



Salem Lutheran Church

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

*for those with
hearing challenges*

*13th Sunday
after Pentecost*

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Welcome

From now through the end of September, we will be worshipping outdoors in the picnic grove, weather permitting. You may bring your own chair or sit at one of the picnic tables.

Salem is still recommending masks indoors, especially for singing. We know that some are only comfortable coming into a place where people are masked, and we want to provide an environment where everyone feels safe. The latest variants are still more contagious than the last and seem to evade current vaccines, but thankfully seem to cause only mild symptoms in most people, although those who are older and who have underlying conditions remain at risk for more serious illness. There is also a 20% chance of even a mild case of Covid developing into more serious long Covid. We will continue to re-evaluate based on what happens with the pandemic and what the latest advice is concerning singing protocols.

The Spirit was on the Move at CityFest! Jesus prayed that his disciples would be one, and last Saturday and Sunday at Seaside Park in Bridgeport over 175 congregations lived into Jesus' heartfelt prayer. St. Paul wrote that when we are truly in Christ there can be no dividing lines – between Jew and Greek, slave and free, male and female – and at CityFest we were most certainly in Christ for there were no divisions between Black and White, English speakers and Spanish speakers, or Evangelicals and Mainline Protestants. All were there to give glory to God, to learn how to be truer disciples, to witness to what God has done in our lives, to enjoy fellowship among ourselves and the wider community, and to commit ourselves to working together to serve our neighbors in need.

It wasn't only the church who showed up at CityFest. CT Governor Ned Lamont, US Senator Richard Blumenthal, Mayor Joe Ganim, and other government leaders were there, excited about all that can happen when as individual congregations and denominations we lay aside our differences in order to work together to bring light and life to our community.

The business community was also there and included Coca-Cola, Buttafuccho, Splash Car Wash, Beverages Northeast, Valley Container, Eingedi Spring, K-Love, RD Scinto, 96.7 Air1 Worship Now, and Rep the Gospel, a clothing company founded by Pastor Dexter Upshaw of New Vision International Ministries.

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/> .

Gathering

GATHERING SONG

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song (*Jésus, je voudrais te chanter*)

(as found in the ELCA worship book *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* # 808)

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey; I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
you alone are our life & our peace & our love. Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey. May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.

May the earth & the sea & the sky join my song. Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant, to carry your cross & to share all your burdens & tears.
For you saved me by giving your body & blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

I fear in the dark & the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.
And with all of the family you saved by your love, we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

*Text: Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community, tr. Stephen Somerville, b. 1931;
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*Music: LES PETITES SOEURS, Les Petites Soeurs de Jesus and L'Arche Community;
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*Performance # 1 by Lutheran North Concert Choir (arr. Jared Brown), 12/17/21
as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pUzGnysDja8> [3:18]*

*Performance # 2 by Tim McNabb of [Halifax Lutheran Church](#), 02/20/21
as found at this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f_SprnZKKxc [3:08]*

*Performance # 3 by Shenandoah Christian Music Camp (VA), sung at the 10th Annual Choral
Festival 2015, arranged and conducted by Lloyd Kauffman, 08/16/15
as found at this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xFxmIT_NJyo [3:01]*

Please note that here we go live on Facebook.

WELCOME

Welcome in the name of God who desires that we choose the Way of life,
in the name of Jesus who embodies that Way,
and in the name of the Spirit who empowers us to walk in that Way with faith and hope.

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 thank you, those of you out there in cyber space, wherever – and whenever! – you are!

For those of you who don't know me,

I am 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
are included on our website at SalemBridgeport.org/Live.

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Any other announcements?

Then, I invite you to pray with me as we begin our worship.

God, we praise you for who you are and we thank you for all that you do!

Everything we are and everything we have comes from you, without our even asking!

You deserve what you have commanded –

that we love you with all our heart and soul and mind and body,

and yet we continually fail to do so.

We put our trust in our bank accounts and in privileges that have come to us undeserved.

We love our significant others and our children and our parents more than we love you.

We spend our time & talent & treasure pursuing things that are not your will for us.

Open our minds and hearts and spirits to experience you in a powerful way this morning,

that we might be drawn

to see you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly day by day.

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

OPENING SONG

More Precious than Silver

You may stand if you so desire.

