



SALEM CHIMES

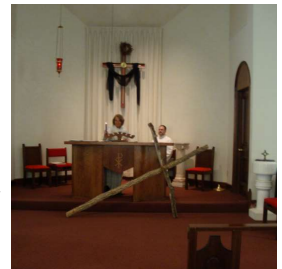
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Dear Friends,

I think everyone in the world knows that my favorite two high holy days in the Church year are Pentecost and All Saints Day. Therefore for me to give up an opportunity to share my thoughts on Pentecost is most unusual. However something else has been in my thoughts since Good Friday.

What is it like to sit in an empty church on Good Friday? This year we opened our doors for our Salem family and to the community for the traditional Three Hours from noon until 3:00 pm. Steve Siroky and I were prepared to provide meditations on the Seven Last Words of Jesus Christ. But no one came. After ten minutes we went ahead and began the first meditation to an empty church. Twenty minutes later we gave the second meditation and still one came. And we realized that no one was going to come.



A few minutes after the first meditation, I started writing. When I looked over to Steve, he also was writing. When we each had finished, we discovered we had each written our impressions of praying and worshiping in an empty church. Instead of being discouraged, each of us realized what a tremendous responsibility it was to pray on behalf of everyone who was not able to be there to pray for him/herself. At the end of the service each of us agreed this was the most powerful Good Friday service either of us had ever attended.

During my time with you, I have tried to impress upon you the importance of being a praying church. On Sundays we pray for the concerns given by the ELCA; we pray for each other; we pray for the world and the circumstances around the world; we pray for everyone who asks us to pray. When someone faces surgery or a change in circumstances, we bless and pray for that individual during Sunday worship. If someone is unable to come among us for prayer, some of us shall go the hospital or home to pray. Last November 11th we held a service in Salem Cemetery to remember all those who have gone from us to their eternal reward. On May 5th we held a service for the National Day of Prayer in Salem Park.

We have become a praying church! And I have no doubt that it is because we are a praying church that we are also becoming a thriving church. No, our attendance is not what it was a generation ago and it never will be. However, we are being blessed by God who is showering us with a spirit of joy and happiness and a love for one another.

The ministry of prayer is as important today as it was 175 years ago when twenty three individuals banded together in faith and prayer to become Hopewell Lutheran Church. Because they were praying people in a praying church that we are here today. In gratitude for their prayers, let us continue to be a praying people in a praying church!



Prayerfully,

Pastor Bonnie

Stated Supply Pastor

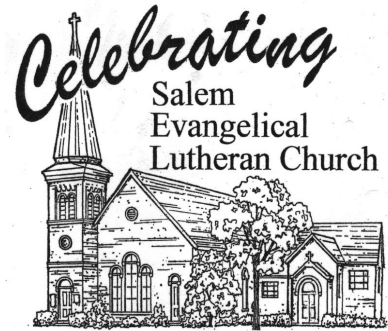
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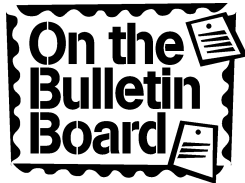
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175 Years
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The walls outside the office are full of great opportunities to share your time, talents and tithes in ministry.
Check it out!



6/2	Keith Kunze	6/20	Alan Delong
6/6	Erin Emminger	6/30	Susan Grymonpre
6/10	Madge Hightshue	6/30	Janice Budach



SURVIVING THE WEATHER

May storms caused little damage to the Salem properties. This tree at the entrance to our parking lot did suffer on May 25-26. The water drainage work this spring has helped eliminate most of the basement puddles.

