

## Going Out with Good Courage

Alleluia! Christ is risen. In these Easter days, our Sunday readings have been filled with resurrection and what happens after the resurrection. We've heard about Jesus, Mary, Peter, Thomas and the struggle to believe. There are visions written to the anxious community in Revelation—"They will hunger no more, and thirst no more . . . and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes" (Rev. 7). And finally there are stories from Acts and the early movement following Christ that boldly crossed boundaries with the promises of the gospel. In this life of faith, I am bolstered by the good courage of these characters—rarely an easy faith and nearly always life transforming (that's what Christ is about), and often world transforming (for that, too, is what Christ does).



*Where do you find courage? How do you garner the energy to get out of bed? To love the ones you love? To venture forward, one foot before the other?* It's courage (and the faith, hope, and love that come with it) for which I've been praying for you and me and Salem, in fact for the whole church.

I watch Eliza tentatively put one foot before the other (still holding on, mind you) and I am in awe of the good courage God gives us without our even knowing. How often do we adults muse about "baby steps" and "putting one foot in front of the other"? I witness courage in so many of you: trying to make ends meet, giving of time and energy, living with pain, trusting our eternal life to Christ, claiming sobriety, forgiving, being forgiven, working for justice, caring for elders and kids, juggling work and courses, facing an uncertain future, following a dream to which God is calling.

It's courage I witness for our congregation, as well: courage to keep asking God to lead us into God's plans for our ministry in this neighborhood, courage to go on in our redevelopment even with a rough economy and delays, courage to partner with Lyndale UCC and cast out together. At times like these it's hard to know what to trust and where to find courage. I am grateful for others in our neighborhood and synod, and across the country who voice (and they do this often) the ways they see God at work at Salem. When my courage is flagging, I need these reminders of the saints. I thank God for you, and I pray good courage for each of us. It is a privilege to venture with you. —Pastor Jen

**Gracious God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,  
by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown.  
Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go,  
but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (ELW, p. 304)**

### **Pentecost, End of Sunday School, and a lot to Celebrate on May 23rd!**

On May 23rd, we'll hear the story of the Holy Spirit's outpouring on the community. Wear RED as a symbol of the Spirit. One service shared by Lyndale and Salem at 10:30am. A potluck picnic and celebration follows.

**9:15 am** Final day of Sunday School, Youth Group

**9:30 am** ReDevelopment Forum

**10:30 am** Worship Together. Participation by kids and youth, thank yous to teachers, and Godspeed for Erin Davis.

**11:45 am** Potluck Picnic and Celebration—bring food to share. The grills will be hot.

### **Celebrating our Generations—May 16**

**When:** Sunday, May 16 at 2pm

**Where:** Walker Care Center Chapel at 3737 Bryant

**Who:** Our homebound members, and Salem friends.

**What:** Worship and fellowship together.

If you'd like to attend or need a ride, please RSVP to Linda Hanson at 612-869-3990 or [lindahanson31@gmail.com](mailto:lindahanson31@gmail.com).

All ages invited and family and friends of our homebound members especially welcome.

Can you help by participating in a choir? Providing treats for fellowship? Sign up at church. See you on the 16th!



# Salem News ...

## Development Update

- In late April, we received word that Brighton could apply for a **gap funding grant** from MHFA (Minnesota Housing Finance Agency) for their building of workforce housing. We had hoped for a simple and quick yes or no, and instead heard the good news that they could take the next application step, and then the reality that no decisions are announced until June (this is a much speedier process than usual). So, we wait, and pray.
- Brighton has decided to move forward and order their **construction drawings**. Per Peggy Lucas of Brighton Development, “We are taking a leap of faith and ordering the working drawings which is a huge financial commitment on our [Brighton’s] part...but they have to get done in order to move this ahead!”
- We continue to **pray** and move forward as much as possible.
- **Design Sub Committees** are hard at work. These teams include worship space, community life, education and nursery, technology and security, music and acoustics, office, reuse, and kitchen. These teams are looking at the plans thus far, considering the needs of the congregations now and into the future, and checking that what we’re designing fits these needs. Also, the teams are considering furniture and other elements—not, the specifics of a particular brand of table, but more general: round, moveable, storable, comfortable chairs, etc.)
- The Design Team had envisioned an early May synergy potluck to include all the teams, but this has been **cancelled** to allow the teams more time to meet and work.
- The next **ReDevelopment Forum is May 23 at 9:30am**.

