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Dear Friends,

Several unrelated incidents occurred the week after Thanksgiving. The first came in the form of a note that was in the Saturday mail. The next was an email that awaited me on Sunday morning. Third was something told to me on following Worship. The fourth was another email on Tuesday.

My response to the note was to write a rather long email pastoral response. However before I hit the send icon, I realized that an email was not the response that was needed. (Thank you, Spirit of God.) What was needed was a hug. I immediately headed out. I thought about this call and response the rest of the evening. To the Sunday morning email, I emailed that I would be at the hospital that afternoon. A hug was needed there. After Worship another hug was the best, and only, response I could give. A hug also was called for on Tuesday. Do you see the pattern I saw?

We live in an electronic age. Devoe has done so much to revive the life of Salem with all the emails, website and other wonderful things he does on the computer and with the internet. I give thanks for this man every day in my prayers and I hope you do so frequently as well.

In spite of this disclaimer, beginning with the first circumstance, and added to by each of the following concerns, I realized that I cannot be an electronic pastor, even if we live in an electronic age. Throughout the Gospels we find story after

story where touch was involved in healing and ministry. I am the first to acknowledge my pastoral imperfections; however, I pray that my hugs may always bring the support and comfort to those I meet along the path God leads me.



Blessings of the Bethlehem Babe,

Pastor Bonnie

Stated Supply Pastor
(not an electronic pastor)

PS. While I frequently quote *Sundays and Seasons* I was appalled to read there that there is such a thing as "twitturgies" for those who prefer electronic worship of the Almighty. Dear God in heaven!

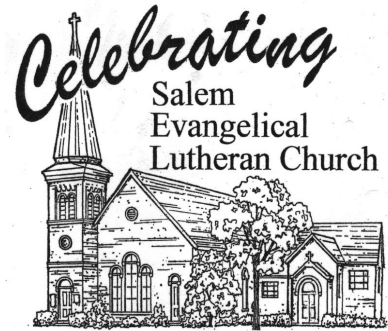
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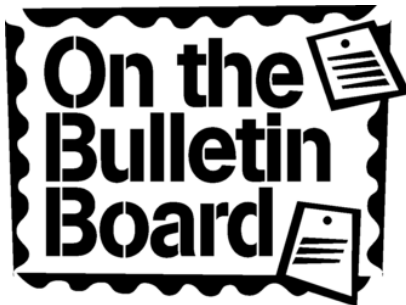
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175 Years
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Go ahead—spoil our Sunday dinner. The sign up sheet for providing Sunday refreshments is in the office hall, next to the Pastor’s door. The wall outside the office is also full of great opportunities to share your time, talents and tithes in ministry.

Check it out!



1/5	Bonnie Ribley	1/12	Richard Budach
1/9	Devoe Slisher	1/22	Tom Alexander
1/9	Chila Van De Mark	1/24	Ernestine Allen
1/11	Elaina Mundt	1/29	Joshua Rice

CHICAGO FOLK SERVICE CHANGE

The third Sunday of the month is the usual Sunday for CFS. Our special celebration of Salem’s 175 Years of Baptism on January 15 calls for a different setting on that day. So as to not disappoint those of us who enjoy this particular service, We have arranged with the CFS Music Team to switch CFS to the following Sunday, **January 22**.

The Chicago Folk Service returns to the third Sunday on February 19.



The White Envelope Project

Greetings and may blessings abound,

The following Christmas Story was first published by Nancy W. Gavin in the December 14, 1982 issue of Women's Day magazine. I too understand Mike's feelings towards Christmas. Enjoy!

It all began because my husband Mike hated Christmas. Oh, not the true meaning of Christmas, but the commercial aspects of it – overspending and the frantic running around at the last minute to get a tie for Uncle Harry and the dusting powder for Grandma – the gifts given in desperation because you couldn't think of anything else.