ELCA DISASTER RESPONSE

Pictured is the site of an ELCA congregation in Joplin, MO. **Donations** to the ELCA Disaster Response Fund can be made in your SALEM offering. Please designate ELCA Disaster or ELCA Disaster US on your check or envelope. Or give online at www.elca.org/disaster



A New Design

Greetings and may blessings abound,

Congratulations to Pastor Bonnie Sparks, our new Stated Pulpit Supply Pastor, effective May 1, 2011. Please allow me, for the purpose of writing this article, to refer to Pastor Bonnie as our regular Supply Pastor. As a salaried employee, Pastor Bonnie has agreed to work eighty hours a month for Salem Lutheran Church. Pastor Mel Schroeder will continue as our vacancy pastor. Pastor Bonnie has not been "called" by Salem Lutheran Church as a full-time pastor nor is she classified as an "interim" pastor. Her contract extends her employment through the end of July of 2012. Pastor Bonnie has agreed to provide those services that Salem Lutheran Church deems essential in moving our ministry forward.

With excellent consultation from the IN-KY Synod, the Salem Council concluded that having a regular Stated Supply Pastor was our best option for the near future. The Council was very concerned about overextending ourselves beyond what is currently affordable. At the same time, the Council wanted to insure a reasonable amount of stability for our church. Without a doubt, Pastor's genuine love for Salem and her professionalism, coupled with her enthusiasm for ministry has been a blessing for us all.

Salem Council members and those in our congregation have had the good fortune to get to know Pastor and feel very comfortable with Pastor Bonnie. To Pastor Bonnie's credit, considerable time and effort has been spent in getting to know each of us, and working with us to discern our mission at Salem. Recently, the congregation voted to increase our 2011 budget to be used in our pastoral ministry program. The increase of approximately 7.6% will be allocated in providing Pastor Bonnie with health care, retirement, disability and a small increase in salary. Pastor will also have paid time off (PTO) as agreed to in her contract. The contract can be terminated by either party with 30 days written notice.

As we continue to celebrate our 175th anniversary, may each of us take time to reflect on our past, be joyous in the present, and yet be mindful of the endless array of possibilities that will define our future at Salem. God's grace continues to amaze and astound me; his love for us at Salem Lutheran Church abounds unselfishly. What else does God have in store for us at Salem?

A special thanks to Pastor Rudy Mueller, Pastor Mel Schroeder and Pastor Bonnie Sparks for their efforts, patience and determination in bringing this new design to fulfillment.

Peace and Grace be with you,
Keith



The Great Pentecost Event Our Family Reunion

On June 12 we remember the Holy Spirit descending upon the disciples empowering them to go forth into the world, proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. The Church continues to invite the Holy Spirit upon individuals through the laying on of hands and anointing in the Affirmation of Baptism of Confirmation.

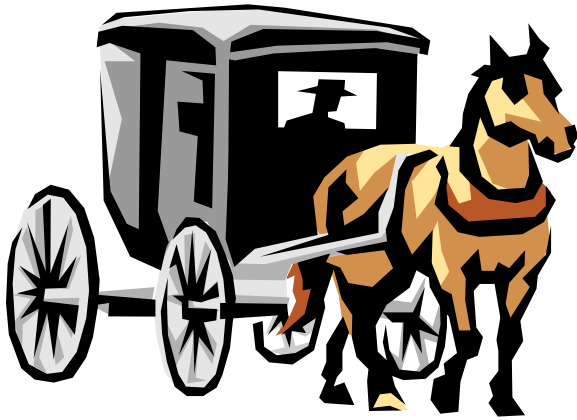
In honor of our 175th Anniversary, we are inviting our past confirmands to return to Salem as we celebrate these sacred moments in our history and theirs. During the Pentecost Worship Service we shall take time to recognize and pray for our confirmands.

Pentecost is also considered the birthday of the Church and the color of the day is **RED**. Everyone is encouraged to celebrate by wearing **RED** on Pentecost. We shall also decorate the sanctuary with **RED** geraniums which will then be planted around the Salem's property. So everyone show up in your **RED** clothes. After worship we shall be spread out in the fellowship hall and Salem Park so wear something casual that is **RED**.

After worship we are going to have a family dinner with our extended family that is visiting for the day. Since Pentecost was an international event our family dinner will have an international theme. Salem will provide the meat course and you are asked to bring a covered dish to contribute to the meal, and the more ethnic/international the better!

