



The Church Bell

Salem Lutheran Church

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Message from Pastor

The month of October is a month of change. From the changing color of the leaves on the trees to the changing of the very feel of the air as falling temperatures force us back into wearing socks and sweaters. In the life of the Lutheran church, October marks another type of change. This change, having more to do with how we think about God and our relationship with God, began almost 500 years ago as Martin Luther sought to reform the Roman Catholic Church of his time. Luther's reformation continues as we continually seek to be reformed and relevant as the church throughout the world faces an ever changing world in need of the liberating Word of God's amazing grace and radical love.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's website describes our Lutheran heritage and future as we prepare to celebrate the work and presence of God through the Lutheran Reformation's 500 year anniversary:

Martin Luther posted his "Ninety-Five Theses" in Wittenberg on October 31, 1517 and the resulting debate about Christian teaching and practice led to changes that have shaped the course of Western Christianity for almost 500 years. At the heart of these wide-reaching changes was a deep conviction that God's mercy or grace in Jesus is given freely to all. When Luther and others learned to trust God's mercy with "a living, daring confidence," they discovered in that faith the freedom to give themselves generously, lovingly in all of life's undertakings with everyone they met.

The Lutheran Reformation offers to Christian communities everywhere a liberating way of listening to and speaking the Scriptures. The Reformation teaching that Christ's life flows through faith into a life of service to the neighbor is especially liberating in our culture today. The evangelical Lutheran Reformation offers the promise of God's love that makes possible a life of "living, daring confidence in God's grace."

... In 2017, Congregations, members, synods and other institutions of the ELCA will be observing the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation by a variety of events and activities. Many of the local activities will reflect the magnitude of work being done on a national and international scale. Some areas of engagement will surround acknowledging what Martin Luther did to spark the Reformation, revisiting the roots of our Lutheran beliefs and what those roots mean today for us and our engagement with others.

In all of these activities, the ELCA seeks to find in this historic milestone an occasion to give a confident and joyful witness of the life and freedom in Jesus Christ that is for all.

Some have said that the church is 'dying' and point to declining membership and church attendance. Numbers do not lie, but the church is not now, nor has it ever been, about numbers. The Apostle Paul gives an excellent illustration about the God's purpose for and promise to church in 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 when he speaks of the church being God's hands, mouth, and feet in this world—the body of Christ. We are to be doing the things that Jesus would do if physically on the earth. The church is to be, as Martin Luther puts it, "little Christs."

As we look forward to celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, we also look forward to God's continued reformation in us as little Christs and in the church as we reach out with hands, voice and the transforming love of God to the world.

In Christ's Love - Pastor Trish

ROOFING FUND DONATIONS

The roofing repair contract for the Fellowship Hall was approved at the 2016 Congregation Annual Meeting in the amount of \$45,000. The congregation also approved using the CD that was originally set aside for Pastoral Housing in the amount of \$30,000 as partial payment for this project.

The balance of \$15,000 that is needed for this project needs to be funded before the spring of 2017 when the roofing repair will be completed. The Finance Team is asking for your donations to cover this amount. A Roofing Fund has been set up. This is in addition to your regular donations to the General Fund.

On your donations please indicate "Roofing Fund" in the memo of your check or on your remittance.

If you have any questions regarding this project you can talk to anyone on the Property Team (Mike Czeck, Dale Kriesel, Clint Lindberg, Dave Trampe, Ron Wiehle).

Thank you,
The Finance Ministry Team and Property Ministry Team

THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP

Enjoy Your Coffee This Morning

A group of alumni, highly established in their careers, got together to visit their old university professor. Conversation soon turned into complaints about stress in work and life.

Offering his guests coffee, the professor went to the kitchen and returned with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups – porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, some plain looking, some expensive, some exquisite – telling them to help themselves to the coffee.

When all the students had a cup of coffee in hand, the professor said: "If you noticed, all the nice looking expensive cups were taken up, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. While it is normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and stress.

Be assured that the cup itself adds no quality to the coffee. In most cases it is just more expensive and in some cases even hides what we drink. What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup, but you consciously went for the best cups... And then you began eyeing each other's cups.

Now consider this: Life is the coffee; the jobs, money and position in society are the cups. The cups are just tools to hold and contain Life, and the type of cup we have does not define, nor change the quality of Life we live. Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee God has provided us."

God brews the coffee, not the cups..... Enjoy your coffee!

"The happiest people don't have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything." Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly and bloom where you are planted! Leave the rest to God.

Author Unknown (www.inspirationalarchive.com)

Servant Leadership Council (SLC) Proposed September Meeting Highlights

The Resolution to replace the roof of the Fellowship hall passed.

The Resolution to free up the Pastoral Housing CD passed as well as a motion to use the entire balance for repair of the roof.

Dennis Zuelke was elected to the SLC and Don Falls was elected to the SLC for a second term.



**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!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sunday School begins!

Sunday, October 2nd
11am - 1pm
3 yrs old - 6th grade

Lunch provided & Helpers Needed

Please contact church office for more information.