Knowing he felt this way, I decided one year to bypass the usual shirts, sweaters, ties and so forth. I reached for something special just for Mike. The inspiration came in an unusual way. Our son Kevin, who was 12 that year, was on the school wrestling team. Shortly before Christmas, there was a non-league match against a team sponsored by a inner-city church. These youngsters, dressed in sneakers so ragged that shoestrings seemed to be the only thing holding them together, presented a sharp contrast to our boys in their spiffy blue and gold uniforms and sparkling new wrestling shoes.

As the match began, I was alarmed to see the other team was wrestling without headgear. Well, we ended up walloping them. We took every weight class. Mike, seated beside me, shook his head sadly. "I wish just one of them could have won," he said. "They have a lot of potential, but losing like this could take the heart right out of them." Mike loved kids – all kids. He so enjoyed coaching little league football, baseball and lacrosse. That's when the idea for his present came.

That afternoon, I went to a local sporting goods store and bought an assortment of wrestling head-gear and shoes, and sent them anonymously to the inner-city church. On Christmas Eve, I placed a small white envelope on the tree, the note inside telling Mike what I had done, and that this was his gift from me.

Mike's smile was the brightest thing about Christmas that year. And that same bright smile lit up succeeding years. For each Christmas, I followed the tradition- one year sending a group of mentally handicapped youngsters to a hockey game, another year a check to a pair of elderly brothers whose home had burned to the ground the week before Christmas, and on and on.

The white envelope became the highlight of our Christmas. It was always the last thing opened on Christmas morning, and our children – ignoring their new toys – would stand with wide-eyed anticipation as their dad lifted the envelope from the tree to reveal its contents. As the children grew, the toys gave way to more practical presents, but the small white envelope never lost its allure.

The story doesn't end there. Mike died last year. When Christmas rolled around, I was still so wrapped in grief that I barely got the tree up. But Christmas Eve found me placing an envelope on the tree. And the next morning, I found it was magically joined by three more. Unbeknownst to the others, each of our three children had for the first time placed a white envelope on the tree for their dad. The tradition has grown and someday will expand even further with our grandchildren standing to take down that special envelope.

Mike's spirit, like the Christmas spirit will always be with us.

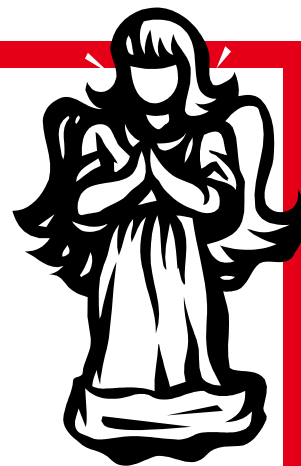
Merry Christmas!

Peace & Grace be with you,
Keith

Lord, for Whom We Pray . . .

FROM DEE AND JIM WARRINER:

On Sunday mornings the congregation prayers always include, along with so many other things, the names of four young people, all baptized at Salem, who are now serving our country in various military branches. Everyone responds, "hear our prayer", mostly because they all know the Parker family—but the truth is, if you'd ask, most people have no idea who Jake Lewis is !!!! This is what I want my Salem friends to know about recognizing and honoring this beloved boy for me:



Jake Lewis is my grandson!!!!
He's just barely 21 years old.
For the last TWO years he's been in Alaska training with the US Army in the Special Services/Parachuting Unit.
On December 2, Jake was deployed to Afghanistan.
He'll be in that dangerous war torn country for an entire year!

Jim and I love that boy dearly, and I'm soooo afraid for him!!!!

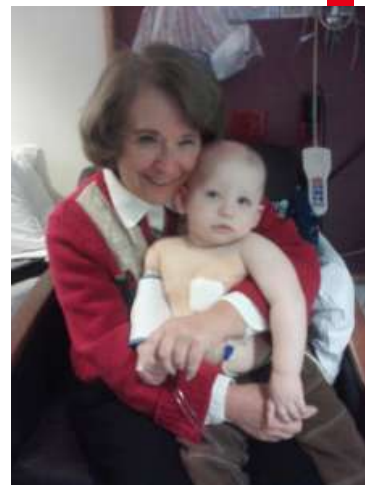
PLEASE, WE NEED SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR OUR GRANDSON, JAKE LEWIS!!!!

