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July 4th is a U.S. national holiday which celebrates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. The Declaration of Independence is a statement which announced that the thirteen American colonies, then at war with Great Britain, saw themselves as independent states and no longer under British rule. (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/) For most of us, July 4th is not just a national holiday but a weekend filled with family, friends, parades, picnics, fishing (if we are lucky) and fireworks. For all of us, July 4th should also be a day in which we remember that America's independence was not 'free' for all but cost many their health, their dreams, their future.

Freedom is a funny thing – we often think of freedom as the ability to choose whatever we desire. We dream of financial freedom so that we can buy what we want or have more free-time, but in the pursuit of this dream become slaves to our jobs, bills and materialism. As adults, we have the freedom to choose whether we *have* to eat Brussel sprouts or lutefisk, or not...mostly not as far as I'm concerned. And we have the freedom as members of the family of God, to choose how much or how little we support the church financially, without fear of eternal damnation or condemnation. Freedom is a wonderful thing...but as members of the body of Christ, freedom is much more than just the power to act, think or speak as we want but is responsibility.

The apostle Paul deals with freedom in a letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 8) as they also struggle with the idea that in Christ they are free from religious dietary laws. Some of the members of the Corinthian church understood that it was no big deal to eat food that had been given to other 'gods' as sacrifices because the other gods didn't exist...therefore, the meat was just meat, nothing more and it would do no harm to eat it. However, there were others who felt this freedom was going too far.

Paul agrees with those who say meat is meat but also writes that with freedom comes responsibility. *Christ gave up his life for that person. Wouldn't you at least be willing to give up going to dinner for him—because, as you say, it doesn't really make any difference? But it does make a difference if you hurt your friend terribly, risking his eternal ruin! When you hurt your friend, you hurt Christ.* (1 Cor. 11-12, The Message)

As we make choices in our lives, big and small, complicated and simple, we have the freedom to do so knowing that God is always with us, loves us unconditionally, and is full of grace and mercy. (Rom. 8:38-39) Yet, this freedom comes with great responsibility as well. Paul also wrote to the church in Galatian, "For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Gal. 5:13-14)

In Christ, we are free to love, for which there are no laws. To love freely means to open our hearts to one another and those who are crying out to be also be free from the oppression of fear, pain and all that seeks to destroy. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "In the process of gaining our rightful place, we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred. We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline." – Amen

In Christ's love, Pastor Trish

HOLY COW SUNDAY - JULY 10

July 10, Salem will celebrate Holy Cow Sunday. Salem received the Holy Cow award from the NEMN Synod. In addition to the award there will be an emphasis upon world hunger. Representatives from the Synod Hunger, Justice, and Rural Concerns committee will be here to present the award to the congregation. Following the cow theme we will have **ICE CREAM SUNDAES** for the fellowship hour. We may even have a visit from a cow. You won't want to miss it !



STEWARDSHIP

God has blessed all of humankind with more than enough. Yet God continually surprises us with acts of generosity and moments of compassion that reveal how all are blessed, all are claimed, and all are found in and by God.

Unusually harsh one moment, unusually caring the next, Bobby was a fixture in the neighborhood around the church building. Like a bee, ever hovering, never quite landing, he kept an eye on folks living at the edge of the community. Occasionally he would land in the pastor's office for a visit and a question. "Do you know Abbie could use some groceries?" "Could you loan me twenty dollars for a week?" "Did you know Matthew was laid off again?" "Brittany doesn't go to church. Will you talk to her about baptizing her baby?" "Could I get a ride to the doctor?"

One winter day at the back edge of a snow storm, Bobby walked down the middle of the street. The wind was still blowing as the pastor stopped, rolled down the car window, and said, "Hop in." Bobby said, "No, I'm walking. But wait, I found two dollars in the street. It isn't mine. Put it in the collection for me. Let God know it's from me." He pushed the two soggy bills through the car window. On another day, without thought of knocking, he walked into the pastor's office and slapped a twenty dollar bill on the desk. He found it, he said, while taking a shortcut behind the church. As before, he added, "It isn't mine. Will you put it in the collection?" Months later, still a young man, Bobby died quietly in hospice care. There was no immediate family to claim his body. Two local pastors officiated at his memorial. His girlfriend, her brother, a hospice nurse, two neighbors, and several church members recounted moments of unusual harshness and unusual caring. And then they sang "Amazing Grace." And in a moment of quiet, one could imagine God saying, "He is mine."

