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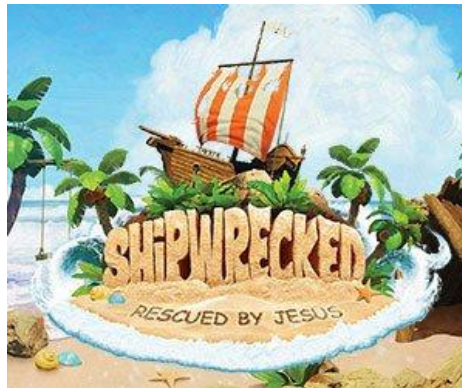
Forecaster

It's Vacation Bible School Time!

Salem's annual Vacation Bible School is a time of growth and learning for the children of our Salem family and throughout our community. We are excited for this year's VBS program, held here at Salem Sunday, July 15 – Thursday, July 19, from 6-8 PM. Bring your children, your grandchildren, your neighbors, and friends! Spread the word!

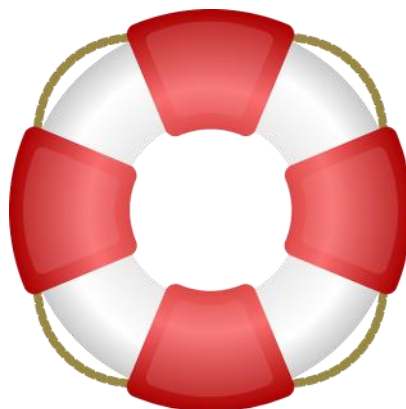
This year's curriculum, Shipwrecked, focuses on how we can be rescued by Jesus. We look forward to a fun and impactful week!

We could use your help! It takes additional hands and hearts (about 20 more!) to make the week go well. We still need adults and teens to assist in guiding VBS participants from one location to another around the church. We could also use 2 or 3 volunteers to help with registration on Sunday evening, July 15. If you are not able to be present during the week of VBS, and would like an alternative way to contribute, there is a poster of needed supplies in Fellowship Hall. Feel free to take a card, procure the supplies and drop off the supplies before July 12th. Would you consider transforming the world through Jesus in one of these ways?



Flyers are available at the Welcome Center to assist you in inviting the children in your life to join us for a fun week of learning about our amazing Savior. Let's all work together to help our children experience the power of Christ!

Contact Amy Schilling at (319) 573-1933 or Stephanie Meyer at (319) 784-7679 for more information.



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Julie Lefebure,
Director of
Communication

Ordinary Time. This time counts.

Ordinary Time Is Anything but Ordinary

As a young girl, my family and I belonged to our hometown church. We either walked or drove the few blocks to church on Saturday evenings or Sunday mornings. A child doesn't pay much attention to the cyclical calendar of a church, however. I knew Christmas was December 25 and Easter came some Sunday in springtime. Lent was before Easter (I remember because we always gave up something) and Advent came before Christmas.

It wasn't until I was a young adult I learned of this time called "Ordinary Time." Sounds exciting, doesn't it? I found it fascinating, however, that someone not only decided to mark Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, but also marked the time in between. This time is labeled, it's identified, so it must count for something, right? I learned Ordinary Time is broken into two cycles in the church calendar. One begins after Epiphany and the other begins after Pentecost. If you add up the days in Ordinary Time, they make up more than half the church year! Ordinary Time is a lot of time!

We think of ordinary as boring and nothing special. Something ordinary is considered common and routine. But, Ordinary Time in the church is anything but. In Latin, it is called *tempus per annum* which means *time during the year*. It's counted time. It matters. It's important. This time in the church calendar is just as special as any other, and since we're in it right now during the summer months, it's a great time to grow.

No wonder the liturgical color for this season is green. (You'll see the green paraments up front each Sunday.) When I think of green, I think of growth. I think of flourishing and abundant life. I think of summer when grass is green, and flowers are in full bloom. This season is

the perfect time to let our roots sink deep and for us to bloom where God has planted us.

