



SALEM CHIMES

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Dear Friends,

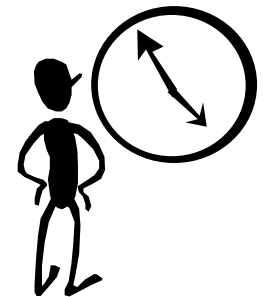
A week ago I sat down with Devoe to map out the September *Chimes* and we also discussed services and events through December. Having the joy of spending an entire year with you now, there was comfort and joy in talking about what we did last year and repeating special things, such as the All Saints Service in our Cemetery. And in this special anniversary year there are still other special events to celebrate.



This discussion of the September newsletter also brought home to me in a very real way just how close we are to October 15th when Bishop Gafkjen will join us for the next of our 175th Anniversary Services. For two days I indulged in a full-blown panic attack considering everything that needs to be done and how little time remains. I shot off e-mails to one ministry team or another with long lists of things to do and questions about this or that. The panic also allowed the pressure of home and the things that need to be done to repair the flood damage and insurance claims to be filed to magnify into unmanageable and unreasonable proportions. I needed more time!

You know what they say about a doctor who treats himself having a fool for a patient. Well the pastor who counsels herself. . . I have no trouble telling others, *If something is so important that it causes Jesus to come back, the issue will not matter because it will disappear when Jesus arrives and if is not of such importance to cause Jesus to come back it is not all that important.*

Time has always been a personal struggle for me. I allow time, or, rather, lack of time, to control me. I give such power to time that I lose the joy of the moment. I give it power in my life that keeps me from living in God's time - the eternal now, with no past or future worry. Instead of reveling in the glory of God's gift of having all of you become such an important part of my life and to be privileged to spend this anniversary year with you, I fell into the muck and mire of time and deadlines.



To all of you who gently and lovingly pulled me back from that muck and mire, I thank you. To all of you who will continue to pull me back the next time, I thank you. For 175 years Salem has been a family of God's children who love and care for one another. I give thanks to God that you have taken me into this family and love me, sins and all, as I love you.

Peace,

Pastor Bonnie

Stated Supply Pastor

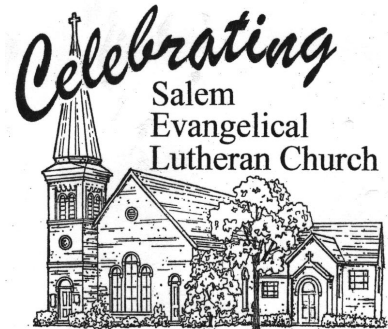
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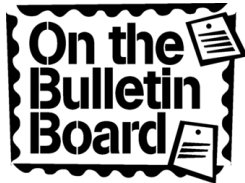
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175 Years
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The walls outside the office are full of great opportunities to share your time, talents and tithes in ministry.

Check it out!

Wish List for Lutherwood Educational Academy (see special box at back of sanctuary):

Magazines & Books

- 12 Indianapolis Star subscriptions
- 12 Wall Street Journal subscriptions
- Ruled notebook paper (no spiral bound)
- Journals/composition books
- Calculators (standard & scientific)
- Ink pens (blue ink only)
- Poster board
- Dry erase markers

Portable flash drives (thumb drives)

- Art supplies, craft kits, model kits
- 5 DVD players
- Restaurant gift cards & Movie passes (for student achievement awards) - McDonalds, Wendy's Arby's Burger King, Pizza Hut
- Wal-Mart gift cards (to purchase school supplies as needed)

9/5 Reuben Gooderum	9/18 Rich Sceniak
9/11 Dee Warriner	9/20 Barbara Agresti
9/17 Bel Hedlund	9/29 Cynthia Haverstick



Birthdays This Month

Happy Anniversary

Tom and Nancy Alexander - Married 53 years on September 20.

Lessons of Youth

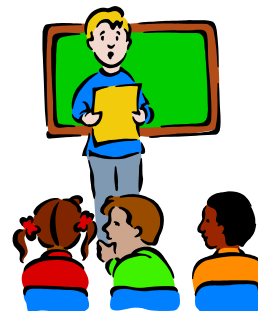
Greetings and may blessings abound,

Several years ago, 2003 I believe, Robert Fulghum published a well read book titled, "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten". I suspect most of you have heard of the book and many have read his work. Robert Fulghum, also a Unitarian Minister, seemed to capture the essence of the Golden Rule; for example, love (don't hit people) and basic sanitation (wash your hands before you eat), to name just a couple. He touched on issues of ecology and politics and equality (share everything). Perhaps more than anything else he seemed to be concerned that all children learn the importance of balance in their lives – "Live a balanced life – learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some".

