



Salem Lutheran Church

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A Reconciling in Christ Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

*for those with
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After
Pentecost*

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9:30 AM*



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Gathering

GATHERING READINGS

As you prepare for worship, we encourage you to read and reflect on these lessons.

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

Psalm 78:23-29

So God commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven,
raining down manna upon them to eat and giving them grain from heaven.

So mortals ate the bread of angels; God provided for them food enough.

The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens and powerfully led out the south wind,
raining down flesh upon them like dust and flying birds like the sand of the seas,
letting them fall in the midst of the camp and round about the dwellings.

So the people ate and were well filled, for God gave them what they craved.

GATHERING SONG

Morning Has Broken

*(as found in the ELCA worship books
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 556 and Worship & Praise # 98)*

Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning, God's recreation of the new day!

Text: based on Genesis 1.5, Isaiah 58.11, & Hosea 6.8 by Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-1965

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Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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Performance by Christ Church, Pelham, NY, 04/24/21

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*by professional choristers Tonna Miller Vallés, Jann Degnan, Jeffrey Hoffman, & Simon Cram
with members of the parish choir Jeff Bodenmann, Linda Gerra, Mboti Kisob & Margaret Young
Jeffrey Hoffman, organist & director of music.*

Recording, photography, and video production by Jeffrey Hoffman with assistance from Jabea Kisob.

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as found at this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1_axkavJikU [3:03]

*Performance is an excerpt of a live concert at Trinity United Methodist in Huntsville, AL
where Diane Bish joined by a combined choir, conducts and performs her composition*

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Please note that here we go live on Facebook.

WELCOME

Welcome in the name of the one God and Creator of all, who is above all & through all & in all! Just think about that for a minute – God is ABOVE all, THROUGH all, and IN all – and that means God is above you – not as up there, but as in above you in authority – and God is also in you and working through you – and that’s AWESOME!

Thank you for joining us today! Thank you, those of you who are here in person with us! And thank you, those of you out there in cyber space, wherever – and whenever! – you are!

For those of you who don’t know me,
I’m Pastor Marjo Anderson of Salem Lutheran Church in Bridgeport, CT.
To find out more about our ministry or to contact us,
you can go to our website SalemBridgeport.org,
to our Facebook page, SalemBridgeport,
and to our YouTube channel, Salem Lutheran Church, Bridgeport CT.

Links to our donate page and worship bulletin –
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If you walk, or run, or bike, please make your steps count
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and let me know how many miles you walked in July.

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and together we have already walked over 87,000 towards our 200,000 mile goal,

That means we need to up our game by about 30%, so PLEASE join our team!

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Now as we begin our worship, will you pray with me?

God, we come together today to give you thanks and praise!

We thank you for being our loving heavenly parent
who wants only the best for us and for each one of your children.

We thank you for your Word that teaches us how to live together –
with humility and gentleness, with patience and peace,

and with love that puts aside our own desires in deference to you and to those to whom you send us.

We thank you for forgiving us when we fail.

We thank you for working in us even through our failures to accomplish your perfect will.

Open our minds and hearts and spirits this day to love that will transform our lives.

We pray this in the name of Jesus and by the power of the Spirit. Amen

OPENING SONG

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*Performance by the Choir and Congregation of First-Plymouth Church, Lincoln Nebraska,
accompanied by the FPC Celtic Band, on 01/25/15*

Arr. Craig Duncan

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Word

READINGS

John 6:24-35

You may stand for the reading of the Gospel if you so desire.

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “... you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures....” Then they said to him, “What work must we do for God?” Jesus answered them, “Simply trust the One God has sent”. So they said to him, “Then what sign can you give us so we may trust you? ... Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat’.” Then Jesus said to them, “It was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is God who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I AM the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever trusts me will never be thirsty”.

Ephesians 4:1-16

You may be seated.

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.... ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors, and some teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro.... ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

¹⁷Now this I affirm and insist on in the Lord: you must no longer live as the Gentiles live, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of their ignorance & hardness of heart.... ²⁰That is not the way you learned Christ! ²¹For surely you have heard about him & were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus. ²²You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self... ²³and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil.... ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

SERMON

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *You may stand for the Prayers if you so desire.*

Rooted in Christ and growing in the Spirit,
we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

So they can be heard online, these petitions will be offered by the leaders at the microphones.

For the Church of Christ in all its diverse forms.

For mission developers, new mission starts,

and all communities of faith exploring new models of ministry for the sake of the gospel,
especially Genesis Gospel Café, Cathedral in the Night, and The Intersection.

For congregations challenged to reach beyond their walls & share their faith in words & deeds.

For our mission partners, especially today for Camp Calumet Lutheran & GROUP workcamps,
and for Salem members and families, especially those celebrating birthdays this week:

Bryan DeWalt, Cindy Roberts, Kaitlyn Rosa, and Diane Tomasko.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the health and well-being of creation.

