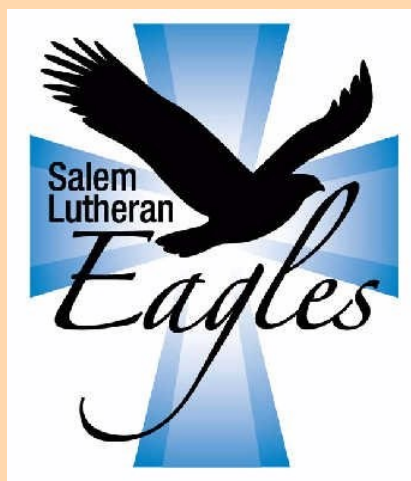


We are students of Jesus ...

Rooted in Grace, Embraced by Relationship,

Engaged in Sacred Struggle, Inspired into Wonder

... called to serve God's World.



### **Congratulations Salem Lutheran School 8th Grade Class of 2020!**

The staff proudly celebrated the culmination of their hard work at Graduation on June 9th! The event was followed by the vehicle Parade of Graduates. Please pray for the continued success of each student as they begin the next phase of their academic career, high school. *Mrs. Charisse Bontemps, 8th Grade teacher*

**Tessa Cuccia - Clark Magnet**

**Sophia Durand - Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy**

**Lauren Garcia - Maranatha**

**Derek Grimes - St. Francis**

**Annette Pogolian - Clark Magnet**

**Santiago Sanchez - John Burroughs**

**Shant Torosyan - Clark Magnet**

**James Weller - St. Francis**



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Salem's Website: [SalemLutheranGlendale.ORG](http://SalemLutheranGlendale.ORG)

To submit information or photos for consideration in the eNews,  
please email [Laurie Mack](#)  
Deadline is TUESDAY of the week of publication

This weekend - we will again celebrate graduates! Have pride in your alma mater and wear a t-shirt or sweatshirt from your school! We will specifically celebrate the graduates from Salem Lutheran School, any other Salem members we missed from last week AND we will bless all teachers. God bless all students and teachers who have recently completed this unusual school year!

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When my children were very small, they were not good sleepers. Often times we had to drive them around in the car, incessantly rock them, or lay down with them in order to get them to sleep. Putting them to sleep - in whatever way worked - also included music or audio books. One of my favorites was the Karyn Henley "Before I Dream Bedtime Bible Stories" - in it she had the story of Samuel's Call....in this well-known story - Samuel is called by God 3 times - but every time he thinks it is the priest Eli. The famous quotes from this story include: Samuel saying "Here I am - you called me." and "Speak Lord your servant is listening."



For this week's sermon series, based on THE STORY, we are looking at Chapter 10: Standing Tall, Falling Hard - 1 Samuel 1-12. This is where we read about Samuel and his call and his response. I have been thinking a lot about Samuel's two statements: "Here I am - you called me." and "Speak Lord your servant is listening." How do we think about Samuel's call and make sense of it today? I think it begs us to do two things - two hard things...first, we need to listen - we need to really take time out of our busy, noisy lives and listen to hear God. It is so important for us to recognize that God is always speaking to us - we need to take the time and make the space to listen. What is God saying to you? And second, how do we respond to what God is saying? What do we do?

God is speaking to us and God is compelling us to action...let's start talking about what God is saying to us and how God is calling us to action! God may be compelling you to volunteer at our Sunday lunch program, or make a phone call to a shut-in...God may be calling you to use your gifts and talents in new ways...God may be calling you to work on advocating for the homeless or anti-racism issues...God may be calling you to be a Confirmation mentor or participate as a Steward on the Church Council.

We all get caught up in the rat race of our lives. One part of this week's scripture reminds us that God is calling us and God wants us to listen and respond! This Sunday, Pastor Barsch and I will be doing a dialogue sermon on 1 Samuel - I hope you are able to come and hear us further explore the many possible themes of 1 Samuel.

I look forward to seeing you at ZOOM worship. Please invite a friend!!

God bless you,  
Pastor Amie

## More Graduates to Bless!



**David Arcia**



*Son of  
John and Leann Arcia*

Graduating from Cornell University,  
College of Engineering, Ithaca, NY.  
David has earned a BS in Computer  
Science and a minor in Game Design.  
He is actively seeking employment.

**Ian Hall**



*Son of  
Andy and Ellie Hall*

Graduating from Good Shepherd  
Lutheran School in Los Angeles.  
Ian will attend La Salle College  
Preparatory high school in Pasadena.

**Joey La Scala**



*Son of  
Giovanni and Natalie La Scala*

Graduating 8th Grade from Rosemont  
Middle School  
in La Crescenta.

**Julian La Scala**



*Son of  
Giovanni and Natalie La Scala*

Graduating 6th Grade from  
Mountain Avenue Elementary  
in Montrose.

