



Salem Lutheran Church

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

*17th Sunday after
Pentecost*

*September 24,
2023
9:30 AM*

**“THE
LAST
WILL BE
FIRST,
AND THE
FIRST
LAST.”**

MATTHEW 20:16, ESV



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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.

In the readings assigned for this 17th Sunday after Pentecost, we are confronted with God's grace – something that sounds good in principle, but, in reality, can cause us human beings to be quite offended. Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays every one of his workers the same wage, no matter what time of day they began to work. While those that worked fewer hours are grateful, those who worked the most are upset, to say the least. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for the city's evil ways, Jonah is angry. To his mind those people deserve punishment, not mercy. Whether or not we are grateful for God's grace or offended by it, our reaction doesn't change God's love for every one of God's children and every part of God's creation. God offers the gift of grace to all – and we can refuse that gift, leave it untouched, and turn away from it, or we can accept that gift, unwrap it, and live in its light.

YOU are more important than your money! Showing up for events is just as important and sometimes more important than writing a check, so please think about that when you are invited to participate in events listed in these announcement pages!

Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study continues at 7:00 on zoom as we study Paul's letter to the Romans. This past week we spent the whole time discussing just the first 2 verses of chapter 5: *“Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we[c] boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.”* This week we'll begin 5:3, *“And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.”* As we prepare for this week, reflect back on your “sufferings”. The zoom link is on Salem's calendar under the Resources tab at SalemBridgeport.org .

Please join the Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport's Raising the BAR (Becoming Anti-Racist) Team for a sacred conversation on race as they discuss Clint Smith's book How the Word is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America. In this book Smith recounts his travels to “8 places in the US as well as one abroad to understand how each reckons with its relationship to the history of American slavery.” For more info on the book, go to: <https://www.clintsmithiii.com/how-the-word-is-passed>. **5 Online Sessions -Every Other Thursday - September 14 - November 9 - 7:00 - 8:00 pm.** Register by going to: <https://ccgb.org/rtb> . For 9/14 we read the Prologue “The Whole City Is a Memorial to Slavery”, and the chapters on Monticello and Whitney plantations and journaled about what we were feeling and learning. This week we'll be looking at the chapter on Angola Prison and continuing our journaling.

Gathering

GATHERING SONG

Lord Of All Hopefulness

Lord of all hopefulness Lord of all joy
Whose trust, ever child-like No cares could destroy
Be there at our waking And give us, we pray
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord At the break of the day

Lord of all eagerness Lord of all faith
Whose strong hands were skilled At the plane and the lathe
Be there at our labours And give us, we pray
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, At the noon of the day

Lord of all kindness Lord of all grace
Your hands swift to welcome Your arms to embrace
Be there at our homing And give us, we pray
Your love in our hearts, Lord At the eve of the day

Lord of all gentleness Lord of all calm
Whose voice is contentment Whose presence is balm
Be there at our sleeping And give us, we pray
Your peace in our hearts, Lord At the end of the day

*Text: based on Matthew 11:28-30, Luke 9:11, 1 Corinthians 15:58 by Jan Struther, 1901-1953;
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*Performance by Sutton Coldfield Baptist Church, 06/16/20,
as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eWZXgZ9YJ94> [3:40]*

*Performance by Amanda DeLallo, 05/30/19
as found at this link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aKcGmlD38hI&list=RDaKcGmlD38hI&start_radio=1 [2:41]*

*Performance by Heath End Church, 11/06/20
as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DEL3Wl3prQU> [3:22]*

Please note that here we go live on Facebook.

WELCOME

Welcome, in the name of the God, the source of life,
in the name of Jesus who came that we might have life abundant,
and in the name of the Spirit who continues to breathe that life into us!

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 those of you out there in cyber space,
wherever you are – and whenever you happen to watching!

For those of you who don't know me, I'm 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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Any other announcements? prayer requests? God-sightings?

Then let's begin worship w/prayer!

God, you are the Source of Life, the Source of Love, the Source of Grace and Mercy.

We are here to give you thanks and praise for the amazing God that you are.

We are here to give you thanks for everything that we are and everything that we have.

We are here to encounter you and be transformed by your grace.

We are here to build our relationships –

with you, with each other, with our neighbor, and even with the earth of which we are a part.

We are here to bow before your boundless power & endless love and submit our wills to yours.

