



Salem Lutheran Church

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

***Day of
Pentecost***

***June 5, 2022
9:30 AM***



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Welcome

On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.

Salem is still recommending masks, especially for singing. We know that some are only comfortable coming into a place where people are masked, and we want to provide an environment where everyone feels safe. Case numbers are rising and the latest variant is even more contagious than Omicron and its successor. While the current variants may cause only mild symptoms in most people, those who are older and who have underlying conditions remain at risk for more serious illness, including long Covid. There is also a 20% chance of even a mild case of Covid developing into more serious long Covid. We will continue to re-evaluate based on what happens with the pandemic and what the latest advice is concerning singing protocols.

The Color of Compromise: Sacred Conversations on Race and the American Church. The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport's Raising the BAR (Becoming Anti-Racist) team invites you into sacred conversations in a safe space to talk about the history of race and the American Church. Though the series will span 11 weeks, each session covers a distinct topic, so you're welcome to attend as many as you wish. Guided by the book *The Color of Compromise*, a video series by its author, Jemar Tisby, and the CCGB's capable and dedicated team of facilitators, the series moves chronologically from America's colonial past to today's Black Lives Matter movement. *The Color of Compromise* is not about shaming or blaming but rather opens our eyes to a history hidden, unknown, or ignored by White Christians and calls us to take seriously what the Bible teaches about human dignity and equality. As members of the whitest denomination in the US, this is an opportunity for those of us at Salem to learn and grow. The next two sessions will cover "Institutionalizing Race in the Antebellum Era" (May 19th) and "Defending Slavery at the Onset of the Civil War" (May 26th). For more information or questions about Raising the BAR programming, please contact Paula Coccozza at Paulacoccozza@ccgb.org or online at <https://ccgb.org/rtb> or speak with Pastor Marjo, Sandra Brown, Nancy Headford, Bill Winter, or Tom Larson.

The New England Synod meets this week 12:30 Thursday – 1:00 Saturday at the DCu Center in Worcester, MA for its 2022 Assembly, "Collaborate, for Christ's Sake!"

Can't make it to Synod Assembly? Watch the live-stream at: <https://vimeo.com/event/2155259>
And please keep our synod in your prayers that all it does might be to the glory of God.

Salem's Summer Semi-Annual Meeting will be held IN-PERSON after worship on Sunday, June 19. All members should plan on attending.

Please note that on June 26th we will be worshipping with and at Grace Lutheran Church, 150 Chapel Street, Stratford. More details forthcoming.

Our tentative plan for summer worship is to meet in the picnic grove whenever weather permits, beginning July 3rd.

Gathering

GATHERING SONG Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

(as found in the ELCA worship book Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 800)

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art; And make me love thee as I ought to love.

Hast Thou not bid us love Thee God & King? All, all Thine own soul, heart & strength & mind.
I see Thy cross there, teach my heart to cling. O let me seek Thee and O let me find.

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love. One holy passion filling all my frame.
The baptism of the heaven descended dove, My heart an altar and Thy love the flame.

*Text: based on Matthew 3:13-17, 22:37; Mark 1:8-11, 12:30, Luke 3:15-22, 10:27, Romans 8:26
by George Croly, 1780-1860; Meter 10 10 10 10*

Music: MORECAMBE by Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841-1897

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Performance # 1 by 16 Singing Men - Dick Anthony

as found at this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wvoa_WfBy-o [2:10]

Performance # 2 by Biola University Chorale Alumni, 08/08/20

Arranged by Loren Wiebe

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=piUHVTZchYE> [2:15]

- 1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart, and make me love you as I ought to love.
- 2 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no op'ning skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.
- 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling. Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
- 4 Teach me to love you as your angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame:
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Performance # 3 by Sue Nixon with Walt Wagner, 10/12/15

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as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OeZcdxKKzOU> [3:13]

Please note that here we go live on Facebook.

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

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You may stand if you so desire.

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Word

Please be seated.

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES: Genesis 11:1-9

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly”. And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth”. Yahweh came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the LORD said, “Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another’s speech”. So Yahweh scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there Yahweh confused the language of all the earth; and from there Yahweh scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Word of God! Word of Life! **Thanks be to God!**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

How manifold are your works, Yahweh!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,

living things both small and great.

