



SALEM CHIMES

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Dear Friends,

What does it mean to be Lutheran? Can you answer that in a clear and concise sentence or two? Do you remember what you learned in Catechism and Confirmation? Did the pastor sit down and explain it to you when you joined the Church? As I prepare for the New Members Class on May 19th, I am talking with folks who have a struggle answering this in a couple of sentences. It should not be all that hard. Right? The more I talk with folks, it seems that May 19th could better be called “Lutheran Basics 101.”

In his book *BAPTIZED, WE LIVE: LUTHERANISM AS A WAY OF LIFE*, Daniel Earlander explains Lutheranism is “The way of teaching, worshiping and living as Christians, which comes from a sixteenth-century church renewal movement, should continue within the diversity of the whole Christian Church. Let’s do it and do it well. Then let’s invite people of all races, cultures and national backgrounds to join us.”

Lutheran Christianity is more than a system of doctrines. Using our doctrines is, rather, a *WAY*—a way of seeing, a way of hearing, a way of teaching, a way of following. Often confused about our identity and unable to answer questions about our tradition, sometimes it can be easier to want our congregations to copy without question what is popular in the religious market place. When we do not understand and appreciate our identity, we are tempted to adopt what is popular and successful—the whatever works theory.

On May 19th we are going to unravel the Lutheran Way for those who are to become members of our Salem family, those who are curious about Lutheranism, and for any Salem family member who wants a refresher course in who we are and what we believe. As Salem Lutheran Church together let us follow the wisdom of Earlander: “Let’s do it and do it well. Then let’s invite people of all races, cultures and national backgrounds to join us!” Alleluia!

Peace,

Pastor Bonnie

Stated Supply Pastor

The celebration continues

Greetings and may blessings abound,

As a child and even into adulthood the Easter Season felt different to me than it now does. I think it was in part my focus, the fact that I was more attuned to Holy Week than the following Season of Easter. Perhaps for many it is still this way. Now there is nothing improper with focusing one's attention on Holy Week. After all, this is the Son of God's journey to the cross; but there is so much more to take place after his crucifixion. Maybe this is why the fifty days beginning with Easter Sunday have historically been referred to as the Great Fifty Days.

During this period of time, the Church celebrates the Lord's resurrection, His appearance to the disciples after Easter, His post-resurrection teachings, His ascension into heaven, and the disciples' eager anticipation of the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. What a great celebration this is, yet many seem to miss this joyous time as their attention turns elsewhere. May we again take comfort and rejoice in the words found in Luke 24 (36b-53) kjv

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And Jesus said, "Peace be unto you." But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? Why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as you see me have. And when he had thus spoken, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, have you here any meat? And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of a honeycomb, and he took it, and did eat before them. And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, and said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead on the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning in Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

Peace and Grace Be With You!

Keith

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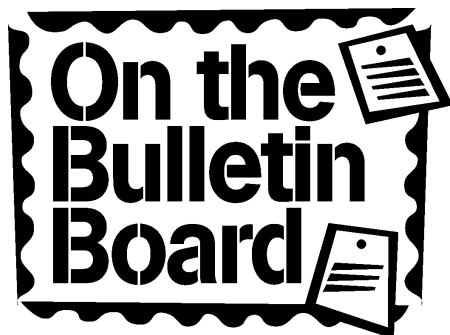


Birthdays  
This Month

5/9 Pete Bush

5/23 Jeff Barraclough

5/29 Dave Gooderum



Check the wall outside the offices for great opportunities to share your time, talents, and tithes in ministry.

Deadline for the JUNE CHIMES  
newsletter is May 21.

Send your material to salemELCA.com or drop it by the church office.



## 4th Annual Mothers Day Tea

Sponsored by  
Salem Lutheran Church

**Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**11AM – 1PM**

at

**Lions Head Condominiums Clubhouse**  
**7420 Lions Head Drive**

(71<sup>st</sup>/73<sup>rd</sup> St. and Spring Mill Road -  
gate will be open)

**Tea, Coffee, tea sandwiches and small pastries**  
**Light music, conversation, GIFTS**

Bring your mother, daughter, grandmother, aunt, sister, friend, neighbor,  
or just bring yourself!

Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> to Susan Kunze 257-5932.

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## Part of the Salem Family for a combined 359 years!

- 78 years - Madge Hightshue was baptized at Salem April 1, 1934.
  - 77 years - Harry Bowden was baptized at Salem April 21, 1935.
  - 75 years - Sherman King was baptized at Salem March 28, 1937.
  - 68 years - Eddie Hightshue was baptized at Salem April 9, 1944.
  - 61 years - Mary Lou Etchison was received into Salem March 22, 1951.
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## **OOPS!**

Please note these corrections to the new Salem photo directory. Apologies for the omissions.

If your family has not picked up their copy of the Friends of Salem 2012 Directory, please contact the Salem office.

### **Please add**

Bart and Dixie Richardson  
4010 Westover Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46268

### **Please add**

Geraldene Sterrett  
88 Knoll Lane, Brownsburg, IN 46112

### **Please add**

Benjamin's brother, William, to the Varela household.

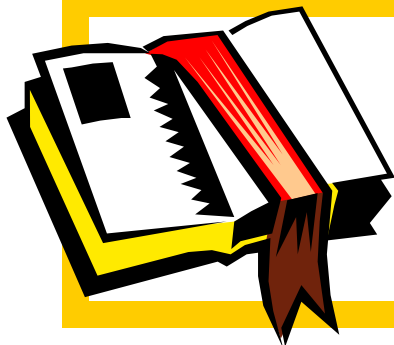
### **Please correct**

Rice, Johnathon (spelling)

### **Please correct**

the zip code for Keith and Susan Kunze - 46260.

**And Chila Van de Mark** has received God's eternal healing.



## Noon Bible Study

**Mondays: May 7 and 21**

Join us for a bible study at 12:00 noon. Bring a sack lunch to the Fellowship Hall and share in the discussion of the scripture.

# Worship & Music Ministry

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## May Scriptures

**FIRST READING:** During the Easter Season we use stories from the Book of Acts, which is actually the second half of Luke's Gospel, instead of the Hebrew Scriptures. Acts begins with the Ascension story and the post-Easter stories chronicle the confusion and challenges of the apostles during the first days of the Church.

**SECOND READING:** These lessons come from the first letter of John, which begins with the beautiful prologue that proclaims Jesus as the Word that was present with God at the creation of the world and Light of the world. The May readings emphasize loving God and one another because of our faith in the Son of God.

**GOSPEL:** During Easter Season we also use the Gospel of John. This Gospel presents Jesus as the powerful Son of God, who comes in human flesh, gives his life on the cross, and then returns to God in heaven. During May we have the wonderful image of Vine and Branches, how the world perceives Jesus and his followers, and Jesus praying for himself and his followers.



WORSHIP MINISTRY CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

## Lord for whom we pray . . .

Thanks to prayer and treatment, Xander's tumor has disappeared. He still needs a few more outpatient treatments to tweak things. As soon as he is cleared to be in public the family will be here.



Charlie is much improved and is beginning to thrive. Continue to keep him in prayer.



**WORSHIP MINISTRY CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE**

Jake Lewis and comrades suffered only minor injuries when a bomb exploded next to his vehicle. Grandma Dee says thanks for all the prayers that kept him safe.



**WORSHIP MINISTRY CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE**

We mourn the loss of Debbie Hulbert Schroeder and Chila Van de Mark, and pray for each of their families.

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*Dear People of Salem Lutheran Church,  
Thank you for your support for me and the  
children as we say goodbye to Deb.  
Peace be with you.  
Pastor Mel Schroeder*

*Dear Pastor Bonnie and Salem,  
Thank you for stepping up to support Mother,  
Sue and myself.  
Deepest Gratitude,  
Lynne Van de Mark*

## **May Observances**

### **National Day of Prayer**

**Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> — 11:00 a.m.**

We join with our ministry partners of Pike Township in Salem Park to pray for our nation and each other. Bring a lawn chair and gather around the cross as we did last year. And bring a lunch for our first picnic of the season!

