



Salem Lutheran Church

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

*11th Sunday after
Pentecost*

*August 13, 2023
9:30 AM*



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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.

Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the peace of God that soothes our fears. Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. The psalmist reminds us that God speaks peace to those who have faith. St. Paul proclaims, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved". And when the disciples face a great storm on the sea and cry out with fear, Jesus says, "Take heart, here I AM; do not be afraid". No matter what storms swirl around you, the God of power and love comes to you with peace.

Dear Salem Family,

I wanted to let you know that per the direction of the congregation at the semi-annual meeting, we contacted Pastor Maria Hammons, the synod's Consultant for Congregational Mergers and Holy Closures; and per the direction of the council at its June meeting, we contacted Ms. Kim Bergstrand, Associate to the Bishop, responsible for (among other things) Radical Revitalization and New Mission Starts. It was decided that Pastor Maria and Kim would meet together with Pastor Marjo and me, as well as Jeanette Harris, since she is already involved in mission development in Bridgeport and is closely connected with Salem.

At that meeting Pr Maria and Kim agreed to come lead an adult forum at Salem following worship and a short coffee hour TODAY August 13th.

I hope you are as excited as I am to see where the Spirit of God is leading us!

Blessings,

Cindy Roberts, President

Calumet's Walk the Walk 2023 -- "On the Road Again!" BEGINS TODAY! This year's theme is, "On the Road Again!" because 2023 will mark the return of partnership between Walk the Walk and Reach the Beach. Learn more by visiting www.calumet.org/ontheroadagain and then please...

- 1. REGISTER** (\$25 tax-deductible fee) for Team Salem, Bridgeport by going to <https://www.calumet.org/giving/ontheroadagain> ;
- 2. WALK** (bike, hike, or swim) **beginning July 30** ; and
- 3. REPORT** mileage to Pastor Marjo on **August 15, August 30, and September 16.**

The total mileage goal will depend on the total number of registrants.

Also, Calumet is asking that every single congregation pick an option:

Option 1 – Be a sponsoring congregation of "Calumet 2023 -- On the Road Again"

by providing an Angel Donor gift by September 16 which will support the Annual Fund.

Option 2 – Identify one or more people (members of the congregation or not) to Walk the Walk as a way of representing their congregation in this big event.

Option 3 – Both options 1 and 2!

Gathering

GATHERING SONG Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

Verse 1 You call me out upon the waters The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery In oceans deep my faith will stand

Chorus 1 And I will call upon Your name And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Verse 2 Your grace abounds in deepest waters Your sov'reign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail & fear surrounds me You've never failed & You won't start now

Interlude Oh and You are mine oh

Bridge Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger In the presence of my Saviour

Interlude Yeah yeah yeah yeah Oh Jesus yeah my God

Chorus 2 I will call upon Your name Keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in Your embrace I am Yours and You are mine

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*Vocalists: Whitney Anderson, Grace Christensen, Rosie Durland, Grace Ibarra,
Augustine Larsen, Skylar Mertz, Kate Miller, Claire Quigley, Brittan Wawro;*

Artistic director: Scott Shattuck; Producer: Scott Shattuck; Executive producer: Ben Fales

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Performance #2 by The Fellowship, 11/08/18

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Performance #3 by Sam Sohmer, 04/12/20

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K4n039ka3NQ> [3:13]

Please note that here we go live on Facebook.

WELCOME

Welcome, in the name of God who promises peace to his people,
in the name of Jesus who brings peace in the midst of storms,
and in the name of the Spirit who grows in the faithful the fruit of peace.

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 you are – and whenever you happen to watching!

We want to especially welcome Pastor Maria Hammonds, synod consultant,
and Ms. Kimberly Bergstrand, associate to the bishop, who have joined us today!
Pastor Maria will be preaching, and after worship and a short coffee hour,
she and Kim will meet with us to help us as we continue to discern where God is calling Salem.
Thank you for making the trip to be with us today!