There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them; they gather it;

you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are terrified;

when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;

and so you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of Yahweh endure forever;

Yahweh, rejoice in all your works.

You look at the earth and it trembles;

you touch the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to Yahweh as long as I live;

I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine please God.

I will rejoice in Yahweh.

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Hallelujah!

Word of God! Word of Life! **Thanks be to God!**

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, [*the apostles*] were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine”.

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “People of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

Word of God! Word of Life!

Thanks be to God!

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS: John 14:8-17, 25-27

You may stand if you so desire.

Philip said to [*Jesus*], “Lord, show us God, and we will be satisfied”. Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen God. How can you say, ‘Show us God’? Do you not believe that I am in God and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but God who dwells in me is the One performing the works. Believe me that I am in God and God is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to God. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that God may be glorified in Me. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask God, and God will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees nor knows the Spirit. You know the Spirit, because the Spirit abides with you, and will be in you.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom God will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

Word of God! Word of Life!
Thanks be to God!

You may stand if you so desire.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH for the season of Pentecost

Let us affirm our faith together.

Through the Holy Spirit God created the heavens and the earth.

Inspired by the Spirit of God we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord of our lives.

We believe there are many gifts, but the same Spirit.

There are many ways of serving, but the same Lord.

There are many sorts of abilities, but it is the same God

who activates all of them in everyone for the sole purpose of doing God's will.

To each child of God is given an expression of the Spirit for the common good.

Through baptism in the Spirit, God confers the gifts of

wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge

and awe at God's boundless power and joy in God's endless love.

The Spirit also manifests in such gifts as healing, prophetic insight,

speaking in tongues, extraordinary ability, witness, and service.

The Spirit's living presence in us is demonstrated by our fruits:

love & joy, peace & patience, faithfulness, goodness, kindness, gentleness & self-control

all of which are activated by one and the same Spirit,

who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses,

to the glory of God and the joy of humankind. Amen

PURPOSE STATEMENT

As members and friends of Salem Church, let us remind ourselves who we are:

We are a community of Christian disciples called by the Holy Spirit.

In response to God's transforming love, we share our joy through praise and service.

May it be so!

Amen!

LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

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

Holy Living One, Holy Moving One, burst open our locked doors,
and by your Spirit drive us out into the world proclaiming your mighty deeds.
Direct our words and actions, trusting the Advocate abiding in and among us.
We pray for our mission partners,
especially today for the Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport
and the Interdenominational Ministerial Association of Greater Bridgeport.
We pray for Salem members & their families,
especially Sandra Brown, celebrating her birthday this week.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Feed and care for creatures that remain hidden to us
yet contribute to the vibrancy of your creation.
Train us to interact with creation from a place of wonder, awe, and reverence.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Send your Spirit to places where language is a barrier to justice & mercy for those who seek it.
Bless the work of translators, interpreters, and teachers.
Promote understanding for the sake of those longing for true freedom and peace.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort all who live in constant fear and any who are suffering or grieving, especially Barbara, Bernedette, Bill, Dolores, Frank, Grace, Henry, Iris, Jocelyn, Jonathan, Kristin, Linda, Lou, Maria, Marija, Moses, Steve, and the families and friends of Chuck Figlar and Lou Papp, and all we name in our hearts.
Remind them that your Spirit has made them your children
and that they are never far from your glory.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide all bishops, pastors, missionaries, and other ministers of the gospel.
Foster our relationships with partner synods and local ministry partners,
that our visions and actions are Spirit-led.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gather your people across regions, nations, and lands.
Root our common life in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ,
and by your Spirit bind us together with all the saints who have gone before us.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

Thanksgiving

OFFERING PRAYER

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 SONG

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

(as found in the ELCA worship books This Far by Faith # 101 and Worship & Praise # 129)

As long as you are masked, you may sing softly. You may stand if you so desire.

**Spirit of the Living God Fall fresh on me
Spirit of the Living God Fall fresh on me
Melt me mold me Fill me use me
Spirit of the Living God Fall fresh on me**

CCLI Song # 23488;

*Text: based on John 20:22, Acts 2, Romans 8:26, 1 Corinthians 2:12,
Galatians 5:16-25, & Ephesians 5:18 by Daniel Iverson, 1890-1977; Meter 7 4 7 4 8 7 4
Music: IVERSON by Daniel Iverson, 1890-1977*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, THANK YOU AND BLESSING

Here ends our Facebook live stream.

