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From Pastor Steve



Hurrah for the Sandwich Fair!

When I got the news in June of 2014 that I would be assigned to a church in Sandwich, Illinois, numbers of people said things to me like, “Don’t miss the Sandwich Fair!” Folks from all over know about the fair and want to be part of it.

When I got settled into Sandwich that summer I soon learned what a Big Deal the fair is. Practically before I ever preached a sermon I was recruited to run a cash register and cook French fries at the Log Cabin. I found that, not only did my church members volunteer hundreds of hours, the whole community seemed to come together to participate in the five action packed days.

I admire the sense of unity and strength the fair gives us. Wandering the thoroughfares, it seems that all of northern Illinois is there.

I love the fact that there is something for everyone at the fair, from the outrageously cheesy to the beautifully sublime. What’s your pleasure -- carnival rides, machinery, handcrafts, foods, animals, entertainment, all sorts of goods and services to buy? If you can’t find something at the fair to capture your interest, you’re not paying attention. Maybe having an elephant ear will help focus your mind.

I love how the fair celebrates rural culture, and the agrarian economy that drives it. It reminds us of a time when most Americans lived on farms. At the fair we see that our neighbors still plant and harvest, still care for livestock, still fashion things of beauty with their own hands, and still contribute to the vibrancy of American life.

So I say, “Hurrah for the fair!” Sadly, my current disabilities will likely keep me from attending, so have a smoked turkey leg for me and enjoy yourself.

- Steve Mindrup

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In our church family. . .

Walt and Mickey Farley are celebrating 60 years of marriage on September 7th. 58 of those years have been spent right here at Salem. We rejoice with them on this very special milestone.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

CURRENT—Karen Wesson*, Connie Comer, All those in the path of Hurricane Idalia

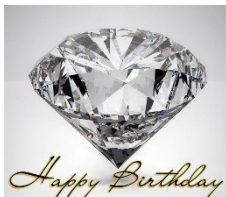
CONTINUING— Jason Boczko, Ben Burkett*, Jane Burkett*, Laura Caupert*, Pat Clason*, Jackie Cline*, Ruth Erickson*, Tom Glover*, Steve Guyer*, Jean Hanson*, Shirley Hines*, Matthew Kee*, Mick Kimmey*, LaVerne Mattson*, Baby Henry Ryan-Melchor, Marci Bluestone, Jerry Burd, Darwin Classon, Debi Clausen, Darlene Comiskey, Julie Cook, Rayden Davis, 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, Carol Peisker, Joe Petit, Martha Poggi, Brian Porter, Laurie Jacobson Rappa, Alphonse Somé, Erin Stiver, Joanne Sumner, Leslie Trettenero, 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 +) BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER:

September 4 Lyle Anderson
September 8 Wanda Fedro
September 20 Ruth Erickson
September 29 Kent Wesson



SUNDAY OF THE FAIR, SEPTEMBER 10

8:30 am Ecumenical Worship Service at the Sandwich Fairgrounds

NO 9:00 am Worship Service at Salem

10:30 am Traditional Service of Holy Communion at Salem (September 10th ONLY)



SALEM CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING

The Council will meet at the regularly scheduled time of 6:30 pm on Tuesday, September 5. Due to the early publication of the September issue of the Salem *LIFE*, a meeting summary is not being included. A summary will be provided to the congregation via the weekly Good News Take Home at the earliest possible date.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT SALEM'S PRAYER CHAIN AND PRINTED PRAYER LIST



It is very important to remember to ask permission from the individual or their family before placing someone's name on either the Prayer Chain or the printed Prayer List. We realize that this is always done with compassion and with the best of intentions, but it is also important to respect the desire for privacy on the part of some individuals. Prayers are always appreciated, but some people would prefer that they not be done in a public way.

We also ask that when you request that a person be placed on the printed prayer list you also follow up and let us know when it is appropriate to remove that person from the list. Thank you for keeping these two things in mind.

FROM THE OFFICE STAFF:

Salem's church office hours are as follows:

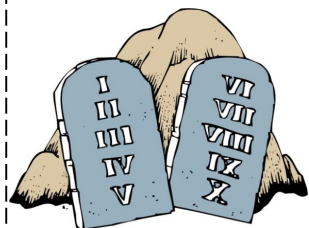
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays—9:00 am—2:00 pm

Fridays—9:00 am—12 noon

Closed Mondays and Saturdays

The office vestibule is unlocked daily from 9:00 am—6:00 pm. This allows persons who cannot come during office hours to drop off or pick up material or information. Any staff member will be happy to make arrangements with you. If you need access to the building at any other time, please call Nancy Rex (815-342-1814) or Michele Farley (815-508-1265). Either will do their best to see that the building is opened for you.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

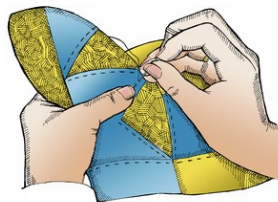


AUGUST: THE NINTH COMMANDMENT: You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? We are to fear and love God, so that we do not try to trick our neighbors out of their inheritance or property or try to get it for ourselves by claiming to have a legal right to it and the like, but instead be of help and service to them in keeping what is theirs.