Servant Leadership Council (SLC) Proposed June Meeting Highlights

- 1) The Nominating Committee is being activated for the upcoming elections at the September Annual Meeting.
- 2) The refrigerator in the kitchen failed and while temporarily repaired needs replacing. Estimates range from \$2500 to \$5000.
- 3) Because the General Fund is still in arrears the May payment to the Synod was temporarily put off and the June payment may well be also.



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!

Next
New Member Sunday
September 2016

CHURCH LIBRARY

The church library has fallen into disuse and the shelves in the Martin Luther Room are being transitioned to display Salem's artifact collection. All the reference books are now in the Conference Room and a portion of the remaining books will be kept. At present if there are any books you would like to have please take them with our blessing.

"CHRIST IN OUR HOME" DEVOTIONALS

Pick up your July, August and September 2016 devotionals from the stand by the entrance. Take one for yourself and one for a friend.

We also have *Our Daily Bread* devotionals.



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.

A SINCERE THANK YOU

to everyone who gave of their time, donations and support for the Pine River/Backus Relay for Life held on June 17. You helped our team to raise an all time high of over \$6,000. It is our hope and prayer that the money raised will find a cure for cancer.

The event was held inside because of weather and many survivors were honored and encouraged. There were hundreds of decorated luminaries for loved ones who have died due to cancer.

Cancer has invaded too many families. Let us remember to support and encourage anyone who is dealing with cancer, and for everyone to have regular medical check ups.

The Burley Bunch Team

2016 GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL REPORT May 31, 2016

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|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| General Fund Beg Balance 5/1/16 | \$ (5,097) |
| Receipts 5/1/16 - 5/31/16 | \$ 18,470 |
| Disbursements 5/1/16 - 5/31/16 | <u>\$(17,123)</u> |
| General Fund Balance 5/31/16 | <u>\$ (3,750)</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



AMERICA
BLUE
CELEBRATE
FIREWORKS
FLAG
FOURTH
FREEDOM
HOLIDAY
INDEPENDENCE
JULY
PARADE
PICNIC
RED
STARS
STRIPES
SUMMER
UNITED
WHITE

4th of July

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**JULY
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Marilyn Jass
- 2 Roberta Larson
- 2 Evelyn Burley
- 2 Phyllis Brooks
- 2 Kay Ferris
- 6 Mary Jacobson
- 6 Julee Young
- 7 Beth Holmdahl
- 8 Dorothea Felton
- 9 Chris Nornberg
- 11 Rod Fedalen
- 11 Bob Ladehoff
- 12 Donald Edwards
- 12 Don Falls
- 12 Jackie Hanson
- 12 David Owen
- 14 Ron Tormondsen
- 14 Eunice Benson
- 14 Marlene Olson
- 14 Jeff Hol
- 15 Grace Ann Parkhurst
- 16 Sandy Cross
- 19 Dick Cross
- 21 Greg Gilsrud
- 21 Margit Tormondsen
- 23 Tempra Hausken
- 24 Martha Limburg
- 24 Diane Ploeger
- 25 Owen Higgins
- 27 Doriene Smith
- 27 Linda Ferwerda
- 28 Alyssa Wheeler
- 28 Reg Callies
- 30 Doug Sandstrom
- 31 Felicia Murtley
- 31 Skip Rosen
- 31 Avery Hardinger



**JULY
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 5 Greg and Dawn Gilsrud
- 6 Ed and Grace Ann Parkhurst
- 11 Bob and Avis Savre
- 19 Bob and Cherrie Madsen
- 22 Don and Joan Falls
- 27 Michael and Rozanne Plotnik
- 28 Gerald Ramsay & Vi Crooker
- 31 Tom and Norma Jansen



July

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

**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.

**Hospitality Team
Captain for July**

Jan Marr
682-3007

**Ruth Circle
Women's Bible Study**

Thursday, July 14th
1:00 pm at Salem
Hostess: Evelyn Burley
All are welcome

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS - June 26, 2016



- Lois Allen
- Roger & Linda Bechtold
- Michael Gaffey
- Curtis Haflund
- Egon & Carol Overgaard
- Roger & Dianne Schnebly

Salem Smorgasbord



Wednesday, July 20th
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.

2016 Summer Music in the Park Series Opens with CODA

Four events will comprise this summer's Music in the Park series at Salem. The first event brings back CODA, the acclaimed Twin Cities saxophone and keyboard duo, on Sunday, July 3 from 5 to 7 p.m. to Salem's gazebo and park-like grounds. Scott Dorff plays the soprano, alto and tenor saxophones while Malcolm Anderson does piano/keyboards. The duo returns to Salem by popular request. Last year, Scott delighted the lawn chair seated audience as he roamed the grounds playing the saxophone and formed a joyful conga line to "When the Saints Go Marching In". Scott and Malcolm perform popular tunes, Dixieland, smooth jazz, swing, gospel and original compositions.