*Note: If singing with recording, simply sing Chorus 1 twice;
if singing with piano, sing through as written.*

Chorus 1

**Lord You are More precious than silver
Lord You are More costly than gold
Lord You are More beautiful than diamonds
And nothing I desire Compares with You**

Verse

**And who can weigh the value Of knowing You
Oh who can judge the worth Of Who You are
Lord who can count the blessing Of loving You
Who can say just how great You are, How great You are**

Chorus 2

**(Oh) Lord You are More precious than silver
Lord You are More costly than gold
Lord You are More beautiful than diamonds
And nothing I desire Compares with You
Ooo nothing I desire Compares with You
Ooo nothing I desire Compares with You**

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by Lynn DeShazo

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*Performance by the Chancel Choir & Orchestra of Hayes Barton Baptist Church,
Raleigh, NC, 12/16/18*

(<https://vimeo.com/306082263>) titled "Portraits of The King"

at Hayes Barton Baptist Church in Raleigh, NC <http://www.hbbc.org/>

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TQH0gTU8-s4> [1:45]

Word

Please be seated.

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of Yahweh your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and Yahweh your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving Yahweh your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that Yahweh swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Word of God! Word of Life!

Thanks be to God!

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS: Psalm 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.
It is not so with the wicked who are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For Yahweh knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

Word of God! Word of Life!

Thanks be to God!

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love — and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother — especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS: Luke 14:25-33

You may stand if you so desire.

Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish’. Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up trusting in all your possessions.”

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

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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 the church around the world and for the mission of the gospel.
Refresh the hearts of your people, deepen our understanding of every good thing we share,
and strengthen our partnerships in the faith.
We pray for our mission partners,
especially for the Bridgeport Rescue Mission and the Center for Family Justice.
We pray for Salem members & their families, especially those celebrating birthdays this week:
Rich Kenyon.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For the well-being of the earth and all its creatures:
for trees & forests, for all that will yield fruit this season, & for streams & other bodies of water.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For the nations and those in authority:
for the elected leaders of our towns, states, and country, and for international organizations.
Grant wisdom to those who govern
and raise up citizens who make decisions in the best interest of their neighbors.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For all in need:
for those who suffer from disease, who struggle with homelessness or food insecurity,
for those whose family life is difficult, and for all in this community who need your care,
especially Barbara, Barry, Bernedette, Bill, Cliffy, Dave, Dolores, Ed, Frank, Grace, Iris,
Janice, Jim, Jocelyn, Joe, Joey, Jonathan, Linda, Maria, Marija, Natalie, Ruth, Steve, VL,
the family and friends of Pastor Joe Bourret, and all we name in our hearts.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For this community of faith:
for all our labors — begun, continued, and ended in you — that they glorify your holy name.
Bless your people with the strength to live into their many vocations for the sake of the world.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the saints who now rest from their labors,
especially Peter Claver, priest and missionary, and Pastor Joe Bourret.
Give us faith, like them, to love you with all our hearts, souls, bodies and minds,
and by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life.
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 SONG I Surrender All / All to Jesus I Surrender

(as found in the ELCA worship book, *This Far by Faith* # 235)

You may stand if you so desire.

Verse 1

**All to Jesus I surrender All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him In His presence daily live**

Refrain

**I surrender all I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Savior I surrender all**

Interlude

Verse 2

**All to Jesus I surrender Humbly at His feet I bow
Worldly pleasures all forsaken Take me Jesus take me now Refrain**

Interlude

Verse 4

**All to Jesus I surrender Lord I give myself to Thee
Fill me with Thy love and power Let Thy blessing fall on me (fall on me)**

Refrain

**I surrender all I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Savior I surrender all
All to Thee m blessed Savior.... I surrender.... all.**

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THANK YOU AND BLESSING

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 together,
you can reach me through our website or Facebook.

As we say good-bye to our online worshippers,

I'd like to offer this blessing based on our reading today from Deuteronomy, chapter 30
to all who are worshipping with us, both in-person and in cyberspace:

If you obey the commandments of God
by loving God, walking in God's ways, and observing all that God has commanded,
then you shall live and become prosperous, and God will bless you!

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, 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.

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 SONG Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)

*(as found in the ELCA worship books
Worship & Praise # 137 and Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 893)*

*As long as you are masked, you may sing softly.
You may stand if you so desire.*

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?

"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

"Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

*Text: 1 Samuel 3:10, Isaiah 65:1-2, Zechariah 13:9, John 10:3-4, Ephesians 4:1
by John L. Bell, b. 1949; Meter 13 13 7 7 13*

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace, and choose life, loving and obeying God,
that you may have life and length of days!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE SONG

Take My Life

Verse 1 Holiness, holiness is what I long for. Holiness is what I need.
Holiness, holiness is what You want from me.