Sure, summer is a time of relaxation and vacation. It's a time of refreshment and fun. But, it's also a great time to dig into God's Word and learn more of Him. It's a wonderful time to ponder His promises and live according to His ways. Here are a handful of ideas:

- Read your Bible. Pick a book of the Bible and begin reading in small increments. Stop and ask yourself questions like, "What is this saying?", "What can I learn from this?", "How can I apply this to my life today?" Write down what God reveals to you.
- Pray. Spend time daily talking with God. Praise and worship Him. Thank Him for who He is and all He's done in your life.
- Meet with others. Share what God is doing in your life with those near you. Encourage one another in God's Word. Attend worship on Sundays to gather with your church family.
- Memorize scripture. Pick one verse and write it down. Put it where you'll see it often. Read and recite it frequently. Once you have it memorized, pick another scripture and do the same.
- Serve. Find creative ways to serve others. Ask God who and where you can serve and how you can be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Ordinary Time. This time counts. May we use it for God's glory, for our growth, and for the good of others.

Blessings!
Julie

July 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9 AM Worship (Modern) 10 AM Fellowship 11 AM Worship (Traditional) 12:30 PM Women's Care Group	2 8:30 AM Foster Grandparent Program Meeting 12 PM Recreation for Seniors	3 9:30 AM Prayer Room	4 Independence Day Church Offices Closed	5 12 PM Mission Team 12:30 PM Options of Linn County 3:30 PM Salem Servants Serve Green Square Meals	6	7 8 AM UM Men's Breakfast 11 AM Private Memorial Service
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Worship in Ordinary Time

In July we continue in ordinary time. This is a time when the scripture readings do not relate together. Rather, follow a continuous or semi-continuous track of scripture readings and they all stand on their own. Lectionaries are ancient, however, the revitalization of the current lectionary is usually traced back to the Second Vatican Council: “The treasures of the Bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God’s Word. In this way a more representative portion of the holy Scriptures will be read to the people over a set cycle of years” (*The Documents of Vatican II*, Walter Abbott, ed. [Piscataway, N.J.: New Century, 1974], p. 155).

On July 15 we will celebrate a “Camp Sunday” with the students who participated in Summer Games University the previous week and hear their testimonies. This will be a wonderful encouragement as a kick-off for VBS that week, too!

The liturgical color for this season is green, symbolizing growth in Christ. Come and worship!

July 1 **Ordinary Time**

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27	David Mourns for Saul and Jonathan
Psalms 130	Crying to the LORD in Grief
2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Encouragement to Be Generous
Mark 5:21-43	A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed

Holy Communion

July 8 **Ordinary Time**

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10	David Anointed King of All Israel
Psalms 48	The City of Our God
2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Paul’s Visions and Revelations
Mark 6:1-13	Rejection of Jesus and Mission of Twelve

July 15 **Camp Sunday!**

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19	David Brings the Ark to Jerusalem
Psalms 24	Who Shall Stand in God’s Holy Place?
Ephesians 1:3-14	Spiritual Blessings in Christ
Mark 6:14-29	The Death of John the Baptist

Holy Communion

July 22 **Ordinary Time**

2 Samuel 7:1-14a	God’s Covenant with David
Psalms 89:20-37	God’s Servant, David
Ephesians 2:11-22	One in Christ (Members of the Household of God)
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	The Disciples Rest; Jesus Teaches and Heals (Sheep without a Shepherd)

July 29 **Ordinary Time [Chrysalis Weekend at Salem]**

2 Samuel 11:1-15	David Commits Adultery with Bathsheba
Psalms 14	There Is No One Who Does Good
Ephesians 3:14-21	Prayer for Strength Through the Spirit
John 6:1-21	Jesus Feeds Five Thousand and Walks on Water

Come and Worship!