There is a full page flyer in the back of the newsletter. Please detach or print this page and share it at work or with friends. (That's evangelism!)

**WORSHIP MINISTRY CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE**

## Christian Family Week

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Each year Christian Family Week begins the first Sunday in May and concludes on Mother's Day. This week is dedicated to the support of family life and the importance a stable family life plays in the lives of children. While this week lifts up the secular family, a strong loving church family is also important to the health and well-being of a child.

### The Great Feast of

# PENTECOST

The Great Feast of Pentecost celebrates the arrival of the Holy Spirit upon Christ's disciples, giving them the courage to proclaim Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation to all nations. The result of this was an explosion of Christ's message in the hearts of people. Over 3000 new believers accepted the message and joined the Christian faith. This is the birthday of the Church.

The birth of the Church continues over and over again with each new member. This Pentecost, new members from three nations will join Salem through Affirmation and Baptism. As Salem continues to grow, we also want to remember everyone who was confirmed in the past. Once again we invited all former Confirmands to join us for the day.

After Worship, we shall have the first of our summer Sunday picnics in Salem Park. Bring your lawn chairs and a covered dish to feed an apostolic dozen. If you have an ethnic recipe that would be great! We shall provide drinks, paper plates and picnic-ware. After lunch we will set up the games.

There is no Sunday School on Pentecost  
and

**Be sure to wear Red on Pentecost!**

## Church: Mission and Ministry

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In light of the Great Feast of Pentecost, this is an appropriate time to think about the role of the Church and individual parishes. Individual congregations of the Church are classified as Not for Profit Organizations, so a common misconception is that congregations function in a business model. For example, councils conduct the “business” of the Church and congregation, or stewardship is about fund raising.

**The Church is not a business.** The Church is about Worship, Mission and Ministry. Everything we do falls into various components of Worship of God and Mission and Ministry. We are all ministers. We all function within this model, whether we realize it or not. This impacts the language we use. Instead of committees, the Church has ministry teams.

Salem has Ministry Teams which oversee our Worship and our Mission and Ministry. The Church Council has the responsibility for seeing that we worship God as we should and that we endeavor to fulfill our responsibility of Mission and Ministry. Salem has six major Ministry Teams and these Ministry Teams have Ministry Teams within them. The Stewardship Ministry Team, for example, is responsible for our resources and how we use them to further the Mission and Ministry of the Church. Salem is blessed with many, many resources. We have our beautiful sanctuary with its magnificent stained glass windows and carillon. We have the office wing/Parish Hall and Fellowship Hall. We have a cemetery which holds us in sacred covenant to the saints entrusted to Salem for all eternity. We also are blessed with Salem Park as a way to minister to the community. These all fall under Stewardship Ministry, and the Financial Ministry Team is responsible for the monetary responsibility of these resources.

Lutheran Worship is intricately tied to the historic Mass and music that predates the reign of Charlemagne, 768 C.E. The Worship Ministry Team combines with Music to ensure our worship is pleasing to God, and there are many components that support this ministry.

Each and every member of Salem is a minister. In each life God has placed specific talents and abilities to use in Worship, Mission, and

Ministry. Each is responsible for using those talents and gifts for the support of the Church. 1 Corinthians 12 reminds us that we are all one body with many parts, each necessary but not superior to the other. We are the body of Christ!

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This list of Salem's Ministry Teams is not an exhaustive or complete list. Like the life of the Church it is constantly moving, changing and growing. Some might be surprised at finding someone's name—or even his or her own name—on a ministry team, yet each individual serves Salem, the Church, and God in some role or another within these ministries. In looking at the ministries, you might realize that you have a talent that God can use in a new and exciting way. Thanks be to God! And remember, try to use the language of the Church, not business.

