

## *New Horizons!*

*Springtime in the Midwest often arrives in bits and pieces, trailing behind wintry gales that eventually ebb, leaving clear the path for new life. New possibilities. And even though spring comes in a similar manner every year, it always feels inspirational.*

*And the one who was seated on the throne said,  
"See, I am making all things new." (Rev. 21:5)*

*This season of new growth and new possibilities may inspire us to ponder, **to what new horizons is God leading us?***

*If you think about it, the prospects are many. New relationships to cultivate, new partnerships to discover, and new ministries to pursue. These prospects may make you wonder "who, what, when, where and why?" And that's a good thing! Because God's Holy Spirit is leading us somewhere, and we are called to listen, wonder, investigate and pray together as we discern where and to whom it is that God is leading us.*

*And in this regard we have many pots on the fire to inspire our discernment. We are:*

*Entering into Pathways, which is a discernment process offered by the Northern Illinois Synod.*

*Contemplating being designated a Reconciling in Christ congregation.*

*Envisioning a renewed future alongside our fellow Moline ELCA congregations.*

*Considering shared ministries such as Confirmation and VBS.*

*Continuing Salem's tradition of cultivating faith and love through our active and energetic youth ministry.*

*Pondering how Salem's facilities might be helpful to other ministries in Moline.*

*Actively engaging in our ongoing ministries that raise funds for internal and external ministries.*

## *Be Inspired!*

*My prayer for all of us is that we continue to lend our time and talents, our good hearts, hands and minds as we ponder these things together.*

*Peace and blessings, Pastor Sue*





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Jessica Clark

**STEWARDSHIP**  
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**PASTOR**  
Sue Hoff



*Save the date!*  
*Saturday, May 10*  
*2:00PM*

*You are cordially invited to attend the 2025  
Salem Lutheran Church High Tea -  
Ladies Day at the Derby!*

*Cost is \$20.00 per person                      Tables of 8  
Reservation is required,  
payment is due at reservation.*

*You can register individually, or as a table of 8.  
There will be a light meal, live entertainment,  
raffle items, and a Derby Day photo op.*

*To make a reservation, please contact the church  
office at 309-764-5614*

*Make checks payable to Salem Lutheran Church  
with the memo "High Tea"*

*Reservations are due by May 3, 2025.*

*Hope you can join us!*

*Looking forward to seeing you in your favorite  
hat!*

*No Refunds*

*Proceeds go toward Sanctuary Sound System*

## **04/13/25 Summary of Council Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Jon Gustafson, David Long, Becky VanErstvelde, Camiel VanErstvelde, Kim Luder, Miranda Luder, Mandy Bergeson, Deb Kronfeld, Pastor Sue Hoff

**Absent:** Nancy Patterson, Jessica Clark, Steve Morford

**Special Guest:** Pastor Joshua

Meeting called to order at 12:25PM  
Devotions done by Kim Luder

Pastor Joshua and Brother John on phone: presentation / discussion

**Pastor's report:** Pathways, Joint Worship, Moline ELCA Task Force, Synod Assembly, Lizzie Dail Confirmation

**President's report:** Committee Reports, Congregational Meeting will be June 22

**Vice President's report:** Church picnic, Directory, People coming back to Council

**Long Term Planning:** Will give a report in June

**Administration report:** report sent

**Treasurer:** reports sent

**Worship:** report sent

**Learning:** report sent

**Youth:** report sent

**Stewardship:** will work with Deb on Roster

**Property:** received check from insurance company for pillar repair

**Old Business:** RIC, ELCA Advocacy Information

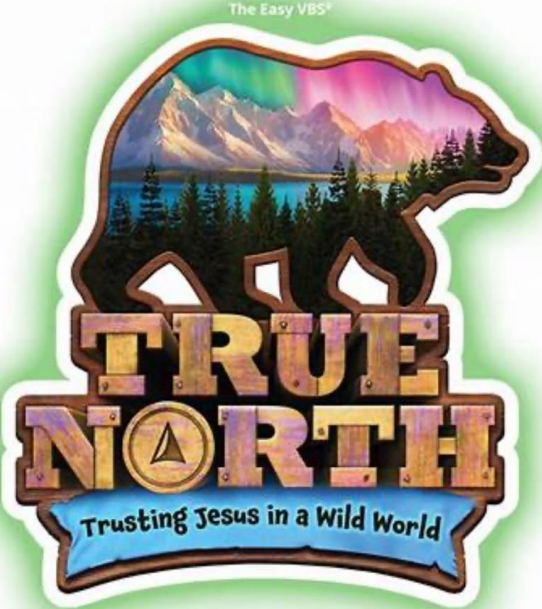
Mandy moved to adjourn, Pastor Sue seconded. Motion passed.

