



SALEM PEACETALK

2021 Fall issue

FROM THE OFFICE

As things slowly get to the “new normal” we are reminded of what is important to us. How, where and with whom do we spend our time? For time is a treasure and as it is written in Matthew 6:21 “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” I hope the Lord is a large part of your treasure.

Kristina Bertsch
Church Secretary

Calendar of Events

9/24 - Pork Chop Dinner at Wanatah Elementary School

4:30 p.m.-7 p.m. \$12.00 presale, \$15.00 at the door

9/26 - Scarecrow Fest Church Service at Scarecrow Square 10
a.m.

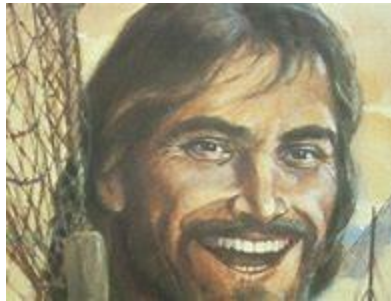
10/3 - World Communion Sunday

11/7 - Totenfest Sunday, Communion

11/7 - Budget, Calendar, Cabinet Mtg @ 6 p.m.

11/21 - Thanksgiving Sunday, Communion

11/28 - First Sunday of Advent



Robbie Grieger's Bible Study, "Go Fish" is a valuable asset to our program. Continuing on Wednesday nights Sept. 1, 8, & 15 at 6:30 – 7:30. All are welcome. You can attend any or all the sessions and receive growth in your faith. So come and join us when you can.

Where has the summer gone? Schools have started and it's time to think about Sunday School at Salem. We have missed your family at Salem! Pastor Jeff is eager to meet you and work with Salem's future.

Due to the current unrest with the Covid situation, it has been decided to delay starting Sunday School this fall hopefully until October. Teachers and students are needed! Mary Coester wants to help our SS program get started and back to "normal". Your response to this email will be very much appreciated to get the fall session started. Please leave a message at the church office, 733-2639, email your response to salemuccwanatah @frontier.com, or personal contact with Pastor Jeff, Mary, or Marlene.

We hope to provide classes for age 4 through high school. We need volunteer teachers for primary and elementary grades. Your help is needed! A planning meeting will be held in September.

As always, your cooperation is very much appreciated! God bless your Family!
Thank you!



Salem is again sponsoring our annual Pork Chop Dinner during the Scarecrow Festival on September 24 at the school. Your family's help is needed at the dinner! Pies and cakes will be needed! Presale tickets will be available September 1-17 from members, church office, or at the J-MARt bp for \$12. After September 17 and at the door, tickets will be \$15. Please sign up to help or call the church office!!

Greetings Salem Family,

I am a big believer that opportunities come in windows of time and that the same opportunity is not always present. For example, the loss of a loved one is an especially meaningful time to rally and demonstrate support. Big events in the life of teens are made more meaningful by adults showing that those events or accomplishments are a 'Big Deal'. Scarecrow Fest is one of those windows. Serving diligently and joyfully for The Pork Chop Supper; and choosing to interact with strangers rather than socializing with friends, will say something special about Salem. Sharing enthusiastically in the Community Service will show the value of our Savior in our lives to others. Now, more than ever, because of Covid, we must show the area, Wanatah in particular, that Salem is Alive! The windows are opening! Enjoy the breeze!

Pastor Jeff Psalm 62:5

Totenfest for 2021

(If any member or friend passes between the printing of this Peacetalk and the printing of the Totenfest Sunday bulletin, they will be added to this year's Totenfest list and have a candle lit for them.)

A candle will be lit for the following:

Andrew Batzka, 61 years, 1 month, 30 days

September 9, 1959---November 8, 2020

Bernice Gross, 82 years, 4 months, 23 days

June 23, 1938—November 15, 2020

William H. (Bill) Homan, 88 years, 3 months, 9 days

August 27, 1932—December 6, 2020

Georgette Marie Steinke, 72 years, 23 days

November 16, 1948---December 9, 2020

Julia Boldt, 101 years, 1 month, 13 days

December 5, 1919---January 18, 2021

Janet Claire Wallace, 88 years, 8 months, 17 days

June 4, 1932—February 21, 2021

Arlene Bos, 87 years, 2 months, 1 day

December 28, 1933---March 1, 2021

Carol Kay Zippel, 78 years, 7 months, 4 days

October 1, 1942---May 5, 2021

Viki L. Kuss, 74 years, 5 months, 12 days

January 28, 1947---June 9, 2021

Barbara J. Berger, 95 years, 1 month, 26 days

April 24, 1926---June 19, 2021

Scott O. Sanders, 57 years, 1 month, 22 days

June 8, 1964---July 30, 2021

BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER

9-2 Kylene Lambert
9-3 Joseph Smoker
9-4 Andrew McCormick
9-4 Peggy Wilinski
9-7 Norman Werner
9-8 Dara Guse
9-8 Jeff Shotts
9-10 Carol Marks
9-10 Cameron Manhart
9-11 Marlene Mitzner
9-11 Dana Kane
9-15 Zachary Grieger
9-17 Ruth Carnell
9-19 Claudette Cairns-Boyd
9-21 Melissa Grieger
9-21 Brooke Bos
9-23 Carol Benkie
9-23 Jeff Mitzner
9-25 Shirley Espravnik
9-27 Bernell Grieger
9-27 Emily Grieger
9-27 Zachary Parks
9-29 Becky Pierce
9-29 Paul Bailey
9-29 Lyla Powell
9-30 Dale Bagnall

