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From Pastor Steve ...

A Nun's Prayer

The following purports to be from the 1600's. Whether it's that old, or actually a nun's prayer, I can't say for sure.

I can say that it contains some issues that we who are, ahem, getting on, probably ought to discuss with God. May he give us wisdom to grow old with at least a little sense of humor and a grace filled heart.

Lord, Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody: helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free of the recital of endless details: give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing, and rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others pains, but help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory but for a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet: I do not want to be a Saint—some of them are so hard to live with—but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people. And give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so. Amen.

- Nun's Prayer—17th Century

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: **CURRENT**—Tom Glover*, Lila Mattson*, Janet Klotz*, Marge Meyer*, Candy Gomes, the Family and Friends of Rose Webert (sister-in-law of Joanne VanPelt) and the Family and Friends of Dennis Calhoun (step-father of Angela Farley)

CONTINUING—Nancy Shehorn*, Pat Clason*, Shirley Hines*, Ruth Erickson*, Steve Guyer*, Ben Burkett*, Jackie Cline*, Mick Kimmey*, Darwin Classon, Mike Clayton, Mary Gliszczynski, Jeanne McNish, Sylvia and Cesar Hurtago, Max Garland, Larry Peppers, LaVerne Schober, Baby Molly (preemie), Linda McVicker, 7-year-old Tinley, Kate Gage, Marci Bluestone, Bridget Yaeger, Ava Hawbaker, Tyler Mall, Jim Martin, Nick Morgan, Sarah Flanigan, Scott Evans, Joanne Sumner, John Mason, Suzi Diab, Sally Ferko, Jacob Kenyon, Nadine Vehe, Steven Johnson, Bobby E., Brian DeFalco, Neil Stiver, Brian Porter, Wesley Calkins, Brad Engle, Colleen McMahon, Pearl Undesser, Jeff Shulkin, Julie Cook, Carol Peisker, Darlene Comiskey, Scott McGary, Ken Baumbach, Breanna Mann, Erin Stiver, Jerry Burd, Carol Wilhelm, James McMahan, Shandol Dulin, Tanya Kimmey, Tom Wysoglad, Joe Petit, Mike Guzzardo, Mandy W. & children

MILITARY—All people serving in the military, especially: Kaden Brennan, Kiersten Breunig, Danny Cassidy, Charlie Golowacz, Nathan Hunt, Brandon Jakubiec, Shawn Jakubiec, Joseph Kimmey, Ross Magee, Garrett O'Dell, Jared Usey, and Kevin Zaleski

***Indicates Salem member.**

Please help us keep this list up to date by checking on any persons you may have referred.



AUGUST MEMORY VERSE

"O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth."

Psalms 96:1

"Oh, Sing to the Lord"

- ELW 822

**pray
for
peace**



AUGUST 2022 SALEM CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



Salem's Congregation Council met at Salem on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, starting at approximately 6:30 p.m. Council members Jacqueline Beverage, Alan Deaton, Walter Farley, Donna Fraley, Bonnie Guyer, Dean Lundeen, Sandy Martens, Pastor Steve Mindrup, and Nancy Rex attended this meeting.

Following devotions led by Dean Lundeen, the minutes of the July 5, 2022, Salem Congregation Council meeting as prepared by Secretary Alan Deaton were accepted, and the treasurer's report presented by Treasurer Bonnie Guyer was accepted. Bonnie Guyer reported balances as of August 2, 2022, for the following accounts.

General Fund: \$15,257.37; Designated Fund: \$30,373.24; Capital Fund: \$29,484.21

Monthly reports were presented by Pastor Steve Mindrup and council representatives of Salem's committees.

Finance Committee members noted that the July 26, 2022, audit indicated that Salem's finances are in good order.

Property Committee members noted that the renovation work on Salem's kitchen is complete with the exception of some trim details.

Worship Committee members noted that back-to-school will be highlighted at the worship service on Sunday, August 14, 2022. On Sunday of the Sandwich Fair, September 11, 2022, there will be an ecumenical worship service at the fairgrounds on the Home Arts Building Stage starting at 8:30 a.m. and a worship service at Salem starting at 10:30 a.m. Salem's Congregation Council approved restarting the ministry of lay people delivering Holy Communion to people that are homebound.

Since Salem's website is now down, the council was presented with three proposals for development of a new website. Following discussion Beal's Bits, a company based in Somonauk, Illinois, was selected for development of Salem's new website at an estimated cost of \$2600.00.

Council members were given copies of the new brochure of information about Salem to look over before making it available to members and guests at Salem.



The economy at Salem is stable. We've paid all our bills on time and our Benevolence giving is paid up thru July. Even though we have been without a full time pastor for over a year, we are in an overall good financial status and offerings have been within 3% of last year. I want to encourage you to keep up the good work! I believe that when we get a new pastor, he or she will be pleased & thankful for your faithful and generous giving.

On another note, the Council has approved offering financial help from the Servant Events Fund to Salem youth who are interested in attending church camp. I imagine many of you have fond memories of church camp, as I do, and I would like to see our kids be able to make these memories too. We have generated an easy-to-use request form. We received & honored 1 request. We want to encourage kids to consider attending church camps!

If you have any questions, I will be glad to answer them. I want to thank everyone for their continued generous giving to Salem! Proverbs 11:25 says,

"A generous person will be made rich, and whoever satisfies others will himself be satisfied."