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## Lyn-Lake Book: Photos, Stories, and History Needed

From the SW Journal Biz Buzz on April 5, 2010

“Siblings Thatcher Imboden and Cedar Phillips, authors of pictorial history book ‘Uptown Minneapolis,’ are planning a new book, this time focused on the neighborhood and business district of Lyn-Lake. The format will be the same for the new book, which will explore the history of the Lyndale Avenue corridor from 36th Street to Franklin Avenue and Lake Street from Colfax Avenue to Pleasant Avenue. The book will cover the 1800s through the 1990s. “We didn’t get to cover Lyn-Lake in the Uptown book and Cedar has always wanted to do Lyn-Lake,” Imboden said. “So I said I think it’s time to do it. We grew up exploring the area, so it just makes sense. And Lyn-Lake has a fascinating history.” Imboden said a publisher was being finalized. The book is planned to be complete at the end of this year or early next year. Anyone with historical information about Lyn-Lake or photos of the area is encouraged to e-mail the authors at [cedar@lyn-lake.com](mailto:cedar@lyn-lake.com).”

Calling all Salem folks with Lyn-Lake history, pictures, and stories: Watch for a date in the May or June when we’ll invite author Thatcher Imboden, neighbors like Al Hagen, and gather to tell the stories of this area. Dig out your pictures!

## Advent Lutheran and Broadway UCC in NYC

At an April 17th dinner, Advent Lutheran and Broadway UCC in New York City celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the partnership of their shared space. To celebrate their partnership, they sought a younger partnership to honor. Salem and Lyndale are the recipients of this honor. During March and early April, with the help of Lyndale member and film maker Teri Homan, we created a DVD of photos, interviews, and stories that was shown at their dinner. On May 16th we’ll show the DVD during adult ed time and at Celebrating our Generations. At Easter Breakfast a Salem member wondered aloud, “When we celebrate 10 years of partnership, let’s honor a partnership in this same way.” Great idea and the Partnership Team officially enacted this plan. 2016 will be our 10 year anniversary. We give thanks for the ministry and witness of Advent Lutheran and Broadway UCC. Field trip, anyone?!



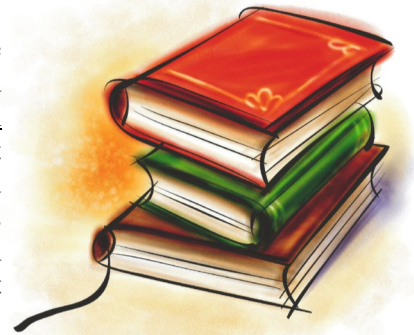
# More News ...



**Kathryn Patterson and Eliza Grace share an April 22nd Birthday. Happy 99th Birthday, Kathryn!**

## Calling All Readers!

Claire Kirchoff is a great lover of Jane Goodall and eagerly invites us all to read Jane Goodall's book, Reason for Hope: A Spiritual Journey. A book group will meet on Saturday, May 15th. The time and location will soon be announced. This book was published in the late 1990s and is available via Amazon. Ideas for a next book group read? Talk with Pastor Jen.



## Independence & Revolution 1810/1910/2010

The next gallery show at Intermedia Arts runs April 29 through May 28. It is an exhibition by Mexican artists: Martha Driessen, Veronica Jato, Sandra Felemovicus, Gustavo Lira, Maria Cristina Tavera, and Xavier Tavera. Check it out on Sunday, or stop by during Gallery hours: Monday-Friday, 10am-6pm.

## A Gathering of Grandparents: Explore Your Vocation

Thursday, May 6, 2010, 8am-12:15pm at Augustana Lutheran in West St. Paul

Registration cost \$15, includes lunch. Register by May 2.

This is an event focused on grandparenting and those who nurture children in the congregation and community. It will include a keynote address by Marilyn Sharpe called *Grandparenting: Called to Love, Laugh, and Leave a Legacy*, as well as breakout sessions. Information at church.

