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Welcome

It's "au revoir" to worship in the beautiful picnic grove – "au revoir" since we do not want to say "good-bye" but rather "until we meet again". We are so grateful that we were able to worship outdoors in God's amazing, awesome, and inspiring creation for all of July, August and September. Except for a brief light rain shower one Sunday that sent folks scurrying under trees or to their cars for jackets and had Bruce creating an entirely new liturgical role – that of Umbrella Holder over pastor and the sound equipment! – we were blessed with delightful weather. Now that we are worshipping indoors we hope all Salem members and friends will join us – both those who have loved worshipping in the grove and those for whom indoor worship is more manageable.

As we move to indoor worship, we remind everyone that masks are now optional, and that we encourage people to do be good stewards of their own health as well as good neighbors who look out for the health of others. Although the pandemic is not yet over, the risks have been greatly mitigated – and for that we give God thanks and praise!

Today we welcome to the pulpit The Reverend Dr. Daniel Rodriguez Schlorff, the Director of Congregational and Community Partnerships at the Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport since May of this year. He has studied at the University of Chicago Divinity School, Hartford Seminary, and Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, and has worked as a healthcare chaplain and as a church planter for the Alliance of Baptists. In addition to his current work, he is also a writer and musician. He looks forward to getting to know more of the people from Salem who have been such generous supporters of the Council of Churches and to sharing with Salem more about the current work of the Council.

Following worship today we will have an adult forum in the Lounge at which we will have a chance to share in deeper conversation with Dr. Schlorff.

Concerned about the decline of the Church? Then join in the 10 days of Prayer – where, following the mandates in scripture, churches unite in worship, prayer, and repentance – as it concludes its 7th year here in Bridgeport. It began September 25th but stop by New Vision International Ministries, 35 Benham Ave, Bridgeport, CT nightly at 7 pm through October 5th.

You are invited to gather with us for prayer on zoom Wednesdays at 12:00 noon at this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82882777326?pwd=VCtObFRPOGI3cTR3elllZmtiZEpadz09> and for Bible Study 6:30-7:25 as we pick up in our study of Acts with 16:-40 at this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89119212353?pwd=WfdhU3ZaL1BUb2syZmdzREdTZVpsdz09> If you cannot access zoom just let us know and you can join one of us via speakerphone. And if anyone would like Holy Communion we offer that at 7:25 each week.

NEXT SUNDAY WE WILL BE TAKING OUR CHURCH ON THE ROAD. We'll be worshipping at Grace Lutheran, 150 Chapel Street in Stratford, at our normal time of 9:30. This will not only help build relationships between members of our congregation, but will help them during their pastoral vacancy and is one way we can show our appreciation for the way they have opened up their building to us for our monthly breakfast and for our upcoming Seafarer's packing party.

Gathering

GATHERING MUSIC

Made a Way

Verse 1: Standing here not knowing how We'll get through this test But holding onto faith You know best
Nothing can catch You by surprise, You've got this Figured out, and You're watching us now

Verse 2: But when it looks as if we can't win You wrap us in your arm and step in
Ev'rything we need, You supply, You've got this In control, and now we know that

Chorus 1: You made a way when our backs Were against the wall And it looked as if it was over
You, You made a way and we're standing here Only because You made a way

Verse 3: Now we're looking back on Where we've come from Because of You and nothing we've done
To deserve the love and mercy You've shown But Your grace was strong enough to pick us up

Bridge 1: You move mountains, You cause walls to fall With your power, You perform miracles
There is nothing that's impossible And we're standing here Only because You made a way

Bridge 2: You move mountains, You cause walls to fall With Your power, You perform miracles
There is nothing that's impossible And we're standing here Only because You made a way
And we're standing here Only because You made a way
We're standing here Only because You made a way

Chorus 2: You made a way, You made a way You made a way, You made a way

Tag: Don't know how, but You did it, made a way Don't know how, but You did it, made a way
Don't know how but You did it Don't know how but you did it
Don't know how but You did it Don't know how but you did it

Chorus 3: Don't know why but I'm grateful Don't know why but I'm grateful
Don't know why but I'm grateful Don't know why but I'm grateful
Don't know why but I'm grateful

Tag And we're standing here only because You made a way

CCLI Song # 7071768. Travis Greene

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Performance by Jon Reddick, Church of the City, 07/16/21

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as found at this link: <https://youtu.be/KZCI2pkG9CY> [4:56]

Performance by Eastgate Church's Virtual Choir, 04/26/20

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tB1tBze-8yA> [6:08]

Performed on March 8, 2020 by New Direction Ministries musicians:

Wayne Reid, Jr, soloist; Davis Good, keyboard; Derron Simmonds, percussion; Bishop Eron Simmonds, guitar.