“Please, Lord, hear our prayer”
Thank you, Dee

XANDER LINDERWELL is a sweet and precious, 16 month old Child of God who is connected to Salem through Laura Morgan's friend Don Fisher, for whom we also pray.

In August Xander was diagnosed with a malignant tumor in the right temporal lobe. The week before his first birthday Xander had surgery. Currently Xander is approximately half way through aggressive chemotherapy.

Through our constant prayers for Xander, Todd and Amanda (mom and dad) feel that they are connected to a church family.



Come and Worship!

Sundays 10:30 a.m.

Three of the five Worship Services in January are focused on a special event.

January 1 is the Feast of the Name of Jesus. Eight days after his birth, Jesus was circumcised according to Jewish law and given the name announced by the angel at his conception.



January 8 we shall the celebration of Epiphany when the Wise Men found the child Jesus. This feast celebrates the coming of the Christ to the Gentile people.



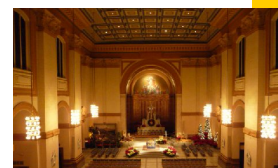
January 15 we shall celebrate the Baptism of Jesus with the next of our 175th Anniversary services. As we celebrate Jesus' baptism, we shall celebrate all the baptisms which have taken place at Salem. Everyone who has been baptized here is invited to return to Salem on this day to renew the vows of Baptism. Special refreshments will be served following the service.



February 12 will be the final 175th Anniversary service. The Sacred Moment of Marriage will be remembered. All those who were married at Salem will be invited back to join us and renew their vows followed by a wedding reception. There will also be a special prayer for those whose marriage is ended through death or divorce.

Crèche Field Trip on January 11

Extensive efforts were made to transform the Nativity scene at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis to the original luster and beauty it had when it was first displayed in the Cathedral about 90 years ago. Joseph Vitali, curator, has invited Salem for a tour of the historic crèche and building. You are invited to join us on Wednesday morning, January 11 with a lunch stop after the tour, courtesy of our music director. Let the Salem office know you are coming and confirm a time to pick you up.





Alexandra Elizabeth Parker

As we welcome the baby Jesus, we welcome the newest member of the Parker family. Proud parents Erica and Travis are scheduled to be married on December 28, 2011. Travis is completing training at Fort Mead in Maryland.



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Sunday School

The Season of Epiphany is the Christian season of light, as the Wise Men followed the light of the Star of Bethlehem. During this Season our hymns focus on light. (*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light, We are Marching in the Light of God, Shine, Jesus, Shine*)

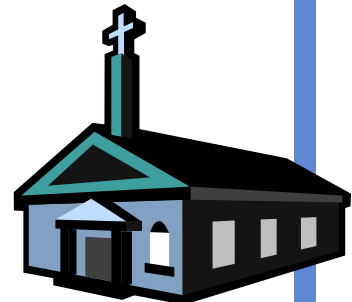
During January, Sunday School will examine one of these seasonal hymns. Barbara Agresti will present a history of one hymn each Sunday and the theology behind it. This will be an unique opportunity to delve into the hymn writing process.

Sunday School resumes January 8 at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room.

Food for Thought:

Who are the "nones?"

The fastest growing religious demographic are the "nones" - people who, when asked to identify with a particular religious tradition, select "none." At least a quarter of young adults fall into this group. (*Well no wonder if they worship with "twitturgies"! PB*)



From Pr. Carolyn Lesmeister, Assistant to the Bishop for Young Adults

February CHIMES Newsletter Deadline: January 24.



Blast from the Past

From Cory Darling - this photo from the Salem 1964 bowling team. Pictured from left to right, Don Wiley, Vesta Wiley, Max Burden, Nathelia (Nat) Darling, Billy Darling. Not pictured, but I'm sure she was standing behind the camera is Jean Burden.

The display case in the office hall was built to house our many bowling trophies.