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
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- 1 Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
- 2 O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid the storm didst sleep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
- 3 O Holy Spirit, who didst brood upon the chaos dark and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease, and give, for wild confusion, peace:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
- 4 O Trinity of love and pow'r, all trav'lers guard in danger's hour
from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

– OR –

- 1 Eternal Father, strong to save Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee, For those in peril on the sea!
- 2 O Saviour, whose almighty word The winds and waves submissive heard
Who walkedst on the foaming deep, And calm amidst its rage didst sleep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee, For those in peril on the sea!
- 3 O sacred Spirit, who didst brood Upon the chaos dark and rude,
Who bad'st its angry tumult cease, And gavest light and life and peace;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee, For those in peril on the sea!
- 4 O Trinity of love and power! Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
And ever let there rise to Thee Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

*Text: based on Genesis 1:2, Job 38:8-11, Psalm 63:5-8, Matthew 8:23-27, 14:22-33,
Mark 6:47-51, & Acts 27 by William Whiting, 1825-1878, alt; Meter 8 8 8 8 8 8*

Music: MELITA by John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

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Performance by Saint Thomas' Cathedral, Portsmouth, 08/10/15

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BjcSpCSUjdk> [2:55]

Word

Please be seated.

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT: 1 Kings 19:9-18

At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by”. Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

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

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS: Psalm 85:8-13

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.

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A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them”. But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame”. For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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A READING FROM THE GOSPELS: Matthew 14:22-33

You may stand if you so desire.

[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid”.

Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water”. He said, “Come”. So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God!”

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SERMON

Please be seated.

The Rev. Maria Hammons

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.*

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns,
let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

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

God of power and love, your faithfulness is never-ending,
and your righteousness becomes ours through by grace through faith.
Thank you for sending Salem to proclaim the gospel this very week
to children and their families at the citywide Vacation Bible Camp in Washington Park.
Help us to expand our witness among those of other denominations and other faiths
and to those of no faith, not only by building relationships in-person, but through zoom & social media.
We pray for our mission partners, especially for Camp Calumet Lutheran & United Lutheran Seminary.
We pray that our elected officials have the courage, conviction, and integrity to lead justly.
And we pray for Salem members & their families, especially those celebrating birthdays this week:
Diane Tomasko, Rich Lansing, and Mary Anne Caragol.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of sky and sea, the plants, animals, mountains, and plains proclaim your glory.
Prosper the work of ecologists as they teach us new ways to care for the environment.
Bring relief to areas recovering from natural disasters.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of peace and justice, you call us to live as your beloved community throughout the world.
Instill in local, regional, national, and global political and civic leaders
a desire to work for the well-being of all people.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of care and compassion, bring assurance when we are afraid and calm when we are anxious.
Bless the work of therapists, nurses, and other health care providers.
We thank you for the healing you have provided to Natasha.
Comfort all who grieve, especially the family of Michael Holcombe,
and soothe any who are sick, especially
Barbro, Barry, Boni, Cliffy, Dave, David, Dennis, Diane, Diane, Dolores, Dorothy, Eric, Francesca,
Jacob, Janice, Jeff, Jim, Joe, Joey, John, Marija, Melvin, Natalie, Natasha, Pastor Paul, Pastor Paula,
Sara, Sara Jean, Sasha, Tyler and VL, and all those we name in our hearts & on our lips.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of wonder, you accompany us in both joys and sorrows.
We pray for children, teachers, school administrators & staff as they prepare for a new school year.
Make your presence known in our work and play, in lively conversation and in quiet rest.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of new life, you send people to renew both church and society.
We give you thanks for their lives of faithful service as examples of following your call.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray,
in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior. **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

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 HYMN

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship books,
This Far by Faith # 193 and Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 773)*

- 1 Precious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak,
I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
lead me home.**

- 2 When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is
almost gone,
Hear me cry, hear my call,
hold my hand, lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
lead me home.**

- 3 When the shadows appear
and the night draws near,
and the day is past
and gone,
At the river I stand,
guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
lead me home.**

*Text: based on Matthew 14:22-33 & John 16:15-21, by Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993;
Meter: irregular*

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Recorded & Mixed by: Tony Alany.*

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THANK YOU

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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 to all who are worshipping with us, both in-person and online:
this blessing based on our reading today from Matthew 14

No matter how large the storm nor how small your boat,
take heart and do not be afraid, for the Lord is with you!

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!