Verse 2 Faithfulness, faithfulness is what I long for. Faithfulness is what I need.
Faithfulness, faithfulness is what You want from me.

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

Verse 3 Righteousness, righteousness is what I long for. Righteousness is what I need.
Righteousness, righteousness is what You want from me.

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Take my will; conform it to Yours, to Yours, oh, Lord.

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*Performance by members of the music ministry of St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish, Newburgh, IN, 02/27/21
as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iRUtDeRx-Tg> [3:11]*

Announcements

On Wednesdays we live into our Mission of Encountering God, Building Relationships, and Changing Lives with 2 zoom gatherings. The links are all on the calendar on our website at SalemBridgeport.org under the Resources Tab.

*** Every Wednesday at 12:00 noon we meet on zoom for prayer.** You can pray out loud if you want, or you can simply ask others to pray for you or for the concerns on your mind or heart.

*** And every Wednesday at 6:30 pm we gather on zoom for Bible Study, led by Pastor Marjo and Jeanette Harris,** that is not simply informational but transformational, in that we seek not simply to learn about God, but to hear God speak to our own hearts and minds as we continue our study of the book of Acts, this week reflecting on chapter 15. At 7:25 we conclude with a brief service of Holy Communion.

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 2,122 during July and August!

The total number of miles covered in this fundraiser will be announced Sunday. Stay tuned to hear the number of dollars raised.



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".

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!**

FaithActs for Education says, “If you don’t vote, they don’t listen!” FaithActs is a campaign to get the faith community in Bridgeport involved in voter education and voter turnout in order to 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

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 .

Christmas at Sea – Collection dates: September 11-December 4; Gift Ideas: Woolen caps, Sweatshirts (L-XL), thermal or white socks, colored T-shirts (L), chocolates, canned nuts, hard candy, christmas cards, money For info, contact Carol Lansing 203-520-3752. Please place items in the marked box in the Narthex.

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Peter Claver, priest, missionary to Colombia, died 1654

Friday, September 9, 2022

Born into Spanish nobility, Claver became a Jesuit missionary, and served in present-day Colombia.

His ministry was focused on the enslaved people who arrived there.

He gave them food and medicine, learned their dialects, and taught them Christianity.

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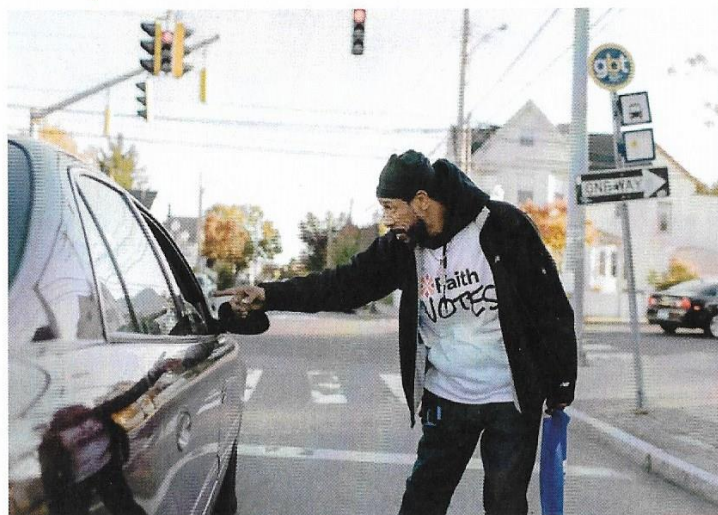
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OUR MISSION

We are people of faith building power to get our children the education they deserve.

WHAT WE DO

We build relationships, we build leaders, and we build power through community organizing and civic engagement across Connecticut.

OUR VISION

We believe that every child deserves the opportunity to graduate from college, take care of their family, and fulfill their God-given potential.

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Questions about voting? Contact our Civic Engagement Manager Toni at 203-751-7256 or toni@faithacts.org

Our Values

GUIDED BY FAITH: We have deep faith in God and in the power of communities to take on the important work of providing all our children with a transformative education.

SERVE THE CHILDREN: We are here to relentlessly serve and responsibly invest in what works best for our children.

BUILD BRIDGES: We believe in forming authentic relationships that bring our community together, collaborating with the greatest sense of mutual respect and integrity.

TAKE OWNERSHIP: We humbly accept our share of responsibility for the current educational inequity, and take ownership of changing it for our children.

DRIVE TOWARD IMPACT: We believe results should be measured with transparency and rigor.

Save the Date

October 27 – 29, 2022

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- Canned Nuts
- Hard Candy
- Christmas Cards
- Money



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