

THE CROSSROADS

March 20, 2019

A Time of Rest for Pastor Terri

Pastor Terri's Sabbatical Leave: April 22- August 1

Beginning the day after Easter through the end of July, I will be taking a sabbatical from my regular schedule at Salem. (A letter was sent from Phil Cooper, the President of Salem's Leadership Board last week. If you did not receive one, please contact the Church office.) The word sabbatical has its roots in the Biblical concept of Sabbath, meaning "to rest" or "to cease." It is a time set apart for renewal of body, mind, and spirit. Sabbatical leave is a time for a pastor to shift gears in order to disengage, study, travel, reflect, and write in order to return refreshed for the daily call to ministry.



The primary purpose for this sabbatical is renewal. The goal is balance in my life through rest and quiet, so I am in a place where I can hear God's voice and share His Gospel in a way that is effective for Salem.

In the midst of ministry, Jesus gave us the example of pulling away to rest and renew. He showed the disciples this balance and pattern for ministry. It is time for me to pull away from the crowds and "rest for a while." (Mark 6:30-32)

The Missouri Annual Conference encourages congregations to provide pastors with a sabbatical leave once every 6 years, according to our Discipline.

During my 10 years at Salem, I have given of myself in all the typical areas of pastoral ministry—preaching, teaching, pastoral care, staff leadership and development, lay leadership and development, and community involvement/service. It has been a great blessing in my life! Yet, after 20 years of full-time ministry, including eight years as a Senior Pastor, it is time to "rest for a while."

Salem is blessed to have talented pastors serving this congregation in both locations. Pastor Deb will take care of the day-to-day decisions for the business and operations of the church. Pastor Tim, Pastor Marvin, and Pastor Katrina will be available for pastoral care and teaching.

For the month of May, the Traditional services will be blessed by the preaching of Rev. Roger Ross. Rev. Ross serves our Missouri Annual Conference as the Director of the Center for Congregational Excellence.



In June Salem Rev. Adam Caldwell, Salem's former Associate Pastor, will be here to preach each week. I know you will be happy to welcome him back.

In July our associate pastors will fill the pulpit.

What will I be doing on Sabbatical?

During my time away I will be spending a great deal of my time at our Ohio River property. I do not get to go there nearly as much as I would like, and many times my family is there without me. This is a spiritual place for me as well as a place my family gathers to celebrate and to enjoy time together. Walking along the water's edge in the quiet of the evening or early of the morning provides a beautiful atmosphere for a quiet conversation with God. There will be much time for prayer, listening, reading, and writing at the river. If you would like to follow my blog, you can find it at: www.swanniesong.com. I will be posting regularly during my sabbatical.

In May, I will be traveling with my daughters for Mother's Day to St. Lucia. We are already getting excited to be together for this time away.

June will have a little Salem involved work with the responsibility of Annual Conference, June 5-9. Also in June I will attend a one-week training in Chicago on the Enneagram for our staff and our conference. The other two weeks will be at home.

In July, my husband Joe and I will be traveling together for a time to celebrate our marriage and journey together.

During this time of renewal I will be praying for you, and I ask that you add me to your daily prayers.

If you read through the Gospels you see the example of balance that Jesus gave us. Rest is essential in the pattern for a balanced life with ministry, family, and the work of the community. Jesus pulled himself away to a secluded place to rest and to listen for God. I have always tried to live out what I preach on Sunday mornings. I cannot encourage you in this practice if I am not living it out myself.

Pastor Terri

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HOSPITALITY UPGRADES

In 2004, I watched my kids help break ground for the new education wing here at Salem's Mid-County Site. It was an exciting day, but even then church leadership knew that the project we were undertaking was not complete.



The original plans approved for that expansion included the renovation of the existing classroom wing located between the chapel and the sanctuary. Construction prices were high that year, and choices had to be made, so we focused on the new education wing and Multipurpose Room, with faith that the rest of the work could be undertaken another year. And now, 2019 is the year!

