



SALEM CHIMES

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Dear Friends,

Yesterday I was sitting under the palapa doing one of my favorite things in the world: watching the Caribbean changing colors. While sitting there my mind lazily moved from thought to thought. First I thought of how I loved the beautiful color changes from azure to cerulean to emerald. Next I thought of loved ones back home (which include all of you). My mind passed on to the thought that I should send a few postcards the next time we go to town. That reminded me of all the lovely new friends I have had opportunity to meet and correspond with during my time at Salem,



I thought of Pastor and Liz Thompson. One short note from Liz opened a wonderful e-mail friendship begun through mutual love of Salem and her rich history to a friendship that includes family and concern for one another. This is a friendship that will last far beyond my time at Salem.



I thought of Pastor Mike Nearhood who lived on the other side of the world. This friendship also came about through an interest in Salem and now has progressed from concern over events in Japan to information and concern about our respective gardens. Another friendship I look forward to having for many years to come.

Then there is my friend Mark Patty. He has been so helpful in offering insights into New Augusta and Salem history. Although Mark is not a member of Salem, Mark understands that the future of Salem is vital to the future of New Augusta and will do everything possible to support Salem - especially during our anniversary year.

It was through Mark that I met Chuck Harvey. Chuck now resides in Arizona, however, he has worked cheerfully and willingly to helping Devoe track down former Salemites for our anniversary. And in the process shared his marvelous sense of humor with me.

There are so many more lovely friends I have met during my time at Salem. Our Lord, Jesus, also was someone who made and valued friends - friends who loved him and were loyal to him. It is my hope that each of you will recognize and appreciate the gift of dear friends that God has given you.

Peace,

Pastor Bonnie

Stated Supply Pastor

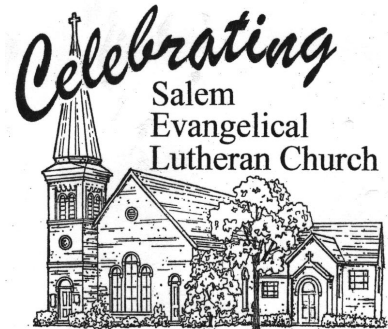
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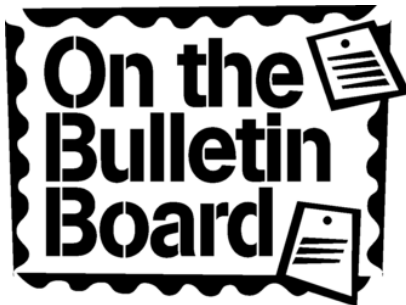
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175 Years
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A German language worship service at the Indiana State Fair? It's at 2:30 on August 14 at the International Pavillion. The details are on the board. The walls outside the office are also full of great opportunities to share your time, talents and tithes in ministry. **Check it out!**



8/1	Harry Bowden	8/19	Gino Agresti
8/6	Susie Siroky	8/20	Susan Kunze
8/12	Charles Rader	8/20	Pastor Bonnie Sparks
	8/28	June Bowden	

CHICAGO FOLK SERVICE CHANGE

The third Sunday of the month is the usual Sunday for CFS. Rhunell is taking a well earned vacation in August which includes August 21. So as to not disappoint those of us who enjoy this particular service, Rhunell has arranged with the CFS Music Team to switch CFS to the following Sunday, **August 28.**

Thank you, Rhunell, for making these arrangements and may you and Dave have a wonderful and blessed vacation!



Everyone gets an "A"

Greetings and may blessings abound,

School is out for the summer, or at least part of the summer as is my case. However, learning keeps us busy even when we have those lazy and hazy days of summer in front of us. As a teacher, many years ago, I was known for springing quizzes on my students. As I recall they were fondly referred to as "pop quizzes", does that ring a bell with anyone?



So, here is a "pop quiz" pertaining to the most widely distributed and read book in the world today, The Bible. Have fun with this and do not be concerned with right or wrong answers, after-all the teacher has already given you an "A".

- A). With out looking, how many Psalms are there?
- B). Who is believed to have written approximately one-half of the Psalms?
- C). "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength". In the New Testament this "The Great Commandment" is found in Matthew, where is it found in the Old Testament?
- D). The Messianic Prophet – The New Testament says that he "saw the glory of Christ, and spoke of him". His name is _____.
- E). Between the Old Testament and New Testament many changes occurred. In part this is due to the significant number of years that transpired. How many years? Go ahead, take a guess.
- F). Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; It does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. One of my favorite scriptures is found in the Book of ? and for bonus points give the Chapter and number of verses included above.
- G). How many books in the Bible?
- H). Of all the hymns written by Martin Luther his most popular hymn is? OK, OK, I know Martin Luther is not in the Bible – but I like the hymn anyway.