By the way, it is important for everyone to be a Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus in worship and not a Martha busy in the kitchen so our family dinner will begin a half hour or so after worship. That will enable everyone to be in worship and then put food on the table. While food is being set out folks will have an opportunity to visit and renew friendships. Also we shall attempt to gather each class of confirmands for a class photo and have a video camera set up for all of our confirmands to help us create a video.

(Did you really think I would miss an opportunity to talk about Pentecost? PB)



1850 Ice Cream Social

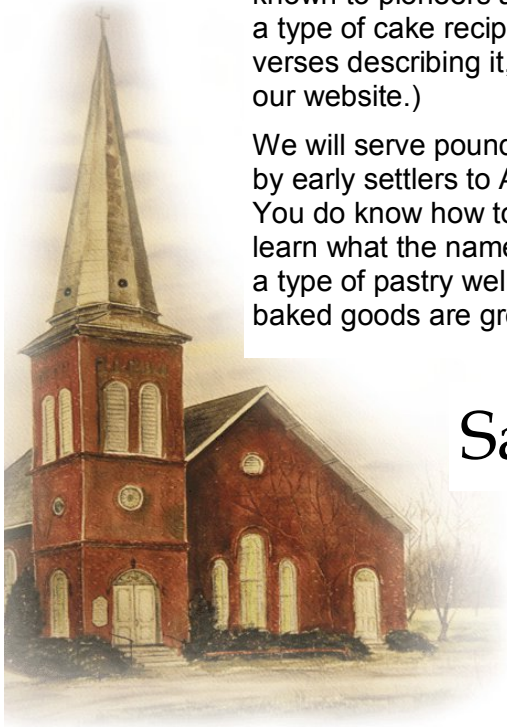
1:30 pm to 3:30 pm June 11

FREE (donations accepted)

We continue our year-long 175th celebration with sweet treats, period dance demonstrations and a show and tell of items you might find at a General Store in 1850.

Rosemary Rader is cooking up several desserts which would have been known to pioneers and settlers of the Midwest in the 1800's. Scripture Cake, a type of cake recipe remembered by early cooks by the Bible verses describing it, will be featured. (You'll find the recipe on our website.)

We will serve pound cake and shortbread, both recipes brought by early settlers to America, and also Apple Pandowdy. You do know how to dowdy your pastry, don't you? Come to learn what the name means. We will also serve Maids of Honor, a type of pastry well-known during the Civil War. All of these baked goods are great accompaniments to ice cream!



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THE GAMES CONTINUE JUNE 18

Salem continues to meet the third Saturday each month for food and fun. In May, we had pizza, fried chicken, and meatballs! Then we tried our hand at UNO and Sara Jacobs rolled a TURKEY in Wii bowling.

Join us on Saturday, June 18. Bring some food or a snack to share. And bring your favorite card, board or Wii game. With the extra-late sunset, we may grab a lawn game for our June event.



CHIMING IN

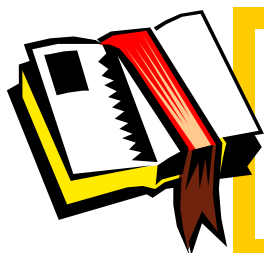
Bringing back the Carillon chimes is a special project for our 175th year. For those who are not familiar with them, we have asked members and neighbors to share their memories. Mark Patty lives directly across from our red doors.

I don't remember exactly when the bell chimes were added to the New Augusta scene, sometime in the '60's, I guess. The chimes were immediately recognized as a great addition to the community, striking on the hour and half-hour, from 8am to 8pm, with carillon concerts at noon and 6PM. In those days New Augusta was still very much a little village surrounded by farm fields, and the bells seemed very right. I'm sure that the clock tower also made it easier for parents to tell their sons when to be home, darn.