As my buddy (Christian) and I make our way to and from scheduled classroom activities and supporting enrichment sessions at New Augusta South Academy, we observe other children and listen to their teacher's stern directions and loving guidance. Is it possible that Robert Fulghum's words about how to live and what to do and how to be were also learned in a very similar setting? Intriguing, but I have no answer. Regardless, his words apply not only to elementary school children but adults as well. If we apply what we learned in the early years of elementary school to our adult work-a-day world, would not our world be just a little better place for us all?

As I mentioned in a previous article, the Pledge of Allegiance follows our morning announcements. This year, after the Pledge of Allegiance, the students remain standing and recite the following pledge:

*I WILL DO THE RIGHT THING TODAY
EVEN IF I DON'T FEEL LIKE IT.
I WILL TREAT PEOPLE RIGHT TODAY
EVEN IF I DON'T FEEL LIKE IT.
TODAY I WILL REMEMBER THAT MY WILL POWER
IS STRONGER THAN HOW I FEEL OR WHAT I THINK.
ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE TODAY.
GOOD NEWS IS HEADING MY WAY.*



The above is referred to as the Life Goals Pledge. What a refreshing and positive way for anyone to start his or her day. Perhaps there is a message here that you and I could incorporate in our daily lives? Robert Fulghum would be pleased to know that the students at New Augusta South Academy will "do the right thing today".

As Christians we know all things are possible and good news is certainly heading our way, if only we take the time to stop and look. Robert Fulghum exclaimed, "it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out in the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together."

Peace and Grace be with you,
Keith

Join us Labor Day Weekend in
SALEM PARK

SUNDAY

September 4

10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship

12:00 noon COOKOUT

**BRATS and
HOT DOGS provided.
Bring a chair!**

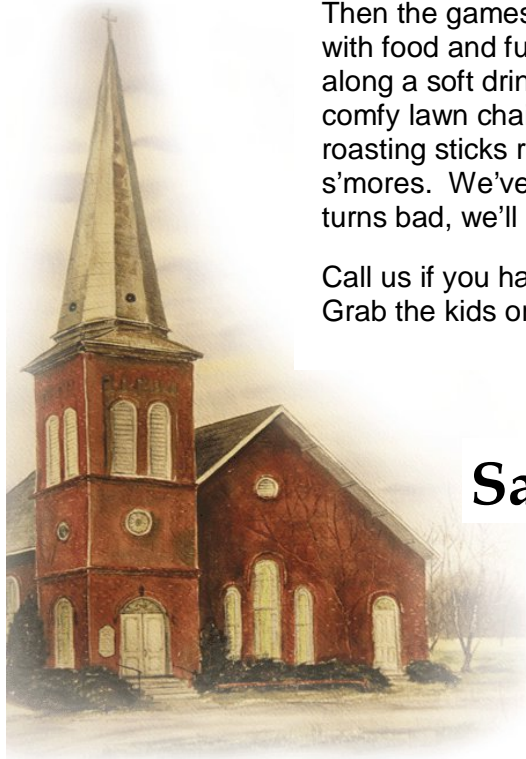
We offer worship and praise in our peaceful park setting across from the church in New Augusta.

Then the games begin with food and fun. Bring along a soft drink and comfy lawn chair. If you wish, share a salad or snack. We'll have the roasting sticks ready for marshmallow toasting and the fixin's for s'mores. We've got yard games to keep you busy and if the weather turns bad, we'll move the fun into the Fellowship Hall.

Call us if you have questions 291-5004 / office@salemELCA.com. Grab the kids or a neighbor and join us on Sunday, September 4.



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SUMMER'S LAST HURRAH IN SALEM PARK

Sunday afternoon, August 21, a brief thunderstorm blew through New Augusta and **toppled another tree**. Both trees lost this year were from Indianapolis Beautiful in 2008.

Thanks to all who have participated in this year's "Pastor's Picnic in the Park" on Thursdays. **Join us September 1 for the final picnic of the season.** Bring your

lunch and join us between 11:00 and 1:00 to see what has been the highlight of the summer season. PPP will be back the first Thursday after Memorial Day 2012.

On the right: the August 11 gathering.

Below: an uninvited guest drops in on August 25.



Celebrate Labor Day weekend with us on **September 4**. At 10:30 we shall gather in the shade to **celebrate The Lord's Day in the glorious nature God provides** for our enjoyment. Following worship we shall have one of our great picnics. Salem will provide the hot dogs, brats and buns. Bring something to share, and for comfort, bring your lawn chairs and dress for picnic and games.