Meal & Dismissal

CHOIR ANTHEM

Go into the World

Natalie Sleeth

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

You may stand if you so desire and make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known & from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for all people, and for Christ's sake God forgives all who truly repent of their sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by Christ's authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **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 & 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 and 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!**

(as found in the ELCA worship books Renewing Worship # 152)

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**Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down;
O Comforter and Friend,
how we need your touch again;
Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down;
let your power fall,
let your voice be heard,
come and change our hearts
as we stand on your word;
Holy Spirit, rain down.**

**No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
no mind can know what God has in store.
So open up heaven, open it wide,
over your church and over our lives.**

(Repeat song as desired.)

**Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down;
O Comforter and Friend,
how we need your touch again;
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Holy Spirit, rain down.**

Rain down, rain down. *(Repeat as desired.)*

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace, filled with the Spirit, and witness to the awesome things our God has done!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Holy Spirit, Rain Down

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O Comforter and Friend, how we need your touch again;
Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down;
let your power fall, let your voice be heard,
come and change our hearts as we stand on your word; Holy Spirit, rain down.

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Performance by Middle Church

[to learn more about Middle Church and our Art & Soul Worship Celebration visit:
<http://www.middlechurch.org>],

with arr.by J. Del Cueto,

featuring Allison Mickelson and the Middle Community Chorus, Allison Mickelson, solo,
as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ujd74OFZvAo> [3:37]

Announcements

The next breakfast and faith discussion will be held on June 11th at Grace Lutheran Church, 150 Chapel Street, Stratford, at 8:00 (7:00 to help cook).

Please join Jeanette Harris and Genesis Gospel Café at the next Inner-View Chat'n'Chew, the third Saturday of the month at 11:00 am. Details forthcoming.

CT CityFest is a region-wide movement focused on serving the region and proclaiming the Good News. It came about as a result of years of prayer and planning by dozens of leaders in Fairfield and New Haven Counties and the surrounding Southwestern Connecticut area. The vision is to see the Christian community come together in greater unity, service, and proclamation – showing the community the joy, peace, and love of Jesus Christ. Over 130 churches and ministries have already committed to share hope and love through this movement which is focused on encouraging unity and collaboration across all communities, denominations, and ethnicities. Most impressively, this collaborative effort spans both the racial divide as well as the divides between Evangelicals and Mainline Protestants & Roman Catholics. Together, as the Body of Christ, we want to celebrate and accelerate the work of the Church, helping further influence culture, change lives, and inspire other cities.

CityFest has already begun with the launch of **CityServe**, a massive effort to mobilize churches to serve our region's greatest needs, providing support for those needing Adoption & Foster Care, better Education, and freedom from Food Insecurity. It will culminate with a series of outreach events strategically designed to share the love of Jesus with key groups of people in our community, including university students, business/civic leaders, women, and those who are incarcerated.

Some of the events include:

June 9 Relationship Evangelism, 7 pm at Black Rock Congregational Church

The session will be recorded and available afterwards.

For more info go to <https://www.cityfest.org/relationship-evangelism>

June 11 Festival Friend Training, 10:30 am at Cathedral of Praise

June 23 Discipleship Gathering, TBA

July 25-29 Park City SummerFest Vacation Bible Camps (in both English and Spanish sponsored by CityServe, FaithActs, Elevate, Faith & Education Coalition, Rise to Read, and local congregations) for kids age 4 and up, 12 to 4 pm at Washington Park, with additional camps will be held at satellite locations throughout the summer.

July 30, SummerFest celebration with awards for kids to get families connected with churches, 11 am – 2 pm at Washington Park.

Aug 27-28 CityFest, an outdoor, family festival to celebrate this amazing effort and share the Gospel with thousands through the ministry of the local churches brought together by the Luis Palau Association. For more info, go to <https://www.cityfest.org/whatiscityfest>, or speak with Pastor Marjo, Sandra Brown, Nancy Headford, Bill Winter, or Cindy Roberts.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS to the CityServe Foster Care Donation Drive!

Nancy Headford dropped off all of our donations on Tuesday. Thanks to you, children in foster care will have toiletries, toys, clothes and gift cards!

Welcome to WONDROUS WEDNESDAYS! On Wednesday we have 3 wonderful opportunities to live into our mission of Encountering God, Building Relationships, and Changing Lives. The links are all on the calendar on our website at SalemBridgeport.org under the Resources Tab.

*** First, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month through June, we begin with a Morning Bible Study on Galatians 9:30-11:00 on zoom, led by Grace Dukenski.** There is time for sharing before we launch into our study, and time for prayer at the end.

*** Every 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.

*** And finally, every Wednesday at 6:30 pm we conclude with an Evening Bible Study 6:30-7:30 on zoom, led by Pastor Marjo and Jeanette Harris.** Join this diverse and interesting group of people for a study that is not simply informational but transformational. We continue our study of the book of Acts, concluding at 7:15 with a brief service of Holy Communion. This past week we finished chapter 4 and will pick up with chapter 5 this week.

Let's stay connected! Much of Pastor Marjo's and Salem's Office Manager, Karl's work can be done from their homes, but generally Karl is here on Thursdays to take care of tasks that cannot be accomplished remotely, and Pastor Marjo is happy to meet with you in-person here should you so desire. 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. She would be MORE THAN HAPPY to hear from you!**

Thank you to Joe Bales for arranging for 2 refrigerators to be donated to 2 food ministries in our area, including one right here in this building! That's right – the Ephraim French Seventh Day Adventist Church which now owns the premises is eager to begin a food pantry and is looking to Salem to share its expertise. Thank you, too, to the men who moved the heavy equipment to its destinations!

Invitation from Joe Bales - As I'm sure you'll remember the Salem Food Pantry ended in early 2020 with the onset of the Covid 10 pandemic. It was a very disappointing period for Salem and personally for me as we had created a great community outreach program. While our pantry has been silent a small contingent of Food Pantry volunteers have continued to be involved in meeting the needs of the hunger challenged. Today seven men meet weekly at the Brooklawn Deli for fellowship — followed by picking up food from the Bridgeport Food Bank with delivery to the PTBarnum Food Pantry. The group consists of Dr. Peter Mitchell, Fred Schaefer, Bert Andren, Ray Anderson, Tom Larson, Charlie Beaver and myself. **YOU** are welcome to join us and as in the past we welcome your support through monetary contributions. Your donation should be directed to Feed The People Food Pantry, c/o Roberta Marson, 240 Hanson Avenue, Bridgeport, Ct 06605. Contact Joe Bales at 203-434-6308 for additional information.

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Boniface, Bishop of Mainz, missionary to Germany, martyr, died 754 Sunday, June 5, 2022

Boniface was a native of England who became a Benedictine monk and was called to missionary work among the Vandal tribes of Germany. With fellow workers, he established churches & schools & he also worked to reform the church.

Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, died 1866 Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Noah Seattle led a coalition of tribes, and convinced them to live peacefully with encroaching white settlers. When he became a Roman Catholic, he held morning and evening prayer with his tribe. The city of Seattle is named for him.

Columba, died 597; Aidan, died 651; Bede, died 735; renewers of the church Thursday, June 9, 2022

These three monks from the British Isles helped keep the light of learning alive during the Middle Ages. Columba founded three monasteries off the coast of Scotland. Aidan was a pastor who led people to works of charity. The Venerable Bede was a Bible translator, historian, and hymnwriter.

Barnabas, Apostle Saturday, June 11, 2022

Barnabas was not numbered among the twelve apostles, but the book of Acts gives him that title. After Paul was converted to Christianity, Barnabas welcomed him to Jerusalem, and later the two traveled together on missionary journeys.

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Be part of a HUGE community of people walking for Calumet by signing up for Walk the Walk 2022. It's easy! Everyone who registers (dogs are welcome, too) joins a TEAM. Lots of Congregations will have their own Congregation TEAMS (last year, there were about 70 congregations TEAMS). One person from the congregation will serve as TEAM Captain collecting miles periodically from all the TEAM Members ... and then the Captain will report the total miles of the whole TEAM to Calumet. It is wicked easy.



A Calumet TEAM might be a good option for people who aren't connected to a congregation. There are many fun options available. There are lots of great Calumet TEAMS like TEAM Campfire, TEAM Outdoor Chapel, TEAM Ice Cream Social, TEAM Jackman Ridge, and more. See the list when you register and pick a TEAM that seems like it's a good fit for you.

Each TEAM will have a Captain. We hope those serving as TEAM Captains in 2021 will volunteer to do it again. Congregations organizing a TEAM for Walk the Walk 2022 will want to identify one person who can serve as Captain. It's not a wicked hard job, by any means. But it's best if the Captain is good at sending, checking, and reading their emails.

During the summer you'll be contacted by your TEAM Captain who will ask you, "Hey, I'm going to report our TEAM's mileage so far this summer. How many miles have you logged?" TEAM members will be expected to log their miles four times throughout the 62 days of July and August. Mileage from July 1-15 will be submitted to Captains beginning on July 16. Mileage from July 16-31 will be submitted beginning August 1. Mileage trekked between August 1-15 will be shared with the Captain starting on August 16. And miles from August 16-31 will get to the Captain on September 1.

As the summer progresses, Calumet will hear from TEAM Captains who will be able to report their TEAM's mileage through a wicked easy Google Form (thanks to Amy Gillam O'Riley for her awesome leadership with this). Calumet will share the growing mileage total all summer long. The goal: 350,000 miles by the end of the day on August 31!

Calumet has a special Walk the Walk Facebook page which participants all over the place are invited to join. Though out the summer, there will be daily devotions, fun contests, photo sharing, and more. This Facebook group has been a fantastic way for people to get to know one another. We have a specific group of people led by Pat Mahoney with the job of managing the page and encouraging awesome connections – a la Calumet Nation!

Registration Starts on May 15, 2022! The registration fee is a \$25 donation to Calumet.

The link to register - <https://www.vancoevents.com/us/events/landing?eid=21571&>

GOOD NEWS IN YOUR CITY

LUIS PALAU ASSOCIATION

WHAT IS CITYFEST?

You care about your city. You want to see the Good News proclaimed and lived out to every individual. And you're working hard to make that happen every day. We want to join with you to cast an even bigger vision for long-term unity and collaboration in the Body of Christ . . . serving the city and sharing the clear message of Jesus Christ on a grand scale.

VISION

- **Growing unity** in the Body of Christ
- **Increased collaboration** among the churches to love and serve their community
- **Christians mobilized** to pray for the lost and invite their friends to know Jesus
- **Gospel proclaimed** on a grand scale

UNITY

- Set aside denominational differences to focus on evangelism
- Build bridges with other churches in the neighborhood to serve the community
- Grow relationships among church, civic, and corporate communities

MOBILIZATION

- **Prayer** – God's people mobilized to pray for their unbelieving friends
- **CityServe** – God's people mobilized to serve
- **Training** – God's people trained to share the Good News with family and friends
- **Invite** – God's people challenged to invite their unbelieving friends to hear the Good News

Get ready for CITYFEST, as the Luis Palau Association arrives in Bridgeport to work for long-term unity and collaboration within the Body of Christ so that together we can more effectively transform individual lives with the good news of God's power and love made known in Jesus Christ through the power of the Spirit, and also transform the entire city of Bridgeport and beyond by serving the needs of our neighbors.

Have you ever wished that the Christian Church could be more united? While the Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport has worked to unite primarily white mainline Protestant congregations and while the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Greater Bridgeport has worked to unite primarily black Evangelical and Pentecostal congregations, the Luis Palau Association comes equipped to unite all congregations across racial and denominational barriers. Just think what an impact we can have if we all work together! Stay tuned to hear more about CITYFEST!

In a time when the church is declining in membership, revenue, respect, and impact, the Luis Palau Association offers each congregation the opportunity to be part of a massive effort called CITYFEST to carry out our baptismal call not only "to proclaim the good news of God in Christ", but "to serve all people, following the example of Jesus". And as we work together, Christ will enable us to set aside denominational differences, build bridges between congregations, and develop relationships among church, civic and corporate communities. Stay tuned to hear how YOU can be involved in this exciting work of God.

Wondering how you can be involved in CITYFEST? If you are interested in action, CityServe will offer many opportunities, some new, some old. If you worry about your kids and grandkids falling away from faith, there will be training available to teach you how to share the Good News with family and friends. If inviting someone to a grand and exciting worship event is easier than individual conversations, you will have the opportunity to do just that. Or if you would simply like to help in a quiet way, you can join the hundreds of people who will provide the foundation of prayer on which this whole event will happen. In fact, begin praying now to see how God is calling YOU to be involved in CITYFEST!

CITYFEST WEEK

• Outreaches:

- Affinity events for women
- Special gatherings for business and civic leaders
- Prison outreaches

• Culminating Events:

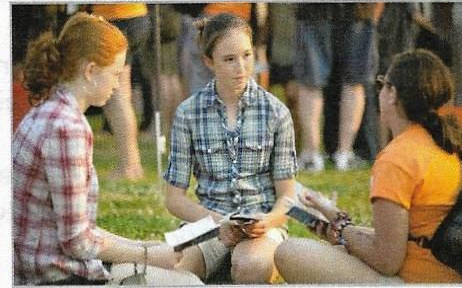
- 2-day CityFest in the heart of the city
- Andrew Palau presenting the Good News of Jesus Christ
- Well-known Christian musical groups
- Action sports
- Family Fun Zone

ONGOING IMPACT

- **Follow-up** – Collaborative effort between local churches and the Palau Association
- **Discipleship** – Face to face efforts as well as an email discipleship course managed by the Palau Association
- **CityServe** – Ongoing effort to continue building unity, collaboration, and good will throughout the region, focused on serving the city and sharing the Good News

Get ready because CITYFEST is coming! In addition to all the service opportunities we will have through CITYSERVE, we will also have the opportunity to participate in CITYFEST a week of outreach through gatherings for women, for business and civic leaders, and for those in prison. The week will culminate with a 2-day event in the heart of the city with worship that includes top-notch Christian musical groups and evangelist Andrew Palau preaching. And in addition to worship, there will be fellowship opportunities including Action Sports and a Family Fun Zone! Through our participation in this event God gives us 2 exciting opportunities – to build bridges which strengthen the work of all of our congregations in the Grater Bridgeport area and to invite family and friends to join us in a worship event unlike any we have seen in the area for years.

While serving people – feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, housing the homeless, welcoming the stranger, etc. – is a vital part of our Christian faith, it is only half of our call. You don't have to be a Christian to help those in need. And if all we Christians do is serve in silence, then those we serve will never hear about the amazing God we know and love.



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That's why the Luis Palau Association brings congregations to do both – to serve God through both Word and Deed. While bringing friends to CityFest could change their lives, such an experience is often just the first step in the journey. Following up to help people grow in their discipleship is the crucial next step. And of course the work of CityServe will continue for weeks, months, and years after CityFest. We invite you to start praying now that God would help all of the congregations in our city and its surrounding towns to realize that we are all part of the ONE holy Christian and Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ.

GOOD NEWS IN YOUR CITY

LUIS PALAU ASSOCIATION

STEPS OF INVOLVEMENT

PRAYER

Concerted prayer effort for our city and for those who have yet to trust Jesus

SERVE

Joining with other churches, organizations, businesses, and the civic community to meet the needs of the region

EQUIP

Receive tools and encouragement to reach out and speak with others about Jesus Christ

PROMOTE

Help publicize CityFest with a massive grassroots and marketing campaign that will reach a high level of visibility and awareness in the region

GIVE

Consider giving as an individual, as a business, organization, or church

PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Help proclaim the Gospel through affinity events and gatherings leading up to CityFest

FOLLOWING UP

Follow up with new believers referred to your church, helping them grow strong in their relationship with Jesus Christ

CONTINUE

Continue the Gospel Movement in the region through unity, word, and deed

www.palaufestivals.org/greater-bridgeport

God has been working through many organizations larger than local congregations to nurture people's bodies and souls. The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport (primarily white mainline Protestant congregations) and the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Greater Bridgeport (black Evangelical and Pentecostal congregations) are 2 such organizations. Some congregations have set up their own non-profit organizations like nOURish BRIDGEPORT (United Church of Christ), FaithActs (Pastor William McCullough of Russell Temple) and the Mount Aery Development Corporation (Mount Aery Baptist Church). And there are other organizations having a big impact as well, such as the NAACP of Greater Bridgeport which received an award for being the most active chapter in the state. But imagine what can happen if all of these organizations, all of the congregations affiliated with them, and all of the other unaffiliated congregations were to work together! That's why the Luis Palau Association is coming to our city – so that we can do together what none of our congregations or organizations can do separately. Look over the many ways to get involved and pray to see how God is calling YOU!

