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# Salem Chimes



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Dear Members and Friends of Salem:

As I write this, my phone is perched within easy reaching distance. I await The Call informing me that our grandson is about to be born. What a thrilling time for any parent about to become a grandparent for the first time. And, as my as yet quite expectant daughter says, she can't wait for the moment to be able to say: Wow! THAT was somethin'!

Once again I anticipate the great new life that is the gift of God. My heart right now is so full of thanksgiving to God for what is about to happen. This has been building for some time, now. My mind drifts back many years ago to announcing to my congregation on a Sunday morning that this daughter of ours, who is now about to give birth herself, was just born hours earlier. I remember the thrill in my voice, the exuberance of thankfulness, the welling up of great expectations for this child of God (more than met in her as yet young lifetime) and for wanting the whole world to know what I was experiencing. I wanted them to know because I thought they needed to know.

Of course, the wise folk listening to me, who had already given birth and were in the midst of raising their own young ones, and those who'd already shooed their children into their own lives, knew already what I was talking about. I'm also sure they were quite bemused by my euphoria. They knew I wasn't inventing something they needed to know about. Yet, they embraced me and my message with great joy. They too had given thanks to God for what they'd already been through and therefore they had lots of much needed advice for me. I listened, too.

Like many of the rest of you, I've experienced major life changes in my tenure here at Salem. Highs and lows. My anticipation of this one is certainly one of the highs. I have so much trust in our Good Lord that my expectations will be more than matched, because God has always provided more than I could have asked for. Even the lows have ultimately been spiritually growing times for me, and they, too, have become joyous. When God touches something, it stays good.

This experience feels like HOPE to me. It's an explanation by way of example of the great Reformation theme of Grace by Faith: the NOW, but NOT YET paradox of Faith. We're expecting a grandchild any moment now, but we love this creature like he's been here for months, already. And, we're acting like that, too.

May your Faith be like that.

In Peace



Pastor Vance

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS



<b>Keith Kunze</b>	<b>June 2</b>
<b>Erin Emminger</b>	<b>June 6</b>
<b>Stina Anttila</b>	<b>June 7</b>
<b>Madge Hightshue</b>	<b>June 10</b>
<b>Keith Grimme</b>	<b>June 15</b>
<b>Alan DeLong</b>	<b>June 20</b>
<b>Susan Grymonpre</b>	<b>June 30</b>

## MAY/JUNE VISITORS

**RETURN VISITS**                      **VISITORS**  
**(SEE JULY CHIMES)**

» **What:** Burglary Enforcement Strategy Team presentations.

» **When:** On the Northside, a meeting will be in conjunction with Elder Friendly Communities at 4 p.m. June 24 at Pleasant View Lutheran Church, 801 W. 73rd St. On the Westside, a meeting will be at 6 p.m. June 22 at Wayne Branch Library, 198 S. Girls School Road.

» **Call:** (317) 327-5333.



## A Note From Pastor Vance

On May 2, 2010, I submitted my resignation as pastor here, effective on July 1, 2010. I have accepted another call at an ELCA parish. Beginning May 16<sup>th</sup>, I'll be half-time through June 30. Most Sundays I'll be preaching and presiding. All my remaining time here I will be always available for pastoral emergencies and other pastoral concerns as they might arise for you.

# PARISH NOTES

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### Worship Schedule

Sunday School 9:00 a.m

Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m

## The Sharing Place Wish List

Pantry and clothing bank supplies are low at The Sharing Place, Lutheran Child & Family Services' material assistance ministry for families in need. The current wish list includes: canned meats, canned vegetables and fruit, pasta and spaghetti sauce, macaroni & cheese mix, crackers, cereal, and underwear and socks, **especially adult sizes.**

Please deliver your donations to: Sharing Place East 7049 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street. For directions or for additional information, please contact Mary Beth Trotter, Manager at 359-5467, ext. 215 or [mtrotter@lutheranfamily.org](mailto:mtrotter@lutheranfamily.org).

## Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church Mission Statement

*Created by God to make Christ known, and filled with the Holy Spirit,*

*Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church shall be a ministry of Jesus that, through word and sacrament:*

- † Strengthens and energizes individuals and families in the Christian faith;
- † Contributes to the growth of fellowship;
- † Equips and affirms individuals in their acts of ministry;
- † Encourages freedom of expression;
- † Encourages all members to participate in the tasks of common life; and
- † Is dedicated to bringing the strength of individual and collective Christian commitment to community involvement.

## Volunteering at The Sharing Place=Discipleship!

Now, more than ever, families are in need of assistance to help make ends meet. You can make a difference in the lives of others by donating your time and talent to The Sharing Place, a ministry of Lutheran Child & Family Services providing food and clothing to families in need. By helping "the least of these," you will discover new opportunities for discipleship as you outfit a family with gently used clothing or guide them through the pantry menu options.

**For more information or to volunteer, contact Leslie McCotry, Volunteer Resources Coordinator, at [volunteer@lutheranfamily.org](mailto:volunteer@lutheranfamily.org) or 359-5467, ext. 242.**

# June Worship Serving Schedule

JUNE	LAY ASSISTANT	LECTOR	ACOLYTE	NURSERY	USHER	GREETER
6	Ralph Oberlander	Diann Ryan	Samantha Ayres		Harry Bowden	Johnathon Rice
13	Laura Morgan	Laura Morgan	Christina Barraclough		Keith Kunze	Susan Kunze
20	Sean Rice	Sean Rice	Johnathon Rice		Julie Rice	Julie Rice
27	Keith Kunze	Devoe Slisher			Burt Hall	Bel Hedlund

Please make a note in your personal calendar so that we may count on your availability to serve. If for some reason you are unable to serve, please call the church office (291-5004) so that we can find a replacement.



# JUNE 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Sally Flint	2 Eldon & Betty Forthum	3 Jason & Nancy Garlie	4 Henry Gerdum	5 David & Patricia Gooderum
6 Ruben & Anita Gooderum	7 Keith & Angelina Grimme; Karl	8 David & Rhunell Gruender	9 Richard & Susan Grymonpre	10 Burton & Janet Hall	11 Daniel & Candace Harcourt; Lindsay	12 Kitty Hart
13 Cynthia Haverstick	14 Bel Hedlund	15 Kenneth Hendrickson	16 Bethel Hendrix	17 James & Madge Hightshue	18 Rosanne Iles	19 Sara Jacobs
20 Emily & John Jervis; Lily, Noah	21 Constance Kadyole; Blessing	22 Nancy Kampovsky	23 George & Stephanie Karst; Theodora	24 Sherman & Margie King	25 Lee & Jack Kolumbus	26 Joshua & Jessica Kunze
27 Karin Kunze; Xavier, Sebastian	28 Keith & Susan Kunze	29 Raymond Lamb	30 Nathan & Stacie Littlefield			