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

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Pentecost*

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Welcome to Worship!

We want you to feel safe so please know that we have 3 units of the best air cleaner on the market in the sanctuary. **And we also have one running here in the lounge for when we have coffee hour or adult forums there.** Also, you are most welcome to wear a mask at worship if you'd like.

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to do even greater works than he! We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study has resumed and the time is now 7:00 as we study 1 Corinthians 1-4. The study is inspired by the book, Basic Christian Leadership: Biblical Models of Church, Gospel and Ministry by John Stott. As you know, Paul wrote to congregations who were facing challenges, and so we will be listening to how God is speaking to congregations today through Paul's words. What does it mean that the Bible is the inspired Word of God? How do we discern God's wisdom which is completely different from what seems reasonable and rational to us? This week we'll continue looking at 1 Corinthians 2 and begin chapter 3. **If you are interested in Salem's future, we do hope you will take this opportunity to join us!**

The JOURNEY continues! How did your Lenten and Easter disciplines go? Maybe you've done well, maybe you've done so-so, and maybe you've failed miserably – or maybe your results have been mixed. Whatever your success or failure, remember that the purpose is to establish NEW healthier habits of body, mind, heart and soul. And that's an ongoing task. **If you've done well, continue! If you haven't, well, now we have the entire 6 months of the Pentecost season to try again!** *Maybe after Pastor Marjo actually joins a gym & loses enough weight to fit into her pre-pandemic clothes, she'll reach the end of her journey... ;) but until then, you can still...*

- 1. Get your annual "spiritual"** – just the way you get your annual physical.
Call or text Pastor Marjo at 203-982-3441 to arrange a time to discuss how you are, and let her know how she can pray for you.
Or if you prefer to use email to set something up, send your email to salemsec123@sbcglobal.net.
- 2. Call in to our prayer line at 681-999-0232, using access code 673980#, at noon Mon-Fri** for a brief time of prayer.
You can remain silent and anonymous, ask for particular prayers, or offer your own prayers.
- 3. Begin a Pentecost fast** or establish a new healthier habit.
- 4. Commit yourself to some new work of charity and one new work of justice.**
If you're not sure what to do, Pastor Marjo can offer suggestions.

There will be NO WORSHIP HERE at 3160 Park Avenue next Sunday. Instead we invite Salem members to join Grace Lutheran Church, 150 Chapel Street, Stratford, for their 9:30 service.

You are invited to the Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport's annual worship and meeting on Tuesday, June 6th at 6:00 at Golden Hill United Methodist Church, 210 Elm Street. Our very own Pastor Marjo will be the preacher for the evening.

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?
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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

Welcome, in the name of God whose Spirit moved at the beginning of Creation!

Welcome, in the name of Jesus who asked God to send us the Spirit!

And welcome, in the name of the Spirit who not only walks WITH us, but desires to live IN us!

Welcome, and happy Pentecost!

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 am Pastor Marjo Anderson of Salem Lutheran Church in Bridgeport, CT in the US.

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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As preacher for the evening, I would love for you to be there!

Any other announcements? prayer requests? God-sightings? Then let's begin worship w/prayer!

God, you are so good! All that we are and all that we have comes from you!

Thank you for calling us to be your people!

Thank you for gathering us together as your people here at Salem!

Thank you for enlightening our minds through the hearing and studying of your Word!

Thank you for sanctifying us by drawing us deeper into relationship with you through prayer!

Thank you for keeping this congregation for the past 135 years!

Thank you that you have a plan & a purpose, not only for each one of us, but for this congregation!

And thank you for being a faithful God who has fulfilled, is fulfilling, & will fulfill every promise!

Pour your Spirit into us and so transform our bodies, minds, hearts & spirits right here & right now.

We pray all of these things in the name of Jesus and by the power of the Spirit. Amen!

OPENING HYMN Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

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Word

Please be seated.

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT: Numbers 11:24-30

Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!” And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

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, O LORD!

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, & 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 the LORD endure forever;

O LORD, rejoice in all your works.

You look at the earth and it trembles;

you touch the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the LORD 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 the LORD.

Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!

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A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

St. Paul writes: No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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

A READING OF THE GOOD NEWS: Acts 2:1-21

You may stand if you so desire.

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, “Men 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 9:00 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.

In those days I will pour out my Spirit even upon my slaves, both men and women;

and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above & signs on the earth below, blood, & fire, & 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!**

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 *(updated by Council in June of 2019)*

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,
that we may encounter God, build relationships, and change lives.**

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

Please be seated.

United in the hope & joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, & all in need.

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

Passionate God, you sent your Spirit through the gifts of fire, wind, and word.

As you, on that Pentecost, equipped the disciples for their work,
equip us to bring the good news to all those who need you.

We pray for our mission partners, especially today for Lutheran World Relief,
Lutheran Disaster Response & the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's World Hunger
Appeal. We pray for proper and competitive compensation to retain and attract
the best teachers for the children of Bridgeport and all public schools in Connecticut.
And we pray for Salem members and their families, especially those celebrating birthdays
last week and this week: Karen Andrews and Michael Caragol.

