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Salem Lutheran Church

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Message from Pastor

Soon after reading this, we will be electing a new president of our United States. One of my all-time favorite presidents is Abraham Lincoln, and not just because he was instrumental in bringing to reality the end of slavery in our country, but because of his quietly powerful faith in the midst of personal and professional challenges beyond that which most of us will ever experience.

Lincoln came from very humble beginnings and with a passion for politics at a young age went from being a store clerk, rail splitter, postmaster, deputy land surveyor and captain in the Illinois Volunteer Militia during the Black Hawk War of 1832, to finally serving as a Congressman and lastly President of the United States in which we experience our one and only Civil War. Lincoln married Mary Todd in 1842 and the couple had four sons, two of which would die in childhood during Lincoln's lifetime.

Imagine for a moment what it must have been like to have been president during the Civil War...you take a stand against slavery and almost as soon as you are inaugurated into office, the Civil War begins. While many will debate the ultimate causes of the Civil War, Pulitzer Prize-winning author James McPherson writes that, "The Civil War started because of uncompromising differences between the free and slave states over the power of the national government to prohibit slavery in the territories that had not yet become states. When Abraham Lincoln won the election in 1860 as the first Republican president on a platform pledging to keep slavery out of the territories, seven slave states in the deep South seceded and formed a new nation, the Confederate States of America. The incoming Lincoln administration and most of the Northern people refused to recognize the legitimacy of secession. They feared that it would discredit democracy and create a fatal precedent that would eventually fragment the no-longer United States into several small, squabbling countries."

It has been estimated that 620,000 American soldiers died during the Civil War but recent scholarship estimates **that the actual number is more likely around 850,000. This is more than any other war in our nation's history and** regardless of controversy surrounding why the Civil War started, it hinged on the idea that slavery in a country of democracy and freedom was a contradiction and morally wrong.

As we approached the holiday season, we really begin so with the day set aside by President Lincoln with the hope of united a fractured, grieving and fearful nation by declaring the last Thursday of November as a day set aside as a **day of thanksgiving "to almighty God, the beneficent Creator and Ruler of the Universe."**

With all our nation has been through, with all the challenges our individual lives endure, and with the uncertainties and difficulties we will certainly face in the future, may we find encouragement and wisdom one more time from President Lincoln who said, **"I want it said of me by those who knew me best, that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower where I thought a flower would grow."**

Thanksgiving is not simply the holiday that begins our holiday season but is the holiday upon which all others hinge. **If we simply take one day out of the year and run down a list of all the things we are thankful for...we have truly missed the point and intention behind Lincoln's proclamation and intention for this thanks-giving day.** Thanksgiving is an attitude of the heart that sees God's potential for love, beauty and healing, in the midst of lives that are fractured, hearts that are grieving, and a world filled with fear. Thanksgiving is an attitude of quietly powerful faith that speaks truth and hope 365 days of every year and through every circumstance. **"Give thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."** (Ephesians 5:20) and is the hinge upon true happiness, peace, and joy.

In God's Grace and Love – Pastor Trish

Servant Leadership Council (SLC)
Approved September 22, 2016 Minutes

*Current unapproved Council minutes posted on
bulletin board by Conference room.*

Present: Ardis Aagard, Sara Felton, Dennis Zuelke, Don Falls, Jan Stadtherr, Dave Trampe, Barb Anderson, Beth Tobiason

1. Don Falls called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.
2. Don Falls gave an opening reading and an opening prayer. Dennis Zuelke was welcomed by Don Falls.
3. a. Ministry liaison responsibility positions were assigned for 2016-2107:

LMT – Beth Tobiason	WMT – Jan Stadtherr
RDMT – Ardis Aagard	RDMT – Dave Trampe
SMT – