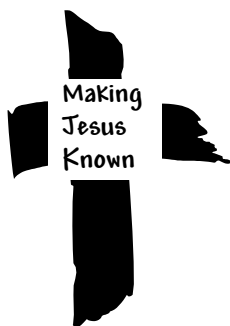


Our Mission  
Is  
Making  
Jesus  
Known!



Marks of  
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I will strive  
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Read  
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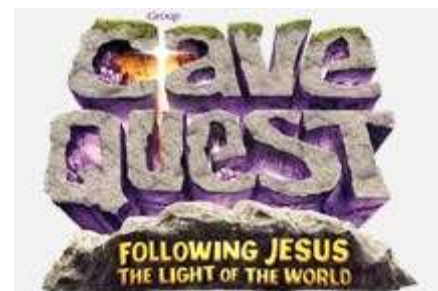
Lead others  
To Jesus

**2016 Salem VBS July 18 – July 21**  
**9:00am-12 noon, Preschool – Grade 5**  
**Cave Quest: Following the Light of Jesus**

At Cave Quest Vacation Bible School, kids learn in surprising and unforgettable ways! Each day, leaders reinforce one simple Bible truth—which makes it



easy for kids to remember and apply to real life! Bible stories, imagination station, crafts, games, videos, snacks, story time, and many other fun activities are all apart of VBS. Cost is \$10 per child, but scholarships are available if help is needed.



At VBS, our mission project will be to raise funds for widows and children in Orongo, Kenya, a project that Salem member Pamm Minden has been actively involved with. She has even been to Orongo and seen the project at work first hand. This project will go towards supporting a chicken project that teaches them a useful skill to be able to support themselves and their families.



We would like the congregation to match what is raised at VBS. If you are interested in donating towards this project, please make your check out to Salem Lutheran and put in the memo line "Kenya project." You can drop off your check in the offering plate during worship or send it to the church office.

## Call Committee Installed and Moving Ahead

The Salem Call Committee members will seek and call our next Senior Pastor. Based on a Ministry Site Profile prepared by Salem's Transition Team, the committee will work directly with the ELCA Synod office in recruiting and vetting applicants while reporting progress to the Council and congregation as appropriate.

The Call Committee met for the first time on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and were installed on June 26<sup>th</sup> at both services. They plan to meet again in late July and have been conferring with the Synod regarding the call process. The Call Committee members are: Connie Logeman, Co-Chair; Pauline Bratt, Recording Secretary; Jeremy Lehto, Co-Chair; Sarah Theisen; Bruce Summers; Anders Benoit. Please continue to pray for patience, discernment and God's presence as they embark on this important task!

## From Eric Blake, Youth Director

I love Salem! One of the things that first drew my family here over 21 years ago was the spiritual depth of the people in this congregation. I also appreciated that we were encouraged to attend the service that helped us to connect with God in the best way for our family (then there were 3 services). What struck me as someone looking for a church community to be a part of, was that the diversity didn't lead to different factions. Instead the people at each service had a genuine respect for the differences and a genuine desire to provide what people needed, while remaining true to Salem's core values. It's one of the top reasons why my family decided on Salem.

In the Congregational Survey one of the questions that was asked was about worship services, and how we have some very distinctly different ones. It was asked if this is a strength or a weakness. I was surprised by the question, because I have always seen the different services as a core strength of who Salem is. Imagine if it became some sort of "which service is best" kind of competition, instead of something we celebrate?

We need the 8:30 service and the rich tradition, the liturgy that grounds us and brings so much depth to the worship experience. We need to hear the familiar hymns whose lyrics offer us comfort and hope, and connect us to the deep history of the Christian faith. The addition this summer of the Psalms in the service adds another layer of depth and connection to scripture. Plus, as we all know, having the privilege of experiencing the masterful organ music by Dr. Charles Echols is such a gift!

We also need the 10:30 service, which helps people connect to God in a less formal, but no less worshipful atmosphere. It also provides an opportunity for our lay leadership to share very unique perspectives on the gospel lessons. Those different perspectives often leave us pondering scripture in a completely different way than we would have seen it on our own. We need the music which is often upbeat and highlights some of the unique musical talent that we have at Salem in a way that brings glory to God.