The intervening years have seen huge growth here at Salem. Our hallways are crowded, and we have learned how im-

portant entry and gathering spaces are to the church. The renovations scheduled to begin this summer will allow wheelchair bound members of our family easy access to the Sanctuary with a new elevator and an accessible rear entry. The interior renovations will tear down walls (literally!) that keep us apart on Sunday mornings and open up new gathering areas for before and after worship, weddings, concerts, and community events. Our "old" fellowship hall will get a facelift so we can better welcome the increasing number of youth groups that stay at Salem while doing local mission work. The restrooms will be updated. Storage will be improved. It will be easier to get coffee, talk to a friend, and welcome a visitor on busy Sunday mornings. These hospitality upgrades are the fulfillment of a dream for Salem, made possible by faithful giving and planning, and they

will allow our building to better serve our mission—"Connecting All People with God's Extravagant Love!" The original plans are a bit out of date. There have been some code changes and HVAC improvements since they were first drawn, but our original architect is bringing them up-to-date, and as soon as there are renderings, details, and dates to share, you will hear more from us. As I have said many times, the church is not a building. The church is a community, and I am excited about the ways these improvements will make spaces for our community to gather, to celebrate life together, and to welcome the next generation.

With hope & excitement,
Rev. Deb LeMoine, Executive Pastor



EPWORTH *Children & Family Services*

Do you have an hour to love God's children? Epworth youth and families welcome you.

PRAY: You can pray for these children & families anywhere and anytime. That is loving them, lifting them up to God's care, and connecting them to God's love.

DO: You can be the hands & feet of Jesus by participating in an activity which loves and supports them:

- Donate Clothes during the month of March donate spring and summer clothing to the Out-of-Our-Bounty Room for Epworth Youth
- Participate in Serve Day, May 4, 2019
- Make a meal at Epworth's Youth DropIn Center. Salem is onsite every week.

INVEST: Make a regular commitment to be side-by-side with Epworth Youth as a mentor, tutor, worship assistant, dorm friend.

Step into your "comfortable" or "uncomfortable" zone by reaching out to youth at Epworth.

HOW?:

- Visit the church website: <http://salemstlouis.com/epworth>.
- Ask Salem Member, Lynne Cannon (lynnecannon@outlook.com) or Cori Ruprecht, Development Director at Epworth (cruprecht@epworth.org) how you can be engaged with Epworth.

You'll be surprised how God will lead you in being an outreach minister who Connects All People to God's Extravagant Love.



COMMUNITY



**BECOMING
MS. BURTON**
*From Prison to Recovery to Leading
the Fight for Incarcerated Women*
SUSAN BURTON & CARI LYNN
with a foreword by MICHELLE ALEXANDER

Justice Ministry Book of the Month

Each month Salem's Social Justice Ministry presents a featured book of the month. One copy of each book will be available in the Salem library. March's book of the month is *Becoming Ms. Burton* by Susan Burton and Cari Lynn.

EXPERIENCING LENT

"For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord." - Romans 14:7-8

Lent is the period of 40 days before Easter when we reflect Christ's sacrificial for us. We commemorate Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness where He gave up earthly comforts, resisted the temptations of Satan, and depended fully on God to sustain Him. During this Lenten season, we prepare our hearts and minds for the great celebration of Easter when we revel in Christ's triumph over death! We take this time to remember that through Jesus, God has given us all we need to be victorious in this life over sin and death.

Charles Wesley's great hymn, And Can It Be, summarizes this truth so well:

He left His father's throne above; so free, so infinite His grace! Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race. 'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me.

My prayer is that God will bless you in this time of Lent as you reflect on His work in your life and that He will lead us all in our journey to the cross and empty tomb.

