



SALEM CHURCH

God is still speaking

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August 2025

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



Rev. Matthew Hunt

Dear Salem Family,

As we move through these late-summer days, I'm reminded of how healing and hope often arrive not in sweeping, dramatic ways, but in quiet moments of grace—moments when hearts soften, when wounds are acknowledged, and when we find the courage to forgive and be forgiven.

That's the spirit behind our August two-week sermon mini-series:

Joseph's Restoration – Finding Healing and Hope.

We'll revisit the powerful end of Joseph's story—after betrayal, slavery, false accusations, and years of separation—when he finally comes face to face with his brothers. Instead of retaliation, Joseph offers them something radical: **forgiveness**.

- **August 3** – *Joseph's Healing* (Genesis 45:1–15) We'll witness Joseph's emotional reunion with his brothers and reflect on how true healing begins when we face our pain honestly and choose grace over bitterness.
- **August 10** – *God Meant It for Good* (Genesis 50:15–21) Even when others intend harm, God is still at work. Joseph's words to his brothers—"God meant it for good"—invite us to imagine how God is weaving redemptive purposes through our own broken stories.

This series invites us to explore the themes of **vulnerability, forgiveness, and emotional restoration**—not just in Joseph's life, but in our own lives and relationships.

And then, on **Sunday, August 24 at 4:00 PM**, we have the joy of celebrating a *very different kind of restoration and hope*—the **ordination of Becky Emerson** into United Church of Christ ministry. Becky has been part of our community's journey and discernment, and now she steps boldly into her call to continue to serve with compassion, courage, and care. Her impact as a United Church of Christ minister is not just a recognition of her gifts—it's a celebration of what God is doing through the Church.

Please plan to be part of this sacred service of blessing and affirmation. Let's surround Becky with prayer, presence, and gratitude for the Spirit's work in her and through her.

Whether it's through Joseph's story or Becky's call, God is still writing stories of healing and hope among us.

With grace and peace,

Pastor Matt





August 2025

Birthdays

8-1 Curt Fauble
 8-3 Joyce Winn
 8-5 Charmaine Starman
 8-6 Brixon Mast
 8-6 Judy Veile
 8-10 Rich Clouser
 8-10 Dr. Todd Pettit
 8-12 Hannah Brice
 8-13 David Schaffer
 8-14 Donna Strong
 8-14 Donna Tappe
 8-16 Rosie Foster
 8-16 Samantha Fuller
 8-16 John Husar
 8-17 Sheryl Goehl
 8-19 Luetta Hall
 8-24 Chad Akers
 8-24 Richard McNay
 8-24 Mattis Tipton
 8-25 Marie Fuller
 8-26 Steve Hibbard
 8-28 Judy Bushaus
 8-28 James Davis
 8-28 Zoe Elder
 8-31 Rev. Matt Hunt

Anniversaries

8-19 Carol & Ric Hillebrenner

Dates to Remember

Saturday, August 2nd

11:30am: BJ's Café– Saturday Meals

Sunday, August 3rd

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

Tuesday, August 5th

4:30pm: Property Task Force

Friday, August 8th

3:00pm Wakonda Camping Trip

Saturday, August 9th

10:30am: Paws & Prayers Pet Food Distribution
 11:30am BJ's Café– Saturday Meals

Sunday, August 10th

9:00am: Salem Worship
No Recharge

Wednesday, August 13th

6:00pm: Ministry Meetings

Thursday, August 14th

3:30pm: Loads of Love

Saturday, August 16th

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

Sunday, August 17th

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

Tuesday, August 19th

6:45 pm: Breathe Deep Rehearsal

Wednesday, August 20th

Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, August 23rd

11:30 am BJ's Café– Saturday Meals

Sunday, August 24th

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

4:00 pm: Becky Emerson
 Ordination Service

Tuesday, August 26th

6:45 pm: Breathe Deep Rehearsal

Wednesday, August 27th

6:00 pm: VMST

Thursday, August 28th

3:30 pm: Loads of Love

Saturday, August 30th

11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday Meals

Sunday, August 31st

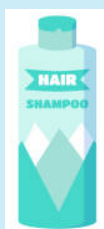
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**Church Office open Tuesday
 and Thursday,
 9:00 to noon**

Scenes from Sundae Sunday



This is one of the **TOP** events of the year! As you can see from the smiling faces, everyone **LOVES** ice cream. My personal thanks to the Caring Ministry for supplying lactose free options. Sundae Sunday demonstrates that while we may choose different toppings, we are still **one** in the ice cream bowl of Christ.



