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

*for those with
hearing challenges*

Sola Gratia
Grace Alone

Reformation
Day

Sola Fide
Faith Alone

October 31,
2021
9:30 AM

Sola Scriptura
Scripture Alone

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Gathering

Welcome!

At our Council meeting on Monday it was decided to move worship back indoors as the weather is growing cooler. It was also decided that properly worn masks will be required of everyone. The reason for this is that the combination of the vaccine's waning efficacy and the continuing emergence of new variants, have resulted in more and more breakthrough cases among the fully vaccinated, especially among those 65 and older. Although treatments continue to improve, many of these cases have been quite serious, requiring hospitalization. We are told the numbers are expected to rise this month and that another peak is expected in January. *If you received the Pfizer vaccine and are 65 or older and/or have comorbidities you are urged to get your booster as soon as possible. Those who received Moderna should be able to receive a booster soon – contact our Parish Nurse, Carol Lansing, for details.* No news yet on the Johnson and Johnson front. **Council also decided that since everyone will be masked, soft singing of hymns will be permitted.** While we know not everyone will be happy with this decision, please understand that whether it's about indoors vs. outdoors, masks vs. no masks, singing vs. no singing, there is simply no way we can please everyone. As Christians, however, it is our call to put aside our own preferences and focus not on our own desires, but on what God asks of us – which is to provide a place where even the most vulnerable in our midst feel safe. We have too many attendees with comorbidities and too many who are in contact with unvaccinated grandchildren to be less than cautious. Thank you for your understanding and your support.

Give thanks with a grateful heart – This past year has been full of challenges for each of us personally and for Salem as a congregation. But God has been with us through all of it. Over the next several weeks, let's reflect on the things for which we are thankful. In your bulletin is a slip of paper; please fill that out and deposit it in the offering box. We will collect these thoughts, post them on a board, and include them in the next week's prayers. (Those who are not worshipping in person can participate by emailing your thankful thoughts to salemsec123@sbcglobal.net so we can include them.)

The next Sunday Night Alive Inter-Church Event will be held THIS AFTERNOON at 3:00 pm in-person in our Salem Lounge. We'll watch the movie, "Pilgrims Progress", and then discuss it. This adaptation of John Bunyan's powerful and life-changing classic story is a film you won't want to miss. Written over 340 years ago when Bunyan was in prison, the story has been smuggled to the underground church during communism, banned for a time in China, and has sold more copies than any other book other than the Bible. The story is about a man who discovers a book which prompts him to escape from his own city of destruction, and to journey towards a celestial city ruled by a good and noble King, meeting friends and foes along the way. Please join us as we learn and laugh and love, building relationships grounded in the joy of the Lord!

Thank you to those who donated to the Greater Bridgeport's CROP Walk. Pastor Marjo walked and a total of \$280 has been contributed by generous members of Salem thus far.

PRELUDE

Ein Feste burg ist Unser Gott BMW Cantata 80

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Vss 1, 5 & 6 Choruses for SATB

German Text

1, Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott,
Ein gute Wehr und Waffen;
Er hilft uns frei aus aller Not,
Die uns itzt hat betroffen.
Der alte böse Feind,
Mit Ernst er's jetzt meint,
Groß Macht und viel List
Sein grausam Rüstung ist,
Auf Erd ist nicht seinsgleichen.

5. Und wenn die Welt voll Teufel wär
Und wollten uns verschlingen,
So fürchten wir uns nicht so sehr,
Es soll uns doch gelingen.
Der Fürst dieser Welt,
Wie saur er sich stellt,
Tut er uns doch nicht,
Das macht, er ist gericht',
Ein Wörtlein kann ihn fällen.

6. Das Wort sie sollen lassen stahn
Und kein' Dank dazu haben.
Er ist bei uns wohl auf dem Plan
Mit seinem Geist und Gaben.
Nehmen sie uns den Leib,
Gut, Ehr, Kind und Weib,
Laß fahredahin,
Sie habens kein' Gewinn;
Das Reich muß uns doch bleiben.

English Translation

1. A secure/solid castle is our God,
a good defense and weapon:
He helps us free out of all need [trouble],
Which us presently has struck.
[Which has forcefully become
the object of our concern or worry]
The old evil foe,
he means it earnestly now.
Great might and much guile
are his horrible war equipment,
On earth is not his equal.