OCTOBER

10-3 Alden McCormick
10-5 Jennifer McCormick
10-5 Ron Carnell
10-11 Anthony Galbreath
10-12 Kelli Smoker
10-12 David Vorkapich
10-13 Jason Randall
10-13 Frank Gorski
10-14 Roger Hutton
10-14 Janet Maupin
10-16 Diane Fike
10-16 Susie Mack
10-19 Charles Homan
10-19 Jennifer Vorkapich
10-21 Elwood Grieger
10-23 Amber Bos
10-23 Sharon Bailey
10-24 Sadie Smoker
10-26 Mary Coester
10-27 George Walter
10-27 Mitchell Brown

10-30 Calen Poort
10-30 David Pozil

NOVEMBER

11-1 Jerry Smoker
11-6 Brian Batzka
11-7 Deb Smoker
11-7 Tina Randall
11-9 Laurie Costello
11-10 Daniel Serrato
11-13 Talytha Holtz
11-19 Drelah Grieger
11-24 Madison Wolff
11-25 Dakota Grieger
11-27 Tim Guse

DECEMBER

12-1 Tim Grieger
12-4 Jaye Mitzner
12-6 Ashley Riegle
12-7 Morgan Wolff
12-8 Roger Hamann
12-10 Bentley McMahan
12-11 Gordon Boyd
12-11 Gerald Werner
12-15 Julie Morris
12-17 Daniel Morrow
12-18 Juli Charlesworth
12-18 Denise Gorski
12-19 Jim Manhart
12-20 Allison Parks
12-20 Rosa Hamann
12-21 Suzi Carpenter
12-22 Kyle Homan
12-23 Mitchell Wolff
12-24 Ed Marks
12-27 Stephen Stultz
12-30 Mark Grieger

ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER

9-1 ADAM & TRICIA WERNER
9-4 GORDON & CLAUDETTE BOYD
9-7 PENNY & JEFF SHOTTS
9-9 ROGER & ROSA HAMANN
9-10 JOHN & PEGGY WILINSKI
9-12 STEVE & LINDA STULTZ
9-13 KELVIN & DANA KANE
9-14 JEREMY & JILL BROWN
9-18 BLAIR & CORY MURO
9-25 DAVID & ANNA BAGNALL
9/25 HOLLY & CHRISTOPHER KING

OCTOBER

10-8 CONNIE & JERRY BENNETT
10-17 GERALD & CAROL BENKIE
10-26 PAUL & CAROLYN HOMAN

NOVEMBER

11-1 FRED & PATTI KEM
11-7 MATT & JENNI SMOKER
11-30 SCOTT & SUZI CARPENTER

DECEMBER

12-05 JOHN & TAMMY HOMAN
12-11 JERRY & KELLI SMOKER
12-13 TOM & LAURIE COSTELLO
12-20 ELWOOD & DRELAH GRIEGER

Salem membership list

We are working on updating the Salem Membership list. This list includes name, current address, children at home, phone numbers, and e-mail address. If you have had any changes that our church office does not have, please respond to the following people:

Drelah Grieger, trustee
219-733-2702
woodyndre@csinet.net

Jerry Benkie, elder
219-477-0884
gbenkie@gmail.com

Your help is much appreciated as we feel it is important to have our membership information up to date. Group e-mails will go out with e-mail addresses being blind copies.

Thank you.

Thank you to all who came and celebrated my mom's life and for the donations given in her memory.

Glenn & Kathy Wallace & Families

The Church Council will be seeking a new member. Donna Spencer's term has come to an end this year per our Constitution. I would like to thank her for her dedication in serving on the council and Salem for many years. Please contact Rodney Peters, Pastor Jeff or the Church office if you are interested in joining our Church's Council.

Rodney

The Pastor would like to start a New Membership Class for anyone interested in joining the church and for anyone interested in the topics he would address.

If you did not receive offering envelopes this year, and would like to receive them for next year, please let the office know.

Food Pantry items needed- canned meat, canned pasta, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, apple juice, tomato juice, cereal, boxed potatoes, soup crackers, flour, sugar, kidney beans, tuna, hot chocolate, tea, chicken noodle soup, tomato soup, hamburger/chicken/tuna helper, tissue, toilet paper, toothpaste, bar soap, and dish soap. **Thank you** to everyone who has donated to the Food Pantry!



"One of a pastor's toughest jobs is training sheep to become shepherds."

--Rev. Denny Brake