Our country is coming up on a presidential election where we will hear all kinds of attacks and smears for which candidate is better. There will be debates, yelling, grandstanding, lots of "I'm right" and "you're wrong" kinds of statements. I'm sure glad that way of thinking hasn't infected Salem. Neither service is better than the other. Neither service is more spiritual. They fit different spiritual needs on our congregation. We need the diversity, it's part of what makes Salem strong. Whichever service we personally prefer, let's make sure we continue to celebrate that at Salem we are Making Jesus Known through our different worship services.

Late this summer we will be starting a young adults ministry on Sunday nights. Our planning team has been hard at work for over a month and it has been incredible to see what God has been doing in our midst. God is clearly moving and I can't wait to be a part of the journey! The team has some really great ideas and enthusiasm, but they also are approaching this new ministry with humility. The gatherings will add to Salem's diversity. While the gatherings might look a little different than the mornings, we believe it will fill a need for young adults that the other services aren't currently filling. Please be praying for us as we begin in late August. We plan to announce the topics or themes that we will be covering each week. Even though we are reaching out specifically to young adults, our hope is that the topics will be helpful for anyone's faith journey, and we hope that you will feel free to join us some Sunday evenings!

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### Church Staff

Associate Pastor	<b>Kristen Anderson</b>
Youth Ministries	<b>Eric Blake</b>
Administrative Assistant	<b>Viv Kloskin</b>
Sunday School Coordinator	<b>Jodi Burling</b>
Music Coordinator	<b>Scott Campbell</b>
Sanctuary Choir & 10:30 Worship Music	<b>Tom Speckhard</b>
Handbell Choirs	<b>Lori Potter</b>
Property Manager	<b>Earl Kothman</b>
Custodian	<b>Eddy Setterholm</b>

## Memorial Service for Ray & Dorothy Peterson

A public memorial service will be held at Salem on Saturday, July 30, at 10:30am for Ray and Dorothy Peterson, who were long time members here at Salem.

They will be remembered for their famous doughnuts, which once a year they prepared and brought to Salem for our coffee hour. Dorothy was also a long time church secretary at Salem. Our prayers are with their family as they mourn their loss.

## Salem's Kids Sunday School Fall Registration

I am encouraging all families to register early so I can make sure I have enough resources and volunteers for next Fall.

We take the promise of sharing God's love with your child seriously and we want to be perfectly equipped. This year registration is online! To register your child(ren) simply go to: <http://bit.ly/SalemSundaySchool>

If you can help us keep the promise of sharing God's Love by volunteering even a small amount of your time, please visit our volunteer registration link here: <http://bit.ly/SalemVolunteers>

Thank you for helping me best prepare for your children next fall and for prayerfully considering how you can be a help to our program!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come find me on Sunday or email me at [JodiMarie76@gmail.com](mailto:JodiMarie76@gmail.com)! -- Jodi Burling

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## St. Cloud's Singing Saints will be singing at the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, August 7.

Salem is one of several churches that the Singing Saints will be visiting that morning. We are excited to be able to host them!

## Photo Directory Alert

Salem picture directory is coming. Photos will be taken by LifeTouch in mid-October at Salem. Lifetouch will photograph your family unit, and individual photos at your request.

They will even photograph you with your pet, however, pet photos will not be included in the directory. All family units will receive a complimentary photo and a photo directory. Watch the Salem Window and Sunday bulletins for more information to schedule a photo sitting.

## Thank You From Lincoln Elementary School

Lincoln Elementary would like to send a "HUGE" thank you for the time it took your parishioners to collect the Box Tops for Education, labels for learning, as well as the graham crackers that were donated to our school. Thanks again for your time.

-- The Teachers and Staff of Lincoln Elementary

## God's Garden Share Ministry at Salem

Bring in your washed vegetables on Sunday and drop at the "farmers stand" in the Gathering Area to share your excess produce with everyone at Salem. Feel free to take fresh veggies home or leave a donation for the stand.



## Thank you for your giving...

We are thankful for the opportunities of renewal, vacations and activities that come with summer. To assist in maintaining a positive cash flow over the summer months we need to keep up with giving throughout the summer. Your financial support is encouraged even when you are out of town. Please consider making weekly contributions or making additional offerings before you leave or when you return. The mission of "Making Jesus Known" continues through the "down time" of summer.

--Salem's Executive Committee

## Fare For All

Due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday, Salem will be hosting Fare For All Food Distribution on Monday, July 11, from 3:30pm to 5:30pm.

Special thanks to all who have volunteered to help with this mission outreach. Last month we served 170 families with affordable, healthy food.