I know all the good folks at Salem zipped right through these quiz questions without missing a beat, however, if you think you might have missed a couple, check the calendar page for the answers, or ask Pastor Bonnie.

Peace and Grace be with you,
Keith

Dear Friends and Family of Salem Lutheran Church,

As I sit in my apartment here in Illinois, listening to a band called Hillsong United, the light is dim, a candle is lit, and one of many bible's sitting next to me, I realized that if I had never started to have begun my knowledge of God at Salem, I would not be the man I am today.

This Bible, a book with great meaning, was given to me the day I had my first communion at Salem. It was given to me by both of my parents on June 8th, 2003. If you were to look at it today, you may think I have had for 10 maybe 15 years, when it's really only 8 years old. You would think that by looking at it because it is broken into three different parts. The first part contains Genesis 1 thru Exodus 20:10. The second part holding Exodus 20:11 thru Proverbs 1:28. The last and finally section that is still intact with the original binding, holding Proverbs 1:29 thru the end of Revelations.



This was the Bible I took everywhere and anywhere that was I was in need of having a Bible with me. The one place I always loved taking this Bible with me, was Lutheran Hills. Lutheran Hills was one place where I really felt the presence of God in my life. Simply because no matter how old or how young I was, I always connected with the other campers and the staff members. Over time, I learned a song, which now has become a prayer for me, but throughout the years, I have forgotten some of the lyrics.

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However though, this past spring, while down in Panama City Beach, Florida, with the High School group at Traders Point, I went into my room, sat down on the couch, and prayed to God. A few minutes later, I began to write in the back of a book I was given that week. In this book, I wrote down some lyrics. These lyrics became the missing lyrics to the song/prayer I learned from Lutheran Hills. Now these lyrics were definitely not the same lyrics that I was originally taught at Lutheran Hills, but they are lyrics that fit and flow, and have a lot of meaning to them.

Then, later on in the week, while with the guys I roomed with, I was given the opportunity to close our night with a prayer. I then told the guys that instead of a simple speaking prayer, I want to sing a song, which has become a prayer to me. So I sang it to the guys, and as I got to the chorus, which continues to sing Halleluiah, some of the guys chuckled. Now they chuckled, not because my voice was terrible, but because in the last song we sang at worship that night, we sang Halleluiah, over and over again. It was such a God thing for that to happen all in one week.

But now some of you may be wondering why I am saying all this, or how does all of this connect with Salem, and the 19 years that Salem has been a part of my life, well like all stories, you cannot give up in the middle and assume what the ending is. So to make things easy, I will bring this to an end very, very soon. I mentioned the song/prayer, going to camp, being a part of Traders Point as we went to Panama City Beach for spring break, and the 3 part Bible, not because I need a new Bible, or to show that God is doing wonderful things in my life now. But to say thank you to all of you who have been at Salem, all my life. Even if you just came in within 5 years ago, or you've been here ever since I was baptized from the baptistery.

All of you at Salem have made me the man I am today. As I hope that someday I get the opportunity to sing the prayer for you all

Proverbs 1:7 says “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.”

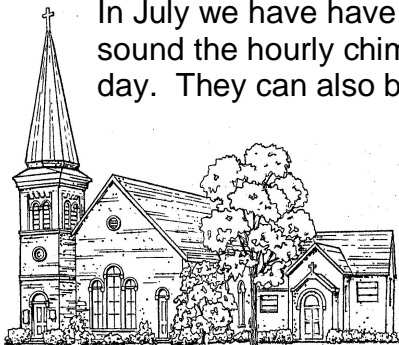
With great Love,
Johnathon C. Rice

BRINGING BACK THE MUSIC

An opportunity for online monetary donations to our 175th Anniversary project is now available through the Salem website: www.salemELCA.com. You'll find a link to take you to a page with past CHIMES articles and a link to make secure online contributions to the special fund.

Donations can also be made through the offering plate or to the church office. Checks should be made payable to Salem Lutheran.

In July we have been auditioning different bell systems. The carillon will sound the hourly chimes and play inspirational music at certain times of the day. They can also be used in live music events in the sanctuary.