Wayne or JR is one of the youth who developed his musical gifts

at Salem's SummerSong & Musical Theatre programs under the direction of Mark Adamy & Sarah Fox.[7:17]

Please note that here we go live on Facebook.

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book,
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 400)*

You may stand if you so desire.

- 1 God of tempest, God of whirlwind, as on Pentecost descend!
Drive us out from sheltered comfort; past these walls your people send!
Sweep us into costly service, there with Christ to bear the cross,
there with Christ to bear the cross!**
- 2 God of blazing, God of burning, all that blocks your purpose, purge!
Through your church, Christ's living Body, let your flaming Spirit surge!
Where deceit conceals injustice, kindle us to speak your truth,
kindle us to speak your truth!**
- 3 God of earthquake, God of thunder, shake us loose from lethargy!
Break the chains of sin asunder, for earth's healing set us free!
Crumble walls that still divide us; make us one in Christ our Lord,
make us one in Christ our Lord!**
- 4 God of passion, God unsleeping, stir in us love's restlessness!
Where the people cry in anguish, may we share your heart's distress.
Rouse us from content with evil; claim us for your kingdom's work,
claim us for your kingdom's work!**

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923; Meter 8 7 8 7 8 7 7;

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Performance by the Reverend Marjo Anderson, 01/31/21 [2:44]

Word

Please be seated.

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help and you will not listen?

Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrongdoing

and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;

strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack

and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous —

therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watch post,

and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,

and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time;

it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;

it will surely come, it will not delay.

Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them,

but the righteous live by their faith.

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

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS: Psalm 37:1-9

Do not be provoked by evildoers;

do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

For they shall soon wither like the grass,

and like the green grass fade away.

Put your trust in the LORD and do good;

dwelt in the land and find safe pasture.

Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire.

Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, and see what God will do.

The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light

and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.

Be still before the LORD

and wait patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.

For evildoers shall be cut off,

but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

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

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God — whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did — when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS: Luke 17:5-10

You may stand if you so desire.

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea’, and it would obey you.

“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

Word of God! Word of Life!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Please be seated.

The Rev. Dr. Daniel Schlorff

You may stand if you so desire.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*(We thank the Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport
for introducing us to this affirmation at its annual meeting last month.
It is from The United Congregational Church of Southern Africa & from Indonesia
and speaks especially to the ideals to which this country has always aspired:
the freedom, equality, and truth that lead to a new earth where justice and peace prevail.)*

And now, as people of the household of God, in faith, and love, and with goodwill to all,
let us in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ
give ourselves afresh to him and to one another in joyous covenant,
promising to walk together with God and one another.

We believe in God, who is love and who has given the earth to all people.

**We believe in Jesus Christ, who came to heal us,
and to free us from all forms of oppression.**

We believe in the Spirit of God, who works in & through all who are turned toward the truth.

We believe in the community of faith, which is called to be at the service of all people.

We do not believe in the right of the strongest, nor in the power of oppression.

We believe in human rights, in the solidarity of all people.

**We denounce, stand, and work against racism,
in the power that comes from wealth and privilege,
or in any established order that enslaves.**

**We believe that all people are equally human,
that order based on violence and injustice is not order.**

We do not believe that hunger and poverty are inevitable and peace unattainable.

**We dare to believe, always and in spite of everything,
in God's power to transform and transfigure,
fulfilling the promise of a new heaven & a new earth where justice & peace will flourish.**

PURPOSE STATEMENT

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.

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

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread,
so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

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

We pray for your holy church in every place & for those who serve following Christ's example.
Help us to live by faith alone and walk by the light of your gospel.

We pray for our mission partners, especially today for CityServe, the Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport, and the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Greater Bridgeport.

We pray for Salem members & their families, especially those celebrating birthdays this week:
Brandon DeWalt, Peggy Claus, and John Kemp.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For parts of the world ravaged by natural disaster:

relieve those affected by floods, wildfires, droughts, earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For every nation and for those entrusted with authority:

grant our leaders self-discipline in all things, and inspire them with love for your people.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For victims of violence, abuse, and neglect:

heal those who have been harmed and protect those who are vulnerable.

For all who are sick, especially Barbara, Barry, Bernedette, Bill, Cliffy, Dave, Dave, Dennis,
Dick, Dolores, Dorothy, Ed, Frank, Grace, Georgina, Iris, Janice, Jeff, Jim, Jocelyn, Joe, Joey,
Jonathan, Linda, Luc, Marija, Melvyn, Natalie, Ruth, Sara Jean, Steve, VL,
and all we name in our hearts.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For this and every congregation:

rekindle your gifts within your people, and inspire councils, committees, and individuals
to plan and work together that all may know your love.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving that you have abolished death, and for the saints who have died.

Bring us all to eternal life with you.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God,
we offer these and all our prayers to you; through 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

Please be seated.

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

We Walk by Faith

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book,
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 635)*

You may stand if you so desire.

- 1 We walk by faith and not by sight No gracious words we hear
From Him who as none e'er spoke But we believe Him near**
- 2 We may not touch His hands and side Nor follow where He trod
But in His promise we rejoice And cry "My Lord and God"**
- 3 Help then, oh Lord, our unbelief And may our faith abound
To call on you when you are near And seek where you are found**
- 4 That when our life of faith is done In realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are with full and endless sight**
- 5 We walk by faith and not by sight No gracious words we hear
From Him who spoke as none e'er spoke But we believe Him near**

*Text: based on 2 Corinthians 5:1-10, John 20:19-31 by Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt;
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ANNOUNCEMENTS, THANK YOU & BLESSING

Here ends our Facebook live stream.

Meal & Dismissal

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Dr. Daniel Schlorff

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, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known & from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way.

Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table.

When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side.

We live unaware of the hurt and pain we have caused by personal and societal actions.

Set us back on the path of life, save us from our sin, & free us to love our neighbors. Amen

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for all people,
and for Christ's sake God forgives all who truly repent of their sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by Christ's authority,

I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,

in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

COMMUNION

Please be seated.

The Rev. Dr. Daniel Schlorff

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

Lead Me, Guide Me

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book,
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 768)*

You may stand if you so desire.

Refrain **Lead me, guide me, along the way; for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with you. Lead me, my whole life through.**

**1 I am weak & I need your strength & pow'r to endure with grace my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness your face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**

Refrain **Lead me, guide me, along the way; for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with you. Lead me, my whole life through.**

**2 Help me walk in the paths of righteousness, be my aid when Satan & sin oppress.
I am trusting you whate'er may be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**

Refrain **Lead me, guide me, along the way; for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with you. Lead me, my whole life through.**

**3 I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am blind without your light to see.
Lord, forever may I your servant be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**

Refrain **Lead me, guide me, along the way; for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with you. Lead me, my whole life through.**

Text: based on Psalm 27:11, 61:2, by Doris M. Akers, 1922-1995; Meter Irregular

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Tom Trenney, organist

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DISMISSAL

The Rev. Dr. Daniel Schlorff

Go in peace, remembering these words from our first reading today from the prophet Habakkuk:
There is still a vision for the appointed time. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE MUSIC

Take My Life

Holiness, holiness is what I long for. Holiness is what I need.
Holiness, holiness is what You want from me.

Faithfulness, faithfulness is what I long for. Faithfulness is what I need.
Faithfulness, faithfulness is what You want from me.

So take my heart; transform it. Take my mind; inform it. Take my will; conform it
to Yours, to Yours, oh, Lord.

Righteousness, righteousness is what I long for. Righteousness is what I need.
Righteousness, righteousness is what You want from me.

So take my heart; transform it. Take my mind; inform it. Take my will; conform it
to Yours, to Yours, oh, Lord.

Oh, so take my heart; transform it.
Take my mind; inform it.
Take my will; conform it to Yours, to Yours, oh, Lord,
to Yours, to Yours, oh, Lord.

Yes take my heart; transform it. Take my mind; inform it. Take my will; conform it
to Yours, to Yours, oh, Lord. to Yours, to Yours, oh, Lord.

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Scott Underwood

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Announcements

CityFest made the last week of August an unforgettable week for Bridgeport and our region. Together we made history...

- * more than 22,000 people attended the festival!**
- * 175 churches united in partnership!**
- * hundreds were mobilized to serve the region in long-term initiatives!**
- * more than 800 people asked for and received prayer**
- * 750 were trained to pray for others and witness to their faith** to serve as Festival Friends
- * 550 attended pre-festival Gospel events**
- * 400 volunteered for the festival**

On behalf of the Luis Palau Association, Andrew and Wendy Palau write, “We are praying that CT will never be the same. And this entire campaign never would have happened without people like you. From the bottom of our hearts, we say thank you!”