UPDATE: One Million for Jillian

Thank you to all who have let us know that they are collecting tabs for the "One Million for Jillian" goal.

We have collected and counted over 30,000 tabs so far, and we have several large bags that were given to us last week which we still need to add to the total. We estimate that there are probably over 100,000 tabs in those bags - we will get a more accurate count when we have time. To clarify one point, the tabs can be any size and kind of pull tabs from various cans - soda, soup, pet food, etc.

The Ronald McDonald House at Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis, has been such a blessing to us during the many months we spent at our daughter Jillian's bedside.

Collecting pop tabs from soda cans can turn into money to fund the RMD Houses. The cost for families to stay or use the facilities at RMD Houses is very low thanks to generous donations from individuals and businesses, and these pop tabs.

Our family came up with the crazy goal of 'one million for Jillian.' That means we hope that our friends and family (and anyone else who hears about this goal) will help us bring in 1,000,000 pop tabs in Jillian's honor by her second birthday on June 10, 2012.

- Pr. Heather Apel, Assistant to the Bishop.



Salem's collection canister is at the refreshment counter.

The Games Return January 21



We're warming up for the Olympics with Wii Bowling and other great games. We meet in the Fellowship Hall on the third Saturday of the month. Bring a snack or food to share and join the fun! We start eating at 5:30 and then the games begin.

Pictured: Sara Jacobs and Harry Bowden.

Christmas Memories

BETTY DEACON

(published in the 1980 Bldg. Centennial Book)

How beautiful the church always looked at Christmas. The Christmas plays the Sunday School had and how my mother helped make the costumes and the choir robes when we first started to wear them.



I remember arguments at Christmas time about where to plant the Christmas Tree when we had a live one. Once in the midst of one argument, Olive Brown got up and said loudly, "Come on Mommy, let's go home."

Left: Salem's 1964 tree. Above: Christmas Bazaar? Year?



A blessed
Christmas to all
and wishes for a
healthy and happy
New Year!

Devoe Slisher

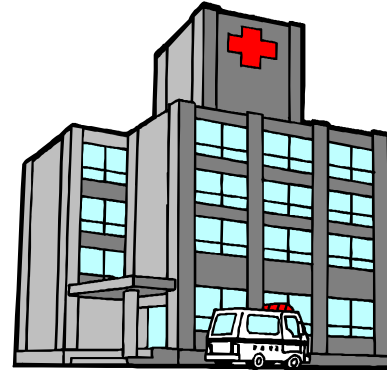


Thank you for supporting the 2011-12 **Salem Wall Calendar!** Three from the second printing were still available on December 15.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS FOR YOUR WALLET

As a result of HIPAA (Health Information Privacy Accountability Act), hospitals no longer inform churches and pastors when a parishioner goes to the hospital, even if the patient gives consent or requests the pastor be notified. This means you need to let the church know if you are taken to the hospital.

While you are still healthy, it would be a very good idea to let your loved one know that you want the church/pastor notified immediately. Pastor Mel and I are always ready and willing to respond to a middle of the night telephone call. You might want to clip the following numbers and put them some place with things that go to the hospital with you and give a copy to your loved one.



Pastor Bonnie Sparks
317-291-5004 (Salem)
317-547-0864 (home)
317-258-3995 (cell)

Pastor Mel Schroeder
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Thanks for Giving Us a Ring!

The Salem Red Kettle Bell Ringers were out in force this season. Thank you to all who gave of their time and endured a little rain and cold. We manned the kettle in front of the Kroger store on West 71st at Georgetown. Salem greeted shoppers on Tuesday, November 22 from 4 to 7 p.m. and again on December 3, a Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Here, Harry takes time to ring during a Saturday shift.



Hanging of the Greens

Keith Kunze lifts a basket of boughs as we blessed the Hanging of the Greens on the third Sunday of Advent. On the far right: Ana and Pastor Bonnie talk about preparing for a new baby.



