



SALEM CHURCH

God is still speaking

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April 2022

From the pastor

I cannot remember the last time I used a wallet. I have no idea when I stopped using a wallet, but I am guessing I was in my mid 20's. I have had back pain issues for much of my life, and somewhere I read that wallets could contribute to back pain.



Rev. Matthew Hunt

It said if you keep the wallet in the back pocket, you end up sitting on it lopsided all the time. It would make sense that it's not good for your back. So, I threw away my wallet and never looked back.

That was one "adjustment" I made in my life. Life is filled with them. You may have noticed these adjustments are defining moments of church ministry too. Salem Church doesn't function now like we did in 1985.

This is a good thing, since our context of ministry has completely changed. In fact, our context continues to evolve and change. The needs of the world are ever changing. What adjustments are the Holy Spirit prompting you to make in your life? What adjustments are the

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Support God's Garden

It's that time of year to start thinking about plans for God's Garden. All of the produce goes to either Horizons food pantry/ kitchen or BJ's café. Those who come to Salem on Saturday for a meal or to Horizons appreciate the opportunity of having fresh veggies to add to their diet. Vegetables usually include tomatoes, peppers, green beans, kale, cucumbers, zucchini and flowers.

Seeds, plants, fertilizer, herbicides and pesticides are "hidden" costs to raising a garden. Monetary donations are needed.

The project would like to make a



couple more raised beds. If you have or know of anyone who may have some old boards, please notify the church office.

Any physical help (weeding, watering, harvesting) is always welcome (and needed). Come join the fun!

What do you like about Salem Church?



I belong to Salem because it is outspoken and clear about things I care about, such as the whole inclusion of our LGBTQ+ friends and families.

Salem is more than quietly affirming. The people of Salem openly advocate for a place at the Lord's Table for everyone.

Savannah Coelho
(and Cleo)
QUINCY, IL



This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to God's will, God hears us. 1 JOHN 5:14

Prayers for our Church Family

Deborah Baker
Ralph Baxter
Connie Boling
Tim Brice
Laurie Charity
John Christian
Cindy Davis Family
Victoria Dry
Denise Eastman
Marvin Golian &
Carolyn Carper
Michael Golian
Arleta Hollyman
Christine Knox
Marilyn Maiers
John McKinney
Connie Sue Novotny
Valerie Ortball
Wanda Hamann-Salsman
Dorothy Snyder
Robert Sronce
Bill Winn

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Holy Spirit prompting Salem Church to make?

I have discovered we can respond to change in many different ways - excitement, anxiety, delight, fear, resistance, receptivity, courageously. But, we make these adjustments better with an anchor. An anchor is what keeps us grounded and secure in the midst of insecurity. God does that for us. God has always done that for us. God will always continue to be an anchor of healing and restoration even in the midst of change and multiple "adjustments." Trust in God. Hold on tightly to our anchor and delight in being the people God calls us to be.

Guild to meet

The first meeting of the Guild, post-COVID, will be Wednesday, April 20 in the Lounge at Salem. Traditionally, Guild meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month. The Guild is open to everyone.

Projects coordinated by the Guild members include two rummage sales and a bazaar in November.

Questions concerning the Guild should be directed to Wanda Hamann-Salsman at 217.222.3286.

IMPORTANT dates to remember

- April 2:** 9 am Breakfast Bunch @ Thyme Square
11:30 am BJ's Café
- April 3:** 8:15 am Choir practice
9 am Worship (communion)
10 am Adult & Youth
Re: Charge
- April 5:** 4:30 pm Property Task Force
- April 6:** 6:30 pm Choir practice
- April 9:** 10:30 am Paws & Prayers
11:30 am BJ's Café
- April 10:** 9 am Worship (Palm Sunday)
10 am Adult & Youth
Re: Charge
Bake Sale for Ukraine @ fellowship time
- April 12:** 6 pm Bell Choir practice
- April 13:** 6 pm Ministries meetings
- April 14:** 4 pm Loads of Love @ The Wash Tub
- April 15:** 7 pm Good Friday worship
- April 16:** 11:30 am BJ's Café, Health Fair, Laundry Vouchers
- April 17:** 8:15 am Choir practice
9 am Worship (Easter)
10 am Adult & Youth
Re: Charge
- April 19:** 6 pm Bell Choir practice
- April 20:** 5:30 pm Guild meeting
- April 23:** 11:30 am BJ's Café
- April 26:** 6 pm Bell Choir practice
- April 27:** 6 pm VMST meeting
- April 28:** 4 pm Loads of Love @ The Wash Tub
- April 30:** 11:30 am BJ's Café

Gathering on
Saturday
April 2, 2022
9 am
Everyone is invited



*We are collecting laundry detergent
that is dye and scent free for
Salem's Health Fair.*

meal, Bible study, discussion on BJ's Café day

THYMESQUARE
615 Hampshire Avenue
Quincy, Illinois 62301
CAFE



Caring ministry preserved through COVID

The Caring Ministry reports that 2021 was very uneventful due to COVID restrictions.

Luckily, COVID did not interfere with the Health Fair which, like the USPS, met the needs of many come rain or shine. The monthly average for persons served by the Health Fair was 121.

The year began with the 'Taking Down of the Greens' in January and ended with 'Putting up the Greens' in December. Both actions required volunteers who were fed and watered as thanks for their time and effort. This year some of our members came in the day before to locate and set out the required boxes that speeded up the dressing and undressing process.

The Christmas Giving Tree in the Narthex was a joint effort with The Saturday Breakfast Bunch to provide much needed baby and toddler items for the YWCA in addition to the scarves and mittens that we collect annually for local schools.

Mother's and Father's Day were celebrated together with the handing out of His and Her pens. The 'Fathers' pens were multifunctional, and both had the 'Salem Evangelical U.C.C.' emblazoned on the side.

Hopefully 2022, with the retreat of COVID, will allow us to return some of the congregational favorites like Birthday Cake Celebration Sunday and Summertime Sundae.



Happy Birthday

4/1 Don Rodenhizer
4/3 Heather Keller-Giltner
4/4 Mike Edwards
4/4 Allison Welch
4/4 Darlene Gieselman
4/7 Rod Cookson
4/10 Lora Vail
4/12 Jan Pollock
4/17 Linsey Laughlin
4/17 Brian Stitt
4/18 Larry Clark
4/19 Steve Ippensen
4/20 Teppo Peterson
4/28 Dr. John Sallstrom
4/29 Josh Monroe
4/30 Annette Newquist
Happy Anniversary
4/4 Heather & Adam Spory
4/4 Patti & David Tipton
4/9 Nancy & Donald Grant
4/9 Sue & Dave Lockhart
4/10 Cindy & Richard Lohmeyer
4/12 Lonita & Bob Fox
4/19 Stacey Nicholas & Joe Coelho

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9 am**

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