- Blessings Pastor Terri

Summer Fun for Kids

Vacation Bible School 2019

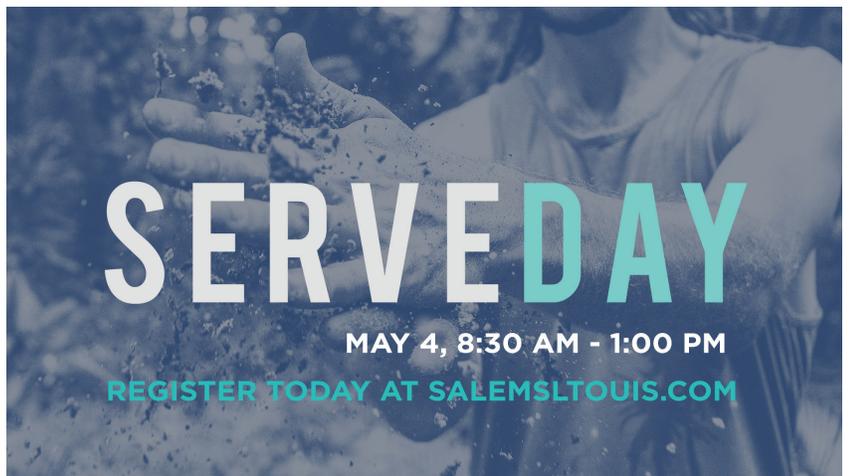
June 3-7 // 9:00 am-Noon // 3yrs-5th grade // \$30 Mid-County // Register at www.salemstlouis.com

At ROAR Vacation Bible School children will have tons of fun during this epic African adventure as they play games, sing songs, explore the Bible, make friends, and more.

Summer 2019 Eagle Lake Day Camp

June 17-21 // 9:00 am-4:00 pm // \$200 // Mid-County Register at www.eaglelakecamps.com/salemstlouis

Children will enjoy fun activities like tie dye, capture the flag, gaga ball, water inflatables, and bungee trampoline! Exceptional counselors will help your child(ren) explore more about their faith and lead them in lots of fun experiences. Early drop-off and late pick-up available.



SERVE Day is an amazing opportunity to bless others and be blessed. We go out into our communities and show the love of Christ in real and tangible ways. SERVE Day is an annual event for our entire family.

Are you looking for a way to make a difference in our community? Join us on Saturday, May 4, from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm as we serve in a variety of projects around our city. We will be cooking, gardening, organizing, spending time with youth, assembling hygiene kits, and more. All are welcome. Invite your friends. There are projects for children, youth and adults. For more information, contact Kathy Farache at (314) 680-3148 or kfarache@yahoo.com.

Serve Day Schedule - May 4, 8:30 am-1:00 pm

8:30 am - Worship at The Connection (6701 Virginia, St. Louis, 63111)
9:00 am - Dismiss to Projects



Do you want to serve our community? We're looking for volunteers to help at our upcoming Children's Ministry special events. Options available for both youth and adults. Visit salemstlouis.com for more details or contact Patty Peterson at (314) 991-0546 or patty@salemstlouis.com.

Breakfast with Bunny: Salem (April 13)

Vacation Bible School: Salem (June 3-7) & Kingdom House (July 8-12)

Eagle Lake Day Camp on Location: Salem (June 17-21)

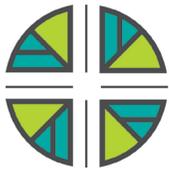
OUTREACH

Serve in the Church // Mid-County & South-City

There are many ways to get involved in the church community. Visit www.salemstlouis.com or call (314) 991-0546 to find out where you can serve.

Serve In the Community // Mid-County & South-City

We offer many ways to serve in St. Louis such as: Haven Street Meal Ministry, Rock-a-Baby @ Kingdom House Day Care, Epworth Drop-In Center Lunch Ministry, and St. Louis Public School Tutoring. Visit www.salemstlouis.com or call (314) 991-0546 for more details.



