



SALEM CHURCH

God is still speaking

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July 2023

Mission Statement: We are followers of Jesus, in the process of discerning what we need to let go of and what we need to embrace so we can be a light of Christ in the world.



Rev. Matthew Hunt

I want to take a moment to brag on the efforts of Salem Church. Sometimes it can be easy to get discouraged about life - church life included. It's important to acknowledge and lift up important moments of growth, maturity, and excellence.

First, the church banded together in the month of May and raised over \$9,300 for the six core outreach ministries that define Salem Church's ongoing ministries. For a church who worships less than 100 people each Sunday, this is outstanding stewardship and generosity. No one twisted any arms; you just gave. I also want to thank the Special Offerings Team (Jayne Clouser, Jeannie Kanauss, and Sue Welch) for their excellent leadership and guidance to set the church up for success.

Secondly, I used to be so discouraged that new people would come to church and walk to coffee hour after worship and sit by themselves for long lengths of time before I might get to them. But over the last six months, I have repeatedly been overjoyed to see established Salem Church folks making a conscious effort to sit with new people at coffee hour and invite them (and family) to Re:Charge. I cannot overstate how important this step of growth is for us. It's making a real impact on people new to the church. It gives us a real chance to help people find their place with God and God's people. I am so proud of you! Keep it up!

Where else is God asking us to grow? Giving and welcoming are hallmark ministries of growing, dynamic churches. What steps should we work on next?

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Matthew Hunt



To the people of God at Salem, Thank you for your support of the Choristers' ministry the last two years. It was a joy to lead worship among you. Thank you to the Salem Choristers and the Vision & Ministry Support Team for your thoughtful gifts. I will enjoy the gift cards and think of you all.

Many blessings for your continued successful ministry, Todd

Pictures of Salem's Breathe Deep Worship Band from the June 4 service. Many thanks to Wes Hunt, Cassie Koch (and Felicity), Katie Hoffman, Barb Edwards, Rob Ward, and David Shaffer for their music. Not pictured is Linsey Laughlin.



Salem Operating Account - 2023

Month	Income	Expense	MTD Change in Operating Fund	YTD Change in Operating Fund
Jan	\$ 16,584.24	\$ 25,040.15	(\$8,455.91)	(\$8,455.91)
Feb	\$ 14,320.26	\$ 19,528.98	(\$5,208.72)	(\$13,664.63)
Mar	\$ 12,326.55	\$ 29,429.79	(\$17,103.24)	(\$30,767.87)
Apr	\$ 12,064.86	\$ 19,251.70	(\$7,186.84)	(\$37,954.71)
May	\$ 9,728.39	\$ 22,649.60	(\$12,921.21)	(\$50,875.92)
Total	\$ 65,024.30	\$ 115,900.22	(\$50,875.92)	(\$50,875.92)

What do you like about Salem Church?

I like the feeling of togetherness, you know, the friendliness and the community. You don't know everybody really well, but you still feel like you have a common goal.

That's one of the things I like the most. — Bobby Riney



Prayer Request

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

Ralph Baxter	Keyanna Frost
Connie Boling	Madeline Henricks
Tim Brice	Carolyn Kaiser
Judy Bushaus	Marilyn Maiers
Carolyn Carper	Jenni Moran
Laurie Charity	Connie Sue Novotny
Gary Daggett	Wanda Hamann-
Cindy Davis &	Salsman
Family	JoAnne Shaw
Victoria Dry	Robert Sronce
Denise Eastman	Joyce Winn

Sundae Sunday

July 16

After
worship
in the
Fellowship
Hall





Salem Church has always been so generous in supplying backpacks and supplies and/or money. We will be filling 50 backpacks. Supplies can be brought to the church office. Cash donations can be mailed or dropped off to the church office. The Back-to-School Fair is August 5, and your donations are needed by July 30 as volunteers will shop and pack the week before. Remember: Office hours are 9-noon on Tuesday and Thursday.

Student Supply List: 1- book bag/backpack; 24- sharpened pencils (Ticonderoga); 1- Box 24 count crayons; 1- Box 24 count colored pencils; 2- 4 highlighters (any color); 4- Expo dry erase markers (variety of colors); 2- ink pens (any color); 2- glue sticks; 1- pair Fiskars scissors; 1- pencil bag; 1- pair of headphones or earbuds (cannot be wireless); 1- package sticky notes; 1- 1 inch binder (e-ring, plastic sleeve cover, inside pockets); 4- 3-hole punch folders with pockets (1 each green, yellow, red, blue); 2- wide-rule composition notebooks; 3- wide-rule spiral notebooks; 1- pack wide - rule loose leaf paper; 1- container disinfecting wipes; 1- box family size tissues

Dates to Remember

Saturday, July 1

11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday Meals

Sunday, July 2

9:30 am: Youth and Adult
Re:Charge
10:30 am: Breathe Deep Worship with Communion

Saturday, July 8

9:00 am: Breakfast Bunch
10:30 am: Paws & Prayers Pet Food Distribution
11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday Meals

Sunday, July 9

9:00 am: Salem Worship
10:00 am: Youth and Adult
Re:Charge

Tuesday, July 11

4:30 pm: Property Task Force

Thursday, July 13

4:00 pm: Loads of Love

Saturday, July 15

11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday Meals
11:30 am: Household/Toiletries Distribution

Sunday, July 16

9:00 am: Salem Worship
Sundae Sunday after worship
10:00 am: Youth and Adult
Re:Charge

Wednesday, July 19

6:00 pm: Ministries

Thursday, July 20

Newsletter Deadline
4:00 pm: Loads of Love

Saturday, July 22

11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday Meals

Sunday, July 23

9:00 am: Salem Worship
10:00 am: Youth and Adult
Re:Charge

Wednesday, July 26

6:00 pm: VMST

Thursday, July 27

4:00 pm: Loads of Love

Saturday, July 29

11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday Meals

Sunday, July 30

9:00 am: Salem Worship
10:00 am: Youth and Adult
Re:Charge



Breakfast Bunch

Saturday, July 8—9:00am
Caltown Coffeehouse
432 S. 8th Street, Quincy

Please RSVP to Cindy at 217-257-6970

Fellowship & Bible Study—All are welcome—come join us!