## Seeking Housing

A summer ministry intern seeks a place to live for 2 months during approximately June and July 2010. An ideal situation would be in the home or apartment of a friend or member of Salem or Lyndale, furnished, near transportation and church. A housing stipend is provided. Any leads? Talk with Pastor Jen.

## Congratulations, Graduates!

**Alexsander Gebriel** graduates on June 5 from Roosevelt High School. He's deciding between Hennepin Technical College and St. Paul Technical College where he plans to study to be an auto body mechanic. Congratulations from all of us, Alex!

**Hilarie and Kat Varns** are both graduating from Champlin Park High School on June 6. Kat plans to attend Hennepin Technical College and will train and study to be a firefighter. Our best to you, Hilarie and Kat!

If you know of others who are graduating this spring and summer, let us know. Our prayers and love go with everyone in these times of transition.

## Camping Weekend—July 16-18

Mark your calendars for the annual camping weekend with the people of Lyndale UCC. This year it'll be on July 16-18 at a nearby Three Rivers Park. You are invited to come out for the full weekend, for a day or just for a few hours. This is a great and informal way to get to know one another and have a good time playing and relaxing. More details to come.

## You Are Invited

Rev. Jane McBride will be installed as Principle Minister at First Congregational Church of Minnesota on Sunday, May 23 at 4pm. First Congregational is located at 500 SE 8th Ave. in southeast Minneapolis near the University of Minnesota. Salem folks are warmly invited to attend the service and reception that follows. Hope to see you there!



# More News ...

## Day Camp

Once again, Salem and Lyndale are collaborating with other local congregations for a summer day camp experience. This year day camp will be at Zion Lutheran. Here are the plans and ways to be involved:

**When:** June 14-17, 9am-4pm

**Where:** Zion Lutheran Church, 33rd and Pillsbury

**Who:** Children 4 years-completed 6th grade, and volunteers

**What:** Day Camp led by Luther Crest Bible Camp (near Alexandria) staff and afternoon special programs. The week will include: bible study, activities, arts and crafts, worship, music, cooking, serving (quilting, flower planting, litter pick up), swimming, and an off-site excursion.

**Theme:** Filled with Joy (Psalm 126:3)

**How:** Brochures and registration available at church

**Cost:** \$10 per child per week, scholarships available and donations welcome

### Participating

**churches:** Zion, Salem, Lyndale UCC, Calvary Lutheran, Our Saviour's Lutheran, Little Flock Independent Baptist

### How can you be involved?

- Register your kids and invite others. Registration forms available.
- Volunteer for part of a day, provide snacks, or help make lunch.
- Provide housing for 2 or more of the camp counselors.
- Donations to support the camp, including money or food.

## What are the plans for Youth Ministry?

On May 23 we will offer our thanks and say our good byes to Youth Minister Erin Davis. Erin has blessed Salem and Lyndale for more than 1 1/2 years. The Youth Advisory Team (from Salem, this includes Tom Pieper, Ana Menk (Partnership Team), Emily Chesley (co-chair), Matt Darling, and Pastor Jen) of Salem and Lyndale leaders is working on plans for what comes next. Options include collaborations with other churches and a program that includes youth ministry as well as children's ministry. A new-shared staff person would be in place no earlier than the fall. Over the summer, youth activities and a retreat will be planned. Watch for it. There is a strong commitment to continuing youth ministry and nurturing our youth. If you have questions or concerns, please talk with anyone on the team.



**Erin Davis and her dad gracing the Easter festivities.**

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# Reaching Out *Service, Justice, and Outreach Opportunities*

## World of Whittier Fair

- Saturday, May 22, 1-4pm
- Whittier Park, outside if the weather is good, otherwise in the gym.
- A fun afternoon of music, activities, food, and resource tables all geared to the children and youth of Whittier neighborhood.
- Salem will again have a resource table and activities
- Could you work a shift from 12:30-2pm or 2pm-4:15pm? Sign up at church to help.



