



the Bugle

Volume 72, Number 7

Faith Water Ways

The life of discipleship takes us through coursing rivers and placid lakes, and sometimes even rapids and tidal waves. But through it all is the baptismal promise that Christ leads us into a fuller and more meaningful life. Come explore the themes of living into your Baptism each Wednesday during Lent with worship at 11am and 7pm.

Lenten Lunches and Soup Suppers Begin February 21

Following the 11am worship there will be lunch; and then there is a soup supper at 6pm before the 7pm worship. Thank you our Lenten Lunch volunteers, and to Kappa Chi for their service at all Lenten Soup Suppers.

These are great times for fellowship, so we hope you will attend one of them and make it a part of your Lenten experience each week.

IN THIS ISSUE

- | | |
|--------|-------------------------|
| Page 2 | A Note from Our Deacon |
| Page 3 | Prayer Requests |
| Page 3 | This Week |
| Page 3 | Baptism Class |
| Page 3 | First Communion Classes |
| Page 3 | Pizza and Basketball |
| Page 3 | World Day of Prayer |
| Page 4 | Be Like Jesus |
| Page 4 | New Disciples! |
| Page 5 | Shine Youth Service |
| Page 5 | Thank you! |

Let Your Voice Be Heard...

To begin the call process, Salem invites all confirmed members of the congregation to fill out the three-page survey enclosed. This is your opportunity to give input regarding the future direction of Salem! Forms are also available for download at www.salemofpeoria.com/call-process-survey. Please return them to the survey inbox at the Welcome Center or by mailing them to the church in the envelope provided. Surveys must be returned to Salem by March 11.



Council learning about the call process from Pastor Maureen Stein.



Growing People in Christ... to Love & Serve!

Worship With Us!

Sundays

8:00am and 10:45am

Education Hour

9:15am

nursery provided

www.salemofpeoria.com

“How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” (Romans 10:15)

This past Sunday was the 2018 Kappa Chi Youth Service. The theme was “Shine.” Each January and February, I have the privilege of accompanying the Salem high school students and their volunteer leaders as we prepare for this service. Seeing God’s Word come alive with their enthusiasm, creative interpretations, and the influence of common culture, (this year *Star Wars* and *The Magic School Bus!*), is one of the best hands-on faith formation traditions I have ever been a part of with high school youth. Watching the students and leaders grow into a closer community through the process and youth emerge as leaders is an added blessing of the experience.

There is usually at least one moment during the Youth Service each year when I am surprised by my emotions, caught off guard by feelings associated with seeing our young people sharing their gifts and God’s message so boldly. That moment this year came after the skits were completed and the songs they had chosen were sung; after the funny commercials for Houston and after the Peace was shared. The most powerful moment for me this year was far and beyond when two high school students, Jaedyn and Will, were welcomed into membership at Salem during the service. After all, isn’t that what it’s all about?

Inviting others into the faith community and faith sharing is one of the seven faith practices highlighted in the ELCA-wide Call to Discipleship and highlighted in the sermon skit during the Youth Service. Faith comes alive is when we share acts of genuine hospitality directed toward our friends, relatives and neighbors and create the opportunity through which the Holy Spirit brings others into a relationship with Christ and his church. The biblical model for evangelism is relational: friends

A Note from Our Deacon



Deacon Jill Goldhammer

bring friends to Jesus. “Come and see” are words expressed frequently in the Gospels, the story of the early church, and in the tradition of the church over the centuries. The disciple plants seeds and invites; the Holy Spirit works the miracle of faith and conversion. Part of a disciple’s job description is to invite others often.

God’s story is powerful. It changes people’s lives. God loves the whole world and each of us individually. Because of that great love, God did not leave us defenseless to deal with our own sin, the sin of others, the power of death or the devil. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, we have been made whole; we have been forgiven of our sins; we have been promised eternal life with God. This “Good News” has eternal impact. It has changed lives and communities everywhere. It has changed your life and mine! We received the power of the Holy Spirit in our baptism to be witnesses to the Gospel. God prepares other people to hear and respond to the Gospel and God promises to be with us in our efforts to share our faith with others.

Welcome to Salem, Jaedyn and Will! Kappa Chi exercised their “beautiful feet” sharing the good news with us during the Youth Service on Sunday. Who do you know who needs to hear the good news? Invite them to come to Salem and to experience the Good News!



Growing People in Christ... to Love & Serve!