The original Salem carillon was donated in 1960 and brought joy and love through music to the area for more than 30 years. The carillon will help us in our mission to reach out to those who are seeking Jesus Christ.

PASTOR'S PICNIC IN THE PARK



The Thursday lunch gathering moved inside the Fellowship Hall the last two weeks of July. We escaped the extreme heat and humidity and did our hula-hooping in air-conditioned comfort. Weather-permitting, we will return to the shady picnic tables in Salem Park.

We are waiting for you **every Thursday between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.** Just bring your lunch and enjoy the breeze, conversation and games. Bring the kids, grandkids, nieces or nephews and share some time with the Salem community.

Pictured on the right are Pastor's grandchildren with Anna Dorner and Timm Parker during our July 7 picnic.



Photographer: Devoe Slisher

WORSHIP TEAM TRAINING

Since Holy Week we have been blessed with new members on our Worship Team and other team members taking on new tasks. Unfortunately, training has been more of an on-the-job training and inadequate at best. For that we apologize.



On **Saturday, August 20, at 4:00** we shall have a Worship Team meeting. We shall go over the proper procedures and the reasons for each of the duties of Lay Assistant, acolyte and crucifer and give you a chance to practice each of these.

If you serve in any one of these ministries, please be there.

Everything we do on Sunday worship is for the honor and glory of God and not for ourselves. Having said this, we are having a number of special worship services during our anniversary year and we want

to do our best to show our worship skills to our many guests.

August 20 is also game night so we shall focus on our task from 4:00-5:30 and then be free to enjoy one of our fabulous pitch-ins followed by games.



DELIVERING THE MESSAGE

We thank Steve Siroky for filling in for Pastor Bonnie the last two Sundays of July. Steve is considering whether he is being called to ministry. Salem can support Steve in this discernment by giving him opportunities in various aspects

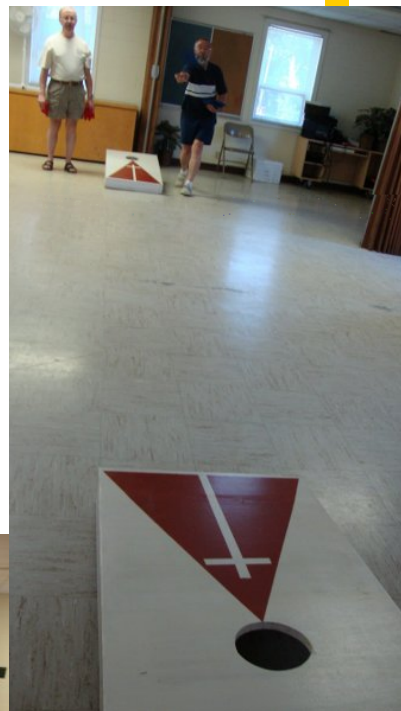
of ministry such as leading worship and preaching.



JOIN US FOR GAME NIGHT ON AUGUST 20

In July, Charlie Rader and Richard Budach tossed the beanbags for some indoor corn hole competition. Another group dealt the cards for a few hands of UNO. The bowlers were busy rolling strikes, spares and lots of splits with their Wii remotes.

We started with a feast of meatballs, fried chicken, and some great salads and treats. Bring some food or a snack to share. We eat at 5:30 on the third Saturday of the month and then the games begin.



PROMOTION FOR ZACH PARKER

Zach is now Lance Corporal Parker in the United States Marine Corps. Last month he received a visit in Okinawa, Japan from his father, Richard.



LADIES LUNCHEON MEETS AUGUST 18

This month the ladies join the Pastor's Picnic gang at Salem Park at 11:30 a.m. Bring a sack lunch. Coffee in the Fellowship Hall.



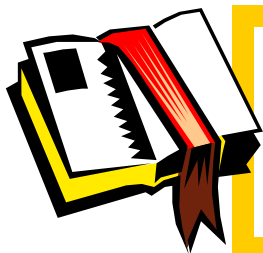
God Can Do Anything



On July 10th, the Gospel lesson was the story of seed being sown in different types of soil. During the Children's Sermon, Pastor Bonnie talked about how God can still grow faith in the hardest rock. Many years ago, she stopped along I-80 near mile marker 333. Pastor Bonnie showed a photo of a tree that had germinated under a boulder and grew with enough strength to split the boulder. **No heart is too hard for God to penetrate.**

PASTOR BONNIE DISCUSSES GRACE

On **Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.** we are using *If Grace is True* as a study guide to analyze what Luther's Theology of Grace says and what it means for us as we live our faith within the framework of the Lutheran Church. The book was written by two of her seminary classmates.



