



# SALEM CHURCH

*God is still speaking*

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**July  
2026**

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



Rev. Matthew Hunt

Last week, I had the opportunity to fill in for David Schaffer at Salem Church's Loads of Love laundry ministry. Twice each month, volunteers gather at the laundromat at 8th and Broadway to help people wash and dry their clothes by providing laundry supplies and funds for the machines.

For many families and individuals, doing laundry is not as simple as tossing a load into a machine at home. The cost often comes out of money needed for groceries, rent, transportation, or other necessities. Loads of Love helps ease that burden and offers people the opportunity to care for themselves and their families with dignity.

One of the people I met that evening was a young man named Allen. He was well-spoken, neatly dressed, and carrying a large bag of laundry. He arrived shortly before we were scheduled to finish for the night. Mike Edwards explained that if Allen could get his clothes into the washers quickly, we would stay long enough to help with the dryers as well.

Allen got right to work.

While the washers were running, we talked. Sports came up, and Allen mentioned he was a Cardinals fan. Before long, we were all talking baseball and enjoying the conversation.

As we were preparing to leave, Allen asked once more which church we were from. Heidi told him, "Salem Church," and shared where we were located. Allen then said something that has stayed with me. He talked about visiting different churches over the years and how, at many of them, the message seemed to speak directly to his life and circumstances.

Heidi smiled and told him he would always be welcome at Salem.

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I drove home thinking about that conversation. We came to help people do laundry, but what Allen seemed to appreciate just as much was the simple human connection. Someone knew his name. Someone listened to his story. Someone treated him with kindness and respect.

That is what Jesus did wherever he went.

The Good News is not only something we proclaim. It is something we practice. Every time we offer a helping hand, share a conversation, welcome a stranger, or remind someone of their worth, we participate in Christ's work of love.

Loads of Love is one of those ministries that quietly changes lives, and it depends entirely on volunteers and supporters. We are always looking for people who might be willing to help on a Thursday evening, serve as a substitute when regular volunteers are unavailable, or simply be available as a backup when needed. You do not need any special skills—just a willingness to show up, be present, and extend kindness.

Thank you to everyone who supports ministries like Loads of Love through your time, prayers, donations, and encouragement. Together, we are helping make God's love visible—one conversation, one act of kindness, and sometimes even one load of laundry at a time.

Peace and Blessings, Pastor Matt



**Save the Date!**  
**October 2nd– 4th**  
**Church Getaway @ The**  
**Ursa Retreat House**



On the 5th of July, join Salem Church for a special **Christmas in July** worship service as we celebrate the birth of our Savior and remember that the joy of Christmas is for every season. While it's definitely too hot for Christmas sweaters, **Christmas earrings, ties, festive shirts, and other holiday accessories are encouraged!**

Enjoy beloved Christmas carols, a special Christmas message from Rev. Dr. Kelly Johnson, and the reminder that God's love comes to us in every season of life.

**Come celebrate the good news of Emmanuel—God with us all year long!**

## Coffee Hour Schedule

*Give us this day our Daily Drip*

### July


7/5 Carol, Ric, Judy, and Connie  
 7/12 The Deege's and The Goehl's  
 7/19 Debbie, Cindy, and Charlie  
 7/21 The Moran's and The Hellige's

### August

8/2 The Edwards Family  
 8/9 The Spory Family  
 8/16 The Stitt Family  
 8/23 Catherine V, Linsey, and Victoria  
 8/30 The Simmons' Family

### [NO Pop-up Choir Rehearsal for July](#)

**We'll be back in August with the Re:Charge Pop-up Choir**

<b>Salem United Church of Christ</b>				
<b>Operating Account - 2026</b>				
Month	Income	Expense	Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	YTD Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets
Jan	\$ 14,433.71	\$ 25,038.23	(\$10,604.52)	(\$10,604.52)
Feb	\$ 8,880.86	\$ 26,096.42	(\$17,215.56)	(\$27,820.08)
Mar	\$ 31,379.07	\$ 26,703.04	\$4,676.03	(\$23,144.05)
Apr	\$ 11,695.96	\$ 23,761.00	(\$12,065.04)	(\$35,209.09)
May	\$ 9,131.59	\$ 29,970.38	(\$20,838.79)	(\$56,047.88)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 75,521.19</b>	<b>\$ 131,569.07</b>	<b>(\$56,047.88)</b>	<b>(\$56,047.88)</b>
Amount Used from Endowments to Cover Deficit				