I have very fond memories of sitting on the Purdy girls front porch with Mary Purdy, listening to the carillon concerts. Mary was a gentle soul, and a great neighbor. I know she really enjoyed the hymns the carillon played.

Mark Patty

As we move forward with the Carillon Project we are in need of prayer and assistance however the Holy Spirit leads you.



NOON BIBLE STUDY

Bring a sack lunch and join Pastor Mel Schroeder in our Fellowship Hall. This summer the Monday Noon Bible Study group meets on June 6, July 11, and July 25.

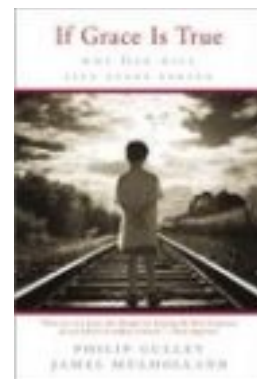
THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Recognizing that we are Praying People, the Worship and Music Committee discussed the Prayer of the Day within the Sunday Worship. This prayer sets the focus of each Sunday's worship. In order to help all worshipers to become more connected to each service it was decided that everyone has the right and obligation to become better connected. Beginning with the first Sunday in June, everyone will be invited to say the Prayer of the Day along with the pastor.



PASTOR BONNIE DISCUSSES GRACE

Recently a number of folks have been discussing Grace. Some have read the book *If Grace is True*. I was asked to give an opinion of this book without having read it. I replied with Luther's Theology of Grace based on Ephesians 2:8: "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God." After reading this book I was pleased to see that my seminary classmates who wrote *If Grace is True* finally caught on to Luther's Theology of 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.

Copies of *If Grace is True* are available for purchase at a cost of \$12.00.



PASTOR'S PICNIC IN THE PARK

Everyone enjoyed the picnic lunch after the National Day of Prayer so much folks wanted to have more picnic lunches. During the summer months you are invited to bring a picnic lunch to Salem Park between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. each Thursday.

This is also an opportunity to meet and greet some of our neighbors and make new friends. During the summer vacation many children will be out and about so there will be a couple of games set up for children of all ages to play or a time to visit.

See you in Salem Park this Thursday!

HONORS AND ACCOLADES

We highlight some of the recent achievements of the Salem family:

Johnathon Rice graduates from Pike High School and will attend Black Hawk College in Moline, Illinois on a basketball scholarship.

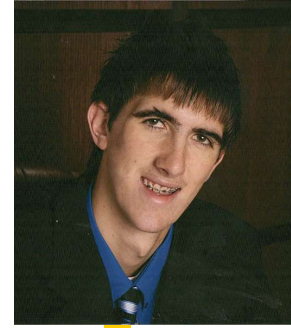
Emily Barraclough completed her BSN (nursing) degree at Marian College. She joins the staff of I.U. Hospital where she has worked as a student.

Zach Parker completes advanced training in the U.S. Marine Corps and will begin a two-year tour of Japan.

Travis Parker graduates from basic training with the U.S. Army.

Jenna Hall earned her Doctorate degree in Colorado.

Charles Rader received a lifetime membership from Local 3 (Indianapolis) of the American Federation of Musicians.



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PFC. PARKER TO PREACH

Zach Parker has agreed to preach the sermon for us **on June 5th**. He is home on leave before deploying to Okinawa, Japan. While in Okinawa, Zach will be serving with the Marine Wing Support Squadron-Tack172 as an embarkation specialist. When asked what that meant, Zach replied, "It's UPS with rifles." We shall continue to lift Zach by name each week in our prayers that he will come home to us safely.

For 175 years Salem has requested the Synod and other governing bodies to provide pastors to Salem. During that time, however, Salem has not raised up anyone to become a pastor. Zach has expressed an interest in ministry. It is our joy, privilege and obligation to support and encourage Zach in discerning God's Call. The most important support Salem can give it to **pray for Zach every day**.

Another is to provide him with opportunities to explore various aspects of ministry, such as preaching. Please show your support for Zach by being here on June 5th.