NOON BIBLE STUDY

Bring a sack lunch and join Pastor Mel Schroeder in our Fellowship Hall. This month the Monday Noon Bible Study group meets on **August 8 and 22.**

SALEM NIGHT AT VICTORY FIELD

It was a beautiful night at Victory Field on July 6, especially if you were a Toledo Mud Hens fan. Salem's 175th birthday was recognized on the scoreboard as more than 20 Salem fans enjoyed a family night out at the ball park.



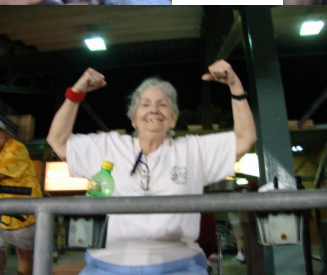
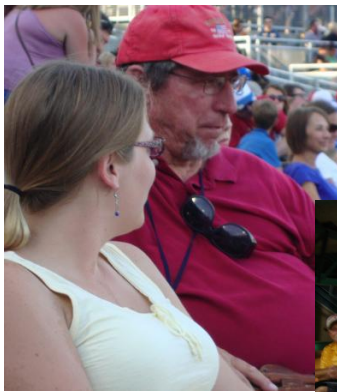
For 50 years Salem has hosted a Mother-Daughter event in May. Several of those years the men took a road trip to see the Cincinnati Reds play ball. This year the Fellowship Ministry made it a family night out with the Indianapolis Indians. Thanks to all you made it a fun night!



On the left: Mud Hen fan Pastor Bonnie. Her grandson Robert enjoys the cotton candy.



Center left: Jeff Barraclough and his daughter.



Above: The Salem Team... top row - the Pete Bush family center row - Gino Agresti family bottom row - Pastor Bonnie, Little Bit, Robert, Devoe Slisher, Jeff Barraclough.

Far left: Sara Jacobs enjoys the view.

Left: Angela Agresti and her guest cool off with some frozen treats.

Center: Sara Jacobs poses for the jumbo-tron in the ninth inning to the tune "Macho Man."

PATRIOTIC PICNIC

We saw legs during worship that had never been seen before. Not naming names, but more than one of the Salem family wore shorts for the first time, while serving in worship on July 3. They came prepared for our picnic in Salem Park.

A wonderful day with great brats and hot dogs grilled by Devoe Slisher and Keith Kunze. Sara Jacobs helped the kids roast marshmallows over the fire pit and assemble their s'mores. (Tom Alexander provided the roasting sticks.) We're planning for a **September 4 Labor Day cookout**.

Top right: Richard Budach and Burt Hall find a "lawn seat."
Center right: Tom Alexander, Harry Bowden and Jim and Dee Warriner converse with Mark Patty (standing).
Below: Robert extinguishes his flaming marshmallow.
Bottom left: A neighbor heats up a marshmallow as Sara Jacobs cheers.
Bottom center: Laura Morgan samples the great salads and deserts.
Bottom right: Dave Gruender and Gino Agresti toss the bean bags toward the Salem corn hole boards.



Who Is Pastor Nearhood?

Allow me to preface this answer by saying that I know some day I shall stand before the throne of God and be required to answer how I shepherded those sheep entrusted to my care. Therefore this is a charge I take very seriously. When I find someone lives at a great distance, the best way I can pastor someone is to do everything possible to encourage and help that individual to find a loving and supportive church family where he or she lives.

In one of my conversations with Zach Parker during his last leave, he and I discussed this and I gave my pledge to help him find a church family to nurture him during his deployment in Okinawa. With Devoe's help, we were able to locate the Okinawa Lutheran Church in the town outside of the base where Zach is stationed. I sent an e-mail to the pastor explaining my desire to entrust Zach to a church family while in Okinawa.

Pastor Michael Nearhood replied that he and the Okinawa Lutheran Church would be pleased to welcome Zach into their family fold and looked forward to seeing him when Zach would be able to visit. The Okinawa Lutheran Church is a small but very active church, much like Salem.

Pastor Nearhood came to Japan in 1975 when he arrived as a member of the "Volunteer Youth Ministry," He taught English in a church English School in the Tokyo area and was Program Director of the Sapporo Youth Center before being ordained in Japan by the Japan Lutheran Church in 1984. He has served churches in Tokyo, Niigata Prefecture and Hokkaido Prefecture before coming to the Okinawa Lutheran Church in 1999.