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

OPENING SONG

They'll Know We Are Christians

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

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

**We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

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

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

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

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

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Performance by Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 09/18/20,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Word

Please be seated.

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT: Jonah 3:10--4:11

When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live".

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die". Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Word of God! Word of Life!

Thanks be to God!

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS: Psalm 145:1-8

I will exalt you, my God and king,
and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day will I bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!
There is no end to your greatness.

One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.

I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.

They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will recount your greatness.

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Word of God! Word of Life!

Thanks be to God!

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: Philippians 1:21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well — since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Word of God! Word of Life!

Thanks be to God!

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS: Matthew 20:1-16 *You may stand if you so desire.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Word of God! Word of Life!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Please be seated.

Pastor Marjo

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.

Remembering the caring and generous works of God,
we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

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

God who is gracious and merciful, teach your church to invite and welcome,
not expecting others to become like us, but expecting we will be transformed by those you send.
Lead us to be grateful for the blessing of the Spirit-infused community that only you can create.
Challenge your church to choose equity and diversity over power and control.
We pray for our mission partners, especially today for the NAACP of Greater Bridgeport,
and for Scouting programs locally and around the world.
We pray for abundant resources & full funding of all schools,
especially Fairchild Wheeler High School,
for arts, sciences, performing arts, music, dance, sports, extracurriculars, and adequate teaching staff.
And we pray for Salem members and their families.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God who sends the wind and the sun, you know every worm and bush by name.
Help us remember that even the humblest parts of creation are precious to you.
Show us how best to care for the earth and its creatures and move us to action.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God who is ready to relent from punishing, impart your compassionate wisdom
to legislators, judges, members of the military, and law enforcement.
Give each leader courage to serve their communities in times of uncertainty, stress, or exhaustion.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God who saves, direct your people who are tempted by evil ways.
Protect your children from calamity and disaster.
Free those who are incarcerated unjustly and transform those who have been led to make bad choices.
Encourage all who are in despair or pain of any kind, especially Barbro, Barry, Cliffy, Dave, David,
Dennis, Diane, Dolores, Dorothy, Eric, Francesca, Janice, Jeff, Jim, Joe, Joey, John, Marija, Mary
Anne, Melvin Jr, Natalie, Pastor Paul, Pastor Paula, Sara, Sasha, and VL, and all those we name in our
hearts and on our lips.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God who is slow to anger,
may we boast about the goodness of Jesus with the confidence of Paul in prison.
Inspire us to find abundance in whatever vocation we are called to in the world and in your Church.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God who abounds in steadfast love, we give thanks for the saints called to the kingdom of heaven.
United with them in spirit, hold us firm as we labor in this life and look to the life to come.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart,
trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ. **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 **There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America’s worship book,
Evangelical Lutheran Worship similar to text # 587 with music # 655)*

- 1 There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment giv'n.**
- 2 For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God’s word;
And our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.**

Text: Psalm 86:13, John 10:16, Ephesians 3:18, Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.; Meter 8 7 8 7 D

*Music: IN BABILONE, Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen, 1710
arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855-1932*

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Performance by The Riverside Church, 05/03/20

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LfyZIJUHKpU> [2:27]

Sending

Please be seated.

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 with Pastor Marjo,
you can reach her through our website or Facebook page.

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 Psalm 145:

Hear this:

*The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

And there is no end to God's greatness.

Hear it, know it, and live it. 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!

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

O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book,
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 431)*

**O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim you as our king?
What royal face have you revealed whose praise the church would sing?
Aspiring not to glory's height, to power, wealth and fame,
you walked a diff'rent, lowly way, another's will your aim.**

**You came, the image of our God, to heal and to forgive,
to shed your blood for sinner's sake that we might rise and live.
To break the law of death you came, the law of love to bring:
a diff'rent rule of righteousness, a diff'rent kind of king.**

**Though some would make their greatness felt and lord it over all,
you said the first must be the last and service be our call.
O Christ, in workplace, church, and home, let none to power cling;
for still, through us, you come to serve, a diff'rent kind of king.**

**You chose a humble human form and shunned the world's renown;
you died for us upon a cross with thorns your only crown.
But still, beyond the span of years, our glad hosannas ring,
for now at God's right hand you reign, a diff'rent kind of king!**

Text: based on Revelation 1:4-8 by Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939; Meter C M D

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Performance by Tim McNabb, Halifax Lutheran Church, 10/01/21

649/655 in our hymn series

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wu7Q3d6tt-I> [2:44]

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, know God's grace, and extend that grace to all.
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

Let Justice Roll Like a River

Worship & Praise # 85

Refrain: Let justice roll like a river, and wash all oppression away.
Come, O God, and take us, move and shake us;
come now, and make us anew, that we might live justly like you.