Office Email:
office@salemofpeoria.com

Elise Rothfusz,
Interim Senior Pastor
erothfusz@salemofpeoria.com

Jill Goldhammer,
Deacon of Children, Youth and Family Ministries
jgoldhammer@salemofpeoria.com

Meghan Peterson, Editor
bugle@salemofpeoria.com

Deadline for copy is Tuesdays at 12:00pm in the church office.

The Bugle is published by
Salem Lutheran Church (ELCA),
1700 W. War Memorial Dr.
Peoria, Illinois 61614-6724
phone: (309) 688-9212
fax: (309) 688-9266

Published Weekly

Periodicals Postage Paid at
Peoria, IL 61601

Annual Subscription \$10.00

POSTMASTER:
Send Address Changes to:
Salem Lutheran Church,
1700 W. War Memorial Dr.,
Peoria, IL 61614-6724

Worship Attendance for:
Sunday, February 11: 233

The Bugle deadline for the
February 23 edition and
March calendar is at **Tuesday, February 20** at noon.

Pastoral Emergency Number:
In case of emergency a pastor is available at: 309-679-7708

DISCIPLESHIP

Pen Pal Letters

A reminder that Thomas Jefferson Pen Pal letters are due to the Thomas Jefferson mailbox by February 18.

Baptism Class

Expectant parents and parents of young children interested in Baptism are invited to attend a class on Sunday morning, February 25 at 9:30am. Pastor Elise will lead this session on Baptism as the beginning of Christian discipleship, how Baptism shapes parenting as well as children's understanding of their identity, and details specific to the rite of Baptism.

First Communion Classes

First Communion classes for children third grade and older will be held on Saturday, March 17 and Saturday, March 24, from 9am-10:30am at Salem; First Communion will take place on Maundy Thursday, March 29 at 7pm. Interested families should contact Pastor Elise.

Basketball and Pizza - New Time!

The Bradley Men's Basketball Game has been rescheduled to 3pm on Saturday, February 24, so we will meet first at the Carver Arena, and then go to Agatucci's for a post-game meal. Salem Churchmen will be getting a block of tickets. Game is \$8 per person (dinner is on your own). Please sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Grant Peterson (grantpeterson78@gmail.com).

World Day of Prayer

On March 2, there will be the first ecumenical celebration at Salem Lutheran. The program begins at 9am, and we will need assistance with hospitality. The theme is "All of God's Creation is Very Good" prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Suriname. Sign-up to attend and to assist with hospitality is located at the Welcome Center.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for

- The men and women of our armed forces

- Midwest Food Bank

- Children of Guatemala

- Bryan Baker (Tammy Lott's brother-in-law)

- Barb (friend of Melissa Metternich)

- Bonnie (cousin of JoAnn Misselhorn)

- Ruby Chelgren and Family

- Donna

- Jack Grant, Jr.

- Keith Grimm

- Frank Hernandez

- Ron Hipple
- Amy Hoffman
- Jean Huprich and family
- Helen Johnson (mother of Joan Creager)
- Fawn Keiser
- Kara Kuhn
- Richard Mikkelson
- Liz Osborn
- Nancy Peterson
- Becky Russell
- Theresa
- Tyth going through chemo
- Baby Walter
- Jean and Frank Yancick



THIS WEEK

SUN., FEB 18: 8AM & 10:45AM

Worship

SUN., FEB 18: 9:15AM

Education Hour

MON., FEB 19: 9:30AM

TOPS Meeting

MON., FEB 19: 7PM

Salem Churchmen Meeting

TUES., FEB 20: 10AM

Staff Meeting

TUES., FEB 20: 7PM

Property and Finance Meeting

WED., FEB 21: 8AM

Men's Prayer Breakfast

WED., FEB 21: 9:30AM

Quilters

WED., FEB 21: 11AM

Lenten Worship and Lunch

WED., FEB 21: 5PM

Women of Salem Board Meeting

WED., FEB 21: 6PM

Lenten Soup Supper

WED., FEB 21: 7PM

Lenten Worship

WED., FEB 21: 8PM

Serendipity

THURS., FEB 22: 9:30AM

Bible Study

THURS., FEB 22: 1:30PM

LHV Worship

THURS., FEB 22: 6PM

Sanctuary Bells

THURS., FEB 22: 7PM

Sanctuary Choir

FRI., FEB 23: 4:30PM

Be Like Jesus Leader Training

FRI., FEB 23: 7PM

Be Like Jesus Check-in

SAT., FEB 24: 3PM

Bradley Basketball Game

SAT., FEB 24: 7PM

Be Like Jesus Closing

SUN., FEB 25: 8AM & 10:45AM

Home Communion - Worship

SUN., FEB 25: 9:15AM

Education Hour

SUN., FEB 25: 9:30AM

Baptism Class

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

“Be Like Jesus” - There is still time!