- Bonnie Guyer, Treasurer

In our church family. . .



HENRY ROBERT HAYES was born on August 1 to Tom and Kayla Hayes at Illinois Valley Hospital in Peru. Henry will be going home to Mendota with Tom and Kayla and big sister Hallie. Fred and Nancy Hayes are the proud grandparents. We welcome this new child of God.

We are reminded of the circle of life as we announce that -



- ◇ Rose Webert, sister-in-law of Joanne VanPelt, passed away recently in Wisconsin.
- ◇ Dennis Calhoun, step-father of Angela Farley, passed away on August 1 at Willowcrest. Angela's mother, Judith Calhoun passed away in January of this year. There will be a joint memorial service for both of them here at Salem on August 13.

DR. LAURA BURKETT, MD graduated from her residency program in June and will be staying on at Marietta (Ohio) Memorial Health System as a family medicine physician and the associate director of residency program. Laura and her family are living in Little Hocking, Ohio.

An invitation from the Eric and Karin Johnson Family

*The family of Eric and Karin Johnson is looking forward to connecting and visiting with Salem friends and acquaintances from the past. Please join us for socializing with a light lunch at noon at the Johnson homecoming/reunion reception. It will be held at **Waterman Lions Park in Waterman, IL Saturday, September 10, 2022, 12 to 3 pm.** A "best guess" on your attendance plans would be appreciated by August 31. Contacts:*

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HUNTER WUNDERLICH received Holy Communion for the first time on July 10. Hunter is shown here with his great grandmother Joanne VanPelt, grandmother Diane VanPelt, and mother Julie Wunderlich.

THIS MONTH AT SALEM

QUILT GROUP—The August work days for Salem's Quilters will be **Monday, August 8 and Tuesday, August 9** from 9:00 am to noon. They would welcome any willing workers to do a variety of tasks; no experience is needed. There are also quilt top kits pre-cut and ready for anyone to pick up in the narthex and take home to sew together. Please speak to Patty Farley or Cheryl Carls if you have questions. Pictured at right are some of the 125 quilts that Cheryl Carls delivered to the LWR shipping depot in Elgin this past week. Thanks to Cheryl and all of our dedicated quilters!



BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUNDAY: AUGUST 14— Students, teachers and ALL who are or were involved in education will be recognized during the traditional worship service on August 14. Students are invited to bring their backpacks. To celebrate before school begins the congregation is invited to join in another Sundaes on Sunday during the coffee fellowship hour and to stay to enjoy Water Fun Day either as a participant or as a spectator.



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NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK—Please register before August 9 if you plan to volunteer at the Northern Illinois Food Bank on August 16. The mask mandate for volunteers has been lifted. Volunteers age 8 years and up are welcome. The group meets in Salem's parking lot at 8:00 am to share rides as needed. The shift is from 9:00 to 11:30 am, and the group stops for lunch on the way home. The next volunteer opportunity will be September 20.



AUGUST LUNCH BUNCH GATHERING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 11:30 AM

STAR 34 RESTAURANT—W. RT. 34, SANDWICH

Please sign up to reserve your spot.

Call Donna Fraley (815-263-7227) if you need a ride.

RUTH UNIT—Members of the Ruth Unit will meet for lunch on Wednesday, August 24 at 11:30 am at the Somonauk Pancake House. All women are welcome to join them. Please let Ruth White or Joanne VanPelt know by August 21 if you are planning to attend. Ruth Unit will meet on September 28 at 1:00 pm at Salem.



The third road cleaning walk of the season is set for Saturday, August 27. We will meet at Prairie View School at 8:00 am. The walk takes approximately one hour. Walkers of all ages are welcome. Please wear long pants and sturdy shoes or boots. Safety vests and trash bags are provided.

Coming in September . . .

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4—Labor Day Weekend: Regular Worship Schedule, 9:00 AM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11—"Fair Sunday"

- 8:30 am Ecumenical Worship at the fairgrounds on the Home Arts Building Stage. Redhorse will be providing music, and Pastor Mindrup will be preaching.
- 10:30 am Traditional Worship at Salem (Note: NO 9:00 am worship at Salem on September 11)



**SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 18**

**9:00 am Outdoor Worship
(Weather Permitting)**

**10:00 am Potluck Brunch followed by:
Dessert Raffle,
Fun & Games for All**

Please bring your favorite breakfast or brunch dish to pass.
Beverages and table ware will be provided.

Donations of desserts for the raffle would be appreciated.
Please sign-up or contact Bonnie, Mickey or Sharon if you can donate.
Raffle will benefit Salem Sunday School.

MANY WAYS TO BE INVOLVED—THERE'S A JOB FOR EVERYONE!

- Tent set-up on Saturday
- Getting chairs and tables ready on Saturday
- Putting chairs and tables in place on Sunday before worship
- Bringing food for brunch and donating a dessert for the raffle
- Helping to set up brunch table
- Cleaning up and putting away after brunch
- Taking down and putting away tables and chairs, taking down tent

Watch for a sign-up sheet to let us know that you'll be there to help!



LAST CALL FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL T-SHIRT ORDERS!

The firm deadline for ordering Sunday School T-shirts is Sunday, August 7. Order forms have been e-mailed and are available at Salem. No payment is necessary at this time.



Our road
cleaning crew
on July 9



See more photos on the upper hallway bulletin board.