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MID-COUNTY

1200 S. Lindbergh Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63131
(314) 991-0546
www.salemstlouis.com

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 am Chapel
9:30 am Modern
10:45 am Traditional

9:30 am Classes for adults & children (2 years-6th grade)

8:30-11:45 am Nursery for infants & toddlers

WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE

6:00-6:30 pm Chapel

SOUTH-CITY

6701 Virginia Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63111
(314) 256-0545
www.connectingnow.org

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:30 am Celebration

10:30 am Kids Connection for children & Nursery for infants

SAVE THE DATE

March 24: Holy Smokers BBQ Pick-Up Day (Mid-County)
April 13: Breakfast with Bunny - 9:00 am (Mid-County)
April 14: Palm Sunday Worship (Mid-County & South-City)
April 18: Holy Thursday - 7:00 pm (South-City Site)
April 19: Good Friday Worship - 7:00 pm (Mid-County)
April 21: Easter Sunday (see insert for details)
June 3-7: Vacation Bible School (Mid-County)
June 14: Outdoor Movie Night at Carondelet Park
June 17-21: Eagle Lake Adventure Camp (Mid-County)

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Salem Church - St. Louis



C E L E B R A T E

EASTER

Love conquers all! No matter what struggles we face we can find peace in knowing that the battle has already been won, Christ conquered death and through Him we can overcome anything. Come celebrate Easter! Invite a friend!

MID-COUNTY SITE

Traditional - 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 am

Modern - 9:30 & 11:00 am

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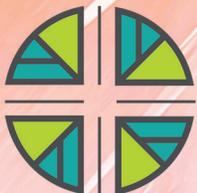
SOUTH-CITY SITE

Worship - 10:30 am

6701 Virginia Ave.

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SALEM AND THE CONNECTION
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Order Easter Flowers

Help decorate our worship spaces for Easter Sunday. To order your flowers visit salemstlouis.com or call (314) 991-0546. Flowers may be taken home following the last Easter worship service.

April 13: Breakfast with Bunny (Mid-County Site - 9:00-11:00 am)

You're invited to Breakfast With Bunny on April 13, at 9:00 am. Join us this fun-filled event featuring story time, pancake breakfast, balloon artist, and an outdoor (weather permitting) or indoor Easter egg hunt. Please bring your camera and Easter baskets. Reservations are requested. Visit salemstlouis.com to make our reservation. Cost: \$8 (adults) & \$5 (children). Invite your friends!

April 14: Palm Sunday (Mid-County Site - 8:30, 9:30, & 10:45 am)

Mid-County: 9:30 am - Be sure to join us as Jesus rides on a real donkey as the congregation waves palms and then listen as children tell what happened during Holy Week. All children are invited to parade into worship together. Mid-County: 8:30 & 10:45 am - Celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as wave palms and sing our praise to God. Children are invited to parade through the 10:45 am service.

April 14: Palm Sunday (South-City Site, 10:30 am)

Join us for a special Palm Sunday worship service at 10:30 am. Worship will close with a Palm Parade through our South St. Louis neighborhood led by a live donkey. Parade followed by a petting zoo.

April 18: Holy Thursday Experience - 7:00 pm (South-City Site)

Experience the events surrounding Christ's Last Supper. Join us for a short prayer service with Holy Communion and music, followed by Interactive prayer stations and a prayer labyrinth. All are welcome. Nursery care provided for infants through age 4. Meet at the Mid-County Site at 6:00 pm to carpool to The Connection. Street parking is available.

April 19: Good Friday Worship - 7:00 pm (Mid-County Site)

Good Friday is the day in which our focus turns to the cross, the crucifixion, and death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Join us for a Service of Darkness featuring prayer, scripture, and music by the Chancel Choir and Salem Chamber Orchestra. Nursery care will be available. Service will be held in the Sanctuary. Transportation will be provided from the South-City Site. Van will leave promptly at 6:00 pm. Please arrive early.