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**

SENDING HYMN What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book,
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 774 and This Far by Faith # 220)*

**1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Refrain **Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain***

**3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain***

*Text: based on Deuteronomy 33:12, Psalm 91, Acts 2:42
by Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839-1929; Meter 10 9 10 9 and refrain*

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858-1924

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Trinity Lutheran in Middle Village, Queens, NY, 03/13/22
Virtual Choral production by Jeff Gardner*

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cnZqJjWLkDw> [2:17]

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and listen to what the LORD God is saying!
Thanks be to God!

PEACE

As Christ reconciles us with God, let us be reconciled with each other.
The peace of the Lord be with you always!
And also with you!
Please share that peace with one another!

POSTLUDE SONG

Shout to the Lord

*(While this is the WOW Worship arrangement, this song can be found
in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book, Evangelical Lutheran Worship, # 821)*

Verse My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You;
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.
My Comfort, my Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength;
let ev'ry breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

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Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands; forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

Verse My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You;
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Darlene Zschech

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Performance by COS Treehouse, 07/26/13

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AhW6lygfyLA> [3:34]

Announcements

Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study continues at 7:00 on zoom as we study Paul's letter to the Romans. Why Romans, you ask? Well, according to Martin Luther... "This Epistle is really the chief part of the New Testament and the very purest Gospel, and is so worthy that not only should every Christian know it word for word, by heart, but feast on it every day as bread for the soul. It can never be read or pondered too much, and the more it is dealt with the more precious it becomes, and the better it tastes." While you may not be ready to memorize it or read it every day, we do invite you to study it weekly with us! This week we'll be looking at chapters 2 & 3. The zoom link is on Salem's calendar under the Resources tab at SalemBridgeport.org .

Refill the Pantries has already scheduled four drives for the September-October period this fall for the same four pantries we helped last year, and plans to have volunteers from five churches assist. Mark your calendar – the drive for Operation Hope is October 28, details to follow. It's truly amazing what can be accomplished when working together. Thank you!

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 & 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 at Salem 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.

Do you want to talk or pray with your pastor? Well, just like you call your doctor or dentist to schedule an annual wellness visit or a visit to deal with a particular issue, you can contact Pastor Marjo via text or phone at 203-982-3441, or through Office Manager Karl Kraft via text at 203-336-3300 or email at salemsec123@sbcglobal.net . Our bodies are intimately connected with our minds and hearts and spirits, so the health of one part impacts the health of the other parts.

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 wondering what the difference is, it's like this.

If people are hungry and you give them fish, that's CHARITY.

If people are hungry and you teach them to fish, that's EMPOWERMENT.

If people are hungry and you work to change laws so that they

receive high enough wages from their jobs so they can afford to buy fish, that's JUSTICE.

If you're not sure how to "do justice" as God commands through the Prophet Micah (6:8), Pastor Marjo can offer suggestions.

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AUGUST 14TH - AUGUST 18TH

TIME 12PM - 4PM

AGES 4-12

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318 BARNUM AVENUE

BRIDGEPORT, CT 06808

(Under the tent)

COST: FREE

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For more information : (203)984-7499

email: Info@risetoread.net

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FULL GOSPEL COGIC Tent Meeting



Theme "Rescue The Perishing People"

Prov 24:11 ESV



BISHOP THEODORE, T.
FIRST LADY MADISON PLUMMER

Sun 11:30



Sun 5PM



Mon 7PM



Tue 7PM



Wed 7PM



Thurs 7PM



Fri 7PM



Fri Night-
Gospel, rap artist
Jehoshaphat King

Bpt Ct

7PM

SUNDAY AUGUST 13, 2023
11:30AM SERVICE
PASTOR GABRIELLE BEAM

5:00 PM SERVICE
PASTOR MICHON WHITE BENARD

MONDAY AUGUST 14, 2023
7:00 PM TILL 9:00 PM
PASTOR C L STALLWORTH

TUESDAY AUGUST 15, 2023
7:00 PM TILL 9:00 PM
APOSTLE KELVIN NEWTON

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 16, 2023
7:00 PM TILL 9:00 PM
BISHOP ROBERT MIDDLETON