And if the world full of devils were
And wished us to devour,
So worry we yet not so much,
Things should for us yet succeed.
The prince of this world,
how sour [stern, fierce] he acts;

The Word they shall allow to stand
and no thanks for it have
(being forced to allow the Word to stand).
He is with us well on the plain [battlefield]
with his Spirit and gifts.
Take they from us the body [life],
Goods, [good] name [reputation or honor],
child, and wife,
Let [If] all [these] depart
They have [still] no winnings;
the Kingdom must to [for] us yet remain.
Yet he does nothing to us,
that adds up to [means] he's been judged [i.e.
tried and convicted]
A [or One] tiny [or mere] word can fell him.

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*Performance by UCLA Chorale & Chamber Orchestra, Rebecca Lord, Conductor, 03/12/11
as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wY5rfNet9zg> [11:03]*

Please note that here we go live on Facebook.

WELCOME

Welcome in the name of the God

who continues to create our lives and the world around us moment by moment,
who continues to redeem our every failure, our every fault, our every faithless act,
and who continues to transform our hearts and minds and spirits
so that we can be all that we were created to be!

It is so good to be here!

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 –
which has both the order of worship and announcements – as well as other resources
are included on our website at SalemBridgeport.org/Live.

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and for weekly Bible Study Wednesday 6:30-7:15,
followed by a brief service of Holy Communion.**

Links are on the calendar on our website at Salembridgeport.org under the Resources Tab.

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

Amazing, Abundant, and Awesome God,

we are here to praise you for who you are and to give thanks for all that you do!

Thank you for creating us and all that exists!

Thank you for sending Jesus who in word and deed showed us the way, the truth and the life!

Thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to connect us with you in a bond of love!

Thank you for touching Martin Luther's heart in a way
that totally transformed his life and his ministry!

As you set his heart ablaze with a passionate desire to share your love and power with the world,
so set our hearts ablaze this day, that we, too, may be the instruments
in the continual reformation of your church.

We pray all this in the Name of Jesus and by the Power of the Spirit. Amen

OPENING SONG

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship books,
This Far by Faith # 133 and Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 504)*

As long as everyone is masked, you may sing softly.

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.**
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.**
- 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.**
- 4 God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!**

*Text: based on Psalm 46, Matthew 12:29, Mark 3:22-27, Mark 5:1-20, Luke 11:14-23,
John 2:1-11, by Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship;
Meter 8 7 8 7 6 6 6 7*

Music: EIN FESTE BURG by Martin Luther

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Word

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD”, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD....

PSALM 46

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;
behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

"Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

John 8:31-36

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

SONG OF THE DAY Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

(as found in the ELCA worship books

With One Voice # 687, This Far by Faith # 103, and Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 401)

As long as everyone is masked, you may sing softly.

**Gracious spirit, heed our pleading; fashion us all anew.
It's your leading that we're needing; help us to follow you.**

Come, Come, come, Holy Spirit, come. Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

**Come to teach us; come to nourish those who believe in Christ.
Bless the faithful; may they flourish, strengthened by grace unpriced.**

Come, Come, come, Holy Spirit, come. Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

**Guide our thinking and our speaking done in your holy name.
Motivate all in their seeking, freeing from guilt and shame.**

Come, Come, come, Holy Spirit, come. Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

**Not mere knowledge, but discernment, nor rootless liberty;
turn disquiet to contentment, doubt into certainty.**

Come, Come, come, Holy Spirit, come. Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

**Keep us fervent in our witness, unswayed by earth's allure.
Ever grant us zealous fitness, which you alone assure.**

Come, Come, come, Holy Spirit, come. Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

Text: based on John 16.7-15 & 1 Corinthians 12.4-11

by Wilson Niwagila; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922; Meter C M and refrain

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AFFIRMATION *You may stand if you so desire.*

Let us affirm our faith together.