## Reaching Out *(cont. ...)*



### Global Ministry

The Salem Council is discerning an invitation to become more involved with global ministry, and particularly the ministry of Lutherans in Nigeria. Minneapolis Area Synod has a strong companion synod relationship with the Lutheran Church in Nigeria. Relationships vary and include prayer, letters, joint projects, learning, and occasionally visits.

### ZOOM House Fundraiser Update

Thanks to all who supported the ZOOM House Fundraiser in April. Approximately \$33,000 was raised through donations, tickets, auctions, and fund-a-need. This surpassed our goals and is a great gift to ZOOM's transitional housing program. Thank you!

### Thank You

“Dear Friends at Salem Church, Our March Campaign went very well thanks to our friends at Salem. We are so thankful for your monthly support for the Simpson Food Pantry. Our Pantry spends between \$900 and \$1000 per month to keep our shelves stocked. The demand is up and donations are down. Last month we had 8 new people use the Food Pantry that have never used it before due to losing their jobs or the economy. We appreciate the help you give to the people of this neighborhood by contributing to the Simpson Food Pantry. Sincerely, Sheryl Gross, Food Shelf Coordinator”

### Lyn-Lake Street Fest

**Sunday May 16th**, noon-7pm at Lake and Lyndale.

**9am-noon**—Bike ride

**Noon-7pm**—Music (The Mood Swings, EL.No., Mark Mallman, Sims and Mictlan w/ Lazerbreak of Doomtree, HarMar Superstar), food and more

**Info** at [LynLakeStreetFest.com](http://LynLakeStreetFest.com).

**Volunteers needed.** Contact John Meegan at [john@topshelfinc.com](mailto:john@topshelfinc.com)

## Sunday School News

### *Kathy Hayden, SS/CE Chair*

**During the month of May** the children will read the story of Lydia from Acts 16:11-15. Lydia worked with Paul to spread the news about Jesus. Lydia's household was baptized. Her household included family, friends, employees, and slaves. This is different than how we define family today. Family prayer is: “Thank you, Jesus, for asking us to tell people about you and God. Help us to do it. Amen.”

**We are planning a celebration party** as we complete a year of Sunday School in our IA space on **May 23**. We are planning a picnic with a grill. Bring a dish to share. Play and laugh, and celebrate with the children. Janet Skidmore has been teaching some of the children dance which they plan to share as part of their children's sermon.

**June 14-17 Day Camp.** See the invitation on page 4.

**July 16, 17, and 18 camping weekend.** See the invitation on page 3.

We will have 2 opportunities during the summer for children and families/friends to do **Feed My Starving Children** in July and August.

We ask everyone to give your thoughts, opinions and vision for our Sunday School program and our children's spiritual growth on the **evaluation posters**, or email Kathy at [kathspirit@aol.com](mailto:kathspirit@aol.com).

**Next SS/CE Committee meeting** is **May 9** Noon-1pm. All are welcomed to join us.

**2010/11 SS planning meeting** will be **June 14** from 6:30-9pm at Rebecca Miller's home (3145 Colfax Ave S. 612-823-7503). We will share food as we work hard planning SS events for the year, our Christmas program, Rally Sunday, discuss recruiting/supporting teachers, and set committee meetings.



# Youth Ministry News

*Erin Davis, Youth Minister*

If you have questions about any of these events, please contact our Youth Minister, Erin Davis, for more info at 612.991.1607 or salemlyndaleyouth@gmail.com.

Welcome to our last month before summer! And an exciting month May will be. But first, let me recap April. A great, big **THANK YOU** to all who were a part of Easter breakfast. To name a few: thanks to Kate and Austin for hosting our cinnamon roll baking extravaganza, thanks to Nick and my parents for helping set up and clean up, thanks to the youth who were in town and able to help, and thanks to the congregations who broke bread with us and donated nearly \$500! A happy Easter it was!

Also thanks to those who were able to participate in the Litter Clean-Up. We picked up three big bags of trash from around Intermedia Arts and the once-and-future Salem building. We found some interesting items nestled in the dirt in both locations!

We'll kick off May with a lock-in on **May 1-2**. As part of the lock-in festivities, the youth will be making no-sew fleece blankets to donate to a local children's hospital. Thanks to anyone and everyone who donated fleece to make this possible!