Stretch your family's grocery budget by saving up to 40% on healthy food staples such as fruits, vegetables and frozen meats.

Fare For All is for everyone - no income qualifications – and accepts cash, credit, debit, and EBT cards. There is no need to register in advance.

Simply show up on Monday, July 11, between 3:30 to 5:30pm to pick up your groceries. Items featured: \$10 produce pack includes 5 varieties fresh veggies/2 varieties fresh fruits; \$11 Mini Meat Pack includes a minimum of 4 assorted meat items, or 3-5 pounds of meat; \$25 Mega Meat Pack for large families includes 7-9 frozen meat items; \$20 Combo Pack combines the Produce and Mini Meat Pack.

## School kits for Lutheran World Relief for Children in Need Throughout the World

Our goal is to complete 400 kits. Directions for sewing the backpack are on the Women of Salem Bulletin Board by the office or on-line.

Monetary donations will assist in completing and sending the kits. Please bring donations to the church office.

Included in each kit: sturdy drawstring backpack style cloth bag approx. 14"x17"; 4- 70 count notebooks wide/college ruled paper; • 30 centimeter ruler or ruler centimeters one side/ inches on the other; blunt scissors; pencil sharpener; 5 new, unsharpened #2 pencils; 5 ballpoint pens (no gel ink); box of 16 or 24 crayons and eraser approximately 2 1/2" long.

## Habitat for Humanity

Congratulations to Salem members who have volunteered a great deal of their spare time to help build affordable homes for local families in need. In 2015, 9 members of Salem worked a total of 984 volunteer hours.

Special recognition goes to Paul Gadway for being one of the construction site supervisors and leading the crew of trim work volunteers on several houses.

Paul volunteered 484 hours in 2015.



Special thanks also to Wayne T. Anderson and Denny Douma, who both have volunteered more than 500 hours since 2011.

They both received an engraved hammer in appreciation for their many hours.

**Salem Sunday Seeds** - we encourage members and friends to bring special gifts to be distributed in our community and world through Sunday Seeds. Each Sunday of the month is designated for a specific Sunday "Seed" – an opportunity to give towards that need: 1<sup>st</sup> - world hunger; 2<sup>nd</sup> – baby items; 3<sup>rd</sup> – non-perishable food goods & personal care items; 4<sup>th</sup> – school supplies for Lincoln School; 5<sup>th</sup> - support Bible camp ministries – Luther Crest and Salem's Junior High Camp. Thank you for supporting the Sunday Seeds!

## Salem Library News

500<sup>th</sup> Reformation Anniversary Celebration - in October, 2017, the ELCA will celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. Many churches will hold special events throughout the year leading up to that October anniversary.

Our Salem Library has books about Martin Luther and his wife Catharina von Bora. We also have Luther's Works. And we have ordered some new books to celebrate this event too.

In support of this anniversary Augsburg Fortress is developing new print, e-book, and mobile app editions of Luther's Small Catechism. You can get the latest news on the forthcoming Reformation 500 anniversary resources by signing up for e-newsletters at "reformation500.instagram.com."

### New Children's Books

Every spring and winter three of us work at the Scholastic Book Warehouse Sale. This May Pam Lundholm, Jackie Lutterman and Carolyn Tobiassen each worked for four hours. Pay is forty dollars each to spend on sale books. Barb Herbranson usually works too, but she wasn't available this May.

Most of the books purchased are for children and young adults. Two of the children's books are: Mama Built a Little Nest by Steve Jenkins. This story pictures birds and the kind of nests they build. Birds build hanging nests. They produce nests that float, defy gravity, expand, are camouflaged and even some nests that heat or cool.

Safe in a Storm by Stephen R. Swinburn. Author Swinburne has dedicated this story "to teachers and school staff everywhere who provide a safe harbor for children every day...in memory of the 20 Sandy Hook Elementary schoolchildren." The story ends with these words: "A storm will always end. Don't worry, and sleep tight."

### New Books for Adults

Do This, Remembering Me by Collette Bachand-Wood. This hands-on manual for both clergy and family members gives practical tools for dealing with those who have Alzheimers and dementia.

Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City by Matthew Desmond. Fundamentally, Desmond argues, America has failed to invest public dollars in affordable housing. Desmond, a Harvard sociologist, states that in poor communities evictions are not the exception. They are the norm.

Books can be checked out during the week (office hours 8:00am-4:00pm) and on Sunday mornings.

