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Salem Spirit

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 5	12:00 PM	Church Council
Nov. 11	8:00 AM	Men's Breakfast
Nov. 12	12:00 PM	Faith Here After Group
Nov. 15	12:00 PM	Senior Luncheon
Nov. 16	6:00 PM	Finance Team Meeting
Nov. 19	11:45 AM	Hanging of the Greenery
Nov. 21	7:00 PM	Trustees Meeting
Nov. 23 & 24		Thanksgiving Holiday Office Closed

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday	10:15 AM	Sustaining Prayer
	10:30 AM	Worship
Tuesday	9:30 AM	Bible Study
Wednesday	6:15 PM	Chancel Choir
Friday	6:00 PM	IGNITE! - Children
	7:00 PM	IGNITE! - Youth
(Call Church Office for Exact Dates)		



Deadline for Salem Spirit article submission is the **THIRD Wednesday** of the month. The next deadline is **Wednesday, November 15** for the December 2017 Edition.

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A Word from Our Pastor

I am so glad that our dining room table has many leaves that can be added to it. We seem to be having quite a group on Thanksgiving Day. Thanksgiving Day is a day when I stay out of the kitchen as much as I can, but when “Doug” is called, Doug responds. My job is after dinner when the dishes need to be washed.

But as we come to Thanksgiving again this year, with all the football games and parades on television, for what are we thankful this year? There will even be more movies on Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is not the only time to be thankful. Granted we can be thankful anytime of the year.

Colossians 3:12- 15 reads “As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord[☩] has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.” There is that word again.

What would happen if each of us in our families and neighbors would be thankful on any given day, not just on Thanksgiving Day? Would the world turn a little differently? Would we feel better than we usually do? Would God look down upon us and tell us “You’re Welcome?” Or would God appreciate greatly being told “Thank You.”

As we come to Thanksgiving Day this year, when we will eat perhaps a little more than usual, what would happen if we were thankful every day of our lives?

So, then, next time we pray or talk with God, find something for which you can tell him, “Thank You.” It could be just about anything. As we read in Colossians, we can be “thankful people” no matter what the weather is outside, nor what day it just happens to be.

Excuse me, I hear my name being called.

Doug

Church News and Upcoming Events

ShopWithScrip Program



The holiday season is fast approaching! You may think, “Well, it’s only early November,” but while that’s right according to the calendar, I bet you’re already thinking about what gifts to buy for people.

We can help with that! ShopWithScrip is the perfect way to gift everyone on your list - even that person who has everything or who is so difficult to shop for. Gift cards from the many vendors offered by ShopWithScrip make it easy to select the perfect gift for everyone. And a small percentage of each sale comes back to Salem Church as a fundraiser. So you can make your holiday shopping easier and help Salem Church at the same time.

Our regular ordering date is the first Sunday of each month, but we can order other times as well if you have a special need. Order forms are in the Welcome Center, or we can email one to you. Call Edi in the office at (847) 381-0524 with any questions.

Hanging of the Greenery- Nov. 19th

Mark your calendars for **November 19**. We will decorate the Sanctuary, the Welcome Center and other locations in the church in preparation for the celebration of the coming of our Lord. There will be good company, lots to do, treats to eat, and fun for all. Starting time is immediately after church. All ages are welcome.



OUTSIDE the WALLS Prison Ministry Christmas Luncheon – Friday, December 8

On Friday, December 8, a group of volunteers from Salem will be heading down to the Northwest side of Chicago (near North Avenue & Pulaski) to the New Mount Moriah Baptist Church at 1501 N. Harding, to help serve a Christmas Luncheon and distribute gifts to approximately 200 recently released persons from area prisons.

Our church has been helping with this important program for several years now and those who have volunteered claim that it is the best preparation for their Christmas season and is extremely inspirational. We will depart the church at approximately 9:00 AM and return home around 3:00 PM. We will be car-pooling. We will be donating \$1,000 toward the food and other items.