December 11, 2011

Serving Our Country

In addition to Jake Lewis (page 4), we remember the Parker family. Travis is completing training at Fort Mead in Maryland (page 6) and will be home for the holidays. Erin Emminger has orders to deploy to Afghanistan. Ana will be in Stacey's care. And this photo shows Zach in Okinawa, Japan. He may be home in a few months in route to training stateside.



Continued prayers for these members of Salem and for their families.

Image from September on the facebook page of the Marine Wing Support Squadron-172.

Many Smiles

23 families turned out for our photo directory shoot on December 5, including the entire Kunze clan (pictured). **Thank you** to everyone, especially those who cooperated in the last minute rescheduling and to our check-in folks - Julie Rice and Lee Kolumbus.

Devoe Slisher



CHRISTMAS PRESENT



We started December with great food and fellowship. Many attended the annual "Ladies" luncheon in the Salem Fellowship Hall.

Above Left: (Clockwise from bottom) Susan Grymonpre, Barbara Agresti, Harry Bowden, Nancy Alexander, Volker and Sharon Rudolph, Susan Kunze, Connie Bennett and Bel Hedlund.

Left: Pastor Bonnie Sparks leads grace.

Below: Rita Cole and Sara Jacobs talk with Lee Kolumbus.

Bottom: Pastor Bonnie Sparks engages in conversation with Sebi Guarneros.

Photographer: Devoe Slisher



Worship Serving Schedule

January	LAY ASSISTANT	LECTOR	ACOLYTES/CRUCIFER	USHERS	GREETER
1 ELW 3	Laura Morgan	Sara Jacobs	Richard Budach	Keith Kunze Devoe Slisher	Bel Hedlund
8 WOV	Keith Kunze	Richard Budach	Julie Rice	Burt Hall Harry Bowden	Sean Rice
15 ELW 10	Sean Rice	Dixie Richardson	R. Budach Steve Siroky D. Slisher	Susie Siroky Julie Rice	Bel Hedlund
22 CFS	Sean Rice	Diann Ryan	Devoe Slisher	Burt Hall Harry Bowden	Susan Kunze
29 ELW 10	Steve Siroky	Devoe Slisher	Laura Morgan	Julie Rice Susie Siroky	Keith Kunze



JANUARY 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Rite Cole	2 Ed Hightshue	3 Madge Hightshue	4 Rosanne Iles	5 Bonnie Ribley	6 Sara Jacobs	7 Constance Kadyole
8 Nancy Kampovsky	9 Sherman King	10 Jake Lewis	11 Elaina Mundt	12 Lee Kolumbus	13 Keith Kunze	14 Susan Kunze
15 Ray Lamb	16 Laura Morgan	17 David Mundt	18 Alan DeLong	19 Alaxandar Mundt	20 JoAnna Mundt	21 Richard Parker
22 Stacey Parker	22 Zachary Parker	23 Travis Parker	24 Timm Parker	25 Charles Rader	26 Rosemary Rader	28 Julie Rice
29 Joshua Rice	30 Johnathon Rice	31 Sean Rice				

JANUARY 2012

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	10:30 Worship Feast of the Name of Jesus	2 The Ninth Day of Christmas	3 The Tenth Day of Christmas	4 The Eleventh Day of Christmas	5 The Twelfth Day of Christmas 6:30 pm COUNCIL in conference room	6 EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD	7
8	9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Celebration of EPIPHANY Renewal of congrega- tion commitment and council installation.	9	10	11 Visit to crèche at Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral with lunch. Call church office for reservations and transportation info.	12	13 FRIDAY THE 13th First of three this year.	14
15	9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Celebrating 175 Years of Salem Baptisms Special Reception follows the service.	16 Martin Luther King Day	17	18 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY Jan. 18-25	19	20	21 Game Night in Fellowship Hall 5:30 Food 6:00 Games
22	9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship CFS 12:00 Worship & Music Ministry	23	24 Chimes Deadline 5:00 - 7:00 pm in FH Indianapolis DPW hearing on W. 71st St. Bikeways project	25	26	27 CHOCOLATE CAKE DAY	28
29	9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship & HYMN SING	30	31				