Our last youth group Sunday will be Sunday, **May 23**. Sadly, this will also be my last day as the youth minister of Salem and Lyndale. Look for the youth to take part in this exciting celebratory service. And thank you to everyone who has supported the youth group and me over the last year and a half. This position has been such a blessing!



**The fabulous Easter Breakfast spread—so hard to choose!**

**Quinn Livdahl says with a smile:  
“Homemade cinnamon rolls, anyone?”**





# CALENDAR

## Week of April 25

Saturday 5/1-5/2 Youth Group Lock-in at Intermedia Arts

## Week of May 2

Sunday 5/2 8:30 am Traditional Service  
 5/2 9:15 am Sunday School & Youth Group  
 5/2 9:30 am Fellowship  
 5/2 9:40 am Adult Ed: Race Power Privilege  
 5/2 10:30 am Jazz Service  
 5/2 11:30 am Fellowship (sponsored by youth)

Tuesday 5/4 6:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting  
 5/4 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting

Wed. 5/5 7:00 pm Confirmation Class

Saturday 5/8 9 am-3pm Collaboration Conference at Bethel Lutheran

## Week of May 9—Mother’s Day

Sunday 5/9 8:30 am Traditional Service  
 5/9 9:15 am Sunday School & Youth Group  
 5/9 9:30 am Fellowship  
 5/9 9:40 am Adult Ed: Guests Welcoming Guests  
 5/9 10:30 am Jazz Service  
 5/9 11:30 am Fellowship (sponsored by youth)  
 5/9 12:00 pm Christian Ed

Weds. 5/12 7:00 pm Confirmation Class

Saturday 5/15 Book Group (details TBA)

## Week of May 16

Sunday 5/16 8:30 am Traditional Service  
 5/16 9:15 am Sunday School & Youth Group  
 5/16 9:30 am Fellowship  
 5/16 9:40 am Adult Ed: Partnership DVD  
 5/16 10:30 am Jazz Service  
 5/16 11:30 am Fellowship  
 5/16 2:00 pm Celebrating our Generations at Walker Care Center  
 5/16 12-7 pm Lyn-Lake Street Festival Join the Festivities

## HOURLCAR

HOURLCAR is a car sharing network in the Twin Cities. Recently Salem became an HOURLCAR location (others nearby at Wedge and Calhoun Square). When not being driven around town, a blue Prius HOURLCAR graces a dedicated parking spot in the Salem circle drive along 28th Street.

Here’s how it works:

1. Pick out a plan—www.HOURLCAR.org or 651-221-4462.
2. Reserve a car.
3. Pick up the car from the hub.
4. Get in and go.

The plan covers gas, insurance, and maintenance. Brochures available at church.

Tuesday 5/18 7:00 pm Partnership Team at Mary Martins

Wed. 5/19 7:00 pm Design Team at Intermedia Arts

Saturday 5/22 1-4 pm World of Whittier at Whittier Park

## Week of May 23—Pentecost

Sunday 5/23 No Traditional Service  
 5/23 9:15 am Sunday School & Youth Group  
 5/23 9:30 am Fellowship  
 5/23 9:30 am Redevelopment Forum  
 5/23 10:30 am Worship Service  
 5/23 11:45 am Potluck Picnic—Last day of Sunday School Celebration

Monday 5/24 6:30 pm Gubernatorial Forum at Temple Israel  
 5/24 7:30 pm Technology/Security Sub. Comm. at Pr. Jen’s

## Week of May 30

Sunday 5/30 8:30 am Traditional Service  
 5/30 9:30 am Fellowship  
 5/30 10:30 am Jazz Service  
 5/30 11:30 am Fellowship

Monday 5/31 **Memorial Day**

### Adult Education

**Sundays, 9:40-10:15am (unless noted)**

**May 2**—Race, Power and Privilege— Discussion Continues.

**May 9**—Guests Welcoming Guests— Led by the Transformation Team

**May 16**—View the DVD sent to Advent Lutheran and Broadway UCC

**May 23**—9:30am ReDevelopment Forum

**May 30**—Fellowship Time