There's still time to register for Be Like Jesus or to be a Volunteer. Salem hosts an annual Be Like Jesus 24-hour servant lock-in for third through sixth graders from our conference churches in February each year.

A junior high event occurs simultaneously and conference high school and college youth serve as small group leaders for the entire lock-in. Approximately 125 children and youth participate in this event annually. Be Like Jesus 2018 begins **Friday, February 23 at 7pm and ends Saturday, February 24 at 7pm**. Registration is still open, forms are available on-line, and at the Welcome Center. Cost is now \$40/student (and t-shirt sizes may possibly not be met.)

Finding meaningful hands on service projects for 125+ children is a big undertaking. We hope adults from Salem will consider volunteering for a part of this worthwhile event. If you have questions about the event or wish to volunteer, please sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Jill Goldhammer at jgoldhammer@salemofpeoria.com or 688-9212.

Experience a Ride of a Lifetime with God!

Salem's 2018 Vacation Bible School is Mon., July 30 – Fri., August 3

Our theme, Rolling River Rampage invites children on a white-water rafting adventure to experience the ride of a lifetime with God! Along the river, children discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise, and that they can trust God to be with them through anything. Relevant music, exciting science, creative crafts, fun recreation, and memorable Bible stories will help kids know that God is always with them as they ride the rapids of amazing grace!

Be a Part of the Planning Team! Love to make arts and crafts? Sing or play an instrument? Good at organizing/paperwork? Can prepare/assemble snacks? Like to play games outside? Have a love for science experiments? Enjoy assisting teachers?

Participant and volunteer registration material will come out later this spring. We are currently recruiting members for our VBS planning team, coordinators for rotation stations and putting together a leadership team for pre-school through kindergarten as they will have their own program at VBS this year. We average well-over 100 participants each year at VBS and it really does take planning this far in advance to put our fabulous VBS program together. Please contact Jill Goldhammer, Rebecca Sipf or Kris Griffith if you are willing to be a part of a leadership team or coordinate a rotation station for the **Rolling River Rampage**.

NEW SALEM DISCIPLES

Welcome two new Salem disciples! Jaedyn Johnson and Will Ricketts have been shepherded by the Kappa Chi Youth Group into the Salem community over the last couple of years, and on February 11 at the annual Kappa Chi Youth Service they took a new step into their journey of lifelong faith in Jesus Christ.



Jaedyn Johnson

Jaedyn Johnson is a senior at Limestone High School. She works part-time at Dairy Queen and at Noodles and Company. Jaedyn plans to attend Illinois State University in the fall to study Biological Sciences. We welcome Jaedyn as she officially becomes a disciple of the Salem family!



Will Ricketts

Will is a freshman at Richwoods High School where he is active on the speech team. He is also involved with community theater in the Peoria area. We also congratulate Will as he is welcomed into discipleship at Salem!

Youth Service

We give thanks for our high school students for sharing their gifts of time, talent, and creativity in last Sunday's Youth Service and for the many Salem adults who walked beside them in preparation for the service. We also give thanks to the Salem Congregation for their generous offering for the Houston Gathering during the Kappa Chi Youth Service. \$884 was received on Sunday. Thank you for helping us Shine!



Special thanks to Joan Creager and the Salem Singers plus Lee who stopped at Lutheran Hillside Village to spread God's love in Valentine's week. Salem residents and a few others really enjoyed the singing, the distribution of bags of cards and lovely carnation arrangements.

Bless you all!

Keith and MaryAlice Erickson

Thanks to Nadine for bringing the pretty Valentines bags, treats and greetings. Walt loves hearing the familiar names.

Heartfelt blessings to all,
Walt and Joy Anderson

Thank you so much for the Valentine remembrances: the carnation, the bag of goodies, the cards, and especially your visits to entertain us with Valentine songs. I think of you every day.

Love,
Marge Gramm



Growing People in Christ... to Love & Serve!

1700 W. War Memorial Dr. • Peoria, IL 61614-6724

The Bugle
USPS 477-460



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Welcome New Disciples!

Read more about our new disciples,
Will Ricketts and Jaedyn Johnson on page
three.