Sundays

9 AM—Modern

11 AM—Traditional



July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- 1 Angela Stransky
- 3 Bud Carnahan
- 3 Orrin Ward
- 3 Nancy Rawson
- 5 Nate Houstman
- 6 Stephanie Meyer
- 7 Dave Clark
- 12 Diane Talbott
- 12 Warren Holst
- 12 Cooper Thomas
- 13 Scott Shaffer
- 15 Charles Martinec
- 17 Donna Borntreger
- 18 Peggy Rosenkranz
- 21 Fran Martinec
- 21 Jacob Hansen
- 22 Christine Mudanya
- 25 Marilyn Schade



Anniversaries:

- 3 Orrin & Marilyn Schade
- 5 Jeff & Melinda Gipple
- 8 John & Carol Thompson
- 10 Gene & Sue Mihal
- 19 Dave & Deb Fritz
- 21 Mark & Sandy Minger
- 24 Gary & Roberta Sweet

Salem Servants



Salem Servants are serving at Green Square Meals at the Ecumenical Community Center every first and fourth Thursday of the month (July 5 and 26) at 3:30 PM. Any questions contact Linda Curson at lcursion@me.com or 319-651-8029; or Donna Borntreger at donnajborntreger@gmail.com or 319-213-1077.

Women's Care Group

Women's Care Group meets monthly to encourage and care for one another and to extend that care beyond the walls of Salem.

Please plan to join us Sunday, July 1, at 12:30 PM in Fellowship Hall.



Church in Our Backyard

What do you get when you combine a picnic with friends and church? You get "CHURCH IN OUR BACKYARD." Everyone is invited to come to Salem's backyard on Wednesday, July 25 and August 29 for a great time of fellowship, food, singing and devotions. All you need to do is bring a lawn chair, something you'd like to cook on our grill, and a dish to share. We'll supply drinks, plates and utensils. Our fire pit and patio area off the Youth Room on the lower level will be a nice spot for cooking and fellowship.



CHURCH IN OUR BACKYARD will start around 6 PM and finish around 7:30 PM. We hope to see you there! Contact Tim King at (319) 396-4857 for more information.

Nursery Attendants Needed



If you are at least 16 years of age and have the qualifications to offer and provide for the emotional, physical and social needs of young children during the time they are in our church nursery, please contact Deb Black at (319) 350-8843 or d.black@salemchurchcr.com.

All Golden Agers Welcome!

Golden Links will meet on Wednesday, July 18, at 12 PM at Pizza Ranch (2450 Westdale Drive SW). Kay Haring will be speaking. Please join us! Call Josie Lanz (319) 362-3859 or Judy Thomas (319) 390-6574 for more information.



Church-Wide Garage Sale 2018

Salem's Church-Wide Garage Sale, an annual event sponsored by United Methodist Women, will be held Thursday, August 2, 8 AM - 6 PM, and Friday, August 3, 8 AM - noon in Fellowship Hall. Friday is \$4 BAG DAY; all items that fit in a large kitchen garbage bag for \$4. What a deal! Proceeds will go to United Methodist Women mission projects.

Donation items may be dropped off in Fellowship Hall Tuesday, July 31, 9 AM - 6 PM, and Wednesday, August 1, 9 AM - noon. If you have items to donate but are unable to get them to the church during these hours, please call Charlene Harrison at (319) 393-9511 to make arrangements for pick up.

Items NOT accepted are baby cribs or car seats (recall issues), adult clothes, or



furniture, but we WILL accept other donations including CHILDREN'S clothes and shoes, and all those treasures around your house that you no longer need or use.

For additional questions or to volunteer to work during the set up or sale times, please contact Charlene Harrison at (319) 393-9511.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

Summer Games University Camp



Worship together and spend time with Jesus, play hard and develop relationships... these are just a few things you (or your teen) will experience at Summer Games University Camp 2018. It's approaching quickly, July 9-13, held at the Grinnell College campus. SGU is for youth who have completed 6th through 12th grades. A few of our youth from Salem are attending this camp. Registration and additional information can be found at sgu.camp.

Summer Meals

The Summer Food Service Program, or Summer Meals, provides free meals to any child 18 or younger at seven area locations. Kids 18 and under can receive free meals at the following sites now through August 22.

