



SALEM CHURCH

God is still speaking

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July 2025

Mission Statement: Building a community around the love of Jesus, where all are welcome.



Rev. Matthew Hunt

JULY AT SALEM: Prayer That Changed Everything

This month, we'll hear from a variety of voices as we explore the power of prayer, the movement of God, and the beauty of calling.

🌿 **July 6 – Linsey Laughlin**, one of our very own at Salem Church, will preach the first Sunday of July. Linsey brings a heart for scripture and a grounded, compassionate spirit. It's a gift to have one of our own step into the pulpit—come support and encourage her!

🙏 **July 13 & 20 – Sermon Series: *Prayers That Changed Everything***

I will lead us through two biblical moments where prayer transformed not just individuals—but entire communities.

- July 13 – *Hannah's Prayer* (1 Samuel 1:9–20)
- July 20 – *Elijah's Prayer* (1 Kings 18:41–46)

These messages will invite us to trust more deeply, wait more faithfully, and pray more boldly.

✨ **July 27 – Guest Preacher: Shawna Bunnell (Chaddock)**

We'll close the month with Shawna Bunnell from Chaddock. Shawna's work with children and families brings a powerful lens of grace and resilience to her preaching. Don't miss this chance to be inspired by her message of hope and healing.

Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, July offers something rich and real. Come and be part of it—God is speaking through many voices this summer. Let's listen together.

The Connections Ministry Invites YOU to...

BOWLING NIGHT!

Have a striking time, with fun to spare!

NO COST for bowling or shoes!

Food provided*! (however, drinks must be purchased from the bowling shop)

Casino Lanes, July 19th, 4pm-6pm



Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 2025

Birthdays

7-7 Janice Winn
 7-8 Taylor Vail
 7-9 Connie Mowen
 7-9 Dorothy Spilker
 7-13 Richard Bliven
 7-15 Wanda Hamann-Salsman
 7-17 Kim Akers
 7-17 Joel Koch
 7-29 Lonita Fox
 7-29 Makenzi Winn
 7-31 Judy Echternkamp
 7-30 Marilyn Wiesenborn

Anniversaries

7-5 Val & AJ Simmons
 7-17 Laurie & Lee Charity
 7-21 Sheryl & Paul Goehl
 7-29 Sue & Steve Ippensen

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, July 1st

4:30 pm : Property Task Force

Saturday, July 5th

11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday Meals

Sunday, July 6th

9:00am: Salem Worship

No recharge

Wednesday, July 9th

6:00 pm: Ministry Meetings

Thursday, July 10th

3:30 pm: Loads of Love

Saturday, July 12th

11:30 am: Paws & Prayers Pet Food Distribution

11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday Meals

Sunday, July 13th

9:00am: Salem Worship

10:00 am Youth and Adult

Re:Charge

Sundae Sunday during fellowship

Wednesday, July 16th

6:00pm: VMST meeting

Saturday, July 19th

11:30 am Household/ Toiletries Distribution

11:30 am BJ's Café— Saturday

4:00 pm Bowling Night at Casino

Sunday, July 20th

9:00 am: Salem Worship

10:00 am: Youth and Adult

Re:Charge

Last day to donate for the School

Supply Drive

Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, July 22nd

6:45 pm: Breathe Deep Rehearsal

Thursday, July 24th

3:30 pm: Loads of Love

Saturday, July 26th

11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday Meals

Sunday, July 27th

9:00am: Salem Worship

10:00 am Youth and Adult

Re:Charge

Tuesday, July 29th

6:45 pm: Breathe Deep Rehearsal

Deadline

July 20th



Elementary/Grade School

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| _____ 3 two-pocket folders | _____ 2 wide-tip dry erase marker
(Expo brand preferred.) |
| _____ 3 composition notebooks | _____ 1 box of Crayola classic thick
markers (10 ct) |
| _____ 1 plastic crayon box | _____ 10 sharpened pencils
(Ticonderoga brand preferred) |
| _____ 1 pair of scissors | _____ 1 pink eraser |
| _____ 1 bottle of white glue | _____ 1 box Crayola colored pencils |
| _____ 4 glue sticks | _____ Ruler (12") |
| _____ 1 thick Expo dry eraser | |
| _____ 1 box of Crayola crayons (24 ct) | |

We already have all the book bags/backpacks!

Please only purchase what is on this list.

Place your items in the red wagon in the interlink or on the cart by the office!

And Now a Message From President Wanda..

The Salem Evening Guild would like to thank all the volunteers that helped us through the first 6 months of the year! There will be no meetings for **July** and **August**.

Our next meeting is *September 17th*.

I hope to see everyone there, including any new members who wish to join our group!

Have a great summer,

President Wanda Hamann-Salsman

Thoughts From Left Field

Galatians 5:13 For you were called to freedom. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

July is a good time to contemplate our freedom in Christ. It is easy to think that life as a believer is adhering to a strict set of rules and regulations. That is the impression that I had while coming up in faithful living. People, who were doing the best they could, would reprimand me for talking or acting a certain way, to change the way I dressed, and the way I thought. They were likely raised that Christianity was all about “right and wrong”.

When being a believer is more about following the “rules” than about loving others, then something has gone awry. Christ came to set us free from the norms, expectations, and the yoke that beats our spirits to the ground. He healed on the Sabbath, even though it was “not allowed”. He ate with the marginalized. He touched the sick. Christ used his freedom to change lives.

How will you use your freedom? Will you love everyone, regardless of how they appear? Will you challenge yourself to practice empathy, even with the hardest people? Will you accept freedom from your past, and walk in new light with the Lord?

We are a blessed people. Let's do what we can to share the blessing with everyone.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Worship PowerPoint Creator
- Digital Message Sign Creator
- Room Setup / Take Down Crew
- Office & Phone Coverage (Tues & Thurs)
- Landscape Upkeep Crew
- Sound Room Tech
- Funeral Lunch Coordinator
- Light Maintenance / Painting Crew

*Signup forms available at
Worship and Fellowship Time*

Scenes from Becky's Ecclesiastical Council

What a great day for Salem Church! The congregation hosted the Western Illinois Conference as they assessed Becky's readiness to become UCC Minister. It was a great honor to bear witness to this holy event.



Becky with the delegates from the Western Illinois Conference

Becky shares her thoughts on her faith journey with scripture insights



The Salem family waiting with Becky while the council deliberates.



Scenes from Cake O'Clock and Movie Night



Our young'uns are all set to watch Inside Out Two!



Cindy, Catherine, and Rich are doing their part to enjoy the festivity.



Ric, Paul, Judy, Sylvia, and Annette all enjoying the fabulous cake assortment.

Scenes from Cake O'Clock



Jane, Kelly, Denise, Becky, and Heidi—
what a great group!



Kevin, Ed, Cassie, and Felicity hitting up the ice cream table.



Martha and Norma— the white pants pals!