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Featured above is Laura Morgan at our bountiful July 3 buffet.

On the left: Devoe and Keith grilled the hot dogs and brats. Some preferred them well-done.



Photographer: Devoe Slisher

175th Anniversary Chamber Music Concert

Sunday, September 25
4:00 pm

The Salem Sanctuary

Salem celebrates 175 years of serving Christ through music. Join us for this special performance by our talented musicians.



CHIMING IN

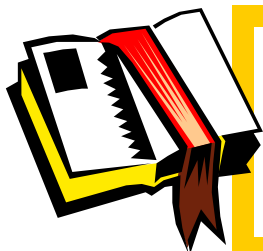
Exciting news! English bells, Flemish bells, harps and even bagpipes will soon be heard from our cozy corner of Indianapolis. With God's assistance, our purchase of a new carillon moves forward. **In early October**, the new Chime Master system will be in place. The hourly chimes and daily songs will soon reach out from our steeple to both the homes and businesses. And the carillon will help our choir and talented musicians reach out to the city with unique

opportunities in both the weekly worship and our special events.

Thank you to those who have given of their time, talents and financial gifts, helping us to a great start in a short period of time. We are already 25 percent of the way to paying for the carillon. Today's technology offers better features and quality for less than the \$20,000 price tag of our original system, 50 years ago.

If the Spirit is leading you, please visit our website and click on the link to "bring back the music." You will find: information on the campaign; where to send donations; and how to donate online. Go to www.salemELCA.com.

Please share the good news. The new carillon will be a great tool in Salem's mission to reach those who are seeking Jesus and His church.



NOON BIBLE STUDY

Bring a sack lunch and join Pastor Mel Schroeder for the Monday Noon Bible Study on **September 19 and 26**. The group may return to Ernestine Allen's home or meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Did you know we recycle?



Thanks to Jeff Barraclough, there is an **orange** recycling container in Pastor Bonnie's office for **aluminum, plastic and styrofoam**. Please toss your recycling in, when you have finished with your treats. There is also a box in each office and leading out of the sanctuary for **recyclable paper**.

Let's do lunch!

Ladies! (and gentlemen). The Ladies Luncheon is looking for ideas on when to meet and where to go for our monthly get-together. Call Bel (872-6571) or Nancy (769-6554) with your feedback. Bon appetite!



The games continue!

Bel Hedlund set the virtual lanes on fire in the final frames of Wii bowling during Salem game night. **We celebrated Pastor Bonnie's birthday** with great food (including pork chops and Spanish rice from Rosemary) and "Pentecost" cake. New faces to Salem, Rick and Tira Andre joined in a few hands of UNO. Bring the kids, bring a friend or just bring yourself on the third Saturday of the month to SALEM GAME NIGHT.

This month we meet at 5:30 on **September 17**, followed by the games at 6:00.



A special edition of the CHIMES tied to our October 15 celebration will go to press the week of **September 19**.

September Stewardship Pledge Drive



On Sundays, September 11 and September 18, pledge cards will be passed out to everyone in attendance at the morning worship service. On them, you will be asked to write the amount of your pledge to support the ministries of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church during 2012. Although you will be asked to fill out the cards in church, you may take them home to fill out and return later.

Salem members will also soon receive in the mail, a reminder about this stewardship event. In this letter will be shown the total amount of your Salem offerings received during 2010, so that you will have a basis for calculating your 2012 pledge amount.

On Sunday, September 18, you will have the opportunity to return your card. This will also be the Sunday for the Chicago Folk Service, this will be an enjoyable service that we invite everyone to attend.

Salem has many things to be thankful for, even during this period of economic hardship and decline in church attendance across our nation. Unlike many churches of late, Salem is not about to close. In the midst of celebrations for our 175th year, enthusiasm about our church's ministry, as a haven of peace and joy in a troubling time, is greater than ever. Unlike many churches, Salem has received new members during 2011, who have taken on leadership responsibilities. Unlike some churches in the ELCA, who, because of inner turmoil and a lack of direction have chosen to disassociate from the ELCA, Salem has welcomed unqualified support from the IN-KY Synod ELCA as we try new ways to inspire our members and extend our ministry to the community around us.

Salem is also uniquely blessed to have two wonderful pastors, Pastor Bonnie Sparks, our Stated Supply Pastor, and Pastor Mel Schroeder, our Vacancy Pastor, to give us guidance as we plan for the future, and to minister to the spiritual needs of our congregation. They both spend many more hours in ministry to Salem than they are compensated for and the joy we experience when we gather is due to their presence.