Read the full report at 222.cityfest.org

As amazing as it was, CityFest was not the ultimate event, but rather the “launch party” for CityServe, a massive effort to mobilize churches to serve our region's greatest needs, providing support for those needing Adoption & Foster Care, better Education, and freedom from Food Insecurity. It includes a series of outreach events strategically designed to share the love of Jesus with key groups of people in our community, including university students, business/civic leaders, women, and those who are incarcerated. For more information on upcoming events and other ways to address the 3 areas of need mentioned above, and to find out how you/we can volunteer, go to <https://www.ctcityserve.org/>.

Following CityFest, Pastor Marjo was one of 6 pastors invited to attend the Mayor’s State of the City Address which was held on Wednesday. After hearing about all the amazing economic developments taking place in Bridgeport, Pastor Marjo told the mayor he needs someone to do a better job of spreading the good news! It seems that, thanks to the Hartford Healthcare Amphitheatre, Bridgeport is well on its way to becoming the Entertainment Capitol of Connecticut – in a much healthier way than a casino would have ever provided. And among the dozens of other initiatives cited were Bridgeport Landing Development, Honey Locust Square, Northsails, Congress Plaza, Windward Commons, Wakeman Boys and Girls Club, the redevelopment of the old coal plant, and the purchase of the Sikorsky airport and its promised expansion by the state. ***But what was really exciting was to hear some of the pastors share afterwards about the prayer gathering that took place 6 years ago on the very site on which we were standing, the prayers that were offered up for Bridgeport, and the answers to those prayers that we are now seeing. Thanks be to God!***

Thank you to all who prayed for the Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast on September 12th! Pastor Marjo was one of over 60 pastors in Bridgeport who gathered in the mayor’s office to meet the mayor’s staff (3 of whom are pastors!), hear their prayer requests, and then join hands and hearts as we lifted our voices in prayer and praise for all that God has done, is doing and will do here in Bridgeport.

NEXT Choir rehearsals will resume after worship on Sunday October 16^h and continue on 10/16, 10/23, and 10/30. as we prepare to sing on Reformation Sunday, October 30th and All Saints Sunday, November 6th. After a break on November 6th and 13th, they will resume on 11/ 20 as we prepare for Christmas Eve.

Salem's Food Assistance Fund - While we may not have our own food pantry anymore, some of those people are still in need of food and Pastor distributes \$25 stop and shop cards as needed from that fund which only has \$45 in it at present. Also a number of Salem members support the food pantry at PT Barnum with their time, and we'd also like to support it financially. 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 marked "food assistance." In addition, you may send check to office or drop it in church mailbox or give it or cash to Pastor. You can also give to the fund online by **clicking on this link**. or go to our website, SalemBridgeport.org, click on Donate, and then fill in your amount under "Food Pantry Donation".

Please congratulate and give thanks to all the members of our Salem Bridgeport team who joined me for Camp Calumet Lutheran's annual Walk the Walk fundraiser: Dave & Judy Albers and Cindy Roberts, Eileen & Ray Anderson, Jean & Tom Larson, Susan Murphy, Wes Murphy, Astrid Colello, and canines Fritz, Gustav, and Buttons.

Together we 11 humans and 3 dogs walked a total of 2,974 during July and August! That's 4 more participants and 700 more miles

than last year! **Total miles walked from 1600 participants now stands at 208,839, with reports still coming in!** That means that total miles

walked/person was 130, while the total miles walked per our team member was 212! **GREAT WORK, TEAM!**



Christmas at Sea

Collection dates:

Gift Suggestions:

- Woolen caps
- Sweatshirts (L-XL)
- Thermal or White Socks
- Colored T-Shirts (L)
- Chocolates
- Canned Nuts
- Hard Candy
- Christmas Cards
- Money

September 11 – December 4



If questions, contact Carol Lansing (203) 520-3752

Please place items in the marked box in the Narthex

New England Women of the ELCA will host its Biennial Convention and Gathering – “We love because he first loved us [1 John 4:19]” – October 27-29 at Camp Calumet. Come with your stories, or come to listen to the stories of others. Come share the Love and/or come to be loved, give love or Just Love, and leave to share the love and tell the stories. For more info, contact Ade Monareh at 603-866-6556 or ade234@msn.com .