**Congratulations also to JJ Cline  
who graduates from High School!!**



### **Salem Lutheran School 2020!**

#### **Kindergarten Graduation - Mrs. Morena Alvarado, teacher**

Augusten Bonneau  
Luca Cuccia  
Michael Greschenko  
Joseph Hovhannisyan  
Lily Marandyan  
Arthur Mkhitarian  
Ian Munemitsu  
Milania Nazarian  
Daniel Pashayan  
Hermine Semerdjian  
Leon Tonoyan

#### **5th Grade Promotion - Mrs. Beth Chrzan, teacher**

Isabella Adamyan  
Samvel Ambarchyan  
Bianka Gicanov  
Riversun Keller  
Daniel Nazaryan  
Antony Peraza  
Natalia Serobian  
Alex Ter-Galstanyan  
David Young

## **Salem Worship Opportunities**

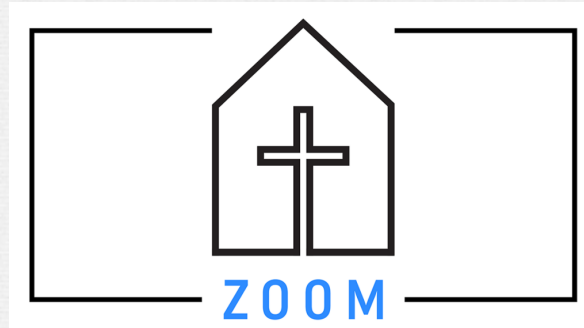
*Although we are all respecting the important social distancing  
that is necessary during a pandemic,  
we are NOT spiritually distancing!  
Please continue to join us at weekly worship!*

**Live on ZOOM!**

**9:45-10 am - Please join us before worship!**



## SUNDAY WORSHIP at 10:00 am



### [ZOOM Link](#)

Meeting ID/passcode: 818 243 3193

**Sunday, June 14**

**THE STORY Chapter 10: Standing Tall, Falling Hard**  
Dialogue Sermon with Pastor James Barsch and Pastor Amie  
1 Samuel 1-12

***Blessing of Salem School 2020 Graduates  
and all Teachers***

**Special Music by Emily Kosloski**

[ELW 532 Gather Us In vss 1, 2 & 4](#) (printable PDF)  
Bring Forth the Kingdom of God

**10:45-11 am Breakout Small Groups**



### **ZOOM Help!**

Are you having trouble with ZOOM?  
Please call  
our member, Corky Gregson.  
He is our new ZOOM coach!!

**310-999-5081**

### **ZOOM Phone Instructions for worship**

ZOOM dial-in phone number: (669) 900-6833  
Salem meeting ID (to be followed by pound-key):  
818-243-3193 (do not dial "1" before this ID  
number)

\*6 - toggles mute/unmute

\*9 - raise hand (to be called on and unmuted by  
administrator)



**Fri., June 12 at 10am**  
**Year end Chapel All Grades**

Parents, everyone please join us as we  
thank God for a great year at Salem  
and celebrate our accomplishments!

[ZOOM Link](#)

Meeting ID/passcode: 818 243 3193



**Please keep checking Salem's**  
**YouTube, Facebook and Instagram**

*You will find online events for children... Bedtime Bible Stories  
and School Chapel Recordings*

*For adults... Worship Service Recordings, Announcements,  
Links of interest, Special Music and more!*

YouTube Channel: <https://bit.ly/390X6Cu>

Church Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/salemglenale/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/salemglenale/)

School Facebook: [www.facebook.com/salemlutheranschoolglenale](http://www.facebook.com/salemlutheranschoolglenale)

IG: @salemlutheranchurch\_glenale



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***Karil and Dave are Married!***

**June 4th at the Santa Ana Courthouse**

**God's Blessings and our love to Mr. and Mrs. Starleaf**



## Starting July 6, 2020 VBS for Back Yards!

Instead of gathering every day for VBS, you'll get an email every week with VBS activities for the whole family to do together at home, on their own schedule and in their own space. Even Grown-ups can recapture the wonder of a childlike faith through Bible stories, music, crafts, outdoor activities, and adult size reflection questions. Included is a private Facebook group to share sing-alongs and post photos of our crafts with everyone else at Salem Lutheran!

**VBS FOR  
BACK YARDS**

## OLD TESTAMENT FAVORITES



Once a week for Five Weeks

**Multi-generational activities emailed  
to each registered family.**

**Fee \$29/family: [REGISTER & PAY](#)**

Questions Janet Suzuki [suzuki.janet@gmail.com](mailto:suzuki.janet@gmail.com)



### **Sunday Lunch Program in July Please help with Sandwiches!**

Salem is continuing to serve those who participate in the Sunday lunch program. We will be serving each Sunday in July. Because of the virus we will be handing out bag lunches on a table in Salem's upper courtyard. The Social Outreach Committee is coordinating this effort.