Pastor Nearhood is married to Masako who plays the organ for the English services.



Sara Jacobs extends her gratitude to the many volunteers who helped her switch apartments in the Park Regency building. THANK YOU!



Disaster Relief Money

Do you ever wonder what happens to the money you give to disaster relief through the ELCA? Of course we know that the ELCA is one of the only disaster relief organizations to forward 100% of its donations to the specific relief for the money was designated, and, for that, we may take great pride. But, somehow, the money we donate seems to be absorbed into some large ambiguous relief effort.

Here is where Pastor Nearhood comes into the picture. As I said in the cover letter, it has been delightful corresponding with Pastor Nearhood. Beyond this pleasure, there has been thoughtful correspondence regarding the disasters in Japan for which we have prayed these past many months. The following is from one of our correspondence about the disasters in Japan and Salem's efforts of prayers and financial support. It is a personal Thank You from Japan to Salem.

Thanks for your prayers for Japan. Okinawa is 1000 miles south of the Tsunami/earthquake/nuclear disaster. We were not affected at all. But we have given donations. The Lutheran Church in the USA gave a very large contribution of \$100,000. Wow! And I count one prayer for each dollar!

*Peace to you and to those in Salem Lutheran Church.
Michael Nearhood, Pastor*

Stewardship

Nan K. was asked by her church to lead a special campaign to pay off the remaining debt on the sanctuary. She consented and made this statement at a worship service:

"Stewardship is realizing that our relationship with money is very much connected to our relationship to God. When our relationship to money becomes the stewardship of God's gifts, then our decisions and actions are tied to our understanding of God's will for our life. When we discern the purpose for our life on Earth, then we look for the signs, the opportunities, the coincidences that show us the path to that purpose.

"I want you to know that this is not just a campaign to pay off our debts (although it will). It is about building a community of faith. If one of our members came to me today and offered to pay off the entire debt, I wouldn't feel this campaign was a success.

"This is about strengthening our church community with everyone giving to their own ability. I'll feel the campaign is successful when 100% of our membership participates."

Worship Serving Schedule

AUGUST	LAY ASSISTANT	LECTOR	ACOLYTE	USHERS	GREETER
7 ELW 3	Charles Rader	Rosemary Rader	Sean Rice	Burt Hall Harry Bowden	Julie Rice
14 WOV	Laura Morgan	Richard Budach	Burt Hall	Devoe Slisher Keith Kunze	Susan Kunze
21 ELW 3	Steve Siroky	Timm Parker	Richard Budach	Susie Siroky Julie Rice	Bel Hedlund
29 CFS	Sean Rice	Sara Jacobs	Devoe Slisher	Burt Hall Harry Bowden	Keith Kunze



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Jim Warriner	2 Sany Wuensch	3 Barbara Agresti	4 Gino Agresti	4 Angela Agresti	6 Amanda Agresti
7 Connie Alexander	8 Tom Alexander	9 Nancy Alexander	10 Ernestine Allen	11 Jeff Barraclough	12 Aileen Blue	13 Harry Bowden
14 Ismay Broomes	15 Richard Budach	16 Jan Budach	17 Mary Lou Etchison	18 Sally Flint	19 Dave Gooderum	20 Trish Gooderum
21 Reuben Gooderum	22 Anita Gooderum	23 Rhunell Gruender	24 David Gruender	25 Susan Grymonpre	26 Burt Hall	27 Adam Haverstick
29 Cynthia Haverstick	30 Bel Hedlund	31 Bethel Hendrix				

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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7	9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	8 12:00 BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Mel in the Fellowship Hall	9	10 7:00 pm STEWARDSHIP MEETING in conference room	11 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Pastor's Picnic / Park (bring sack lunch)	12	13
14	9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 12:00 Worship & Music Ministry Team Meeting	15	16	17	18 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Pastor's Picnic / Park (bring sack lunch) and LADIES LUNCHEON Salem Park	19	20 Worship Team Training—Sanctuary 4:00 Game Night in Fellowship Hall 5:30
21	9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship ELW	22 12:00 BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Mel in the Fellowship Hall	23 Chimes Deadline	24	25 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Pastor's Picnic / Park (bring sack lunch)	26	27
28	9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship <u>Chicago Folk Service</u>	29	30	31	A) 150 B) David C) Deuteronomy D) Isaiiah	E) 400 years F) 1 Corinthian— Chapter 13: 4-8	G) 66 H) A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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