LADIES LUNCHEON MEETS JUNE 16

It's not just for the ladies. Men are also welcome to join the food and conversation as this group gathers at 11:30 a.m. Keep watching for this month's location.



Clean Up, Clean Up for Jesus

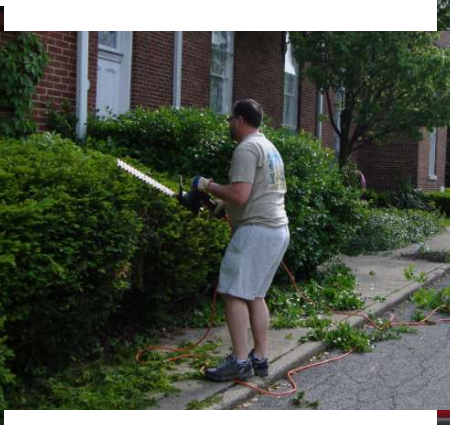
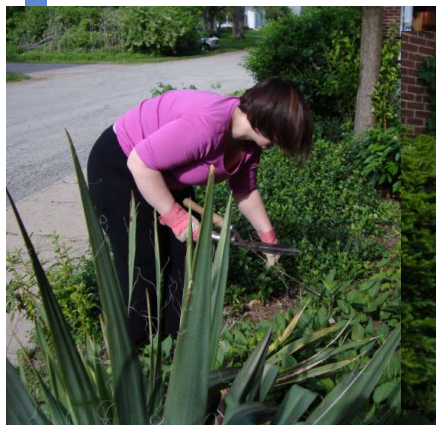


Thanks to Rhunell's great idea of a **Spring Cleaning day**, Salem is looking so much better. On May 14, folks were busy polishing the pews, cleaning the kitchen in the fellowship hall, pulling weeds and trimming hedges. And God appreciated our hard work so much, God held off the rain until mid-afternoon. In and out through the six hours were sixteen Salemites and three volunteers from **True Love Apostolic Church and AA**.

Above: Singing the Cleaning Hymn
 Top right: Tom A. and Rhunell G.
 Mid right: Connie A. polishes the pews.
 Low right: Burt H. and Tom A.
 Below: Susie and Steve S. pull weeds and trim the hedge.

Thank you to:

Rhunell Gruender, Laura Morgan, Don Fisher, Keith and Susan Kunze, Steve and Susie Siroky, Tom and Nancy Alexander, Connie Alexander, Bel Hedlund, Burt Hall, Charles and Rosemary Rader, Devoe Slisher, Richard Budach, Pastor Bonnie and Jim Warriner.



REMEMBERING JOHANNE ELY



Johanne Meyers Ely passed to God's eternal kingdom on May 5, 2011. She was 92, born August 27, 1918. She was a member of Salem for 68 years.

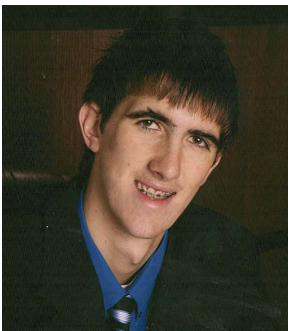
She graduated from New Augusta High School, and married J Norman Ely in 1940 (pictured on the left from the 1950 Salem Parish Hall ground-breaking).

Services were held Tuesday, May 10 at Salem with burial at Bethel Cemetery.



ART HISTORY FROM ART GAKSTATTER

Art Gakstatter shared some of Salem's history when he visited after the funeral of Johanne Ely. His sister commissioned the painting of the church that you see hanging in the narthex and is used on our billboards, website and many other places. The artwork is dedicated to Art's father, Paul Gakstatter, and was painted by Indiana rural landscape artist Charles E. Hirsch of Poseyville. Hirsch was 89 when he passed away in 2009.



