



The Church Bell

Salem Lutheran Church

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For as long as I can remember, I have been fascinated by bees. As a child, my dad had a few hives, and I remember turning the crank on the extractor that whipped the honey from the frames for us to eat but until recently, that was the extent of my **beekeeping experience. Now under my dad's supervision and guidance** – aka he tells me what to do and I do it – we are the proud 'parents' of three hives and an estimated sixty thousand bees.

Bees are amazing creatures and although they get a bad 'rep' due to their stingers, they are also extremely beneficial to humankind. As plant pollinators, bees provide a vital service to farmers of all kinds and are responsible for one out of every three bites of food we eat.¹ Bees are also the only insect who produce food that humans eat, and honey is the only food that **"includes all the substances necessary to sustain life, including enzymes, vitamins, minerals, and water."** Honey is also the only food that contains "pinocembrin," an antioxidant associated with improved brain functioning.²

Yet it is in the life of the bee colony and their role in nature that I find them most amazing. In an article from CC Pollen Co. we read, **"Most of nature lives in the "chase or be chased" or the "kill or be killed" life cycle of the food chain, where one thing is getting eaten by those things that are stronger and they, in turn, are getting eaten by the next stronger entity...The metaphor here is, even the strongest die and become fodder for the weakest or lowest on the food chain. Nothing wrong with it. It is just the way it is. It is sometimes called the "Grand Design".**

BUT WAIT A MINUTE! THE BEES GO A DIFFERENT DIRECTION

The bees follow another plan. **It is, in many ways, opposite of that "Grand Design".** Their relationship with their world is one of benefit and enhancement. **The bee's relationship with the plants it visits is mutually beneficial.** The consequence of this relationship is the bees make more flowers by cross pollination which, in turn, makes more food produced from those plants. **Just a little different from the other species, including humans, that are in the "eating each other up" "Grand Design"... The bees do not harm. How unique is that!?"³**

The apostle Paul tells us in his letter to the Romans that **"Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.** (Romans 13:10) What would our world look like if we worked, lived, played, prayed, and turned our hearts toward attitudes, actions and lives that were focused on doing no harm? Every day we are faced with choices that affect the lives of others. **Choices we make when we shop for needed items...do we shop locally and support our neighbors and small town businesses, and or intentionally shop for fairly traded items, or do we shop with only our wallet in mind? Choices we make when speaking to one another, or about one another...is what we say beneficial; would we say this if the person was hearing us; would we want someone to say this to us? Choices we make when our children are watching...need I say more?**

But let me be clear...doing no harm does not mean we do not intercede on behalf of those who are harming others or who are harming themselves. Although bees live in relative harmony with creation, they have stingers for a reason...if something threatens to harm the hive or their beloved queen, they will not hesitate to sting. The sting for most of us is not lethal, but will certainly deter harming the hive. If someone is abusing alcohol or drugs and neglecting their children, or if we learn of a vulnerable adult whose caregiver is draining their charge's finances for their own benefit, we are certainly called to act on behalf of those who are being harmed. Our actions, however must not be in judgement or condemnation of the individual but of the destructive actions. Most people who harm others have been harmed themselves and need supportive and loving communities who will walk with them and teach them new ways of living and proclaim Christ's restoration and healing love.

The world is watching as we are called to be the body of Christ in the world – does the love we receive from Christ and the **life we have been given show others our love for Jesus and Jesus' love for them? Such a sensitivity demonstrates the love of Christ that seeks to heal the broken and help those in need.**⁴

Blessings & Love, Pastor Trish

1. www.onegreenplanet.org/animalsandnature/how-bees-benefit-other-living-things
2. www.benefits-of-honey.com/honey-bee-facts
3. www.beepollen.com/the-importance-of-bees
4. Our Daily Bread, June 6, 2014, Dennis Fisher

SALEM'S COLUMBARIUM IS UNDERWAY!

The Columbarium Committee invites you to view the construction of the Columbarium as it happens. The footings are in and the foundation has been poured. Around the middle of May the Columbarium unit will be brought in and shortly after that the stone veneer will be put on the unit. Pavers have been delivered and we are getting estimates for laying the pavers.

Congregants will once again be given the opportunity to contribute toward landscaping costs as well as benches and two boulders. One boulder will be engraved with REST, REFLECT AND REMEMBER on it. The second boulder will be a Memorial Boulder which will give you the opportunity to have a loved one's name engraved on it. This person is buried elsewhere but will be remembered by you as you attend Salem Lutheran.