Backpack Fundraiser

Children and teachers will be returning to school in the fall, and you know what that means? BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES!

IMPACT OF SALEM'S OUTREACH MISSIONS

Every month, Salem volunteers contribute to the community in many ways—but we don't always know the extent and impact of those contributions. We will use this newsletter to share that information for better awareness.

BJ's Café / Saturday Meals: In the period from Sat, 5/27, through Sat, 6/17, **284 meals were served.**

Loads of Love: On two Thursdays—5/25 and 6/8— **60 people received assistance with their family's laundry,** receiving up to \$20 for the washers and dryers.

Paws and Prayers: On June 10, this ministry provided **123 sacks & 6 cans of dog food, 98 bags & 56 cans of cat food, 11 bags of dog treats, 7 bags of cat treats, and 35 miscellaneous items** (leashes, bowls, toys, blankets, coats).

Health Fair: On June 17, Health Fair volunteers **provided 85 grateful people with items.**

Salem is making a difference in our community.
Thanks to all the volunteers and to you for your support.



**Salem Evangelical
United Church of Christ**



www.salemquincy.org



Many thanks to Melba Loos for providing the flowers for the planters in front of the courtyard!



July 2023

Birthdays

7/6 William Tipton
7/7 Ava Baze
Vi Schmiedeskamp
Janice Winn
7/8 Steve Drebes
Taylor Vail
7/9 Connie Mowen
Dottie Spilker
7/13 Rich Bliven
7/14 Mia McNay
7/15 Wanda Hamann-Salsman
7/17 Joel Koch
Kim Akers
7/25 Tim Brice
Tyler Tipton
7/29 Lonita Fox
Makenzi Winn
7/30 John McKinney
7/31 Judy Echterkamp
Marilyn Weisenborn

Anniversaries

7/17 Laurie & Lee Charity
7/21 Sheryl & Paul Goehl
7/23 Marsha & Steve Akers
7/29 Sue & Steve Ippensen

Breathe Deep
Sunday, July 2—10:30 am



To celebrate the 175th Anniversary of Salem Evangelical United Church of Christ, there will be an organ concert on Friday, September 8, at 7:30 pm featuring Nathan Laube. Laube is currently Associate Professor of Organ at the Eastman School of Music and was previously on the organ faculty at the State University of Music and Performing Arts Stuttgart, Germany. He is also the International Consultant in Organ Studies at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire in the United Kingdom. He is regarded as one of the best organists of his generation in the United States.

Many thanks to Dr. John Sallstrom for helping to make this possible.



Salem BBQ
June 4, 2023
... and a good
time was had
by all!



July Challenge Calendar

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Jeremiah 1:5 YOU are a reflection of God's goodness. Offer thanks.
2 1st Chron. 16:11 Look for the Lord in service. Where is He?	3 Jeremiah 29:11 Take a step towards God's plan.	4 Galatians 5:15 How will you use your freedom today?	5 Philippians 4:4 Write down what you are grateful for.	6 Colossians 3:2 Look to the sky and behold His glory!	7 Ephesians 4:32 Write a letter to someone you need to forgive.	8 Psalms 119:105 What verse has resonated with you this week?
9 1st. Thess. 5:17 Set a prayer goal for today.	10 Deut. 5:7 What other "gods" are in your life? Take steps towards the Lord.	11 Philippians 2:14 Do something hard today, with minimal complaining.	12 Psalms 46:1 YOU are the hands of God. Who needs help today?	13 Genesis 1:9 Look at a body of water and consider creation.	14 Luke 6:31 Remember the Golden Rule in your interactions.	15 Hebrews 10:32 Sit in the dark to remember your life before. Turn on the light.
16 Galatians 5:22 Look for all of the Fruit. This is the Lord in your life.	17 Philippians 2:4 Focus on someone new today.	18 Matthew 6:33 Personal projects on the backburner. Further the Kingdom.	19 Psalms 29:11 What is troubling you? Give it to the Lord.	20 1st John 29:11 Who is hard to love? Find a way to walk a mile in their shoes.	21 Luke 17:32 Read the story of Lot's Wife (Gen. 19:12-26)	22 Philippians 4:8 Find these qualities in your day.
23 2nd Cor. 13:11 Who needs encouragement?	24 James 2:17 What moves your heart? Do something for it, in faith.	25 Hebrews 10:17 What is holding you back? Pray for forgiveness, then move on.	26 Psalms 19:1 Observe the sunrise or sunset.	27 John 1:4 You are God's light. How will you shine today?	28 Isaiah 24:5 Do something to clean the earth.	29 Psalms 127:3 Do something nice for the children in your life.
30 Proverbs 27:17 Ask a trusted friend for advice. Be sharpened.	31 Hebrews 13:8 What is constant in your life? The Lord never changes.					

Thanks to Linsey Laughlin for putting this together!

An updated church directory is now available that includes names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses—but no photos. You may pick one up during fellowship time after worship or at the church office on Tuesday or Thursday morning.