We are requesting that 2 families or organizations sign up each Sunday to make 12 sandwiches each for a total of 24 sandwiches to be given to our guests. The breakdown for the sandwiches would be 9 tuna, 2 peanut butter and jelly and 1 cheese and tomato on the bread of your choice and placed in a closed air tight sandwich bag.

The sandwiches should be brought to the courtyard by 11:45 am as lunch is served from 12 to 1:30 pm. Please bring an 8-10 ounce drink (not water) for each sandwich. Other items for the bag lunch will be provided by Social Outreach.

**If you can help please contact Val Zografos  
at 818-790-5698 or [vzografos@yahoo.com](mailto:vzografos@yahoo.com)**



### **Steward of the Month *Karil Starleaf - Social Outreach***

Social Outreach committee proposes opportunities for working and giving to people outside of our church who need assistance and in so doing, witness to the Gospel.

In addition, the committee decides where the Alms box funds is used to help others outside of the church.

Our committee of 4 members meets once a month and reviews on-going projects with the aim of organizing or starting new projects. Some suggestions are brought to the committee from members of the church.

Projects usually handled by this committee are:

- Sunday Homeless lunches in July and December, 35-70 attend
- Adopt-A-Family from the Salvation Army for Christmas gifts for needy families
- African Team ministries sell their work at church
- Deciding which organizations shall receive Alms donations

- Family Promise meeting attendance and participation
- Glendale and Burbank's organization that helps get homeless families off the streets with help with work, housing, food, etc...
- Food or fund collection for local food pantries: Salvation Army, Grace Food Shelf (Hill Ave. Grace Lutheran), Lutheran Social Services, etc...
- Cold weather shelter dinners
- Hosting our China missionary when she returns to the U.S. for the summer

The youth, scouts and families in the church have helped support these events!

In Jesus's service,  
Karil Drake Starleaf

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### **Weekly Organ Concert performed by Dr. Jay Brunot**

Enjoy a weekly informal  
30 min. concert  
available on Fridays at 7:00 pm  
**Recorded and posted on  
Salem's YouTube and Facebook**




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**"Learn to do good; seek justice.  
Defend the oppressed."**

Isaiah 1:17

Salem is starting a Social Justice Team. If you would like to be involved, please contact Kirstyn Bonneau, Anastasia McGee, Libby Denton or the church office.



**Please email your prayer requests to  
this confidential mailbox**

**[prayers@salemgendale.org](mailto:prayers@salemgendale.org)**

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## Urgent Requests for Hunger Programs!

The following programs are in need of food donations:

**Drop Off non perishable food, clothing & small household items**

**Lutheran Social Services**

**7400 Tujunga Ave., North Hollywood 91605**

**Call for drop off times 818-901-9480**

If more convenient, you may also drop your donations off on Karil Starleaf's front porch and she will deliver them - 1329 Western Ave., Glendale 91201

**Also if you have extra fruit on your trees or garden veggies, it can be donated to local food programs - Contact Karil Starleaf and she will pick it up! Oranges are especially great for vitamin C.**

**Provide 10-15 Sack Lunches**

**City of Glendale Parks & Shower of Hope**

This is a mobile shower program that provides a weekly shower to the unsheltered community homeless. They would also like to provide the lunches for their guests to take with them.

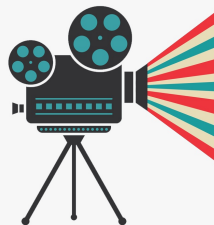
**Please call Ivet Samvelyan, Glendale Community Services Manager to schedule a day to bring the sack lunches 818-548-3720**

For questions contact Karil Drake Starleaf, Social Outreach  
818-243-9573 or [karildrake@yahoo.com](mailto:karildrake@yahoo.com)

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## Request from the Archive Committee

Cleaning out your home? The Archive Committee is looking for the following annual reports (2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005 & 2007) for our library. If you have one and would like to donate it to our library, contact Mary Seekins 818-526-7728. We would also be happy to take any other memorabilia on Salem that you would like to share.



Please go online to our new website and view the **Salem member interviews from our Archives ... [www.SalemLutheranGlendale.org](http://www.SalemLutheranGlendale.org) ... click on Home ... History of Salem.** You will enjoy some old friends and recognize some young members still with us!

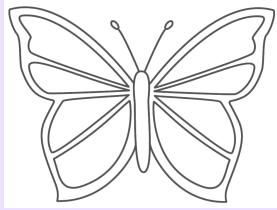
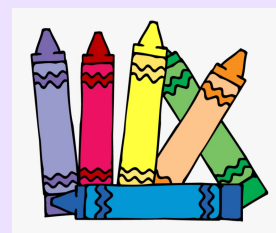
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## BUTTERFLY PROJECT

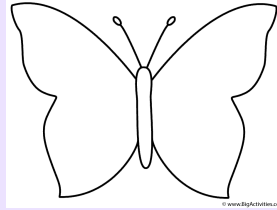
As Christians we have often used the butterfly as a symbol of the resurrection. Around the world people view the butterfly as a symbol of

hope, new life and change.