All are welcome

Our next Sunday School will be Sunday, **November 6th**

"CHRIST IN OUR HOME" DEVOTIONALS

Pick up your October, November and December 2016 devotionals from the stand by the entrance. Take one for yourself and one for a friend.

We also have *Our Daily Bread* devotionals.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Wednesdays at 6:30pm
October 5
October 12
October 19
October 26

One step in a
lifelong
adventure of
faith



All 7th thru 9th grade students are welcome!

Confirmation & Reformation Sunday

Sunday, October 30th
9am Worship with Communion

Join us as we celebrate the Affirmation of Faith (Confirmation) of Alyssa Semmler

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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

Led by
Pastor Trish



All are welcome!

Council and Ministry Team Meetings

- Executive Management Team - 1st Friday of the month
- Learning Ministry Team - 2nd Friday of the month
- Resource Ministry Team - TBD
- Servant Leadership Council - 3rd Thursday of the month
- Serving Ministry Team - 2nd Tuesday of the month
- Worship Ministry Team - 2nd Wednesday of the month



2016 GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL REPORT August 31, 2016

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| General Fund Beg Balance 8/1/16 | \$ 2,959 |
| Receipts 8/1/16 - 8/31/16 | \$ 21,985 |
| Disbursements 8/1/16 - 8/31/16 | <u>\$(22,253)</u> |
| General Fund Balance 8/31/16 | \$ 2,691 |

REMINDER: \$4640 is needed weekly to support the 2016 budget approved at the 2015 Annual Congregational Meeting.

With God's Blessing,
Ardis Aagard, Church Treasurer

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



SALEM LUTHERAN COLUMBARIUM DEDICATION

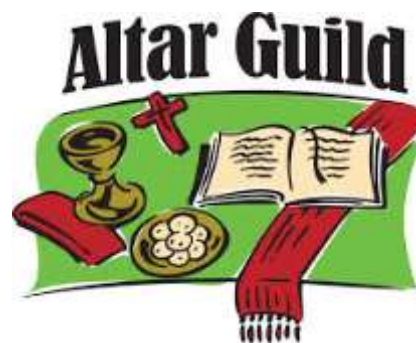


Salem Lutheran dedicated their newly built columbarium on Sunday, September 4, 2016 at the 9:00am service. The service began with all congregants moving to the Columbarium site. Sara Felton read several lessons and Pastor Trish read the Words of Dedication. Jim Limburg played "When the Saints Go Marching In" on his trombone as everyone went back into the church. Jan Elliott was playing "When the Saints Go Marching In" on the organ as people entered the church.

The Columbarium Committee thanks Northland Monument for constructing the Columbarium and Sharp Landscaping - David Fryxell for laying pavers. Plants beside the Columbarium were donated by G & S Plants in Pine River and we thank them for this generous donation.

Seven of the twenty niches have now been sold. Please contact any of the Columbarium Committee members if you have any questions or are interested in purchasing a niche.

Columbarium Committee members are: Craig Anderson, Kay Ferris, Bob Kohanek, Nan Ladehoff, Joy Mills and Dave Trampe.



- 1 Dale Hillstrom
- 1 Jerry Lerom
- 2 Kathy Joiner
- 3 Dale Foss
- 5 Sara Johnson
- 5 Clinton Lilyquist
- 5 Chuck Senst
- 5 Dale Kriesel
- 7 Sandy Weins
- 8 Wally Pretzer
- 8 Billy Jo Lilyquist
- 9 Darlene Sandstrom
- 10 Dee Hillstrom
- 12 Karen Nelson
- 13 Art Schricker
- 15 Judy Ginder
- 16 Michelle Nornberg
- 17 Jacob Murtley
- 18 Patricia Felton
- 18 Joan Reinke
- 19 Vi Crooker
- 22 Barbara Anderson
- 25 Ken Kostial
- 25 Jim Hager
- 25 Bailey Nornberg
- 29 Marcus Siewert
- 31 Rosalie Letson
- 31 Mike Wold

- 1 Todd and Laura Wheeler
- 2 Rod and Harriet Mouw
- 6 Roger and Roberta Larson
- 9 Chuck and Dot Waterhouse
- 14 Chuck and Jackie Senst
- 16 Arland and Eunice Benson
- 17 Scott and Traci Wicks
- 17 Chris & Michelle Nornberg
- 21 Harold and Evelyn Burley
- 21 Jim and Sandy Boring
- 22 David & Sara Felton
- 23 Robert and Jordice Powell
- 25 Gerald and Darlene Konrad
- 26 Don and Pamela Edwards

**Hospitality Team
Captain for October**

Doris Schmidt - 363-3326

**Ruth Circle
Women's Bible Study**

Thursday, October 13th
1:00 pm at Salem
Hostess: Ginger Minske
All are welcome

October

- Judy Johnson, Chair
- Kathy Callies
- Anastasia Miller
- Karen Nelson
- Margit Tormondsen
- Linda Bechtold

**Thank You to
Our Altar Guild**

for your faithful and joyful service. Our Altar Guild members work with our Pastor, Worship Ministry Team, and Staff to maintain and clean our altar area, care for communion elements and needed elements for baptisms, and decorate the sanctuary for special holidays, seasons, and Sundays (including changing banners with church seasons). The team generally meets three times a year. If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, please contact the church office.