# Dates To Remember

## **Saturday, July 4th**

No Saturday Meal

## **Sunday, July 5th**

9:00am Salem Worship

No Re:Charge

## **Wednesday, July 8th**

5:15pm Connections Ministry Meeting

6:00pm Caring Ministry Meeting

6:00pm Property Task Force and Resource Ministry

## **Thursday, July 9th**

4:00pm Loads of Love

## **Saturday, July 11th**

10:30am Paws & Prayers Pet Food Distribution

11:30am BJ's Café– Saturday Meals

## **Sunday, July 12th**

9:00am Salem Worship

9:40am A/C Meeting in Sanctuary

10:15am Youth and Adult Re:Charge

## **Saturday, July 18th**

11:30am Health Fair/ Toiletry Distribution

11:30am BJ's Café– Saturday Meals

## **Sunday, July 19th**

9:00am Salem Worship

10:00 Sundae Sunday

10:15am Youth and Adult Re:Charge

## **Newsletter Deadline**

## **Thursday, July 23rd**

4:00pm Loads of Love

## **Saturday, July 25th**

11:30am BJ's Café– Saturday Meals

## **Sunday, July 26th**

9:00am Salem Worship

10:15am Youth and Adult Re:Charge

## **Wednesday, July 29th**

6:00pm VMST

## **It's BACK.... SUNDAE SUNDAY!!**

The Tri-State area's BEST Ice Cream bar, this side of the Mississippi.

## **Sunday, July 19th during fellowship**

You need it? We got IT! Spoons, vanilla, chocolate, sprinkles, sherbert, strawberries, chocolate chips, whipped topping, brownies.. The list goes on and on and on...

**See you there!**

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## July 2026 Birthdays

7/7 Janice Winn

7/8 Taylor McIntosh

7/9 Connie Mowen

7/9 Dottie Spilker

7/11 Jeffrey Johnson

7/13 Rich 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

7/31 Marilyn Wiesenborn

## July 2026 Anniversaries

7/5 Val & AJ Simmons

7/17 Laurie & Lee Charity

7/21 Sheryl & Paul Goehl

7/29 Sue & Steve Ippensen

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!!!

Let this be known far and Wide!

**Special Congregational A/C Meeting**

Sunday, July 12th IMMEDIATELY following service (meaning stay in your seats after the prelude)

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

**Special Summer Music Program**

**Do you play an instrument?**

**Do you like to sing?**

Salem would love to hear you during service!

**See Jeannie Kanauss to sign up!**



The Salem Caring Ministry sends a BIG THANK YOU to all our intrepid cake makers for Cake O'Clock! Our smorgasbord was made possible by these glorious volunteers.

But, no smorgasbord is complete without the generous cake eaters. In the words of Sir Winston Churchill, " Never was so much consumed by so few."

Way to be, Salem Church!

Deadline

July 19th



Elementary/Grade School List

- |                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| 3 – 2 pocket folders             | 2 – Expo wide tip dry erase markers             |
| 3 – <b>Composition</b> notebooks | 1 – 10 ct. box Crayola classic wide tip markers |
| 1 – plastic pencil box           | 10 – Ticonderoga sharpened pencils              |
| 1 – pair of scissors             | 1 – pink eraser                                 |
| 1 – bottle white school glue     | 1 – box Crayola colored pencils                 |
| 4 – glue sticks                  | 1 – 12" ruler                                   |
| 1 – 24 ct. box Crayola crayons   | 1 – thick Expo dry eraser                       |

**We already have all the backpacks!**

Please only purchase what is on this list.

**Place your items in the school bus in the interlink or on the cart by the office!**

## Scenes from Awesome Appetizers

We all enjoyed the fierce friendly competition brought about by Awesome Appetizers. There were so many dishes to choose from including fruit pizza, veggie pizza, Hawaiian ham slams, bitterballen, and spinach artichoke Greek dip.

Thank you to everyone who participated!



1st place- AJ Simmons' spinach dip

2nd place— Linsey Laughlin's Hawaiian ham slams

Group picture

Denise Eastman, Sharon Higgins, Jeannie Kanauss, AJ Simmons, Linsey Laughlin, Martha Deege, Carol Hillebrenner, and Catherine Verneti

