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The Salem *LIFE*

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From Pastor Steve



We don't pay a whole lot of attention to the Day of Pentecost. The celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit — the completion of the promise of the risen Lord — is overshadowed by the beginning of summer vacations and Memorial Day weekend (which is exactly how Pentecost falls this year).

In ancient times the day of Pentecost was second only to Easter in importance, and was celebrated with great solemnity. There is evidence from as early as the fourth century AD that Pentecost was already an established feast day.

The word "Pentecost" means *fiftieth* in Greek. For the people of Israel it was a harvest festival which took place fifty days after Passover — called the "Feast of Weeks" in the Old Testament. It was a pilgrim festival, meaning that it was properly celebrated in the Jerusalem Temple. The book of Acts tells us that "devout Jews from every nation" were in Jerusalem for the Feast of Weeks (Acts 2:5). For us, Pentecost is the fiftieth day after Easter, the culmination of our focus on the risen Christ.

The Christian significance of Pentecost is the gift of the Holy Spirit to the apostles. Jesus had told his followers to remain in Jerusalem and to expect to receive God's power. The Spirit descends on the apostles under the sign of fire and of wind ("wind" and "spirit" in Hebrew are the same word). The manifestation of the Spirit's power is shown by the apostles' ability to testify to the death and resurrection of Jesus in a way that the assembled Jews from many nations could understand.

Let us celebrate the Holy Spirit this May 28 by asking God to continue to empower his church to witness to his Son. Let us celebrate the Holy Spirit by realizing that the Spirit does indeed give us power to do the works of love and devotion to which we are called. Let us learn from our ancestors in the faith how to speak and act boldly for the sake of God's kingdom.

- Steve Mindrup

PS: Celebrate the Spirit's fire by wearing **RED** to worship on May 28!

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In our church family. . .

We extend our condolences and our prayers to :

- the Erik Carlson Family upon the death of Gina's grandmother, Jeanne Coughlin.

- to Cheryl Carls and family on the death of her uncle, Michael Fleming.

- Ernie Stumbo and family on the death of his mother, Marcella Stumbo.

With Heartfelt
Sympathy



The memorial service for Janet Klotz who passed away on March 9 is planned for Monday, June 12 at 11:00 am at Salem Lutheran Church. Luncheon will follow the service.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

CURRENT—LaVerne Mattson*

CONTINUING— Laura Caupert*, Jane Burkett*, Tom Glover*, Lila Mattson*, Shirley Hines*, Pat Clason*, Ruth Erickson*, Steve Guyer*, Ben Burkett*, Jackie Cline*, Mick Kimmey*, Baby Henry Ryan-Melchor, Marci Bluestone, Jerry Burd, Darwin Classon, Debi Clausen, Mike Clayton, Darlene Comiskey, Julie Cook, Alex Diab, Shandol Dulin, Bobby E., Brad Engle, Scott Evans, Sally Ferko, Kate Gage, Jo Gehlbach, Mary Gliszczynski, Mike Guzzardo, Ava Hawbaker, Sylvia and Cesar Hurtago, Dan Jackson, Wanda Jirsa, Steven Johnson, Jacob Kenyon, Tanya Kimmey, Art Kossman, Jim Martin, Colleen McMahon, Sam Meier, Nick Morgan, Arliene Nieman, Deanne Novicki, Carol Peisker, Joe Petit, Martha Poggi, Brian Porter, Erin Stiver, Joanne Sumner, John Wilson, Pearl Undesser, Carol Wilhelm, Tom Wysoglad, and Bridget Yaeger.

MILITARY—All people serving in the military, especially: Kaden Brennan, 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.



**DIAMOND PLUS (75th +) BIRTHDAY FOR MAY:
DORI BURAU—May 16**



EmmaLee Renee Houser Will affirm her baptismal vows through the Rite of Confirmation during the May 7th worship service. Please keep her in your prayers as she continues on her faith journey.

MAY 2, 2023 SALEM CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



Salem's Congregation Council met at Salem on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, starting at approximately 6:30 p.m. Council members Alan Deaton, Patricia Farley, Walter Farley, Donna Fraley, Bonnie Guyer, Pastor Steve Mindrup, and Nancy Rex attended this meeting. Three council members were absent.

Following devotions provided by Donna Fraley, minutes of the April 4, 2023, Salem Congregation Council meeting as prepared by Secretary Jacqueline Beverage were accepted.

Council members studied the financial reports for March 2023. Treasurer Bonnie Guyer reported that all current bills are paid and reported balances in the following accounts as of May 2, 2023.

General Fund: \$14,493.47; Designated Fund: \$28,633.62; Capital Fund: \$52,869.65

Treasurer Bonnie Guyer also reported that \$25,002.84 of the Capital Fund is specified for renovation. The Treasurer's report as presented by Treasurer Bonnie Guyer was accepted.

Pastor Mindrup reported that Holy Week and Easter Sunday worship services were well attended and worshipful. Pastor Mindrup recommended EmmaLee Renee Houser for the Rite of Confirmation. Salem's Congregation Council approved this recommendation.