Financial Update— YTD 2025



Salem United Church of Christ Operating Account - 2025

| Month | Income | Expense | Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets | YTD Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets |
|--------------|---------------------|----------------------|---|---|
| Jan | \$ 12,521.40 | \$ 29,897.56 | (\$17,376.16) | (\$17,376.16) |
| Feb | \$ 9,036.62 | \$ 25,105.08 | (\$16,068.46) | (\$33,444.62) |
| Mar | \$ 16,225.97 | \$ 25,675.89 | (\$9,449.92) | (\$42,894.54) |
| Apr | \$ 16,874.73 | \$ 25,200.15 | (\$8,325.42) | (\$51,219.96) |
| May | \$ 9,427.59 | \$ 27,428.72 | (\$18,001.13) | (\$69,221.09) |
| Jun | \$ 19,342.65 | \$ 25,216.18 | (\$5,873.53) | (\$75,094.62) |
| Total | \$ 83,428.96 | \$ 158,523.58 | (\$75,094.62) | (\$75,094.62) |

Amount Used from Endowments to Cover Deficit



Salem Recognition

Earl Bricker and Jeannie Kanauss were thanked for their work for Salem Church. Earl worked for years on our newsletter and the worship PowerPoint. Jeannie served as our Interim Director for the Choristers. Thank you **Earl** and **Jeannie**!



Earl has moved to STL with his husband Rob. We will miss you Earl!



Back to School Drive Results

It is so gratifying to be a part of a church that is committed to the calling of Christ. We raised **\$1,125** for the Back to School fair, **PLUS** enough supplies for **91 backpacks**!



And now an announcement for a fun activity!

Sponsored by



The
Good Samaritan Home Foundation
United Hearts Family Fest

Entertainment:
Silver Bullets
Liz Bentley



September
13TH
2025
AT TRINITY CHURCH
2020 S. 24TH, QUINCY



FAMILY – FUN – FELLOWSHIP
Something for everyone!

Games for All Ages

Trinity UCC Make & Take Crafts and Photo Booth, Bounce Houses, Obstacle Course, and Yard Games

Entertainment

Liz Bentley 11:00am – 1:30pm
Silver Bullet Band 2:00pm – 5:00pm
Holding Hearts Quarter Auction

Local Food & Drink Trucks

Kohl Wholesale Food Tent
Lickins' BBQ
All Puckered Up
Farm Stand Bakery and Brew the opal bakery shop.
Tri State Sno Biz
Soda, Beer & Wine
Trinity UCC Bake Sale

Purchase tickets in advance and save!



Tickets can be purchased at the event, in advance at Good Samaritan Home, or by scanning the QR code.



Tickets are required for all food, drinks, games and activities.









Salem has made a donation for this worthwhile fundraiser!

All earnings will be given to Good Samaritan Home

But Wait!! There's MORE

Faith Trek invites **YOU** to a camping weekend at *Wakonda State Park*
Friday, August 8th to Sunday, August 10th

Friday Itinerary (8/8)

3-5pm Arrival and set-up
5pm Camp Fire Dinner
6:30pm Campfire activities

Saturday Itinerary (8/9)

7am Breakfast and morning devotional
10-12 Swimming and kayaking
12pm Picnic lunch at shelter house (*this is a good activity if you are just planning on doing a visit*)
1-4pm Yard games and Tie Dye
5pm Campfire Dinner
6:30 pm Vespers with Pastor Matt

Sunday Itinerary (8/10)

7am Breakfast
8:30am Morning Devotion
10am Rock Painting
Clean- Up

Important Information!