A special box will soon be displayed in the Welcome Center for those who want to bring gifts, which do not need to be wrapped. Gifts for adults (wool gloves, hats, scarves, etc.) and children's toys are especially needed. The Dollar Store has many appropriate items.

We have had approximately 20 volunteers in past years who were inspired by the testimonies of many of the ex-prisoners who have found the Lord. We will have a preparation meeting as we get closer to the date. Please call Bob Wulff to let him know you are on board: 847.302.4720.

Children and Youth News

The Salem Children and Youth groups are off to a busy school year. We continue to meet on Friday nights, Children from 6-7pm and Youth from 7-8pm. And planning special events for weekends to try to accommodate schedules.

The Children's group had fun, playing inside and out on the playgrounds, and learning about Moses, and making crafts and doing word puzzles, and mazes.



The Youth of Salem held a Babysitting Fundraiser on Friday October 27th, earning \$335.

We will be deciding what the Christmas play will be very soon. We would love to have all Children and Youth help. We need a commitment to be at church on December 17 from 9:15am until 1pm. If you have any questions, please email Linda Ballard at lindaballard84@hotmail.com.



Future fundraising events will be another Babysitting Evening before Christmas and a gift wrapping station on Sunday Mornings in December. You can bring your gifts to church and drop them off and the youth will gift wrap them for you for a donation. Look for reminders in the bulletin in the coming Months.



Preschool News

The Preschool continues to keep a busy schedule this month. Parent-teacher conferences for 4-year-old and Pre-Kindergarten classes will take place this month. Our traditional All-School Thanksgiving Feast will be held on Monday, November 20, and Tuesday, November 21. Each class contributes to the feast by preparing a side dish. The children decorate their own placemat for our tables in Fellowship Hall. Canned goods are also collected for our local food pantry.

Our BIG re-licensing visit from DCFS will take place on Wednesday, November 8. The rep will spend an entire day at Salem, checking the building, observing the program and checking student and staff files. The staff have been spending many hours preparing for this visit.

Our fall fundraiser of cookie dough and gourmet popcorn was a success? The delivery will be on Tuesday, November 7. We will let you know when you can pick up your orders.

Member Celebrations

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 13	Lisa Williams	Nov. 19	Mike Glover
Nov. 15	Donna Young	Nov. 25	Linda Ballard
Nov. 16	Paul Hamm	Nov. 28	Yukiko Fujimura
Nov. 17	Missy Hartley	Nov. 29	Amy Strong
Nov. 18	Chanel Antoshin		

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 1	Tom & Sara Rosellini	Nov. 10	Ed & Karen Keating
Nov. 26	Jonathan & Karin Quist		

Prayer Concerns

Those With Health Issues	Denise Patterson, Loraine Carlson, Patty Johnsen, Elaine Cox, Laurel & Jim Skomer, Amy Strong, Dan Pomeroy, Lois Larson, Leonard Kopecky, Tammy, Diane
Those With Long-Term Health Issues	Arthur & Brian Burgeson, Hannah, Michaela, Debbie Donner, Chuck Patterson, Loren Schrenk, Karen Griffith, Bic Simmons, Maureen Schuneman, Jon Mortensen-Perlin, Maja Bayerlein, Leo Schulz, Rev. Tommie Johnson, Tim Keating
Those With Special Needs	Ben Sadorf, Olivia, Pamela, McKinleigh, Craig, Allison Hansen, Lori, Darlene, the Lackowski Family
Those in the Armed Forces	Dustan Taylor, Bruce Johnson, Shad Mead, Jeff Walden, Curt Higdon, Hsienjan Huang, Freddie Aguilera
Those Affected by Hurricanes	Martha Walker, Ken & Lori Parquette, Belen Liboy, Luini Liboy

Do you have a specific prayer concern? Let the Salem family share your burden and your assurance of God's providence. Submit a prayer request using the pink sheet in the pew rack on Sundays or contact the church office.