THURSDAY AUGUST 17, 2023
7:00PM TILL 9:00 PM
PASTOR SHON CLAY

FRIDAY AUGUST 18, 2023
7:00 PM TILL 9:00 PM
BISHOP JOHN R. THOMPSON

Prayer Mon-Fri 6-7 PM

WASHINGTON PARK

203 520 1713 ♦ FOOD GIVE AWAY

319 BARNUM AVE BRIDGEPORT CT. 06608



Rise to Read's FREE ecumenical city-wide 2023 Vacation Bible Camp "Son-Shine" for 4-12 year olds is just a few weeks away! It runs from 12 – 4 pm Monday-Friday, August 14th-18th and will be held under the big tent in Washington Park, 318 Barnum Avenue, Bridgeport 06808. The days will include arts & crafts, games & prizes, and fun for all. New this year will be a drama component which will bring the Biblical story alive in a new way!

Last year the camp served over 100 children, not only providing help with reading and math skills, but introducing children to the love of God in Christ Jesus! Half of the children attending had never been to church before! Salem has already committed up to \$1000 to purchase water and snacks to supplement the government supplied lunches and there are other ways individual members can get involved. Among the volunteers from Salem last year were Jean Larson who coordinated the lunches and snacks, and Nancy Headford, Sandra Brown, Bruce and Diane Tomasko, and Pastor Marjo who helped her, as well as others who arranged for coolers and the purchase of water and snacks.

For those who would like to volunteer, you are invited to the weekly planning zoom calls at 6 pm on Mondays 7/17, 24, 31 and 8/7. A training session will be held online Saturday August 5th from 9:00-10:15. If you can't make the meetings, notes can be forwarded to you. For more info talk with one of the Salem members who helped last year or call 203-984-7499 or email Info@RiseToRead.net . If you need zoom links call the number above or contact Pastor Marjo.

In addition to the city-wide Rise to Read Vacation Bible Camp, Bishop Theodore and First Lady Madison Plummer and the Full Gospel Church (who is providing the tent and the overnight security) invites you to their old-fashioned Tent Meeting right there at Washington Park, 318 Barnum Avenue, with prayer meeting and worship services as follows:

Sun	August 13	11:30 am	with preacher Pastor Gabrielle Beam
Sun	August 13	5:00 pm	with preacher Pastor Micheon White Bernard
Mon	August 14	7-9 pm	with preacher Pastor Charles Stallworth
Tue	August 15	7-9 pm	with preacher Apostle Kelvin Newton
Wed	August 16	7-9 pm	with preacher Bishop Robert Middleton
Thu	August 17	7-9 pm	with preacher Pastor Shon Clay
Fri	August 18	7-9 pm	with preacher Bishop John Thompson

AND Gospel Rap Artist Jehoshaphat King

The outline of the prayer meetings and worship services is as follows:

6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

7:00 pm Praise and Worship

7:15 pm Offerings

7:20 pm Preached Word

8:30 pm Altar Call

8:45 pm Benediction

For more info on the prayer meetings and worship services, call 1203-520-1718

If you enjoyed New Paradigm Theatre's production of *The Little Mermaid* last summer, you'll want to purchase tickets for this summer's show, "Grease", Friday August 18th at 7:00 or Saturday August 19th at 2:00 and 7:00, at Black Rock Church, 3685 Black Rock Turnpike in Fairfield. Given the popularity of the movie and the state-of-the-art theatre at Black Rock Church, this show will be a fun combination of live and movie-style experiences. Sing along with your favorite songs as cast members perform, dress up in 50s era costumes, AND EVEN enjoy a pre-show car show of 50s car in the parking lot! General admission tickets are \$10-35; VIP tickets, including the best reserved seats, and a backstage/onstage tour before the show are \$50, and for \$100 you can sit Onstage during the Act 2 prom scene for those 16 years and older! As NPT partnered last year with the Norwalk Maritime Center for *Little Mermaid*, this year's theme has led it to partner with a non-profit that helps victims of domestic abuse. For tickets go to nptheatre.org or speak with Pastor Marjo.

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PRESENTS



Book, Music, and Lyrics by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey

AUGUST 18 (7PM) & AUGUST 19 (2PM AND 7PM)

PERFORMED AT BLACK ROCK CHURCH - 3685 BLACK ROCK TURNPIKE, FAIRFIELD, CT

For tickets visit us at nptheatre.org

or



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The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport, Inc. Presents, a

BackPack &

School Supply Drive

At the end of August, we will distribute the FREE backpacks full of school supplies to students in Bridgeport.

