



SALEM CHURCH

God is still speaking

435 S. 9th Street
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September 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

Last fall we asked the church to come together and help leadership discern where God was leading us and what we needed to be the people God was calling us to be. You gave us four areas of focus. One area was more small groups. So we recently put together a small groups ministry team to see what possibilities are ahead for us. We wrestled with a lot of ideas, but right now we are looking at offering small groups similar to the Connect groups we were enjoying when Covid hit us and changed everything in 2020.

We are in the process of tweaking some things. There likely won't be any videos. I would expect the evening to include some tasty food, a fun activity, and some group reflection on scripture. We are planning on these groups meeting the first four Sunday evenings in October, and then we hope to have an all-church event on the last Sunday of October. We are planning for at least two groups to meet in homes, and possibly one that meets at the church with childcare.

I am so proud of the church for asking for more small groups. Small groups are the

heartbeat of a faith community. It's where people grow in Christ, get plugged in to ministry, make friends, and care for one another. Small groups are essential for any church that prioritizes growing. They are the glue that keeps people connected to God and one another.

Not many years ago in ministry, I had other churches resist small groups for various reasons. I am so glad this group of believers understands their importance. Blessings are ahead.

Peace,

Pastor Matt



Guest Artist—*Nathan Laube*

- Associate Professor of Organ at the Eastman School of Music
- Organ faculty at the State University of Music and Performing Arts Stuttgart, Germany (*former*)
- International Consultant in Organ Studies, Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, United Kingdom.

In honor of the 175th Anniversary of the founding of Salem Evangelical United Church of Christ

Friday, September 8, 2023
7:30 pm

Thanks to Dr. John Sallstrom for making this possible.

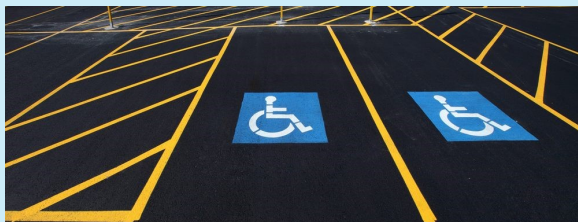
Thanks to Jeannie Kanauss for accepting the position of Choir Director on an interim basis. While it does add to an already long list of responsibilities Jeannie has assumed for Salem, since she already directs the Handbell Choir and selects hymns that complement the weekly Pastor's Message, it was a perfect solution.





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

Mary Barnes	Marilyn Maiers
Ralph Baxter	John Maxwell
Connie Boling	Jenni Moran
Carolyn Carper	Connie Sue
Laurie Charity	Novotny
Cindy Davis	Wanda Hamann-
Victoria Dry	Salsman
Denise Eastman	Lisa Samaroo
Madeline	Robert Sronce
Hendricks	Andy Tappe
Ric Hillebrenner	Johnny Turner
Carolyn Kaiser	Joyce Winn



The Property Task Force is looking for helpers to freshen the lines in the parking lot. Plans are to do this on two Saturdays—Sept. 9 & 16—starting at 9 am on both days. If you can help, contact either Jacob Zimmerman (217-430-8310) or Paul Goehl (217-242-7209).