FaithActs for Education is a campaign to get the faith community in Bridgeport involved in voter education and voter turnout in order get all children the education they deserve. Believing that every child deserves the opportunity to graduate from college, take care of their family, and fulfill their God-given potential, FaithActs builds relationships, builds leaders, and builds power through community organizing and civic engagement across Connecticut. In 2019 Bridgeport Public Schools met FaithActs’ demand to publish how much it spends per child, per school – information that has never been made public before. Last year, in the middle of a pandemic, FaithActs secured an additional \$160 million in education for Black, Brown, and low income students of all races, and activated over 5,000 voters across the state. Guided by faith, FaithActs continues to Serve the Children, Build Bridges, Take Ownership, and Drive toward Impact. If you want to change the life of a child, become a part of FaithActs by going to www.faithacts.org , emailing hello@faithacts.org, or calling 203-868-0443. If you have questions about voting, contact Civic Engagement Manager, Toni, at 203-751-7256 or Toni@Faithacts.org

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, died 1226

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

Born into the family of a wealthy merchant,
Francis gave up his inheritance to serve poor people.
He formed the Order of Friars Minor (called Franciscans),
who took on poverty and the task of preaching.
Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God's creation.

Theodor Fliedner, renewer of society, died 1864

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

Fliedner helped to bring about a revival of the ministry of deaconesses among Lutherans.
He was influenced in this by Moravian deaconesses he had met.
The motherhouse he founded in Kaiserswerth, Germany,
inspired many around the world to take up this ministry.

William Tyndale, translator, martyr, died 1536

Thursday, October 6, 2022

Tyndale was ordained a priest in England, and wished to translate the Bible into English.
He was opposed in this by King Henry VIII, causing him to flee to Germany.
He completed the New Testament in 1525,
but before he could finish the Old Testament, he was tried for heresy and burned at the stake.

Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, died 1787

Friday, October 7

Divided Lutherans in America asked leaders in Europe
to send someone who could take charge and unite their work.
Muhlenberg was sent, and was effective in organizing the American Lutherans.
Among other accomplishments,
his liturgical principles became the basis for the Common Service of 1888,
which in turn was the basis for the Common Service Book and Hymnal of 1958,
used until the Lutheran Book of Worship was published in 1978.

10 DAYS 2022

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35 BENHAM AVENUE
BRIDGEPORT, CT, 06605

SEPT 25 - OCT 5

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The Country Store



Fair and Tag Sale

Saturday, October 15, 2022

9am to 3pm

Featuring: Huge Tag Sale, Book Nook,
Bake Shop with homemade goodies,
Gift Basket Raffle, Crafts & Country Café
serving a delicious menu.

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Young Entrepreneurs Showcase Their Business Ventures

Sponsored Vendor: KM Glass



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Featured Vendor: Luciana's Drawings & Paintings



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Stratford's 2nd Annual Children's Business Fair

*Experiences young entrepreneurs marketing &
selling their products while having a great time!*

Stratford's Paradise Green
121 Huntington Road
Stratford, CT
Sat. Oct. 22, 2022
10:00am-1:00pm
Rain date 10/23



Special Guest: Up & Coming Designer
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Charlie & Mommy's Candles
& Lemonade

There will also be crafts, games,
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Prayer time & music performed
by storyteller Gina Simpson

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Join CWK Network and the Community of Fairfield for a Special Film Screening and Panel Discussion Featuring Stacey DeWitt (Defining US Director), Dr. Yolanda Sealey-Ruiz (Cast Member and Professor, Teachers College, Columbia University), and Friends.

DEFINING US

CHILDREN

at the Crossroads **OF CHANGE**

Students and teachers inside the Nation's largest school systems share the untold story of why we need to acknowledge, discuss, and validate concerns about race and other vital issues that define our humanity.

**Friday,
November 4th**

Doors Open at 5:00 PM | Film Begins 6:00 PM

Sacred Heart University Community Theater
1420 Post Road
Fairfield, CT 06825



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Let's stay connected! Much of Pastor Marjo's and Salem's Office Manager, Karl's work can be done from their homes, but generally Karl is here on Thursdays to take care of tasks that cannot be accomplished remotely, and Pastor Marjo is happy to meet with you in-person here should you so desire. If we can help in any way, please know that you can call Salem's church office at 203-330-3300 and leave a message and your message will be picked up remotely and your call returned or send an email to SalemSec123@sbcglobal.net. **Please also do not hesitate to call or text Pastor Marjo at 203-982-3441 or email her at marjoanderson@aol.com. She would be MORE THAN HAPPY to hear from you!**