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

Restoring God, wind and flame bring life and destruction throughout the world.

We pray for those who work with wind energy, for migratory birds,
for protection for lands facing destructive fire, for forestry managers and firefighters.
Open us to your Spirit that your power might work through us to renew the face of the earth.

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

Ever-present God, your spirit embraces all.

Send your spirit of understanding to those who work with immigrants, refugees,
and any experiencing language barriers.

Bless the work of translators, ESL teachers, ambassadors, and international peace organizations.
Open us to your Spirit that your power might work through us
to welcome all those fleeing war, violence, famine, drought, and economic devastation.

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

Merciful God, you anoint us with your spirit.

Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers
as they care for those in need.

We pray for all who seek your comfort, especially Ann, Barbro, Barry, Boni, Cliffy, Dave, Dave,
David, Dennis, Diane, Diane, Dick, Dolores, Dorothy, Eric, the family and friends of Isabelle,
Jacob, Janice, Jeff, Jim, Joe, Joey, John, Karen, Pastor Kari, Katherine, Linda, Liz, Marija, Natalie,
Natasha, Natasha, Pastor Paul, Pastor Paula, Pastor Ruth, Sara, Sara Jean, Steve, Tyler, and VL and
all those we name in our hearts and on our lips.

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

Generous God, you impart a variety of gifts.

Set aflame the desire to learn from one another, especially those who differ from us.
Make your presence known through the social ministry and advocacy work for justice
of the Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport, the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance,
and all congregations in the Greater Bridgeport area.

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

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

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you,
almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen 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

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Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THANK YOU

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.

BLESSING

As we say good-bye to our online worshippers,

I'd like to offer this blessing to all who are worshipping with us, both in-person and online:
based on the alternate gospel appointed for today, John 7:37-39
Jesus said, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink."
Then into your heart will flow the Spirit and out of your heart will flow love and joy! Amen

Here ends our Facebook live stream.

Meal & Dismissal

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies, and keeps us in the one true faith. **Amen**

God's love is infinite and unconditional.

As individuals we have only to accept it and live in its light.

The moment we confess, we are forgiven.

As together we gather for worship, so together we confess our sins as our community,
and together we are forgiven, restored, and made new.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, we confess:

**that too often we focus on the things we lack,
that too often we are attached to our own personal agendas,
that too often we insist on doing things our own way,
that too often we are oblivious to the needs for justice around us.**

God who has heard our confession both forgives and forgets every failing. **Amen!**

Loving God, teach us:

**to see your amazing abundance rather than any lack,
to listen more - to you and to each other - and to talk less,
to trust in your power and not our own,
to build relationships with those who are not like us.**

God who has given us the will to do these things †
graciously gives us the power to perform them. **Amen!**

COMMUNION

Please be seated.

God be with you!

Open your hearts!

Let us give thanks to the God of all!

And also with you!

We open them to God and one another!

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)

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

**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.)

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

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Holy Spirit, Rain Down

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<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]

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Announcements

The Klein announces “Aretha – A Tribute”! at 7:30 Thursday 1 June at the Klein Memorial Auditorium, 910 Fairfield Avenue. Experience the Queen of Soul’s Greatest Hits with the majestic sounds of the New Haven Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Principal Pops Conductor Chelsea Tipton, II, and featuring special guests, Broadway’s Capathia Jenkins, and 3-time Grammy nominee Ryan Shaw. Enjoy Aretha Franklin’s biggest hits including Amazing Grace, RESPECT, Think, A Natural Woman, and Chain of Fools, plus music of Stevie Wonder, Ray Charles, Carole King, James Brown and more. For tickets: TheKlein.org | 800-424-0160,

Worship Locations for June

We are a congregation that gathers to worship God and receive God’s word. We are a congregation that loves God and are sent to witness to and serve God’s people. Where we gather together is not as important as that we do gather together to worship, learn, witness, and serve. We worship as Salem in the Ephraim French SDA Church building at 3160 Park Avenue in Bridgeport, CT. *There will be no service at 3160 Park Avenue on Sundays when our congregation will be worshipping with other congregations.*

Please mark your calendar for the location & times of our worship services through June:

June 4	9:30	at Grace Lutheran Church, 150 Chapel Street, Stratford
June 11	9:30	at 3160 Park Ave, Bridgeport (<i>Adult forum</i>)
June 18	9:30	at 3160 Park Ave, Bridgeport (<i>Semi-annual meeting</i>)
June 25	9:30	at 3160 Park Ave, Bridgeport

You are invited to a benefit concert for Ukraine relief presented by Christian Aja, classical guitarist, next Sunday, June 4, at 3:00 pm at Stratford United Methodist Church, 2600 Main Street, Stratford. 100% of the proceeds will go to Methodist Global Ministries/UMCOR Account Advance #982450-Ukraine. The sanctuary is air conditioned and totally handicapped accessible. For more info, you may call the church office at 203-375-5851.