1. "Take from me your holy feasts, all your off'ings and your music.
Let justice flow like waters, and integrity like an ever-flowing stream." (*Refrain*)
2. How long shall we wait, O God, for the day of your mercy to dawn,
the day we beat our swords into plows, when your peace reigns over the earth? (*Refrain*)
3. Hear this, all of you who use the poor in your thirst of power and riches:
the Lord will turn your laughter to tears, on the wondrous Day of our God. (*Refrain*)
4. "Even now, return to me, let your hearts be broken and humble,
for I am gracious, gen'rous and kind." Come and seek the mercies of God. (*Refrain*)
5. You have been told the way of life, the way of justice and peace:
to act justly, to love gently, to walk humbly with God. (*Refrain*)

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Announcements

Thank you to our Salem Bridgeport Team for Camp Calumet Lutheran's Walk the Walk 2023 -- "On the Road Again!" This year our 9 walkers/bikers consisted of Pastor Marjo, Dave and Judy Albers, Eileen and Ray Anderson, Jean and Tom Larson, Cindy Roberts, and Dave Schulz, who together racked up a grand total of 1,775 miles! Please thank them for walking/biking on Salem's behalf to support our church camp! Stay tuned for the grand totals for this annual fundraising event!

Since the Refill the Pantry program began, we have collected over 5 ½ tons of food and nearly \$8,200 in donations for food pantries.

Refill the Pantry program will continue to help our local food pantries this fall. We added another Bridgeport food pantry, Nourish Bridgeport. Collections for five food pantries are scheduled from September 2 through October 28 every other Saturday.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Rich Lansing at (203) 520-3751 or rlansing@optonline.com.

To sign up as a volunteer or driver, please go to:

- ~~**Sep 02 Nourish Bridgeport**, Stop&Shop 1160 Kings Hwy Cutoff, Fairfield (Completed: 2,400 pounds of food and \$1,480 in cash)~~
- ~~**Sep 16 Bishop Jean Williams**, Stop&Shop 4531 Main Steet, Bridgeport (Completed: 2,455 pounds of food and \$691 in cash)~~
- **Sep 30 Sterling House**, Stop&Shop 200 E. Main St, Stratford volunteersignup.org/3RQKH
- **Oct 14 Trumbull Food Pantry**, Stop&Shop 110 Quality St, Trumbull volunteersignup.org/AD3L4
- **Oct 28 Operation Hope**, Stop&Shop 760 Villa Ave, Fairfield volunteersignup.org/8DXYW

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.

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.

KEYS (Kids Empowered by Your Support) invites you to their **2023 Fall Benefit**, “Music – the Language of Us All”, celebrating KEYS founder, Rob Silvan, 7-10 pm Friday, November 3, at the Shorehaven Golf Club, 14 Canfield Avenue, Norwalk. Tickets are \$200/person and include International Food Stations, Full Bar, Dessert & Coffee, Live Music, Tributes, and a Paddle Raise. To RSVP, go to KEYSMUSIC.org/Benefit or send your check or credit card info (name, number, exp date, security code, and signature) to KEYS, Inc., PO Box 532, New Canaan, CT 06840 by October 20th.

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.
OR join our weekly prayer gathering on Zoom, Wednesdays at noon, at this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82882777326?pwd=VCtObFRPOGI3cTR3eII2ZmtiZEpadz09>
- 3. Begin a 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.

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Michael and All Angels

Friday, September 29, 2023

Michael the archangel, captain of the heavenly hosts, is remembered on this day along with the other angels and archangels. The word "angel" means messenger, and in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, these beings have a fully spiritual nature and no physical body.

Jerome, translator, teacher, died 420

Saturday, September 30, 2023

Jerome was a biblical scholar and translator, but rather than translating the original Hebrew and Greek scriptures into classical Latin, he worked in the commonly-spoken Latin of the day, creating a version called the Vulgate.

KEYS

2023 Fall Benefit



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