## Salem Youth Leadership Quest June

Thank you for praying for us at Leadership Quest! Gage Zastrow, Colter Benoit, Alex Theisen, Anna Lehto, Riley Sanderson, Maia Trombley, Aidan Speckhard, Matt Markman, Lauren Tilstra, Sara Johnson, Karl Johnson, and Jenny Olson all attended.

At Leadership Quest we grow in our Bible study skills, leadership, and relational skills. We also develop some goals and plans for how God can work in us in the year ahead. Please ask any of the people who went for their highlights of the week!



## Hooks and Needles Prayer Shawl Ministry Hits the Road...

On June 16th the members of the Salem Lutheran Church Prayer Shawl Ministry headed north. We went to Laporte, MN, where we met the Hooks and Needles Prayer Shawl Ministry members from First Lutheran Church of Bemidji.

We had lunch together and had a wonderful time talking, laughing and sharing stories about our ministries.

Before we knew it, it was time to head for home leaving friends who share our passion in this prayer shawl ministry. As we headed south toward home we were all looking forward to the next time that we can be together.



Salem members: Bonnie Bush, Linda Carr, Karen Sandy, Barb Herbranson

Whether you knit or crochet and whether you are a beginner or have years of experience, we invite you to join our ministry. Yarn is provided. We meet every Thursday from 1:00 – 3:00pm in the Caring Ministry Room.

If you know of someone who would benefit from the comfort of a prayer shawl, please stop by anytime during Salem office hours Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 4:00pm to pick one out. Shawls are located in a cabinet below the window in the copy/mailbox room. Gift bags, tissue and prayer cards are also available for you to use. Thank you all for your continued support and for the wonderful donations of yarn. God Bless!

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### **Meals on Wheels Volunteers are needed to deliver meals the week of September 12-16, from 11:00 – 1:00pm.**

Please sign up in the Sunday black Welcome Book to indicate the days of the week available or if able to deliver the entire week.

### **Care Notes Available in the Gathering Area**

Take time to browse the selection of Care Notes available in the Gathering Area, next to the Caring Ministry Lounge. Care Notes are easy to read and a great resource when you or your loved ones are faced with difficult life situations.

### **Organic, fairly-traded Lutheran World Relief coffee, tea, cocoa and chocolate bars are available for purchase in Salem's Gathering Area.**

LWR buys coffees from small farmers in Latin American and other countries. Gourmet quality! If you have special requests, please contact Emily or Karl Fischer, 763-222-3871.



A portion of your purchase gets donated back to LWR's Small Farmer Fund, to continue work with farmers living in poverty around the world.

## Ruth Betts and Ramona Mohs Scholarship Awards



Congratulations to the 2016 Ruth A. Betts Scholarship recipients – Hannah Reichl, Alex Theisen, Marissa Leeb, Isaac Logeman, Jacob Oehrlein, and Jacob Doroff.

The Salem Foundation awarded Ruth A. Betts Scholarships to six outstanding senior high school students on May 15. The students were selected on the basis of their involvement at Salem, academic achievement, personal and leadership qualities, extracurricular school activities, community service and employment.

Ruth A. Betts was a long time educator and teacher in St. Cloud as well as a member of Salem. The scholarship program was made possible in part due to a significant contribution from her estate.

Each year the Salem Foundation awards scholarships in various amounts up to \$1000 to high school seniors who are members of Salem Lutheran Church for their first year of post-high school training.

For this year's high school seniors, application materials will be available in the church office or on-line at [www.salemstcloud.com](http://www.salemstcloud.com) in the beginning of 2017. Go to the Foundation page. Application deadline is March 31, 2017.

Corey Wheelock was awarded the Ramona L. Mohs Health Careers Scholarship that was established this year through a gift to the Salem Foundation by long-time member Ramona Mohs, whose nursing career spanned over fifty years. Corey will start medical school this August at the University of Minnesota.

One \$500 scholarship will be awarded annually to a Salem member with a professed interest and intention of pursuing or continuing a professional career in the broad field of health care.

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### Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Ramona Mohs

Salem member Ramona Mohs celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday July 9. There will be a cake and coffee reception in her honor between services from 9:30am-10:30am, Sunday, July 10.



Congratulations to the 2016 Ramona L. Mohs Health Careers Scholarship recipient Corey Wheelock, pictured with his parents Brad and Kathy Wheelock and Ramona Mohs.