## **Ministry Teams 2012**

### **Council**

Pastor Mel Schroeder, Vacancy Pastor  
Pastor Bonnie Sparks, Stated Supply Pastor  
Keith Kunze, president  
Julie Rice, vice president  
Susan Kunze, secretary  
Devoe Slisher, treasurer  
Richard Budach  
Laura Morgan  
Timm Parker  
Charles Rader  
Rosemary Rader  
Sean Rice  
Susie Siroky

**Worship and Music**

Charles Rader, chair  
 Pastor Bonnie Sparks  
 Rhunell Gruender  
 Laura Morgan  
 Bel Hedlund  
 Rosemary Rader  
 Julie Rice  
 Sean Rice  
 Steve Siroky

**Altar Guild**

Bel Hedlund  
 Laura Morgan  
 Julie Rice

**Worship Assistants**

Barbara Agresti  
 Keith Kunze  
 Laura Morgan  
 Charles Rader  
 Sean Rice  
 Steve Siroky  
 Devoe Slisher

**Acolytes/Crucifers**

Jeff Barraclough  
 Richard Budach  
 Don Gregg  
 Keith Kunze  
 Sean Rice  
 Steve Siroky  
 Devoe Slisher

**Lectors**

Jeff Barraclough  
 Richard Budach  
 Sara Jacobs  
 Rosemary Rader

Dixie Richardson  
 Diann Ryan  
 Timm Parker  
 Devoe Slisher

**Greeters**

Naphy Chibvongodze  
 Rita Cole  
 Burt Hall  
 Bel Hedlund  
 Keith Kunze  
 Susan Kunze  
 Julie Rice  
 Susie Siroky  
 Sandy Wuensch

**Ushers**

Harry Bowden  
 Richard Budach  
 Joseph Chibvongodze  
 Burt Hall  
 Bel Hedlund  
 Keith Kunze  
 Susan Kunze  
 Kevin Patty  
 Julie Rice  
 Susan Siroky  
 Devoe Slisher

**Music Team**

Rhunell Gruender, chair  
 Barbara Agresti  
 Gino Agresti  
 Sally Flint  
 Dave Gruender  
 Charles Rader

**Stewardship**

Richard Budach  
Burt Hall  
Charles Rader  
Devoe Slisher

**Finance**

Devoe Slisher  
Burt Hall  
Richard Budach

**Property**

Tom Alexander  
Jeff Barraclough  
Burt Hall  
Julie Rice  
Sean Rice

**Christian Education**

Dixie Richardson, chair  
Barbara Agresti  
Rhunell Gruender  
Steve Siroky

**Pastor- Parish**

Keith Kunze  
Charles Rader  
Susie Siroky  
Devoe Slisher

**Evangelism and Outreach**

Devoe Slisher, chair  
Rita Cole  
Rosanne Iles  
Sara Jacobs  
Constance Kadyole  
Lee Kolumbus  
Stacey Parker  
Timm Parker  
Dee Warriner

**Fellowship**

Susan Kunze, chair  
Nancy Alexander  
Rita Cole  
Bel Hedlund  
Sara Jacobs  
Lee Kolumbus  
Rosemary Rader  
Devoe Slisher

*CHURCH  
Leadership*





# MAY 2012



| Sun                        | Mon                  | Tue                | Wed             | Thu               | Fri              | Sat                |
|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|
|                            |                      | 1 Susan Grymonpre  | 2 Devoe Slisher | 3 Rita Cole       | 4 Sara Jacobs    | 5 Wendi Allgood    |
| 8 Ed Hightshue             | 7 Cynthia Haverstick | 8 Don Fisher       | 9 Pete Bush     | 10 Bethel Hendrix | 11 Travis Parker | 12 Zach Parker     |
| 13 Erin Emminger           | 14 Rick Parker       | 15 Jake Lewis      | 18 Dee Warriner | 17 Stacey Parker  | 18 Timm Parker   | 19 Sherman King    |
| 20 David McGillen and Mary | 21 Charlie Cole      | 22 Elijah Alamilla | 23 Charlie Cole | 24 Skylar Lambert | 25 Charles Rader | 26 Bart Richardson |
| 27 Dixie Richardson        | 28 Ruthie Marnar     | 29 Dave Gooderum   | 30 Laura Morgan | 31 Karin Kunze    |                  |                    |