Brochures dealing with information on the Columbarium and costs of niches are located by the bulletin board in the back of the church. Members of the Columbarium Committee will gladly answer any questions that you may have. Columbarium members are: Craig Anderson, Kay Ferris, Bob Kohanek, Nan Ladehoff, Joy Mills and Dave Trampe.

Please contact Craig Anderson, Sexton, at 363-2649 if you would like to purchase a niche.

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP

We cannot do everything. God's reign is not only beyond our efforts, it is beyond our seeing and knowing. We plant seeds, knowing that they hold hope for the future. We lay foundations that will need further development. There is a sense of liberation, however, in realizing that. We can do something, and we can do it very well. We can take that first step knowing that we may never see the end of the road, the results of actions, the recipients of our giving. We receive and offer the gift of hope. The harvest will come.

I am a dirt gardener. Many of my days are spent "growing dirt," preparing the soil for future plantings. That is an act of hope. We know that we are only workers, not the Master Gardener. Accepting the gifts of silence, light, the guiding Spirit, and hope, we are co-creators of the future, which is in God's hands.

Creator God, God of all the yesterdays and all of the tomorrows, grant us the gift of hope.

You give us breath; you give yourself in Jesus; you shower us with your Holy Spirit.

Forbid us from keeping our gifts for ourselves. Forgive us when we attach strings to our gifts.

We have received freely; may we give freely. Amen.

Author unknown (www.stewardshipresources.org/2014/08/planting-seeds)

Servant Leadership Council (SLC) Proposed May Meeting Highlights

- 1) The SLC began discussing ways to stimulate the growth of both stewardship and evangelism at Salem.
- 2) A June 23 evening gathering and program for new members is being planned.
- 3) Salem's float for Longville's Fourth of July parade is in the works, featuring something we do well - donuts and coffee!



Become Part of Our Church Family

For more information about becoming a full member, associate member or "friend" of Salem, please contact the church office or talk with Pastor Trish. All are welcome here!

**New Member Sunday
June 26, 2016.**

"CHRIST IN OUR HOME" DEVOTIONALS

Pick up your April, May and June 2016 devotionals from the stand by the entrance. Take one for yourself and one for a friend.

We also have *Our Daily Bread*



**SAVE THE DATE
August 1st - 5th
9:00am - Noon**

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

4:00-5:00 p.m.
Conference Room

Led by
Pastor Trish

All are welcome!



Auction Items

If you have items you want to donate to the church for the annual auction you may come to the office for the key to the storage building. If you need help getting your items to the church please call the church office or Ron Wiehle and someone will come out to pick-up your donation. Thank you!
Ron Wiehle (363-3070)

The auction will be on **Saturday, August 13th** starting at 10:00 a.m.



SALEM WOMEN'S FALL BAZAAR

Coming September 17th

- Keep in mind ideas:
- Donations
 - Baked items
 - Canned items
 - Craft items

RELAY FOR LIFE PIE AUCTION JUNE 12

This will be our 5th annual Pie Auction. This is a fun event. The proceeds all go to the American Cancer Society. Could you donate a pie please?? There will be a sign up sheet.

The Burley Bunch



2016 GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL REPORT April 30, 2016

General Fund Beg Balance 4/1/16	\$ 3,914
Receipts 4/1/16 - 4/30/16	\$ 13,931
Disbursements 4/1/16 - 4/30/16	<u>\$(22,942)</u>
General Fund Balance 4/30/16	<u>\$ (5,097)</u>

Due to the negative balance in the General Fund, the Finance Team is asking for all expenditures to be held to only necessary expenditures (i.e. Payroll, utilities, etc.).

REMINDER: \$4640 is needed weekly to support the 2016 budget approved at the Annual Congregational Meeting.

With God's Blessing,
Ardis Aagard, Church Treasurer

Registration is open to schedule a photo session for the new church directory printed by Lifetouch. There are three options to schedule an appointment.

1. You may stop by the video/sound booth after worship and Jan or Nan will schedule a time for you.
2. Call or stop by the church office and Carol Raines will schedule a time for you.
3. Go to the church website, www.salemlongville.org, and click on the church directory link to schedule an appointment from the convenience of your home.

Photos will be taken at the church Monday - Friday, June 13 - 17, and Saturday, June 18. You will receive a free directory and a 8x10 photo. If you have any questions, call Nan Ladehoff - 682-2802, or Jan Stadtherr - 682-2916.



RELAY FOR LIFE - FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2016

This is an event to celebrate with survivors and honor those that have died. It will take place at Pine River - Backus High School Track. Opening Ceremony is at 7:00 p.m.

There will be a Silent Auction, music, entertainment and good food.

This is an awesome experience for all, with a lighting ceremony taking place at dusk.