**We believe in YHWH,
creator of all that is and shall be,
redeemer of all that is less than it could be,
sustainer of our living, our loving, our being,
three in one and one in three.**

**We believe in an all-powerful Creator
who loves us like an affectionate father
and nurtures us like a devoted mother.**

**We believe in Jesus,
who manifested divine power in human form
and showed us how to do the same,
who loved God with all his heart and soul and mind and body,
who gave all he had, willingly suffering and dying in obedience to God's will,
because he trusted the God
who keeps every promise,
who makes a way where there is no way,
and who works miracles,
bringing light out of darkness,
love out of hatred,
life out of death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit
who calls to each heart,
who gathers us into the family of God,
who enlightens our minds,
engages our hearts,
and empowers our spirits
to share in word and deed what we have been given.**

**We believe in love: the nature of God, a gift unsurpassed,
but a mystery only fulfilled when all else is relinquished.**

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

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth,
we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

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

We pray for all who long for a word of truth and for the radical grace that flows from the cross.
Inspire congregations to freely and boldly proclaim your love for all people
with persistence and hope.

We pray for our mission partners, especially today for Camp Calumet Lutheran,
and for Salem members and families, especially those celebrating birthdays this week:

Steve Kuczo, and Nancy Kidwell,
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for your creation – for mountains, rivers, streams, cities, homes, and neighborhoods.
Write in our hearts a new love and care for creation.

Give us the will to curb wasteful habits & to hold accountable those who neglect the vulnerable.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray that the right to vote be made equally accessible to all adults
you have brought to live in this country, and that all who have that right, exercise it.

Work through those who are elected and all who govern
that they might love kindness, do justice, and walk humbly with you.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who long for healing in mind, body, or spirit, especially
Barbara, Dolores, Eron, Frank, Grace, Steve, Sue, and all we name in our hearts.
Strengthen hospitals, clinics, counseling centers, nursing homes, and recovery centers
to be holy spaces of renewal that all might live the abundant life you intend.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who seek to grow in faith and love of you.

Awaken our hunger to know you more,
drawing us irresistibly to prayer and Bible Study and discussions of faith

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for all the saints and reformers, especially the Twelve, the Apostle Paul,
John Wycliff, Jan Hus, Martin Luther, John Calvin, Huldrych Zwingli, William Tyndale,
and Albrecht Durer, who now dwell in your holy habitation.

As you set their hearts on fire, so set ours,
that we may burn with a desire to share your love and power with everyone we meet
and so be willing instruments in your continuing reformation.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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

The pastor concludes:

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands;
through Jesus Christ, our truth and life. **Amen**

Thanksgiving

LORD'S PRAYER

You may stand 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 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 a member of another congregation,
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 SOLO

Grace

Chorus

I ask You How many times will You pick me up
When I keep on letting You down
And each time I will fall short of Your glory
How far will forgiveness abound
And You answer My child I love you
and as long as you're seeking My face
You'll walk in the pow'r Of My daily sufficient grace

Verse 1

My heart is so proud My mind is so unfocused
I see the things You do through me
As great things I have done
And now You gently break me
Then lovingly You take me
And hold me as my Father
And mold me as my Maker

Verse 2

At times I may grow weak
And feel a bit discouraged
Knowing that someone somewhere
Could do a better job
For who am I to serve You
I know I don't deserve You
And that's the part that burns in my heart
And keeps me hanging on

Bridge

You are so patient with me Lord

Verse 3

As I walk with You I'm learning
What Your grace really means
The price that I could never pay
Was paid at Calvary
So instead of trying to repay You
I'm learning to simply obey You
By giving up my life to You
For all that You've given to me

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Performance 10/31/21 – Solo, Marjo Anderson

Accompaniment track by JB Tones and Melodies, 10/11/20*

Guitars Drums & Keyboards audio record

made possible thru BandLab & Bias FX2 guitar effects.

as found at this link: [use.https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ImPO7Umzoec](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ImPO7Umzoec)

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Sending

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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 conclude our Facebook Live portion of our service

let me offer all who are worshipping with us this blessing:

May God move in your heart by faith,

that you may know God, embraced by God's love and sustained by God's power.

Here ends our Facebook live stream.

Meal & Dismissal

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.

*During communion, you may take your communion elements during worship
or hold on to your kit until you get home.*

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 either in a waste receptacle at church or at home.

The body & blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you & keep you in divine grace! **Amen!**

SENDING SONG

Shine, Jesus, Shine

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship books,
With One Voice # 651, This Far by Faith # 64, Worship & Praise # 123,
and Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 671)*

As long as everyone is masked, you may sing softly.