Items accepted for donation:
 Back Packs, Binders, Calculators, Colored Pencils, Crayons, Folders, Hand Sanitizers, Highlighters, Notebooks, Mini Staplers, Loose leaf paper, Pens, Scissors, USB, School Planner

 **July 1st-August 21st 2023**

 **Monday -Thursday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM**
Friday's 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Drop Off At: 1718 Capitol Ave. Bridgeport, CT 06604

Our Backpack & School Supply Drive is a collaborative community effort to make school supplies available for Bridgeport Students (5th through 12th grade) so they are ready to succeed on the first day of school and throughout the school year!

CCGB's annual Backpack & School Supply Drive begins in July and runs through August 21st. Items accepted for donation include back packs, binders, calculators, colored pencils, crayons, folders, hand sanitizers, highlighters, notebooks, mini staplers, loose leaf paper, pens, scissors, USB, school planners.

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DROP OFF LOCATION: The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport, 1718 Capitol Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604. Please bring the donated supplies within the hours of 10am-5pm Monday through Thursday and 10am-3pm on Fridays.

MONETARY DONATIONS & GIFTCARDS to purchase supplies may be dropped off or mailed to the office (information listed above).

Any questions please feel free to contact our office at 203-334-1121 ext. 10.

In collaboration with Grace Lutheran Church, we are helping with a collection of clothing, household textiles, and small household items. The Lansings will accept your donations on August 20, and the Tomaskos will accept your donations on August 27.



FUNDrive® Coordinator

Peggy
(203) 375-3151
gracel@snet.net

Our Goal: \$500

193 Tall Kitchen Bags (avg. 13 lbs.)
38 Medium boxes (household goods)

Fundraiser Dates:

08/25/2023 - 08/26/2023

Clean out your closets and cupboards for Grace Lutheran Church ELCA!

De-clutter and Clean Closets for a good cause.

Save your items. Save the dates.

Grace Lutheran Church will be collecting gently used clothing and small housewares.

Clothing should be in kitchen size garbage bags and small housewares in manageable boxes.

Friday, August 25th from 5:00-7:00 pm

Saturday, August 26th from 9:00-11:00 am

150 Chapel Street, Stratford

For more info contact Peggy at 203-375-3151.

We Are Collecting

Clothes

men's, women's and children's clothes, coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, ties, belts, backpacks, etc.

Household Textiles

bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen, tablecloths, curtains, pillows, etc.

Small Household Goods

kitchen items (such as pots/pans, dishes, silverware, glasses, serving pieces and hand-held appliances), home decorative items, knick-knacks, toys, games, and small electronics

Please use bags for clothes and textiles and tightly packed boxes for small household goods.

All items must be clean and in sellable condition.

The FUNDrive logo is displayed in a large, bold, green font.

FUNDrive® is an eco-friendly fundraiser for nonprofit organizations. Collect gently-used items in your community and FUNDrive® will buy them.

Visit <https://FUNDrive.savers.com> to learn more.



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.

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

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Florence Nightingale, died 1910; Clara Maass, died 1901; renewers of society **August 13**
Nightingale was born in England & horrified her wealthy family by deciding to become a nurse. She led a group of nurses in ministering in the midst of the Crimean War & worked for hospital reform.

Maass, a native of New Jersey, was also a war nurse.

She volunteered as a subject for research on yellow fever and died of the disease.

Maximilian Kolbe, died 1941; Kaj Munk, died 1944; martyrs **August 14**

Father Kolbe was a Franciscan priest arrested by the Nazis and confined in Auschwitz.

Kolbe gave generously of his meager resources,

and finally volunteered to be starved to death in place of another man.

A Danish Lutheran pastor and playwright,

Munk strongly denounced the Nazis who occupied Denmark in the Second World War.

His sermons and articles helped to show the anti-Christian nature of the movement.

Mary, Mother of Our Lord **August 15**

The church (including Martin Luther) honored Mary with the title theotokos, meaning "God-bearer," for her role in giving birth to the Son of God.

Her song, the Magnificat, speaks eloquently of God's lifting the lowly and feeding the hungry.

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