CODA has performed for the Billy Graham Association, the Minnesota Timberwolves, two presidents (Clinton and Bush) of the United States, public venues, churches, corporate functions and private parties. As CODA, Scott and Malcolm have released five (5) CD albums. They practice, write and arrange music regularly to deliver the freshest, most professional sound possible. These personable musicians strive to make each performance a pleasure for the audience. CODA's mission is "to bring peace, joy and love to all who listen".

Admission is free and there is ample parking in Salem's spacious parking lot. Bring a picnic basket, lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy the July 4 holiday weekend with the sounds of CODA's very special instrumental music. In case of inclement weather, the event will be inside the church.

Three other Music in the Park events are scheduled. On Sunday, July 24th, Woodtick Theater stars Paul Nye (vocals and guitar) and Jeff Menten (vocals and fiddle) perform a variety of music genres with talented young musicians who accompany Paul on stage from time-to-time. On Sunday, August 21st, Duluth Minnesota's Sarah Mae and The Birkeland Boys Band perform bluegrass, folk, Americana and gospel music. Finally, everyone can look forward to an indoor concert featuring professional organist Jim Hockin on Salem's newly acquired organ Sunday, September 4th from 3 to 5 p.m.

Mark your calendars for these events at Salem. Then come and enjoy some of the best music Minnesota has to offer.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



1
8:45am
Staff Meeting
9:00am
Bone Builders
9:30am
EMT Meeting

2

3
9:00am Communion
Worship
10:15am Coffee and
Fellowship
5:00pm Music in the Park

4

**Office
Closed**

5
9:00am (co-ed)
Bone Builders
9:30am Caring
Ministry Team
3:00pm
Pastor's
Text Study

6
11:00am
Nominating Team
Meeting
4:00pm
Adult Bible Study
5:00-6:00pm
WATW Meal
6:30pm
Choir Rehearsal

7
9:30am
Property Team
Meeting

8
8:45am
Staff Meeting
9:00am
Bone Builders
9:30am
LMT Meeting

9

10
9:00am Worship
10:15am Coffee and
Fellowship

11
1:00pm
Busy
Needles

12
9:00am
Bone Builders
9:30am
SMT Meeting
3:00pm
Pastor's
Text Study

13
9:30am
WMT Meeting
4:00pm
Adult Bible Study
5:00-6:00pm
WATW Meal
6:30pm
Choir Rehearsal

14
1:00pm
Ruth Circle

15
8:45am
Staff Meeting
9:00am
Bone Builders
9:30am
SLC Meeting

16
Wedding -
Steven
Daudt
and
Angela
Werkheiser

17 *Newsletter Deadline*
9:00am Communion
Worship
10:15am Coffee and
Fellowship

18
9:00am
Music in the
Park Meeting
1:00pm
Busy
Needles

19
9:00am (co-ed)
Bone Builders
9:30am WATW
Community Meal
Action Team
3:00pm Pastor's
Text Study

20
4:00pm
Adult Bible Study
5:00-6:30pm
Smorgasbord
6:30pm
Choir Rehearsal

21
10am - 3pm
Sunday School
Planning

22
8:45am
Staff Meeting
9:00am
Bone Builders
10am - 3pm
Sunday School
Planning

23
10:00am
Long Lake
Property
Owners
Association
Meeting

24
9:00am Worship
10:15am Coffee and
Fellowship
5:00pm Music in the Park

25
1:00pm
Busy
Needles

26
9:00am (co-ed)
Bone Builders
3:00pm Pastor's
Text Study

27
4:00pm
Adult Bible Study
5:00-6:00pm
WATW Meal
6:30pm
Choir Rehearsal

28

29
8:45am
Staff Meeting
9:00am
Bone Builders

30

31
9:00am Worship
10:15am Coffee and
Fellowship

Pastor Trish at Conference at
Luther Seminary in the Cities

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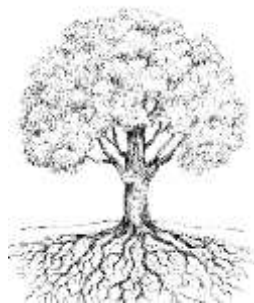
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Office Hours

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

Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm



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Rooted in Christ
to Love, Grow & Serve

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 Ministry Team (RMT)

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!