## Worship Serving Schedule

| MAY                                                        | ASSISTANT/<br>CRUCIFER            | LECTOR           | ACOLYTE        | USHERS                        | GREETER            |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 6<br>ELW 4                                                 | Steve Siroky                      | Jeff Barraclough | Keith Kunze    | Joe Chibvongodze<br>Burt Hall | Julie Rice         |
| 13<br>WOV                                                  | Keith Kunze                       | Sara Jacobs      | Richard Budach | Don Gregg<br>Kevin Patty      | Bel Hedlund        |
| 20<br>CFS                                                  | Sean Rice                         | Diann Ryan       | Richard Budach | Jeff Barraclough<br>Burt Hall | Naphy Chibvongodze |
| 27<br>ELW 10<br>Pentecost                                  | Charles Rader<br>(Assistant Only) | Rosemary Rader   | Keith Kunze    | Burt Hall<br>Bart Richardson  | Dixie Richardson   |
| Also for today: Crucifer, Don Gregg; Cantor, Charles Rader |                                   |                  |                |                               |                    |
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| Sun                                                                                                                                   | Mon                                                                                                                 | Tue                                                                                                                              | Wed                                                                                                                                     | Thu                                                                                        | Fri                                           | Sat                                                                                                   |
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|                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                     | 1<br><i>Devoe Slisher is recuperating with a new hip. Office hours may vary during his absence. Philip &amp; James, Apostles</i> | 2<br>Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, died 373                                                                                         | 3<br>National Day of Prayer<br>11:00 a.m. Prayer Service in Salem Park.<br>Picnic follows. | 4<br>Monica, mother of Augustine, died 387    | 5                                                                                                     |
| 6<br>9:00 Sunday School in Fellowship Hall<br>10:30 Worship<br>12:00 W&M Team<br><i>Christian Family Week</i>                         | 7<br>Noon Bible Study in Fellowship Hall—bring a sack lunch                                                         | 8<br>Julian of Norwich, renewer of the church, died around 1416                                                                  | 9<br><i>Deadline for Mothers Day Tea reservations.</i><br>Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church, hymn-writer, died 1760 | 10<br>6:30 p.m.<br>COUNCIL MEETING in conference room.                                     | 11                                            | 12<br>Mothers Day Tea at 11:00 a.m. at the Lion's Head Condominiums Clubhouse.                        |
| 13<br>MOTHER'S DAY<br>9:00 Sunday School in Fellowship Hall<br>10:30 Worship                                                          | 14<br>Matthias, Apostle                                                                                             | 15                                                                                                                               | 16                                                                                                                                      | 17<br>THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD                                                            | 18<br>Erik, King of Sweden, martyr, died 1160 | 19<br>1:00 p.m. NEW MEMBER CLASS<br>5:30 p.m. GAME NIGHT - Games begin at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall |
| 20<br>9:00 Sunday School in Fellowship Hall<br>10:30 Worship<br>2:00 Indpls. Conference Meeting at Cross of Grace                     | 21<br>Noon Bible Study in Fellowship Hall—bring a sack lunch<br>Helena, mother of Constantine, died around 330 A.D. | 22                                                                                                                               | 23                                                                                                                                      | 24<br>Nicolaus Copernicus, died 1543;<br>Leonhard Euler, died 1783; scientists             | 25                                            | 26                                                                                                    |
| 27<br><b>PENTECOST</b><br>10:30 Worship in Sanctuary<br>Picnic follows in Salem Park<br>John Calvin, renewer of the Church, died 1564 | 28<br>Memorial Day Observed                                                                                         | 29<br>Jiri Tranovsky, hymnwriter, died 1637                                                                                      | 30                                                                                                                                      | 31<br>THE VISITATION<br>Visit of Mary to Elizabeth                                         |                                               |                                                                                                       |



# National Day of Prayer

## Outdoor Service in Salem Park

# Thursday, May 3

# 11:00 a.m.

Join Salem and other area ministries in Salem Park as we celebrate in prayer. Bring a lawn chair and participate as your schedule permits.

Bring a picnic lunch, if you wish, and stay for fellowship following the service.

The service will move inside if weather warrants.



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Devoe Slisher, Office Manager

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