For shade trees that provide refuge from the hot summer sun.

For lakes, rivers, and oceans contaminated by pollution and all who lack clean water,
especially those in municipalities underfunded due to structural racism..

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those called to positions of authority in our legal system, we pray.

For an end to the prison pipeline of oppressive municipal policies

that lead to those from disadvantaged backgrounds to become incarcerated.

For judges, lawyers, law clerks & court employees who ensure the fair administration of justice.

For corrections officers and prison chaplains,

that they would deal mercifully with those who are incarcerated.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who cry out to you in their affliction.

For exiles, immigrants, refugees, and others

who flee oppression and undertake long and difficult journeys despite the risks
in hope of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

For all who grieve the death of a loved one, especially the family of Bob Bureau..

For all who are sick, especially Barbara, Bud, Cindy, Darth, Dolores, Eron, Grace, Hazel,
Justin, Ryan, Steve, Sue, and all we name in our hearts.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who have been raised to eternal life, we give thanks.

With all the saints we praise you for the bread of life that keeps us in your love forever.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You are invited to offer your own prayer petition at this time, either silently or aloud.

The pastor concludes:

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Thanksgiving

LORD'S PRAYER *You may stand for the Lord's Prayer if you so desire.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

OFFERING PRAYER *You may stand for the Offering Prayer if you so desire.*

Jesus, you said, "Give and it will be given to you...
for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

**Give us the confidence to cheerfully give
our tithes and offerings of time, talent and treasure to your work in this place,
trusting that you will provide abundantly for all our needs.
We pray this in the power of your Spirit. Amen**

OFFERING INVITATION *Please be seated.*

In response to God's grace,
it is our joy to return to God our tithes and offerings.
We are grateful for your generosity,
which not only is an exercise of and witness to your faith,
but which funds our ministry together here at Salem.

If you are worshipping with us,
we encourage you to give to your home congregation first,
but invite you to contribute to our ministry also
so that we can continue to take our worship online
as a witness to the power and love of the amazing God we serve.



Simply go to the menu on our website at SalemBridgeport.org and click "donate"
or scan the QR code here in our Sunday worship program
with a QR reader on your smart phone which will take you to that page.

OFFERTORY SONG

Awake, O Sleeper

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Thank you.*

Awake, O sleeper, arise from death, abandon the shadows of night;
the wind of the spirit shall be your breath, and Christ will fill you with light.

Once you were darkness, once you were lost in the shadows.
Once you were darkness, now you are children of light.

Awake, O sleeper, arise from death, abandon the shadows of night;
the wind of the spirit shall be your breath, and Christ will fill you with light.

Live as God's people, live as God's justice and mercy,
filled with compassion, filled with the power of love.

Awake, O sleeper, arise from death, abandon the shadows of night;
the wind of the spirit shall be your breath, and Christ will fill you with light.

Shine out with the splendor of love, shine with justice and righteousness.
Sing the music your spirit has heard, the songs of glory and light.

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the wind of the spirit shall be your breath, and Christ will fill you with light.

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Performance by St. Mark's Lutheran Winnipeg, 03/30/20

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Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THANK YOU and BLESSING

Before we end the live-streamed portion of our worship, I want to especially thank those of you out there in cyberspace who have worshipped with us. I hope you will join us again. If you'd like to know more, or if you'd like to talk or pray together, you can reach me through our website or Facebook.

As we are in the middle of our sermon series on Ephesians, let me offer all who are worshipping with us this blessing from chapter 3, verses 20-21 of that book:

Now to the One who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to that One be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen

Here ends our Facebook live stream.

Meal & Dismissal

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *You may stand if you so desire.*

Blessed be the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen**
Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

**God, we have failed to be the people you have called us to be.
We think back on those times
when we have hardened our hearts against the transforming power of your love...
when we have held onto bitterness and anger...
when we have blamed others for our own failures...
when we have spoken ill of others behind their backs...
when our thoughts and words and actions have torn down the body of Christ...
when we have withheld our time and talent and treasure from your work in this place...**

**Forgive us for our failings, dear God.
Draw us into deeper relationship with you through prayer and the power of your Word.
Make us gentle and humble of heart,
forgiving one another and bearing with one another in love,
making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, ✠ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen**

COMMUNION *Please be seated.*

God be with you!	And also with you!
Open your hearts!	We open them to God and one another!
Let us give thanks to the God of all!	It is right to give God thanks and praise!

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest and let these gifts to us be blessed.
Blessed be God, who is our Bread; may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen

The body of Christ given for you.
The blood of Christ shed for you.