Dates to Remember

Saturday, September 2

11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday Meals

Sunday, September 3

9:30 am: Youth and Adult

Re:Charge

10:30 am: Breathe Deep

Worship with Communion

Tuesday, September 5

4:30 pm: Property Task Force

5:30pm: Handbell Rehearsal

Friday, September 8

7:30 pm: Organ Concert in honor of Salem's 175th birthday

Saturday, September 9

9:00 am: Breakfast Bunch

9:00 am: Parking Lot Painting

10:30 am: Paws & Prayers Pet Food Distribution

11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday Meals

Tuesday, September 12

5:30pm: Handbell Rehearsal

6:45 pm: Choristers Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 13

6:00 pm: Ministries

Thursday, September 14

4:00 pm: Loads of Love

Saturday, September 16

9:00 am: Parking Lot Painting

11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday Meals

11:30 am: Household/Toiletries Distribution

Sunday, September 17

8:15 am: Choristers Rehearsal

9:00 am: Salem Worship

10:00 am: Youth and Adult Re:Charge

Tuesday, September 19

5:30pm: Handbell Rehearsal

6:45 pm: Choristers Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 20

Newsletter Deadline

5:30 pm: Evening Guild

6:00 pm: VMST

Saturday, September 23

11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday Meals

Sunday, September 24

9:00 am: Salem Worship

10:00 am: Youth and Adult Re:Charge

Tuesday, September 26

5:30pm: Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, September 28

4:00 pm: Loads of Love

Saturday, September 30

11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday Meals

**Church Office open
Tuesday and Thursday,
9:00 to noon**



Salem Operating Account - 2023				
Month	Operating Income	Operating Expense	MTD Change in Endowment Fund	YTD Change in Endowment Fund
Jan	\$ 16,584.24	\$ 25,040.15	(\$8,455.91)	(\$8,455.91)
Feb	\$ 14,320.26	\$ 19,543.97	(\$5,223.71)	(\$13,679.62)
Mar	\$ 12,326.55	\$ 29,429.79	(\$17,103.24)	(\$30,782.86)
Apr	\$ 12,064.86	\$ 19,251.70	(\$7,186.84)	(\$37,969.70)
May	\$ 9,728.39	\$ 22,593.74	(\$12,865.35)	(\$50,835.05)
Jun	\$ 22,007.20	\$ 22,475.49	(\$468.29)	(\$51,303.34)
Jul	\$ 12,554.31	\$ 20,530.33	(\$7,976.02)	(\$59,279.36)
Total	\$ 99,585.81	\$ 158,865.17	(\$59,279.36)	(\$59,279.36)



It is a blessing to see the numbers grow for the Children's Moment part of the weekly service.

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, 7/22, through Sat, 8/19, **407 meals were served.**

Loads of Love: On two Thursdays —7/27 and 8/10 — **62 people received assistance with 168 loads of laundry.**

Paws and Prayers: On August 12, this ministry provided **108 sacks & 36 cans of dog food, 97 bags & 43 cans of cat food, 18 bags of dog treats, and 30 miscellaneous items** (leashes, bowls, toys, blankets, coats, shot/license vouchers).

God's Garden: Since we began harvesting, a total of **50 pounds of veggies** have been donated to **Horizons** or given to our guests at **BJ's Café.**

Health Fair: On August 19, Health Fair volunteers **provided 90 grateful people with items to assist with personal hygiene.**

Salem is making a difference in our community.

Thanks to all the volunteers and to you for your support.



September 2023

Birthdays

- 9/2 Skip Reuter
- 9/4 Maranda Amons
Katie Hoffman
Patti Tipton
- 9/5 Kelsey Vail
Dennis Novotny
- 9/16 Washington Tipton
- 9/18 Dorothy Baker
Mary Tipton
- 9/23 Barb Peter
- 9/25 Sophie Brice
- 9/26 Terry Alter
- 9/29 Gabriel Tipton
- 9/30 Laurie Charity

Anniversaries

- 9/4 Jeanne & Steve Drebes
- 9/11 Patti & Richard McNay
- 9/22 Heather & Scott Giltner
- 9/29 Kathy & Curtis Fauble



This is a photo that would have benefitted from a 'before' companion photo in order to really get a sense of the scope of the change. The Montessori School is growing and needed additional bathroom facilities. Ric Hillbrenner applied his time and talent, both significant, to adding these improvements in what was formerly the 'Youth Room' in the basement. These changes are perfect for Montessori's use today and for Salem well into the future.

Thanks, Ric, for all you do!

Breathe Deep

Sunday, September 3 — 10:30 am

What do you like about Salem?

What I like about Salem is the people — they're all very welcoming — the music —everything! I like everything about Salem! — Jane Mitchell



Breakfast Bunch—

Fellowship & Bible Study—

All are welcome!