## Birthdays July 16-September 30

Katie Gefre	7/16	M.J. Zimmerman	8/4	Shawn Voss	8/25	Lola Koepp	9/15
Mike Lafontaine	7/16	Brett Jensen	8/5	Pennie Albers	8/26	Peyton Tingblad	9/15
Leela Stoeckel	7/16	Bev Archer	8/6	Nicole Kockler	8/26	Grayson Peterka	9/16
Cody Trost	7/17	Sophie Fischer	8/6	Christine Kroschel,	8/26	Brad Kothman	9/18
Sally Koester	7/18	John Reichl	8/6	Emily Campbell	8/27	Lisa Miller	9/18
Charlie Lindt	7/18	David Wittwer	8/6	Olivia Wittwer	8/27	Sue White	9/18
Andrew Campbell	7/19	Karley Backes	8/7	Bryan Bruening	8/29	Deb Kawlewski	9/19
Walter Erickson	7/19	Kathy Sturm	8/7	Nicholas Oehrlein	8/29	Chad Koenig	9/20
Russell Gerdes	7/19	Diane Yeager	8/7	Mike Roberts	8/30	Aaron Meierhofer	9/20
Richard Harjes	7/19	Rebecca Kinnear	8/8	Karen Sandy	8/30	John Sandy	9/20
Kayla Stoeckel	7/19	Bailey Pierskalla	8/9	Elaine Stenman	8/30	Joanne Kris	9/21
Kristen Anderson	7/20	Lila Asmus	8/10	Jennifer Stoeckel	8/30	Angie Olson	9/21
Nick Brambrink	7/20	Jul Benoit	8/10	Alexis Colon	8/31	Kathy St. Martin	9/21
Linda Nelson	7/20	Cheryl Lund	8/10	Carmen Koester	8/31	Bonnie Bush	9/22
William Rau	7/20	Juan Colon	8/11	Brian Martin	8/31	Kevin Myres	9/22
Deanna Erickson	7/21	David Myres	8/12	Macie McCann	8/31	Jeremy Schaa	9/22
Ashton Gregory	7/21	Tim Tingblad	8/12	Barbara Hoye	9/1	Janice Wymore	9/22
Suzanna Johnson	7/21	Kyle Johnson	8/13	Beverly Hoye	9/1	Nicholas Asplund	9/23
Hunter Jokinen	7/22	Karla Myres	8/13	Andrew Theisen	9/1	Zachary Asplund	9/23
Travis Dombrowske	7/23	Lanette Wise	8/13	Stan Hagberg	9/2	Abby Schuft	9/23
Virginia Gerdes	7/23	Ellen Melrose	8/14	Sandra Rau	9/2	Eva Stoeckel	9/23
Sara Magwire	7/23	John Lee	8/15	Kathy Wheelock	9/2	Kurt Stunek	9/23
Justin Wheelock	7/23	Doug Miller	8/15	Michael Peterka	9/3	Anne Kelleher	9/24
Nancy Wallace	7/24	Margaret Dirks	8/17	Cynthia Ryg	9/3	Les Henson	9/25
John Schiel	7/25	Virginia Mezera	8/17	Pat Behrenbrinker	9/5	John Nelson	9/25
Otto Becker	7/26	Randy Skinner	8/17	Ethan Stoeckel	9/5	Ann Krenik	9/26
Scott Weber	7/26	Millie Teders	8/17	Kathyrn Stoeckel	9/5	Tom Roberts	9/26
Matthew Corrigan	7/28	Alyssa Williams	8/17	Velma Peterson	9/6	Allison Skinner	9/26
Judy Ampe	7/29	Todd Theisen	8/18	Greta Schwantes	9/6	Jill Wahman	9/26
Mary Roberts	7/29	Billiam Zwiener	8/18	Gordon Mortrude	9/7	Eli Ringwald	9/27
Jane Munson	7/31	Dayton Herbranson	8/20	Chandler Schaefer	9/7	Teri Zastrow	9/27
Rebecca Rosa	7/31	Eli Erickson	8/21	Jerry Wellik	9/7	Samantha Asplund	9/28
Daniel Street	7/31	Taylor Gessner	8/21	Jim Carr	9/8	Mark Henson	9/28
Robin Schaa	8/1	Evonne Barhorst	8/22	Gage Zastrow	9/8	Brenda Kockler	9/28
Jack Christensen	8/2	Stefan Freeman	8/22	Caitlin Gerdes	9/9	Mona Muller	9/28
Kelly Radi	8/2	Mill Logeman	8/22	Pete Graue	9/9	Lyle Schmidtbauer	9/28
Drew Burling	8/3	Dennis McCann	8/22	Dennis Munson	9/10	Kierah Kraemer	9/29
Chris Inkster	8/3	Jan Schirmers	8/22	Logan Peterka	9/10	Lauren Miller	9/29
Jerrod Nelson	8/3	Zach Thompson	8/22	Emma Kobernusz	9/12	Ione Pearson	9/29
Leone Nilson	8/3	Kaasha Madden	8/23	Katherine O'Brien	9/12	Nathan Schuft	9/29
Eric Olson	8/3	Stanley Severson	8/23	Nils Wilson	9/12	Jason Jacques	9/30
Kaia Ringwald	8/3	Harvey Cederholm	8/24	Daniel Lutterman	9/13	Lillian Kockler	9/30
Michael Street	8/3	Nick Johnston	8/24	Roberta Schiel	9/13	Rhonda Leder	9/30
Peter Doroff	8/4	Linda G. Tenneson	8/24	Mike Sturm	9/13	June Olson	9/30
Sharon Rowen	8/4	Jodi Carr	8/25	Robin Feller	9/14		
		Carolyn Tobiassen	8/25	Marilyn Anderson	9/15		