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If you take the elements inside the church,
open the kit over the pew to prevent spilling on the carpet.
After the service, please dispose of your own kit
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The body & blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you & keep you in divine grace! **Amen!**

SENDING SONG

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**We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:**

Refrain: **And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. (Refrain)**

**We will work with each other; we will work side by side.
We will work with each other; we will work side by side.
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. (Refrain)**

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son;
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one: (Refrain)**

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with Amara Clough, vocals; Steve Fahnestock, bass; Casey Johnson, director of photography;

Mike Dubbert, drums; Chris Kremer, guitar; Alex Jowanovitz, titling/lyrics; Ken Holdt, piano

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3EBSHVUTHOU> [3:22]

To connect more with our ministry here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church: www.goodshepherd.com

To connect with our online worship, of which this video was a part of: www.goodshepherd.com/worship

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, forgiving others as God has forgiven you.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE They'll Know We Are Christians [see above for text & copyright details]

*Performance by Cantate Domino Choir of the Singaporean Catholic parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour,
05/06/18*

as found at this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n7gz_bgFqF [1:40]

Announcements

You may have been vaccinated, but please bear in mind that not everyone is able to receive the vaccine due to their health condition. The more cautious we are, the healthier those around us will be. As Christians Jesus calls us to love our neighbor, so, please, let's all do our part to end this pandemic. It's not about how safe WE feel, but about how safe we make OTHERS around us feel. Thank you for doing your part to help keep all at Salem as safe as possible!

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Sunday Worship Services – We are now doing in-person worship with live-streaming to Facebook. *Weather permitting, we will be worshipping outdoors as much as possible this summer, so please bring a lawn chair if you can, or you are welcome to sit at the picnic tables.*

It's not too late to make your steps count! If you walk, or run, or bike, please join Calumet's Walk the Walk 2021. Here's how:

1. "Walk the Walk 2021" began on July 1 - BUT...YOU CAN STILL JOIN AND REPORT THE MILES YOU ALREADY DID! It ends on August 31. Each registrant is \$25 (which is actually a donation from you to Calumet!).

2. To register go to: <https://www.calumet.org/giving/walkthewalk> When you register sign up for "TEAM God at the Center". Everyone gets an official Walk the Walk 2021 T Shirt. Dogs get an official Walk the Walk 2021 bandana!

3. Pastor Marjo is your Team Captain. Four times during the 62-Day walk, she will gather mileage from every TEAM member and report the total miles to Calumet. As you as you register email her your miles from July 1-15 at marjoanderson@aol.com.

4. As of July 16th, over 50,000 miles have been walked. All together, Calumet hopes to reach 200,000 miles in the 62-Day period - July & August! If they reach 200,000 miles walked, another hunk of dollars (amount not yet known) will come to Calumet by a group of Angel Donors. During early August, each participant will have the chance - if they wish - to invite friends & family to support them with one-time gifts to Calumet in support of their "Walk the Walk 2021". If everything works perfectly, Calumet will raise at least \$106,250 from "Walk the Walk 2021." How cool is that!

Wednesday at 12:00 noon we meet on zoom for prayer. You can pray out loud if you want, or you can simply ask others to pray for you or for the concerns on your mind or heart.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82882777326?pwd=VCtObFRPOGI3cTR3elll2ZmtiZEpadz09>

Meeting ID: 828 8277 7326 Passcode: 688740

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Wednesday at 6:30 we meet on zoom to learn how God's Word deepens our life of faith.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85048710511?pwd=NWIxeTFwRkRUbXRmN3k1N2hvQWl6Zz09>

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The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport ENCOURAGES ALL MEMBERS of our congregations to join in their Raising the BAR (Becoming Anti-Racist) 2021

Summer Series via ZOOM. This summer we will join in facilitated conversations on Jemar Tisby's new book, How to Fight Racism. You are welcome to attend any or all of the 5-part series. every other Thursday. Each session is from 7:30-9:00 pm. **The remaining dates are: 8/12 & 26. Register here:**

<https://ccgb.salsalabs.org/summerserie2021/index.html>

You will receive the Zoom link a week before the first session. The Zoom link will remain the same for all sessions. Check out the reviews for Tisby's book here:

https://www.google.com/books/edition/How_to_Fight_Racism/G7bWDwAAQBAJ?hl=en&gbpv=1&printsec=frontcover

The next Salem and Friends Breakfast & Faith Discussion, sponsored by the Salem Men, will be held the 2nd Saturday of September at 8:00. Please join us...and invite a friend!

Let's stay connected! Pastor Marjo and Salem's Office Manager, Karl, work primarily from their homes but generally come in once a week to take care of tasks that cannot be accomplished remotely. If we can help in any way, please know that you can call Salem's church office at 203-330-3300 and leave a message and your message will be picked up remotely and your call returned. **Please also do not hesitate to call or text Pastor Marjo at 203-982-3441.** Please contact your Parish Nurse Carol if you would like to call, or send a card or note to one of our shut-ins. Carol will let you know if the person would prefer a call or a note. If you have extra cards that you do not need, please let Carol know.