Many Salem members will be busy all week with obligations at the Sandwich Fair. Congregation Council will meet at the regularly scheduled time on September 5, and the church office will be staffed as usual. Please note the revised worship schedule on page 3. There are no other scheduled activities during Fair Week. **ENJOY THE FAIR!**



QUILTING GROUP

Salem's Quilt Group meets on Monday and Tuesday of the second week of each month to work on quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Their next work days will be Monday and Tuesday, September 11 and 12, from 9 am to noon. Anyone who is interested would be welcome to come for any or all of the time. There are a variety of jobs—something for everyone. You do not have to have sewing experience. There are also take-home kits in the narthex for anyone who prefers to work at home.



Our September volunteer shift is set for Tuesday, September 19, 9:00-11:30 am. The registration for this shift will close on September 5. The next volunteer opportunity will be October 17. A sign-up sheet for October will be in the narthex later in September.



The September Lunch Bunch group will meet at Hacienda Real, 585 East Kendall Drive, Yorkville on Thursday, September 21. Meet at the restaurant at 11:30 am. Call Donna Fraley (815-263-7227) if you need a ride. Please sign up in the narthex if you plan to attend.

Note: The location is south of the Holiday Inn and has a sculpture of horses in front of the restaurant. Separate checks may not be an option so it would be best to be prepared with cash.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN—Salem's confirmation program for 7th and 8th grade students is set to begin with an orientation session for students and parents on Wednesday, September 13, 6:30 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Somonauk. Classes begin the following week and will be held at St. John's for the remainder of September. Classes will be back at Salem for October. If you have not already done so, please contact Pastor Mindrup if your student will be attending.

LWR SCHOOL KITS—The response to our collection of LWR SCHOOL KITS has been great. Please note that we will continue to accept these until Rally Day, September 17. On September 24 Sunday School students will prepare and pack the kits for shipping. Several people have been making the cloth bags in which the kits are packed. Thanks to Cheryl Carls, Paula Mueller, Joanne VanPelt and Libby Welsch for sewing the bags which are made to specific LWR instructions. Thanks to all who have participated in this project.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP—Share your talents with the Stewardship Committee in October and November this year. There are many jobs to do from mailings to temple talk sharing to calling for an RSVP. All are invited to pray for the success of this year's renewal response. Please reach out to Donna Fraley or Kelly Clason or text Kelly at 825.325.4075.



Rally Day is planned by Salem's Christian Education Committee to celebrate the end of the summer season and the beginning of fall. While this marks the beginning of a new Sunday School and Confirmation season, we also want to emphasize the renewed commitment to worship and committee activity after a more relaxed summer vacation mode.

For a number of years, this day has included outdoor worship and brunch. As the dynamics of the congregation change, we are aware that this may not be the most comfortable or convenient arrangement for everyone. So the decision has been made to worship indoors and to serve brunch in the fellowship hall. There will be tables and chairs set up outdoors for anyone who would like to enjoy brunch outside. All this being said, we are still planning for a festive morning of worship, food, and fellowship for all.

9:00 am Rally Day Worship

10:00 am Potluck Brunch

followed by

Dessert Raffle & Bounce House for the Kids

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 a dessert.**

Raffle will benefit Salem Sunday School.

Sunday School T-Shirts are the suggested attire for the day!



Members of Salem's Ruth Unit enjoyed their annual late summer luncheon at Star 34 Restaurant on August 23. They will resume their regular monthly meetings on September 27.



Salem members will be delivering Meals on Wheels during the month of September. Laura Caupert coordinates this project. Volunteers are Dean & Dori Burau, Doug & Donna Fraley, Tom & Marlyn Glover, Jerri Kuhn, Kelley Mindrup, and Pam Pescitelli. A **BIG** "Thank You!" to all.

SALEM'S BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION AUGUST 13



Pastor Steve shared a Back-to-School prayer with the students.



The Worship Committee served Sundaes on Sunday.



"Kids" of all ages enjoyed water fun games.



Even the youngest member got in on the fun.

Salem's Praise Team joined Alan Deaton, Leigh Kossman, Steve Pescitelli & Connie Hanson for a Gospel Music Sunday on August 6th.



Even though the heat cancelled their softball game, this group enjoyed picnicking & hiking at beautiful Sannauk Forest Preserve.



Right: These summer-time helpers spent their final day of summer vacation working with canned peas at the Northern Illinois Food Bank. They started back to school on the very next day.



Below: Salem's August Volunteer team at Northern Illinois Food Bank



AUGUST ADOPT-A-ROAD VOLUNTEERS—JOB WELL DONE!

Below Left: Pam, Sandy & Patty finished first.

Below Right: Louise & Ron were happy to accept a ride back to their vehicles.