A BIG THANK YOU

to all who donated to the Women's Fall Festival Bazaar, we really had a very successful sale, thanks to all the wonderful items that were brought in. Thank you to all of you it was awesome how everything came together through the work of all the women and friends from our area. Our sales totaled \$4,894 after expenses. The women will be getting together to decide the missions to receive our gifts. Also thanks to the men who donated and gave of there time to set up and take down.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD SUNDAY

We will observe Bread for the World **Sunday, Oct. 9.**

You are invited to write letters to our senators and congressman urging them to support legislation that helps lift people out of poverty and improves their nutrition.

We also encourage you to thank our leaders for two bipartisan bills, which were passed this summer.

Although great progress has been made there are still more than 795 million chronically malnourished people in our world including nearly 160 million children.

Hunger is a problem we can solve. As Christians we are called to speak out and up for those who have no power or voice.

Join us Oct. 9 and write a letter or letters.

We will have sample letters and addresses available **OR** go to www.bread.org

and follow instructions to email Congress your letter and learn more about this important issue.



STEP 1

IT BEGINS WITH YOU

People in thousands of churches and faith communities across the U.S. write letters to their members of Congress, urging their support of programs that end hunger and poverty.



STEP 2

Congress determines funding and policy for U.S. government programs that address hunger and poverty.



STEP 4

Partners of USAID, including church-related agencies, implement the work on the ground.



STEP 3

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the main agency in the federal government responsible for humanitarian aid overseas, operates programs across the globe.



STEP 5

Hungry people living in poverty get the help they need and take life-changing action.

At the very beginning of the Scriptures, we hear that we are created in God's image (Genesis 1:27). Throughout the Bible, we hear that we are precious to God.

Our lives are truly a gift from God, and — through our efforts — God cares for all who share that gift of life.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



1

2 9:00am Communion
Worship
10:00am Coffee and
Fellowship
11:00am - 1:00pm
Sunday School

3 1:00pm
Busy Needles
4:00pm Music
In the Park
Meeting
7:00pm
African Safari
Presentation

4 9:00am (co-ed)
Bone Builders
3:00pm
Pastor's
Text Study
6:15pm Longville
Area Community
Choir Rehearsal

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

6 9:30am
Property
Team Meeting

7 8:45am
Staff Meeting
9:00am
Bone Builders
9:30am
EMT Meeting

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

Bread for the World
Letter Writing Sunday

10 1:00pm
Busy
Needles

11 9:00am
Bone Builders
9:30am
SMT Meeting
3:00pm
Pastor's
Text Study
6:15pm Longville
Area Community
Choir Rehearsal

12 9:30am
WMT Meeting
10:00am
Technology Team
4:00pm
Adult Bible Study
5:00-6:00pm
WATW Meal
6:30pm
Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm
Confirmation
Class

13 1:00pm
Ruth Circle

14 8:45am
Staff Meeting
9:00am
Bone Builders
9:30am
LMT Meeting

15

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

17 1:00pm
Busy
Needles

18 9:00am (co-ed)
Bone Builders
3:00pm Pastor's
Text Study
6:15pm Longville
Area Community
Choir Rehearsal

19 4:00pm
Adult Bible Study
5:00-6:00pm
WATW Meal
6:30pm
Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm
Confirmation
Class

20 4:30pm
SLC Meeting

21 8:45am
Staff Meeting
9:00am
Bone Builders

22

23 9:00am Worship
10:00am Coffee and
Fellowship

24 1:00pm
Busy
Needles

25 9:00am (co-ed)
Bone Builders
3:00pm Pastor's
Text Study
6:15pm Longville
Area Community
Choir Rehearsal

26 4:00pm
Adult Bible Study
5:00-6:00pm
WATW Meal
6:30pm
Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm
Confirmation
Class

27

28 8:45am
Staff Meeting
9:00am
Bone Builders

29

30 9:00am Confirmation
Worship
10:00am Coffee and
Fellowship

31 1:00pm
Busy Needles



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Charlene Olson, Choir Director

Joan Kickhafer, Custodian

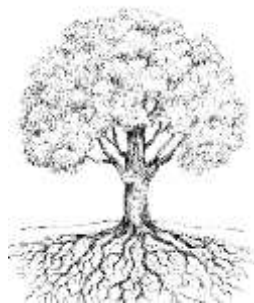
Salem Lutheran Church Website

www.salemlongville.org

Office Hours

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

Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm



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Rooted in Christ
to Love, Grow & Serve

Salem Lutheran Church Ministry Teams

Servant Leadership Council (SLC)

Don Falls, President

Dave Trampe

Barb Anderson, Vice President

Beth Tobiason

Sara Felton, Secretary

Jan Stadtherr

Ardis Aagard, Treasurer

Dennis Zuelke

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

Dennis Zuelke, 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!