1. RSVP with Kerstin Stitt by **Sunday, August 3rd**. Her phone number is 507-236-2375
2. Additional space available to reserve for campers and RVs.
3. Meals will be handled by Faith Trek.
4. The park is located at 32836 State Pk Rd, La Grange, MO 63448
5. You can come for *ALL* or *PART* of the weekend
6. Bring a lawn chair



Our Imaginary Friends Need Some Help!

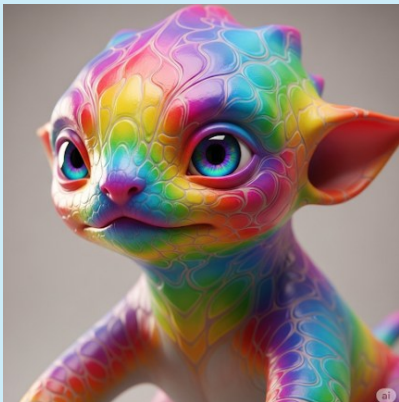
Please consider donating to the toiletry drive



Bubba would love a brush to tame his mane!



Fern's hair can be extra beautiful with shampoo and conditioner!

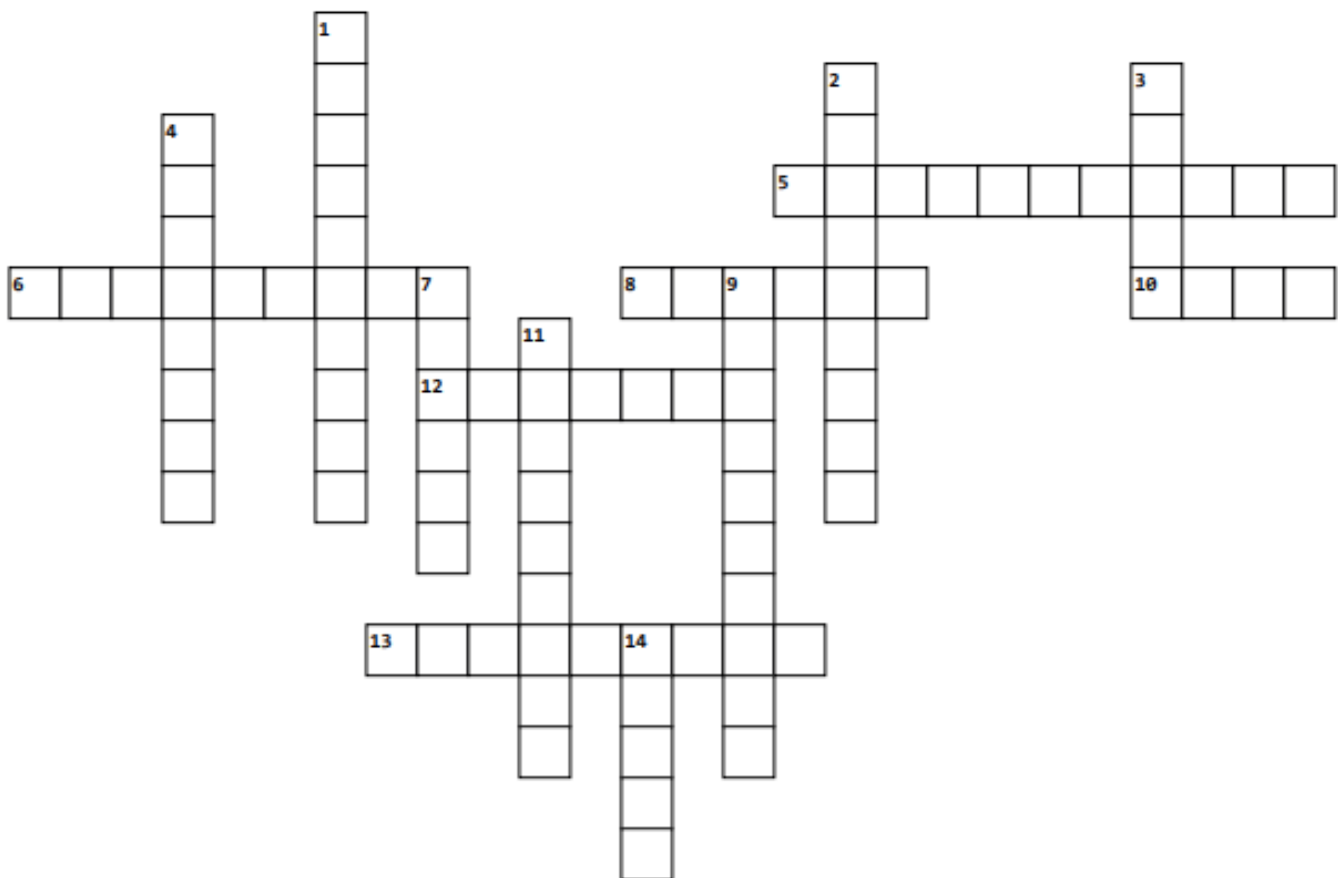


Prisma needs plenty of soap for her colors to shine!



Chompers loves to have clean teeth for lovely smiles!

Staying Fresh Crossword (answers on last page)



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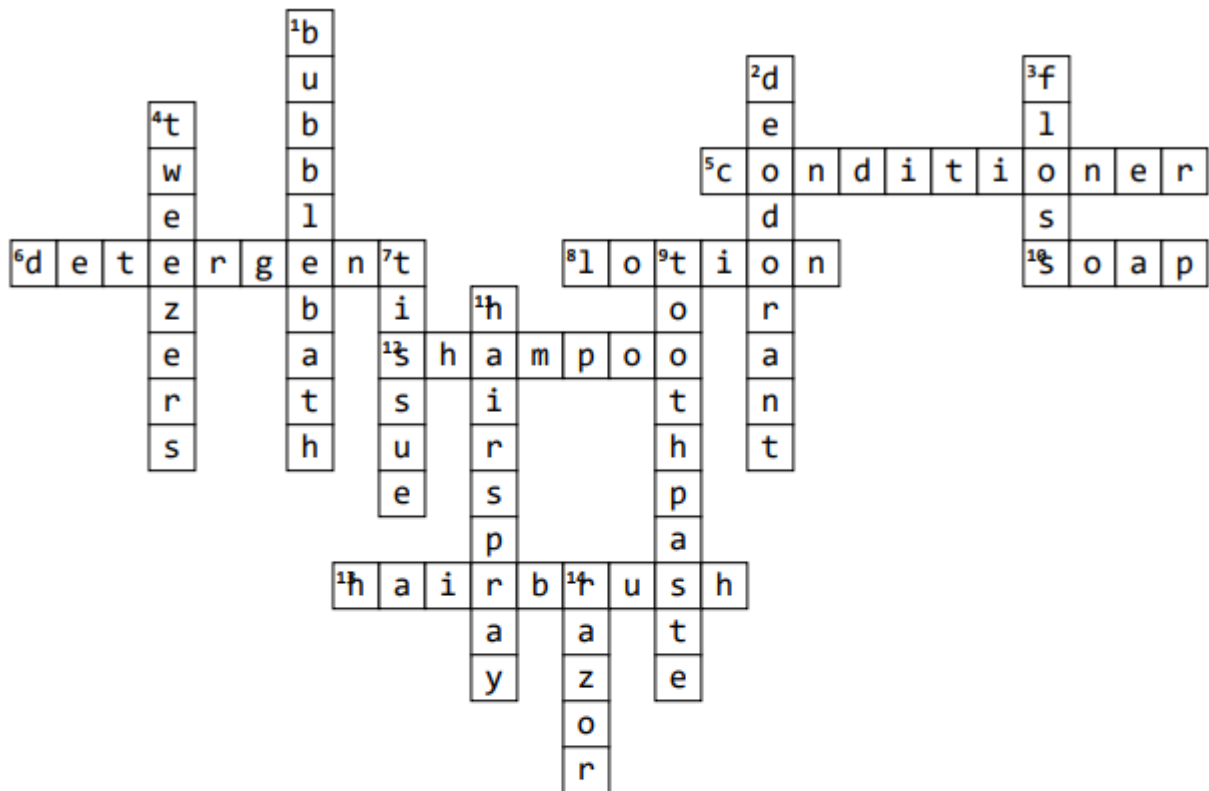
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- 3.** popular dance move from 2016
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Feeling Stuck? There are visual clues in the newsletter!

(hey- here's one!)



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