



# SALEM CHURCH

*God is still speaking*

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**July 2024**

**Mission Statement: We are followers of Jesus, in the process of discerning what we need to let go of and what we need to embrace so we can be a light of Christ in the world.**



**Rev. Matthew Hunt**

### **Have you wondered about the Salem name?**

I was able to uncover this about our name origins:

The name "Salem" has significant historical and biblical roots that have influenced its use by various churches, including those

within the United Church of Christ (UCC) and other denominations.

### **Historical and Biblical Significance:**

#### 1. **\*\*Biblical Origin\*\***

The name "Salem" is derived from the Hebrew word "shalom," which means peace. It is also associated with Jerusalem, historically referred to as "Salem" in Genesis 14:18, where Melchizedek, the king of Salem, is mentioned. This biblical reference underscores a connection to peace and divine blessing.

#### 2. **\*\*German Evangelical Heritage\*\***

Many churches named "Salem," especially within the United Church of Christ, have roots in German Evangelical traditions. For example, Salem Evangelical United Church of Christ in Quincy, Illinois, originally began as a congregation of German immigrants with a strong evangelical background. This heritage is reflected in the church's founding name, "The German Evangelische Salem Gemeinde," which means "The German Evangelical Salem Parish".

#### 3. **\*\*Use in the Midwest\*\***

The use of "Salem" in church names across Illinois, Missouri, and Iowa can be attributed to the influence of German immigrants who settled in these areas in the 19th century. They brought with them their religious traditions and established congregations that often adopted the name "Salem" to reflect their commitment to peace and their evangelical roots. Churches such as Salem United Church of Christ in Higginsville, Missouri, and others in the region

share this common heritage.

### **Cultural and Denominational Context:**

#### 1. **\*\*United Church of Christ (UCC)\*\***

Many "Salem" churches are part of the UCC, which formed in 1957 from the union of several Christian traditions, including the Evangelical and Reformed Church. This union emphasized a commitment to unity, peace, and justice, values inherent in the name "Salem."

In summary, the name "Salem" reflects a rich blend of biblical heritage, a commitment to peace, and the historical influence of German evangelical immigrants. It symbolizes the legacy and values that these congregations uphold within their communities and the broader Christian tradition.

Blessings,

*Pastor Matt*

PS: Here are my vacation dates as planned: July 4-10 (Linsey Laughlin preaching); July 19-25 (Shawna Bunnell from Chaddock preaching); August 12-18 no preacher yet. Mark Binder and Tim White will be available for pastoral emergencies. Contact Jayne Clouser (217-430-2778; clouserjayne@gmail.com) and she will make the connection.



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**Per a vote at the May 12 Special Congregational Meeting, the monthly Breathe Deep service, a contemporary service held on the first Sunday of the month, will begin at 9:00AM beginning on Sunday, August 4.**

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## July 2024

### Birthdays

- 7/6 William Tipton
- 7/7 Janice Winn
- 7/8 Taylor Vail  
Steve Drebes
- 7/9 Connie Mowen  
Dottie Spilker
- 7/13 Rich Bliven
- 7/14 Mia McNay
- 7/15 Wanda Hamann-Salsman
- 7/17 Kim Akers  
Joel Koch
- 7/25 Tyler Tipton
- 7/29 Lonita Fox  
Makenzi Winn
- 7/30 John McKinney
- 7/31 Judy Echternkamp  
Marilyn Wiesenborn

### Anniversaries

- 7/17 Laurie & Lee Charity
- 7/21 Sheryl & Paul Goehl
- 7/23 Marsha & Steve Akers
- 7/29 Sue & Steve Ippensen



*This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to God's will, God hears us. 1 JOHN 5:14*

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| Nelly Bradshaw                   | Carolyn Kaiser       |
| Carolyn Carper                   | Jenni Moran          |
| Laurie Charity                   | Connie Mowen         |
| Sandy Constable                  | Doug Olson           |
| Gary Daggett                     | Valerie Ortbal       |
| Cindy Davis & Family             | Wanda Hamann-Salsman |
| Victoria Dry                     | Heidi Shaw           |
| Denise Eastman                   | Robert Sronce        |
| Bob Fox                          | John Swayzer         |
| Samantha, Nora, and Marie Fuller | Joyce Winn           |
| Paula Jones                      | Merle Woods          |

## Dates to Remember

### Tuesday, July 2

4:30 pm: Property Task Force

### Wednesday, July 3

5:30 pm: Jam Session—  
Choir Room

### Saturday, July 6

11:30 am: BJ's Café—  
Saturday Meals

### Sunday, July 7

9:30 am: Youth and Adult  
Re:Charge  
10:30 am: Breathe Deep Worship  
with Communion

### Wednesday, July 10

5:30 pm: Jam Session—  
Choir Room

5:30 pm: Ministries

### Thursday, July 11

4:00 pm: Loads of Love

### Saturday, July 13

10:30 am: Paws & Prayers—  
Pet Food Distribution

11:30 am: BJ's Café—  
Saturday Meals

### Sunday, July 14

9:00 am: Salem Worship  
9:45 am: Sundae Sunday  
10:00 am: Youth and Adult  
Re:Charge

### Wednesday, July 17

5:30 pm: Jam Session—  
Choir Room

### Saturday, July 20

*Newsletter Deadline*  
11:30 am: Health Fair—  
Toiletries Distribution  
11:30 am: BJ's Café—  
Saturday Meals

### Sunday, July 21

9:00 am: Worship  
10:00 am: Youth and Adult  
Re:Charge

### Wednesday, July 24

5:30 pm: Jam Session—  
Choir Room

### Thursday, July 25

4:00 pm: Loads of Love

### Saturday, July 27

11:30 am: BJ's Café—  
Saturday Meals

### Sunday, July 28

9:00 am: Salem Worship  
10:00 am: Youth and Adult  
Re:Charge

### Wednesday, July 31

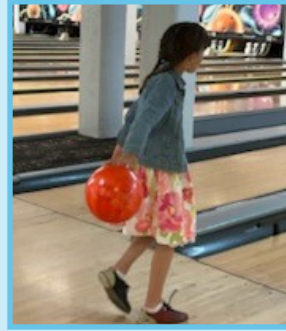
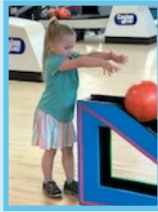
5:30 pm: Jam Session—  
Choir Room  
6:00 pm: VMST

*There will not be a potluck in July because of the 4h of July weekend.*



**Do you have a favorite pin, something with meaning that you wear to share your feelings or opinion about something? Wear it to church on Sunday, July 7.**

# Salem Keglers



**Congratulations,  
Salem Family!**

**You donated  
\$5,915**

**to be allocated  
among Salem's  
Outreach Ministries!**

*Sundae  
Sunday  
July 14 After  
Worship*

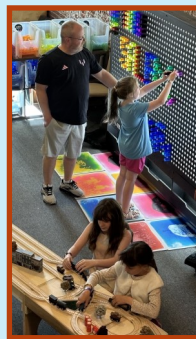


## Backpack Fundraiser

Each year Salem members purchase 50 backpacks and the supplies needed to fill them. Members can donate supplies and backpacks or cash contributions. We will be helping with supplies for the Elementary Schools. Last year the Back-to-School Help Fair served 674 children, and the needs this year will most certainly be as great! Your generosity is greatly appreciated! There is a specific list compiled by the Back-to-School Help Fair committee. The list will be available on the office window ledge, and we will also send it by email. Please return your donations to the church by Sunday, July 28. Contact Judy Bushaus with any questions: 217-779-3007.



# Quincy Children's Museum Outing



JAM



SESSION

**Jam Session with David Schaffer and Linsey Laughlin**

**Every Wednesday from 5:30-6:30**

*(beginning June 26)*

**Salem Choir Room**

**Featuring musical crafts!**

**ALL are welcome *(Yes, that means you.)***