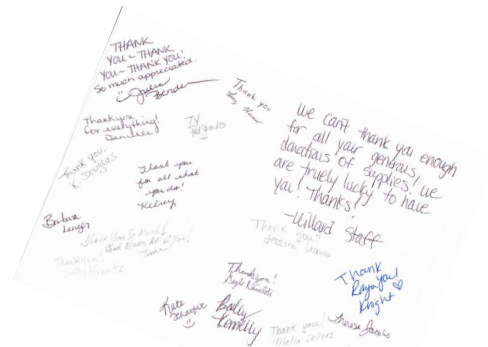
8:00AM to 12:00PM

# *Last, But Not Least....*

## **THANK YOU SALEM! You did it again.**

The following items donated for the 2024 school year were delivered on Tuesday, August 13 to Willard School for the students and teachers.

Expo Dry Erase Markers 114  
Expo Dry Erase Markers Fine Tip (Black) 92  
Wipes Disinfectant 29 containers  
Boxes of Kleenex 32 boxes  
Box of Washable Markers (Classic Colors) 26 boxes  
Crayons – 24 count Crayola brand only please. 134 boxes  
Plastic Boxes for Crayons 45  
Zip Lock Bags – Quart, Gallon and Sandwich size  
20 19 16  
boxes boxes boxes  
Glue Sticks 174  
Plain color two pocket folders with and without prongs 218  
Rulers 12  
Ink Pens 30  
Pencils 18



Thank you

From the Willard Staff

This was the 30<sup>th</sup> school year that Salem has collected school supplies for Willard. They very much appreciate the donations.



Bob and Nadyne Stockhecke and Margaret Castle



Principal Doug Bodeen and  
Administrative Assistant Katharine Schaefer