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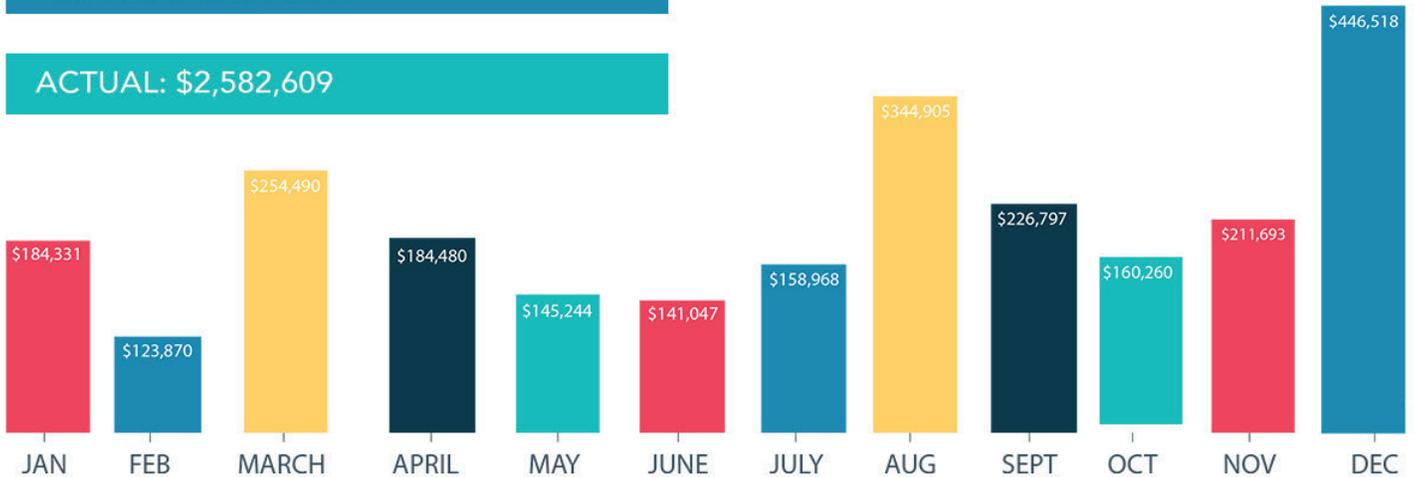
ANNUAL SNAPSHOT

2018

GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE

PLEGGED: \$1,191,185

ACTUAL: \$2,582,609



119

Pledging
Households

506

Giving
Households

\$359, 249

Mission Giving

LIKES / FOLLOWS



Mid-County: 984 / South-City: 362



Mid-County: 196 / South-City: 86



Mid-County: 61 / South-City: 22

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5,240
Haven Street
Meals Served

1,400
Meals Provided
at Epworth
Drop-In Center



246
Backpacks for
St. Louis kids

102
Participants
at Serve Day



375
Engaged in
Outreach

27
Participants
in Costa Rica
Mission Trip



22
New Members



621
Average Weekly
Worship
Attendance



33
Baptisms

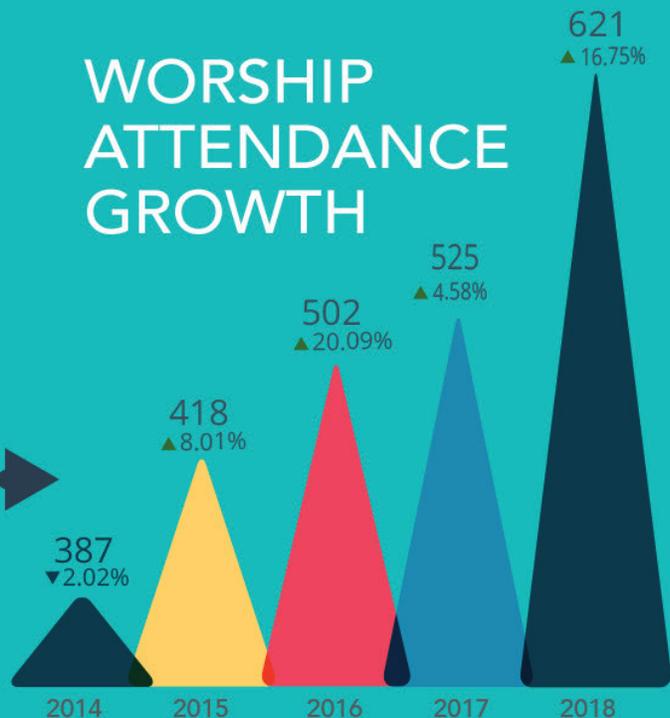
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Vacation Bible
School Programs

309
Children

153
Volunteers

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE GROWTH



268
Adults

69
Students

138
Children

Faith
Formation