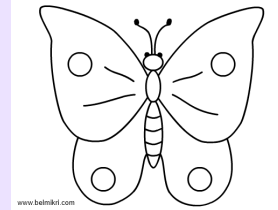
**Please take time to color one or more of these butterfly PDFs. You may print them out.**



**Butterfly 1**



**Butterfly 2**



**Butterfly 3**

When the quarantine is over and it is possible, we ask that you bring them to church or mail them so that a display can be made in our outside garden. This will help Salem to show our community: we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have endured the hardship of quarantine and we have hope in a renewal of our ministry in and around Salem. Be creative! Have fun!

## **LUTHERAN RETREATS, CAMPS & CONFERENCES**

El Camino Pines  
Luther Glen Farm

## **Camp Worship Videos & Virtual Campfires**



Although for the safety of campers and staff, Day and Beach camps through El Camino Pines and Luther Glen Farm have been cancelled, you can still enjoy a little camp magic! LRCC is offering a Children's Message and Camp Song based on the ELCA Lectionary Year A calendar every week so your church members can experience the joy of camp from their home. For the foreseeable future, LRCC will continue creating virtual campfires, and on Saturday July 25, their Eleventh Annual Summer Banquet will move online!

If you are able, you can help out LRCC with a donation.

### **[Lutheran Retreats, Camps and Conferences](#)**

Fortunately, a PPP loan, has allowed LRCC to rehire most staff and summer leadership team, enabling them to improve facilities at El Camino Pines and grow food at Luther Glen Farm.

Until it is safe to gather at camp again, LRCC's focused prayers are with the women and men on the front line in this struggle.

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## Attention! Salem Keyholders and coming on campus

During this Covid time, if you have a key, we are requesting that you do not use it without permission. Please email or call Pastor Amie if you have a need to enter any of the church doors. We are keeping a record of who enters the campus in order to abide by sanitation recommendations. This is very important. Thank you!

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### Rev. DR. R. Guy Erwin to Serve as United Lutheran Seminary's next President

The Rev. Dr. R. Guy Erwin, who was elected in 2013 as the fourth bishop of the Southwest California Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and elected to a second term in 2019, will be leaving the bishopric as of July 31, 2020 and, beginning August 1, will serve United Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia, PA as its next president. Bishop Erwin has served on ULS's board of trustees for two years, and succeeds interim president Rev. Dr. Angela Zimmann, who will return to her position as Vice President of Institutional Advancement.



"Though I am sad to leave my work as bishop, which I have dearly loved," Dr. Erwin said, "as a life-long educator I rejoice in the chance to work with ULS's remarkable faculty in carrying out the seminary's mission to prepare its students for public ministry and principled engagement in the world. As a historian, I honor what our two predecessor seminaries have meant to the church, and the legacy with which we have been entrusted. At the same time, we stand on the threshold of tremendous changes in theological education, in the life of the church, and in our society, and I embrace the opportunity that this provides for ULS to be a leader in new ways."

**What happens next:** The Presiding Bishop of the ELCA will appoint an interim bishop (normally a retired ELCA bishop from another synod) to do those things that only a bishop can do, as the synod goes through the process of discerning who to choose as the next permanent bishop at an Assembly-most likely next June. The very capable synod staff will stay in place through that interim year, and possibly beyond.

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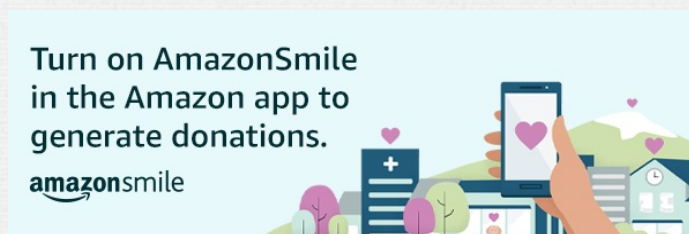


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### **The Rev. Amie Barsch Odahl** **Pastor**

**Pamela Perry**  
**School Principal**

**Laurie Mack**  
Parish Administrator  
**Dr. Jay Brunot** - Organist/Pianist  
**Hans Ludwig** - Adult Choir Director  
Beth Chrzan - Cherubim Choir  
Debbie Kahwaji - Nursery Attendant

### **Salem Lutheran Church and School Council**

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Vice President - Lauren Kaye  
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Christian Education - Elizabeth Hall  
Social Outreach - Karil Drake Starleaf  
Member Care - Sue Siebels  
Facilities - Bob Camacho

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