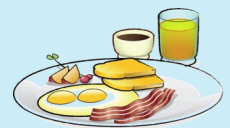
Saturday, September 9—

9:00am—meet in the gazebo (we'll move inside if weather doesn't cooperate)—food will be provided; bring your own

beverage—

please RSVP to

Cindy at 217-257-6970



The Evening Guild will meet on Wed, Sept 20, at 5:30 in the Lounge. A guest speaker has been invited with a dessert meeting after.

Salem has three internal ministries which work with Pastor Matt to make sure the infrastructure is sound and that church members and guests are nurtured through group activities (and food). Meeting monthly on the second Wednesday, each of these ministries would benefit from additional members—and it's safe to say members benefit personally from this closer connection to the workings of the church. Following are brief descriptions of each Ministry's mission and some of the activities they oversee.

The **Connections Ministry** is focused on making connections between Salem members through fun activities created to engage all ages. We try to do some activity every-other month and will be starting every-other month pot-lucks after the Breathe Deep service. Some activities we have hosted are "Bubbles, Balloons and Board Games; Halloween Fun; Christmas Soup, Ornaments & Crafts; a "Spring" paint night; Easter egg hunt and brunch; B'ginning of Summer BBQ; and Sips & Strikes bowling. They are now planning another Halloween event, Christmas event, and Cocoa & Carols with our Good Samaritan Family.



V♥lunteers MAKE IT HAPPEN

There are several ways that people volunteer—time, talent, and treasure. The people who make up the Salem Praise

Team donate their time and talent for the rest of us to treasure. Barb Edwards; her daughters Cassie Koch and Katie Hoffman; David Shaffer; Linsey Laughlin; Rob Ward; and Steve Hinkle have been working together since May to provide our monthly Breathe Deep worship service. Their collective goal moving forward is to keep improving the quality and substance of their performances and to have an open door for anyone that wants to express their faith through music. In preparation for the monthly service, they meet to pick songs that fit the service with a focus on having different styles in every service. They are still figuring out what works best for the band and the congregation, and suggestions are always welcome. We can all agree that the traditional hymns sung in worship are wonderful, but the exposure to the wide range of Christian music being written today makes the Breathe Deep worship service all the more special.

Contact Barb Edwards if you are interested in being part of this Ministry.

The **Caring Ministry** cares for those both within and without the Church. This Ministry oversees the monthly Health Fair which distributes hygiene items to low-income individuals and families. They also organize fun church events such as Birthday Cake Sunday and Sundae Sunday. **Contact Catherine Verneti if you are interested in being part of this Ministry.**

The **Resource Ministry** works with congregational resources including: time, talents, and spiritual gifts. The areas overseen by this Ministry include: budget/finance/investments; property; gifts; personnel; and office volunteers. **If you are interested in being part of this Ministry, contact Sharon Higgins.**





The
Good Samaritan Home Foundation
presents the

United Hearts Family Fest

Saturday, September 9, 2023

11:00am- 5:00pm

Trinity Church ♦ 2020 S 24th St. ♦ Quincy IL



All proceeds from this event support the mission of The Good Samaritan Home Foundation.

FAMILY – FUN – FELLOWSHIP

Something for everyone!



Entertainment & Games

Hearsay Band: 11:00A – 1:30P

Silver Bullet Band: 2:00 – 5:00P

Holding Hearts Quarter Auction,

Bingo & more games!

Children's Games & Crafts

Trinity UCC Make & Take Crafts

Bounce Houses & Obstacle Course

Range Line Express Train



Local Food & Drink Trucks

8te Open

Lickins BBQ

Angel Shack

Dottie's Funnel Cake

Beer & Wine Stands

*TICKETS FOR FOOD & ACTIVITIES
WILL BE SOLD AT THE EVENT
OR MAY BE PURCHASED PRIOR
TO EVENT AT A DISCOUNTED RATE.*



Scan here for ticket purchase:



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