The Salem family is invited to a
**Graduation Open House for
 Johnathon Rice**

June 4, 2011 4-8 pm at the Rice household.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

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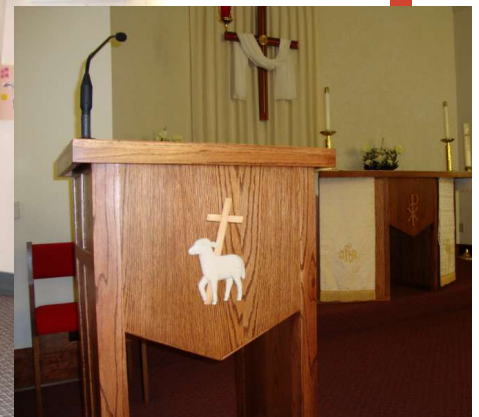
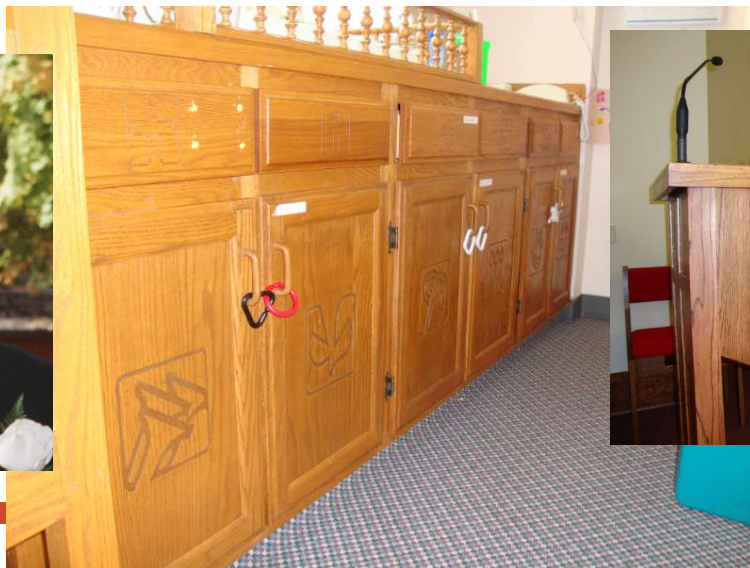
13 gathered in Christ's name on May 5, the National Day of Prayer. Rosemary Rader and Pastor Bonnie Sparks lead the service as the spring monsoons took a break with some beautiful sunshine.



A VISIT FROM CARL

The day before Easter Carl Sahlberg appeared with a friend in tow on their way "home" from Chicago where they had delivered a large doll-house (the \$30,000 kind). Their business is Creative Reproductions 2 Scale. Carl showed his friend the nursery cabinets, altar, lectern, etc. - all made with his gifted hands.

Carl now lives in Bedford, Indiana and his email address is Carl@CR2S.com.

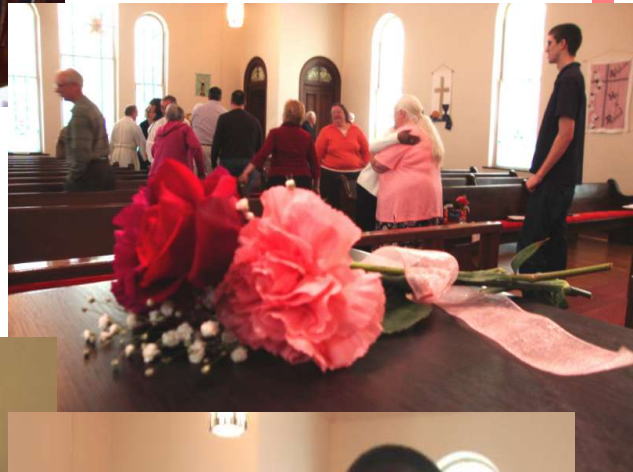


HONORING OUR MOTHERS

Susan Kunze organized the annual Tea at Lions Head Condominiums on May 7.



On Mother's Day, May 8, The Rices provided carnations for the women at our worship.



Pictured are daughter-mother, Connie and Nancy Alexander. And son-mother, Johnathon and Julie Rice.