As you prayerfully consider what God is asking you to contribute monetarily to help support the ministries of Salem Lutheran Church in the coming year, we thank you for your support in the past and for your continuing support in the future. If you are away on vacation or absent for a time, we would appreciate keeping your pledge current while you are gone, or catching up when you return. If, for any reason, you find that your financial situation has changed and you cannot maintain your pledge, please let us know immediately so that it can be changed.

Please keep the following stewardship goals in your prayers: Meeting the expenses of our new contract with Pastor Bonnie; donations to help fund our new carillon; support for our operating fund to meet or exceed monthly expenses and avoid borrowing from savings.

May God bless you and return your generosity many times over!

Charles Rader

COMPANY IS COMING!

In order to make each guest feel personally invited, we would like to hand address each invitation for October 15. If you are willing to spend some time addressing envelopes we can send home with you or if you want to make a party of it we can set you up in the conference room for a day. Anything you can do to help will be appreciated!



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
317-253-0872 (Pleasant View)
317-430-2083 (cell)

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PURCHASE FORM (cash only)

SALEM 175th ANNIVERSARY SOUVENIRS

Quantity

_____ PLATE (including stand) \$ 15.00 each

_____ T-SHIRT _____ Size (L, XL, or 2XL only) \$ 10.00 each

Money raised through the sale of these souvenir items will go toward the purchase of a new church carillon.

Purchaser's name: _____

Purchaser's address: _____

Purchaser's phone #: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____

This is not a tax-deductible donation.



To purchase these items, please turn in the form above to the church office with payment. Office hours are Tuesday through Friday afternoons and before or after church on Sundays.

FALL CLEAN-UP

It is time to spruce up Salem, especially with all of the visitors we expect during our 175th anniversary events.

Saturday, October 1 we shall have a cleaning party beginning with a brief prayer and song to bless our work at 9:00 a.m.

Who knows, after a hard morning of work, there might even be some sandwiches and soup to fortify everyone to finish in the afternoon. Bring your work gloves, pails, and enthusiasm.

Pastor Bonnie has been challenged to pen a **new cleaning song** - using Disney's HI-HO and including the name Gafkjen. Any suggestions?



OCTOBER 15 SCHEDULE

Thank you to all who are working to make our **Episcopal Celebration** a memorable and joyous occasion. Invitations will be in mail for the day's events:

2:00 p.m. Worship Event with Bishop William O. Gafkjen
A reception follows in the conference room.

5:00 p.m. 175th Anniversary Dinner
The menu features chicken and fish dishes, fall casseroles, salads, rolls, cobbler, bars and brownies.



Bill Gafkjen was elected Bishop in June of 2010 to lead the Indiana-Kentucky Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He previously served as Assistant to the Synod Bishop under Jim Stuck. The Bishop has served as Pastor of congregations in Niles, Michigan; South Bend, Indiana; Mora, Minnesota; and Duncanville, Pennsylvania. He also worked with Lutheran Campus Ministries at Pennsylvania State University.



SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Travis Parker has been working as a librarian at Fort Meade in Maryland while waiting for his next phase of military training. He has been cleaning up the mess left by the August 23 earthquake and has been preparing for Hurricane Irene.



Worship Serving Schedule

SEPT.	LAY ASSISTANT	LECTOR	ACOLYTES CRUCIFER	USHERS	GREETER
4 in the park		Sean Rice			Julie Rice
11 WOV	Charles Rader	Sara Jacobs	Richard Budach Laura Morgan Burt Hall	Devoe Slisher Harry Bowden	Susan Kunze
18 CFS	Sean Rice	Diann Ryan	Richard Budach Devoe Slisher Burt Hall	Julie Rice Susie Siroky	Bel Hedlund
25 ELW	Laura Morgan	Timm Parker	Devoe Slisher Steve Siroky Richard Budach	Burt Hall Harry Bowden	Keith Kunze



September 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Sandy Wuensch	2 Gino Agresti	3 Barbara Agresti
4 Angela Agresti	5 Amanda Agresti	6 Connie Alexander	7 Tom Alexander	8 Nancy Alexander	9 Ernestine Allen	10 Rick Andre
11 Tira Andre	12 Jeff Barraclough	13 Aileen Blue	14 Harry Bowden	15 Dan Bowden	16 June Bowden	17 Ismay Broomes
18 David Broomes	19 Richard Bucach	20 Jan Budach	21 Pete Bush	22 Mary Lou Etchison	23 Sally Flint	24 Dave Gooderum
25 Trish Gooderum	26 Reuben Gooderum	27 Anita Gooderum	28 Rhunell Gruender	29 David Gruender	30 Susan Grymonpre	

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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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