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining:
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth you now bring us
shine on me, shine on me.**

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!**

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story
shine on me, shine on me.**

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
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*Text: based on Isaiah 60:1-11, Matthew 17:1-9, Mark 9:2-9, Luke 9:28-36, 2 Corinthians 3:12-18,
by Graham Kendrick, b. 1950; Meter 9 9 10 10 3 3 and refrain*

Music: SHINE, JESUS, SHINE by Graham Kendrick

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace.

May Jesus shine in your heart and may the Spirit set your heart on fire
to share the news that the God who can do anything loves you!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott BWV 720

Bach, J. S.

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Oct 21, 2020

Performance by Mark Brombaugh, Organist, 10/21/20

Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma, WA, christchurchtacoma.org

Kathryn Nichols and Mark Brombaugh, Co-Directors of Music

[https://christchurchtacoma.org/music/...](https://christchurchtacoma.org/music/)

Organ by John Brombaugh & Associates, Eugene, OR, Op. 22, 1979/89

as found at this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m_BBtg7ZLCQ [3:39]

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Reformation Day

Sunday, October 31, 2021

By the end of the 17th century, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther's posting of the 95 Theses, a summary of abuses in the church of his time.

At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free.

All Saints Day

Monday, November 1, 2021

The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century.

All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ.

On this day or the following Sunday, many congregations will remember the faithful who have died during the past year.

Martín de Porres, renewer of society, died 1639

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Martín was the son of a Spanish knight and a freed black slave from Panama.

As a lay brother in the Order of Preachers (Dominicans),

he engaged in many charitable works in Lima, Peru.

He founded an orphanage, a hospital, and a clinic for cats and dogs.

Announcements

On Tuesday, please remember to vote, not only because it's our civic duty, but in order to demonstrate our gratitude for the freedom we have in this country to worship God as we feel called to do.

Please join us for weekly prayer Wednesday at noon and celebrate see and hear how God is working among us answering our prayers.

Link is on the calendar on our website at Salembridgeport.org under the Resources Tab.

You are also invited to weekly Bible Study Wednesday 6:30-7:15, followed by a brief service of Holy Communion. The upcoming schedule is as follows:

November 3, 10, 24, and December 1 – we'll spend one week reviewing each of the gospels.

(No class 11/17 – Thanksgiving break)

December 8 & 15 – we'll spend 2 weeks looking at the Christmas story in the gospels.

(No class 12/22 & 29 – Christmas break)

January – we'll begin our study of the book of Acts, a time when the church and the world were in some ways quite similar to the church and the world today.

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The next Salem and Friends Breakfast & Faith Discussion, sponsored by the Salem Men but open to ALL, will be held Saturday **November 13th** at 8:00 am. Please join us...and invite a friend! Volunteers to help prepare breakfast welcome to come at 7:00 am. Thx!

The baptism of McKenzie Marie Kemp, daughter of Paul Baronavski and Amy Kemp, scheduled for October 9th has been postponed until November 13th, due to quarantining because a classmate contracted RSV. We pray for the child who came down with the virus, and pray that all of her contacts stay safe and healthy.

You won't want to miss the next Inner-View Chat'n'Chew on Thankfulness as we have some inspiring speakers scheduled to appear! So please add this zoom meeting at 11:00 am Saturday November 20th to your calendar.

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UniteCT - Emergency Rental Assistance for Connecticut's Economy - The UniteCT Program is administered by the Department of Housing on behalf of the US Treasury. UniteCT provides up to \$15,000 rental and electricity payment assistance on behalf of Connecticut households financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. UniteCT is stabilizing CT's rental housing market by financially supporting those households up to 80% of HUD's Area Median Income (AMI) - Select [here](#) for an interactive AMI map. Tenants and landlords use the UniteCT Rent Relief software to submit their own sections of the application creating a unique case file for decision making evaluation. UniteCT will provide continued rental and electric utility assistance to eligible households until all funding has been committed. There is no current end date of the program.

For more info, go to: <https://portal.ct.gov/DOH/DOH/Programs/UniteCT>

You must first register to get an email invitation to start your application. Paper applications will not be accepted. Do you qualify for UniteCT funding? If you need to share your eligibility status with a new landlord or court, check your eligibility by taking this survey at <https://portal.ct.gov/DOH/DOH/Programs/UniteCT---Survey> and print the results for your records