

Mission Statement

The mission of Swaddling Clothes is to share the mercy of Christ with our neighbors through the gifts of clothing, food, friendship, and the forgiving Word of God.

How does “Swaddling Clothes” work?

From various donors, we assemble a collection of items associated with pregnancy and motherhood—maternity and baby clothes, diapers, formula, bottles, etc... Then, on the second Tuesday of each month, Salem hosts a “shopping day” where you can survey our collection and take whatever you need, up to a certain number of items. If any of the items you take can be re-donated to Swaddling Clothes when you are done with them, we ask that you do so to help those in need after you.

We also partner with a number of other organizations, providing you with referrals if you are seeking counseling, health care, employment, etc... And, of course, being a part of a Lutheran congregation, we are always ready to share pastoral care and a Gospel word with those who need them.



The Sanctity of Life

God’s eternal Son began His earthly life as an embryo. And when that embryo was a grown man, He shed His blood for the entire world, including those who were nothing more than a few cells in their mothers’ wombs.

For this reason, God never wants abortion to happen. And, as Christians, one of the greatest ways we can help keep our neighbor far from this temptation is by making pregnancy less frightening.

If you’re frightened that you don’t have the resources to care for the child in your womb or the children outside your womb, we’re here to help.

If you’re scared that you don’t know how to navigate this new part of your life, we’re here to help.

If you’re worried about judgment or rejection, we’re here with God’s word of mercy and hope, a word that no one can take away from you.

Christ loved you from your very beginning. He’ll love you to the end. That’s why we’re here.

About Salem

Salem Lutheran Church, originally named Salem Evangelical Congregation, was organized in Jacksonville Illinois on September 12, 1858, when Pastor Theodor Krauss met with a group of men who were of German descent and desired to begin a church. On January 9, 1859, Salem also opened a school with Pastor Krauss serving as teacher. Salem School accepted students from all backgrounds but served primarily German speaking students. English was not introduced into the school until 1889, and English was not introduced into the church services until 1892. Salem continued to offer German speaking services until 1938, when the church decided to offer services only in English. Today Salem offers divine services on Saturday evenings at 5:30 pm and Sunday mornings at 9:00 am to anyone who would like to attend.

Salem Lutheran Church is thankful that for more than 160 years they have been blessed to share the good news of Christ with the Jacksonville community. The young and the old have been taught our biblical faith and been baptized. The body and blood of Christ has been distributed through the Lord’s Supper. God will continue to be faithful to all His promises to future generations as He has been to the past because that is His nature.

When it comes to what our congregation believes, we are rooted in the teachings of the Bible, the 66 canonical books of the Old and New Testaments, and the understanding of those books as expressed in a series of writings called the Lutheran Confessions. Because of this, our congregation has a strong emphasis on the Gospel, the good news that God has given us forgiveness, life, salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ. And we believe that our congregation exists to cover sinners in that saving blood through the waters of baptism, the preached word, and the Sacrament of Holy Communion that we celebrate each week.

We would love for you to visit Salem Lutheran Church. For more information about our congregation, please contact us by phone (217)243-3419 or visit our website salemjax.net

To give a donation or ask a question, please do not hesitate to contact us:

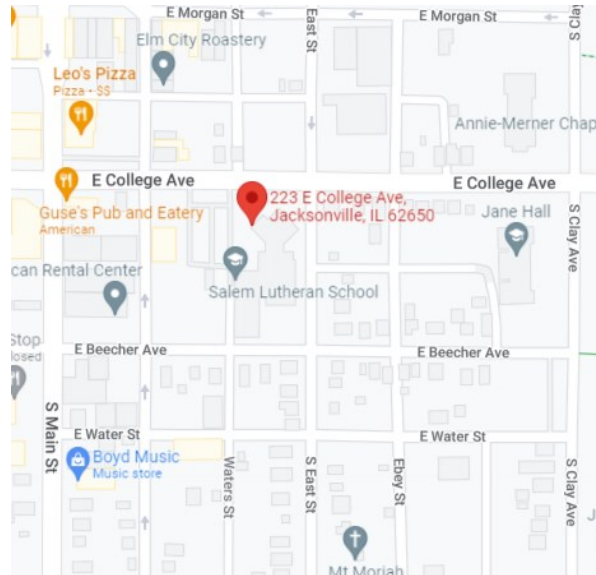
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*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me,
and do not hinder them, for the
kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
Matthew 19:14*

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**You are welcome to
join us for worship!**

Sundays Mornings:
Divine Service: 9:00 am
Bible Class/Sunday School: 10:15 am

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