MEMORIES FROM SALEM

Salem has many memories as you will find out when I bring the picture albums of past years.

I taught Sunday school full time at Salem for 28 years as well as bible school. I also was Fellowship chairman and director of many Christmas plays and some skits on other occasions for many years. I was on the council and Reuben was church treasurer. We attended many retreats where we were in charge of various things. As you see Salem is very dear to us.

We have an associate membership in Florida where I am a little active but not like Salem. I did teach Sunday School for 2 years there and 4 years on the Relay for Life committee where we raised \$15,000 this year. I hope you will become as fond of Salem as we are.

In Jesus name,
Anita Gooderum

Clockwise: 1982-83 5th & 6th Grade Class of Mrs. Gooderum - Bryan Blair, Joe Tripp, LeAnn Higgins, Brenda Hesse, Jenny Utz, Wendy Kyler; 1972 "A Charlie Brown Christmas"; 1976 Bible School (Mickey Sparks); 1969 "Martin Luther Family" Christmas Play; Sept. 1983 Retreat at Lutheran Hills



Worship Serving Schedule

JUNE	LAY ASSISTANT	LECTOR	ACOLYTE(S)	USHERS	GREETER
5	Sean Rice	Timm Parker	Keith Kunze	Burt Hall Harry Bowden	Susan Kunze
12 Pentecost	Laura Morgan	Devoe Slisher	Burt Hall Sean Rice Richard B.	Devoe Slisher Harry Bowden	Bel Hedlund
19	Laura Morgan	Sean Rice	Richard Budach	Devoe Slisher Burt Hall	Keith Kunze
26	Steve Siroky	Sara Jacobs	Devoe Slisher	Burt hall Harry Bowden	Bel Hedlund



JUNE 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Jeff Barraclough	2 Harry Bowden	3 Ismay Broomes	4 Richard Budach
5 Jan Budach	6 Pete Bush	7 Mary Lou Etchison	8 Sally Flint	9 Dave Gooderum	10 Reuben Gooderum	11 Anita Gooderum
12 All Confirmands	13 Rhunell Grunder	14 David Gruender	15 Susan Grymopre	16 Burt Hall	17 Adam Haverstick	18 Cynthia Haverstick
19 Bel Hedlund	20 Bel Hedlund	21 Bethel Hendrix	22 Ed Hightshue	23 Madge Hightshue	24 Rosanne Iles	25 Sara Jacobs
26 Constance Kadyole	27 Nancy Kampovsky	28 Sherman King	29 Lee Kolumbus	30 Keith Kunze		

JUNE 2011

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			1	2 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Pastor's Picnic / Park (bring sack lunch)	3	4 Assembly Dinner in Fort Wayne
5 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Zach Parker Preaches	6 12:00 BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Mel in the Fellowship Hall	7	8	9 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Pastor's Picnic / Park (bring sack lunch) 6:30 pm COUNCIL in conference room	10 NAT'L ICED TEA DAY	11 1850 Ice Cream Social 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm Fellowship Hall
12 PENTECOST 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship and Dinner	13	14	15	16 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Pastor's Picnic / Park (bring sack lunch) 11:30 a.m. LADIES LUNCHEON location tba	17	18 Game Night in Fellowship Hall 5:30 Food 6:00 Games
19 HOLY TRINITY FATHER'S DAY 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 12:00 Worship & Music Committee	20	21 Chimes Deadline	22	23 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Pastor's Picnic / Park (bring sack lunch)	24	25 NAT'L CATFISH DAY
26 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	27 7:00 pm 175th Committee Meeting in conference room	28	29	30 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Pastor's Picnic / Park (bring sack lunch)		

JUNE 2011

CHURCH CLERGY & STAFF

Rev. Bonnie Sparks, Stated Supply Pastor
Rev. Mel Schroeder, Vacancy Pastor
Rhunell Gruender, Music Director/Organist
Devoe Slisher, Interim Office Manager

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