Lord's Prayer recited.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50PM

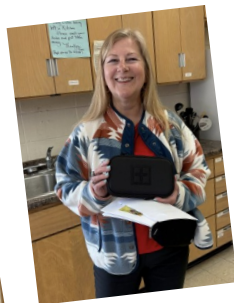
Respectfully submitted,  
Deb Kronfeld  
Church Council Secretary

# Youth News



**VBS -  
July 7-11  
Get Ready!!**

**Salem Volunteers ROCK!! Thank you for all you do!**





## *Easter at Salem 2025*

*Alleluia! He is Risen!*



**Easter  
Egg  
Hunt**



**Easter  
Breakfast**



**Baptism of Millie Bernice Simpson,  
daughter of Meg and Matt Simpson**

**April 27, 2025**



Tom VanErstvelde	5/2
Nate Gustafson	5/7
Brett Monnard	5/8
Chloe Fausett	5/9
Austin Engels	5/10
Kathy Hotchkiss	5/12
David Long	5/13
Deacon Stockhecke	5/14
Windsor Stockhecke	5/18
Buddy Wilgus	5/20
Laura Stockhecke Lynn	5/23
Wendy Hilton-Morrow	5/25
Camryn Flipppo	5/26
Meg Simpson	5/27
Jessica Clark	5/28
Nadyne Stockhecke	5/30
Amber Hardin	5/31

## Memorials Received - April 2025

In Loving Memory of Carla Benson  
Given by.....Karen Staes, Jeff Lind

In Loving Memory of Myron Yoeckel  
Given by.....Karen Staes, Jeff Lind

In Loving Memory of June Piff  
Given by.....Karen Staes, Jeff Lind

In Loving Memory of Pete Davidson  
Given by.....Karen Staes

In Loving Memory of Paul Schnell  
Given by.....Karen Staes

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

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

In Loving Memory of George, Minnie,  
and Phyllis Lind  
Given by.....Jeff Lind



## SERENITY CIRCLE

will meet Monday, May 5

at 1:00PM in

The Lounge

All ladies of Salem are welcome!

## Stewardship Statistics

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	Mar	Mar	YTD	YTD
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	\$13,332.28	\$15,763.71	\$49,309.70	\$43,466.77
Expenses	\$23,172.75	\$22,235.95	\$65,265.23	\$66,532.04
Net Income	(\$9,840.47)	(\$6,472.24)	(\$15,955.53)	(\$23,065.27)

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

Date	Sunday	Public	Private	YouTube	Total
Mar 2	86	21	83	5	195
Mar 9	47	47	26	6	126
Mar 16	78	61	44	5	188
Mar 23	60	43	7	11	121

### Altar Flower Sponsor Schedule May 2025

May 4	Roger & Linda Lundgren
May 11	Pat Hardin
May 18	Beth Tagtmeier
May 25	Laura Crumbleholme

### Altar Guild / Worship May 2025

**Paraments - Darlene Hann**

**Communion Set up - Darlene Hann**

#### **Greeters**

May 4	Allison Senkbeil
May 11	Becky VanErstvelde
May 18	
May 25	Rick Jones

### Assisting Ministers - March 2025

Sunday	Assistant
May 4	Nancy Patterson
May 11	Jon Gustafson
May 18	Lizzie Dail
May 25	David Long

### 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....*

## **RIC UPDATE**

Since last fall, Salem been working through the discernment process to determine whether Salem should become a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) church (see the RIC Q&A sheet for more information). One of the requirements for becoming an RIC church is the development of a Welcome Statement – one that affirms our commitment to welcoming all people, especially those who have been historically marginalized by the Church.

At our January congregational meeting, we shared a draft version of this Welcome Statement, received some feedback, and have made some small revisions based on that input:

**Throughout its history, Salem Lutheran Church in Moline, Illinois has striven to be "The Welcome Place," and continues to welcome all people, honoring our human differences of race, color, sex, gender, age, national origin, LGBTQIA+ identity, religious tradition, marital status, immigration status, personal socio-economic circumstances, or being differently-abled. We reject all that divides us as people of God, and pledge to continue to cherish, support and nurture all of God's beloved children, through prayer, education, study and fellowship. - Christ calls us to unity and wholeness, and we joyfully invite all to join us, especially those who seek a deeper relationship with God and anyone who has been excluded or hurt by the Church in the past. We seek to help our broken world through love for and service to one another, our neighbor, our community, and our world, all in the name of Jesus Christ. No matter where you find yourself in life, know that you are loved at Salem.**

There is a copy of the updated statement in the Auditorium, and we invite your feedback using the post-it notes on the table by the statement. Please let us know what you appreciate about the statement and/or what you'd like to see changed. You're welcome to sign your post-it notes or keep your feedback anonymous, if you prefer. You are also welcome to share feedback with any of the RIC Committee members.

While we know it may not be possible to craft a statement that reflects the exact wording preferred by every member, we are committed to considering all feedback carefully as we continue revising the statement into one that we can all be proud to share with the world. We anticipate a vote on both the Welcome Statement and the decision to become an RIC church at our June Congregational Meeting.

### **RIC Committee Members**

Karen Ege, Rita Gustafson, Wendy Hilton-Morrow, Becky Leuck, Ben Leuck, Allison Senkbeil, and Pastor Sue