Salem is sponsoring monthly Food Collections at the following times & places:
June 17 for Operation Hope at Stop & Shop on Kings Hwy Cutoff in Fairfield
The Monday morning team that helps at Bishop Jean Williams Food Pantry will help deliver the collections on the following Mondays. See Richard Lansing to sign up!

Thank you for your contributions to Salem's Food Assistance Fund! While we may not have our own food pantry anymore, some of our members and others are still in need of food and Pastor Marjo distributes \$25 stop and shop cards as needed, requested and as available. We encourage you to donate to Salem's food assistance fund. You can give using the envelopes found in your quarterly envelope packet or you can put a check in the donation box marked "food assistance." In addition, you may send a check to the office or drop it in church mailbox or give it or cash to Pastor Marjo. You can also give to the fund online by **clicking on this link**. or go to our website, SalemBridgeport.org, click on Donate, and then fill in your amount under "Food Pantry Donation".

If you'd like to do more than feed people, you can also contribute to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund which is used to help members who have other financial needs.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THE DIAPER & WIPE DRIVE! We needed \$1,320 to meet our goal, and thanks to God's goodness and your generosity, we not only met it, but went over by \$60, which we have donated to nOURishBRIDGEPORT! God is good! All the time!

THANK YOU ALSO TO THOSE WHO SUPPORTED THE 49th ANNUAL CROP WALK IN GREATER BRIDGEPORT! Thanks to Cindy Roberts (our captain), Susan Murphy and Wes Murphy and their 2 dogs, and Pastor Marjo for walking, and to all who donated money to this effort for a total of \$620 which will go to feed hungry people locally and globally.

nOURish BRIDGEPORT's Hydroponic Farm is now open to the public. Hours are Monday and Wednesday 11 to 1. Come purchase leafy greens & herbs at 1895 Stratford Ave, Stratford.

The Connecticut Hospice, Inc. is accepting applications for new volunteers! Our patients and families are in need of your care and support. If you have an interest in companionship, light housekeeping or making meals, please contact Joan Cullen, Director of Volunteers at 203-315-7510.

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 or send an email to SalemSec123@sbcglobal.net. **Please also do not hesitate to call or text Pastor Marjo at 203-982-3441 or email her at marjoanderson@aol.com. She would be MORE THAN HAPPY to hear from you!**

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Jiri Tranovský, hymnwriter, died 1637 **Monday, May 29, 2023**
Tranovský is considered to be the father of Slovak hymnody as well as an important reformer of the Slavic church. He translated the Augsburg Confession (the basis of Lutheran teachings) and published a collection of Slovak hymns.

Visit of Mary to Elizabeth **Wednesday, May 31, 2023**
This festival marks the occasion when Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visited her cousin Elizabeth who was herself pregnant with John. Elizabeth pronounced Mary "blessed among women," and Mary responded with the song called the Magnificat.

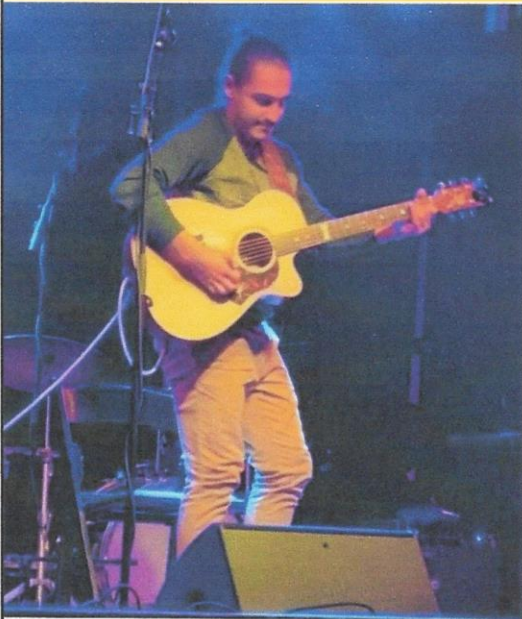
Justin, martyr at Rome, died around 165 **Thursday, June 1, 2023**
Born of pagan parents, Justin was influenced by an elderly Christian in Ephesus. He became a teacher of philosophy and the Christian faith. Jailed for practicing an unauthorized religion, he refused to renounce his faith and was beheaded.

The Martyrs of Uganda, died 1886 **Saturday, June 3, 2023**
On June 3, 1886, thirty-two young men were burned to death for refusing to renounce Christianity. The confident manner in which these Christians went to their deaths contributed to a much stronger Christian presence in Uganda.

John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, died 1963 **Saturday, June 3, 2023**
When elected pope, the former Angelo Roncalli was expected to be a short-term caretaker. He showed great spirit, though, and convened the Second Vatican Council which helped bring great changes to Roman Catholic and other churches.

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BENEFIT CONCERT



Christian Aja

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Sunday June 4 3:00 PM

**Stratford United Methodist Church
2600 Main Street**

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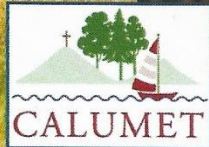
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