We are determined to raise as much money as possible to make a difference. If we all give a little, it becomes a lot.

Donations should be made out to the American Cancer Society. \$10.00 can buy a luminary bag to honor your loved one.

Do regular medical check ups and continue to pray.

We would love to see you there.

The Burley Bunch





2	Kathy Dollins	1	Terry and Lori Daudt
2	Jennifer Lewis	6	Jerry and Ruth Lerom
4	Matthew Daudt	6	Lorin and Carol Neuenfeldt
5	James Joiner	7	Don & Idelle Eide
6	Gerald Ramsay	10	Del and Ginger Minske
11	Beckett Riendeau	13	Bill and Jan Elliott
12	Beverly Felton	13	Clyde and Becky Nordstrom
12	Mike Czeck	13	Boe and Joan Antonson
13	Bob Savre	15	Scott and Carol Raines
14	Hayley Hol	16	Clinton and Marilyn Lilyquist
15	Sandy Roscoe	16	Lenny and Phyllis Brooks
15	John Peterson	17	John and Robyn Semmler
16	Norma Neumann	19	Jim and Jennifer Lewis
16	Devin Wheeler	20	Terry and Jean Nagorski
17	Ed Parkhurst	24	Matt and Katie Daudt
20	Robyn Semmler	26	Mark and Carole Houghton
21	Connor Galvin	29	Gene and Marlene Olson
22	Ruth Lerom	30	Troy and Nancy Loren
23	Robert Powell		
23	Bob Madsen		
24	Eileen Higgins		
24	Sue Hol		
24	Denny Ploeger		
26	John Holmer		
26	Norma Jansen		
27	Harold Burley		
28	Judith Olson		
29	Clyde Nordstrom		
29	Beverly Bixby		
29	Beth Tobiason		

FELOWSHIP TEAM CAPTAIN NEEDED

We are in need of a Fellowship Team Captain. You would be responsible for finding: Ushers, Greeters, Lay Readers, Communion Helpers and Coffee Servers for 3 to 4 months a year. Please let Doris Schmidt know if you would like to help.

June

Ruth Lerom, Co-Chair
Shari Pretzer, Co-Chair
Kathy Joiner
Ginny Muller
Karen Osmundson
Avis Savre
Carol Zahn

Hospitality Team Captain for June

Karen Nelson
363-3456

Ruth Circle Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, June 9th
1:00 pm at Salem
Hostess: Ginger Minske
All are welcome

ART FOR CHURCH ENTRY

Salem's Mission Statement is "Rooted in Christ to Love, Grow and Serve" and with this in mind, our logo is a tree that Irene Schires drew. The Learning Ministry Team is working on a special project to make our Mission Statement the first thing you see when you walk through our doors.

With this in mind, they are asking for members or friends of Salem to draw, paint, etc. a tree (of your choice) no larger than 8" x 10" which we will frame in order to create a collage of trees for our entryway. Please contact a member of our Learning Ministry Team (listed on the back of the newsletter) for more information. We would like your artwork by July 1, 2016.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing God's gifts come together to welcome all to Salem.

CARING PERSONS NEEDED!

Are you a caring person who takes pleasure in helping others? Salem's Caring Ministry Team is looking for new members. There are various components that you may help with. These include:

- ◆ Taking communion to shut-ins
- ◆ Visiting those who are ill
- ◆ Sending cards to members who are sick or have lost a loved one
- ◆ Sending booklets to those who have lost a loved one or
- ◆ Maybe there are other areas that you think we need to include.

It's a great way to get to know others and to bring God's Word to those who are experiencing tough times.

Please notify the Church Office if you would like to get involved.

Salem Smorgasbord



Wednesday, June 15th
5:00pm - 6:30pm

Please come
and bring your friends!

Adults \$10.00
Children (4-12) \$5.00
Under 3 - Free

Watch for the sign-up sheets to
bring food and to help.

SUMMER CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

Following our Lent and Easter break from Wednesday night Confirmation Class, students asked to suspend class until the summer due to heavy school schedules. The following is our summer schedule to finish our study of the Bible before school begins in the fall. Snacks will be provided but we will not be serving supper.

JUNE 26th 2:00pm – 6:00pm

JULY 10th 2:00pm – 6:00pm

AUGUST 7th 2:00pm – 6:00pm

IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND ONE OR ANY OF THE CLASSES

PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL PASTOR TRISH

(320-248-9479 / pastortrish1968@gmail.com)

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY


June 26th 9am (Worship)

If you are interested in joining the Salem family as a member or associate member, we are receiving new members during worship on June 26th. Please call the church office (218-363-2011) or Pastor Trish (320-248-9479) for more information.