Cedar Terrace, 1834 Gretchen Dr SW (off 16th Avenue near Stoney Point)
Cedar Valley Townhomes, 3000 J St SW
Five Seasons Mobile Homes, 3421 Blairs

Ferry Rd NE (west of Walmart)
Hiawatha Public Library, 150 W Willman St in Hiawatha
Johnson School, 355 18th St SE
Kirkwood Estates, 615 Miller Ave Dr SW (near US-30 and Kirkwood Blvd)
Marion Public Library, 1095 Sixth Ave in Marion
*Serving at these sites begins at 12:30 PM. All other sites are 11:30 AM.

July Mission Focus: UMCOR School Kits

After hurricanes, volcanoes, floods or other natural disasters in the United States, many families need school kits to start the upcoming school year. Please help us make school kits for these students. UMCOR decided not to use hand-made bags for the school kits. UMCOR is now requesting all supplies to be put inside a 2 gallon size baggie. The Salem mission team's goal is to have enough school supplies to make 200 school kits this summer. Help our church meet this goal! If you have any questions, please contact Joni at (319) 573-3943.

Inside a 2 gallon size baggie include:

- One pair blunt (round tip) scissors only
- One box of 24 crayons



- Three, one-subject wide ruled notebooks only (No 3 or 5-subject notebooks)
- One package of wide ruled loose-leaf paper
- One 1 inch or longer hand-held pencil sharpener
- One metric ruler
- Six unsharpened pencils
- One 2 inch eraser
- \$1 for shipping

Linn Community Food Bank



The Linn Community Food Bank is an all-volunteer organization located at First Presbyterian Church, 310 Fifth Street SE. It is led by an all-volunteer working Board of Directors and supported entirely by donations. This valuable community resource provides a 3-day emergency supply of food to families in need on a first come/first served basis. A family may visit the Food Bank up to six times a year.

Salem has been a huge supporter for

this food bank for several years. The Mission Team has selected the **2nd Sunday of every month** as "Linn County Food Bank Day". They accept canned items such as; vegetables, fruit, pork & beans, soup, tuna and chicken. Also, creamy peanut butter, instant mashed potatoes, pasta, pasta sauce, macaroni and cheese, saltine crackers, cereal, corn muffin mix and pancake mix. Please set the items in our grocery cart in the Mission room. Thank you.

United Methodist Men

United Methodist Men's breakfast is Saturday, July 7, at 8 AM in Fellowship Hall. All men are invited for fellowship and breakfast. Please make your reservations by calling Jeff Cook at 319-393-9180.

Mark Minger



Cards and Fellowship



Come and enjoy an afternoon with your Christian friends!

Cards and Fellowship meets the last Tuesday of the month in Fellowship

Hall. **Note: Date change for July will be on Tuesday, July 24.** Come at 12:30 PM for a potluck, followed by devotions and games. Usually a hot UNO game, also Royal Rummy and Kings in the Corner. If you would like to try another game, please bring it and directions and we will join in.

Everyone is welcome so invite friends and relatives. The food is delicious! Love to see you all!

United Methodist Women



Sarah Circle will meet on Thursday, July 12, at 9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall. Hostess is Carolyn Jarvis. Program emphasis is "The Sacred Space of Community".

Members are invited to reflect on how UMW members can create a sacred space of community

Nan Livingston, President

and respond to the needs of the most vulnerable and voiceless in our society.

Remember to support the Missions emphasis each month as part of the sacred spaces in our community.

Rachel Circle will meet on Thursday, July 12, at 5:55 PM in Fellowship Hall.

In Gratitude

To my Salem family,

I want to thank everyone for there prayers, calls, visits and gifts. I am truly blessed to have such great support from everyone.

I thank God for being by my side and Ed for seeing me through all this.

God Bless you all!

Diane Foss



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RETURN SERVICE

REQUESTED

**Salem's mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
"connecting people, building community, transforming lives through Jesus"**

Salem's Sunday Morning Schedule

9:00 AM	Modern Worship	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary

Nursery for infants through 4-year-olds is available on the Lower Level during worship services and Sunday School.

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(closed standard holidays)