Representatives of Salem's committees presented reports. Property Committee reported that a bid of \$11,800.00 by George and Sons for the blacktop project was accepted, and that Gary Augustine will work on the outside painting project.

Pastor Mindrup noted that area ministers were considering the return of Fellowship Feasts possibly starting in October 2023. He volunteered Salem to host the first feast. Council members agreed that Salem will host.

SPECIAL OFFERING UPDATES (as of April 30):

- **LENT OFFERINGS FOR SALEM'S BENEVOLENCE COMMITMENT**—\$6291—This amount is equivalent to more than five monthly installments of our budgeted benevolence commitment.
- ***Building on a Legacy of Faith* FOR SALEM RENOVATIONS** - \$20,056—This amount has allowed the Property Committee to proceed with plans for repairs on the exterior west wall of the sanctuary and the crumbling parking lot.

*“Now as you excel in everything,
so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking” 2 Corinthians 8:7*

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

MAY: THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT: You shall not murder.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? We are to fear and love God, so that we neither endanger nor harm the lives of our neighbors, but instead help and support them in all of life's needs.



Prairie View School used Salem's parking lot as a staging area for their "Walk to School Day" on May 3.

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Salem's volunteers have begun to deliver **Meals-on-Wheels** for the month of **May**. We are grateful for these volunteers: Dean & Dori Burau, Doug & Donna Fraley, Steve & Bonnie Guyer, Jerri Kuhn, Kelley Mindrup, Pam Pescitelli, George Webster, and Dale & Ruth White. Very special thanks to Laura, Salem's Meals-on-Wheels coordinator.

DON'T FORGET SALEM'S BLESSING BOX

The box is always busy; the need is always there! Your donations of nonperishable food items are always welcomed.

About The Diaper Closet

Wednesdays, 2:00pm-6:00pm
205 W. College St, in Sandwich
Church of the Nazarene



Reminder: Salem's diaper collection emphasis is the third Sunday of every month.

COMING SOON



If you **ARE** a father. . . **HAVE** a father . . . or **HAD** a father, the Christian Education Committee invites **YOU** to help celebrate **ALL FATHERS** with a delicious brunch of biscuits and gravy, fruit, coffee and juice on Sunday, June 18th (Father's Day), 10:00 am. Please join us!

WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION ON:

- **JUNE 25—Visit to Sannauk Forest Preserve**
- **JULY 16—Visit to the Hayes Family Farm**
- **AUGUST 13—Water Fun Day at Salem**



CANCELLED

Salem's Fellowship Committee is sponsoring a **Woodland Wildflower Walk** at Silver Springs State Park on Saturday, May 6. The group will meet at the Fox River Pavilion at 9:00 am for coffee and pastries.

40 quilts are on display in the sanctuary for the next three weeks to allow the congregation to purchase any if they wish, perhaps as Mother's Day gifts. The proceeds will be sent to Lutheran World Relief to help with the cost of shipping. The next quilting work days are Monday, May 8 and Tuesday, May 9—9:00 am—noon. All are welcome!



Saturday, May 13—1:00 pm
MOTHER'S DAY PROJECT

Paint a Mug or Paint a Tea Cup

\$5.00 each—all materials are provided.

Sponsored by the Fellowship Committee.

All are invited—come alone or bring a child.

Please sign up in the narthex so that we can have enough materials on hand.



Registration is closed for our May 16 shift at NIFB. The next opportunity to volunteer is June 20. This date is during school summer vacation so children 8 years old and over are eligible to attend. We have 20 slots reserved, and registration is needed before June 6. Please sign up on the appropriate sheet in the narthex. Volunteers meet in Salem's parking lot at 8:00 am to travel together to Geneva for the morning shift (9:00 am-11:30 am) at the Northern Illinois Food Bank warehouse. Tasks vary each month depending on what foods the bank has to be processed. New volunteers are always welcome to accompany Salem's group.



Thursday, May 18—11:30 am

Cielito Mexican Restaurant

11 West John Street , Plano

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



Salem's Sunday School will celebrate with an end-of-the-school year picnic on Sunday, May 21 beginning at 11:00 am. They would like the congregation to join them for hotdogs, chips, fruit, cookies and beverages. They are hoping for a beautiful late spring day so that we can all enjoy our lovely church grounds. If you and your family would like to join us, please sign-up in the narthex to help us plan. There is also opportunity to sign up to help supply food.



PALM SUNDAY



EASTER WORSHIP



CHRIST IS RISEN!



EASTER EGG HUNT



WOMEN'S RETREAT AT LOMC



**LENTEN SOUP SUPPER OFFERINGS
PRESENTED TO NIFB**



**APRIL LUNCH BUNCH
AT LAST CHANCE SALOON**



**SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS
PACKED 27 PERSONAL CARE KITS**



**FIRST "COLD"
ADOPT-A-ROAD
WALK
OF THE SEASON**



**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF
QUILTS ON DISPLAY**