# Salem Youth

## Jr and Sr High Gaga Ball



Come play gaga ball with us at Salem on August 18<sup>th</sup> from 7-9om! It's going to be an extremely fun night of friendly competition!

## Guys and Girls Game Day



Jr and Sr High Game day is Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. Come join us for a day of hanging out and playing the best games. Bring a snack to share and \$3 for pizza! See you there!

## Follow Along with Road Trip!



Our Road Trip is July 9<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. Follow along at [www.salemstcloud.org](http://www.salemstcloud.org) or on Salem's Youth Page on Facebook. There should be journal entries and hopefully pictures to look at!



## September 16-18! For Jr & Sr High

Watch for more info, but get it on your calendars NOW and plan to be there! This year's theme is Courage. There will be games, FOOD, & much more. Cost \$45 due by Sun, Sept 11<sup>th</sup>. Invite your friends!

## Twelvestone



Camp Twelvestone for Jr High is July 24<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. Please be praying for the camp, we are looking forward to a great week! Campers, your forms and money are due July 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Quick Calendar View

**\*\*Road Trip- July 9-17**  
**\*\*Twelvestone- July 24-29**  
**\*\*Game Day- Aug 11**  
**\*\*Gaga Ball- Aug 18**  
**\*\*1<sup>st</sup> night Youth Group & confirmation- Sep 7**  
**\*\*Fall Retreat Deadline- Sep 11**  
**\*\*Fall Retreat- Sep 16-18**

## Confirmation + Youth Group



The first night of confirmation and Youth Group at Salem is September 7<sup>th</sup>. See you there!

## **BETTER TOGETHER: Packaging food and building community**

On Thursday, July 28, at Apollo High School, St Cloud, a coalition of local faith-based - including the ELCA SW MN Synod - and community organizations plans to package over 200,000 meals for local charities, food shelves and disabled veterans' support organizations. Online sign up available through United Way of Central MN website - [unitedwayhelps.org](http://unitedwayhelps.org). Sign up to serve two hour shifts from 12-8 p.m. There is no fee for participating.

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to help purchase food packaging supplies. Financial contributions can be sent directly to United Way of Central Minnesota at 3001 Clearwater Road, Suite 201, St. Cloud, MN 56301. Thank you for your prayers and support

With this event, most or all of the food packaged will stay in Central Minnesota. The nonprofit that coordinates the packaging is Outreach Inc. The group was able to get a \$12,000 matching grant by using Outreach, said the Rev. Larry Strenge, one of the organizers.

The goal is not only to feed people, but to bring the St. Cloud community together. The event will include art, music, hunger statistics and questions for discussion while packaging. Volunteers will also be provided with some ways they can continue to do work to help hungry people in St. Cloud. For more information: Better Together Facebook page [www.facebook.com/bettertogethermn](http://www.facebook.com/bettertogethermn) and the Feeding Our Communities event page at [www.facebook.com/events/875947795850546](http://www.facebook.com/events/875947795850546). For more about the organization facilitating the packaging, visit [outreachprogram.org](http://outreachprogram.org).