NEW MEMBER DESERT RECEPTION

June 23rd 6:30pm

Please join us for a New Member Desert Reception at Salem where you will have an opportunity to meet one another and a few of our ministry team members.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9-11 am Matters of Balance Class 1:00 pm Technology Meeting 4:00 pm Adult Bible Study 5:00-6:00 pm WATW Meal 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	2 9:30 am Property Team	3 8:00am-Noon Association of Cass County Lakes Board Meeting 9:00 am Bone Builders	4
			Pastor Trish vacation			
5 9:00 am Communion Worship 10:15 am Coffee and Fellowship	6 1:00 pm Busy Needles	7 9:00 am (co-ed) Bone Builders 3:00 pm Pastor's Text Study	8 9-11 am Matters of Balance Class 9:30 am WMT Meeting 4:00 pm Adult Bible Study 5:00-6:00 pm WATW Meal 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	9 1:00pm Ruth Circle	10 8:45 am Staff Meeting 9:00 am Bone Builders 9:30 am LMT Meeting	11 10:00am Long Lake Property Owners Association Meeting
Pastor Trish on vacation June 2nd through June 10th						
12 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Coffee and Fellowship Relay for Life Pie Auction	13 1:00 pm Busy Needles	14 Flag Day 9:00 am Bone Builders 9:30 am SMT Meeting 3:00 pm Pastor's Text Study	15 9-11 am Matters of Balance Class 4:00 pm Adult Bible Study 5:00-6:00 pm Smorgasbord 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	16	17 8:45 am Staff Meeting 9:00 am Bone Builders 9:30 am SLC Meeting	18
Lifetouch taking pictures at Salem June 13th - 18th for new directory						
19 Newsletter Deadline 9:00 am Communion Worship 10:15 am Coffee and Fellowship 	20 9:00am Music in the Park Meeting 1:00 pm Busy Needles 	21 9:00 am (co-ed) Bone Builders 9:30am WATW Community Meal Action Team 3:00 pm Pastor's Text Study	22 9-11 am Matters of Balance Class 10:00am-3:00pm Sunday School Planning 4:00 pm Adult Bible Study 5:00-6:00 pm WATW Meal 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	23 10:00am-3:00pm Sunday School Planning 6:30pm New Member Orientation	24 8:45 am Staff Meeting 9:00 am Bone Builders	25 Turtle Town Art fair
26 New Member Sunday 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Coffee and Fellowship 2:00-6:00pm Confirmation Class 5:00 pm Salem Sunday Supper	27 1:00 pm Busy Needles	28 9:00 am (co-ed) Bone Builders 3:00 pm Pastor's Text Study	29 4:00 pm Adult Bible Study 5:00-6:00 pm WATW Meal 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	30		

Salem Lutheran Church Staff

Rev. Trisha Jorgenson, Pastor

Cell Number: 320-248-9479

Email: pastortrish1968@gmail.com

Carol Raines, Secretary / Bookkeeper

Office Phone: 218-363-2011

Office Email: Salem@arvig.net

Jan Elliott & Eunice Benson, Organists

Charlene Olson, Choir Director

Joan Kickhafer, Custodian

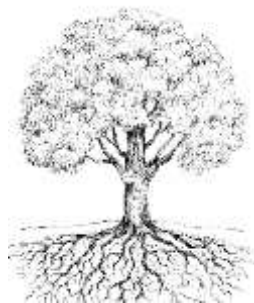
Salem Lutheran Church Website

www.salemlongville.org

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 5:00pm

Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm



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Salem Lutheran Church Ministry Teams

Servant Leadership Council (SLC)

Barb Anderson, President

Dave Trampe

Don Falls, Vice President

Beth Tobiason

Sara Felton, Secretary

Jan Stadtherr

Ardis Aagard, Treasurer

Karen Osmundson

Executive Management Team (EMT)

SLC President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

Learning Ministry Team (LMT)

Beth Tobiason, Facilitator & Council Liaison

Resource Development Ministry Team (RDMT)

Ardis Aagard, Facilitator

Dave Trampe, Council Liaison

Serving Ministry Team (SMT)

Terry Daudt, Facilitator

Don Falls & Karen Osmundson, Council Liaison

Worship Ministry Team (WMT)

Jan Stadtherr, Facilitator & Council Liaison

ALL are welcome to join any of our ministry teams. If you are interested in any of the areas listed above or have questions about how each team serves, please contact one of the team leaders listed above or call the church office.

Join us for
Worship
Sundays at 9am
All are welcome here!