THANK YOU!!! – Even though our staff works primarily from their homes, our ministries (and the expenses to fund those ministries) continue. We are grateful for everyone who continues to give their tithes and offerings to our work here at Salem. We are also grateful to those who have taken advantage of the opportunity to give online, especially to sign up for regular weekly or monthly donations. Every gift no matter how small is appreciated and will enable us to continue to do God's work in this place. If you'd like help signing up for online giving please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Marjo, Karl, Ray Anderson, Jean Larson, or Nancy Headford.

Upcoming Commemorations

Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), died 1221

Sunday, August 8, 2021

Dominic was a Spanish priest who saw the wealth of the clergy as a stumbling block for the church, so he formed a movement, the Order of Preachers (commonly called Dominicans) devoted to itinerant preaching and living in poverty.

Lawrence, deacon, martyr, died 258

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

As one of the seven deacons of the church at Rome, Lawrence was responsible for the church's financial matters and for the care of the poor. Asked by the emperor to gather the church's treasure, he presented a collection of orphans, lepers, and the like. The enraged emperor had him put to death.

Clare, Abbess of San Damiano, died 1253

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

A contemporary of Francis of Assisi, Clare and a growing number of companions established a women's Franciscan community, called the Order of Poor Ladies, or Poor Clares. She inspired other women to pursue spiritual goals.

Florence Nightingale, died 1910; Clara Maass, died 1901; renewers of society

Friday, August 13, 2021

Nightingale was born in England, and horrified her wealthy family by deciding to become a nurse. She led a group of nurses in ministering in the midst of the Crimean War, and worked for hospital reform. Maass, a native of New Jersey, was also a war nurse, and volunteered as a subject for research on yellow fever. She died of the disease.

Maximilian Kolbe, died 1941; Kaj Munk, died 1944; martyrs

Saturday, August 14, 2021

Father Kolbe was a Franciscan priest arrested by the Nazis and confined in Auschwitz. Kolbe gave generously of his meager resources, and finally volunteered to be starved to death in place of another man. A Danish Lutheran pastor and playwright, Munk strongly denounced the Nazis who occupied Denmark in the Second World War. His sermons and articles helped to show the anti-Christian nature of the movement.

The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport Names The Reverend A. Iona Smith Nze as its Next President & CEO

The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport is pleased to announce that after a nation-wide search, its Board of Directors has selected the Reverend A. Iona Smith Nze (of Bridgeport!) to serve as its the next President & CEO following the upcoming retirement of its current President & CEO, the Reverend Cass Shaw on June 30, 2021.

The Rev. Smith Nze has been the Senior Pastor of Bethel AME Church in Bridgeport since 2017 and will continue to perform certain pastoral duties at Bethel AME Church through spring of 2022. She has extensive leadership experience in public, non-profit and religious settings. Prior to her first pastoral assignment in 2007, the Rev. Nze managed a variety of outreach programs addressing crisis prevention, food insecurity and immigrant support. Throughout her sacred and secular careers, she has been a visionary thinker, gaining valuable experience in both managing budgets and raising funds. Having served on the Board of Directors of the Council for the past two years, she has a keen understanding of the Council's programs and the strategic partnerships and alliances that provide critical support. She is a gifted orator who holds the distinction in the First Episcopal District for preaching Annual Sermons in three Annual Conferences in under five years. She will be an exceptional spokesperson for the Council throughout the greater Bridgeport community where she is already an advocate through Congregations for a New Connecticut (CONNECT), the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Greater Bridgeport (IMA) – the predominantly black organization of congregations, of which Pastor Marjo is a part, that predates our predominantly white Council of Churches) – and FaithActs for Education.



With experience as pastor of a member congregation of the Council, The Rev. Smith Nze is deeply committed to strengthening ties with current members and connecting with new congregations. “The Board of Directors is confident that the Council will continue to thrive under the spirited leadership and direction of the Reverend Smith Nze, and is grateful to the Reverend Shaw for her outstanding service to the community over the past eight years,” said Board Chair Doug Varga.

The Council formally introduced the Rev. Smith Nze at its Annual Meeting held virtually on Thursday, June 17th.

New Directors elected are: Beswick Channer, Assistant Principal, Bassick High School; Father Reggie Norman, Priest, Our Lady of Fatima Roman Catholic Church; the Rev. Rhonda Taylor, Pastor, Golden Hill United Methodist Church, Bridgeport; and Carolyn Vermont, Community Liaison for Mayor of Bridgeport

Directors nominated for new term or office are: Aileen Brill, Esq., Christ and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Westport; the Rev. Curtis Farr, Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Fairfield; **and our own Bonnie McWain, of Salem Lutheran Church, Bridgeport**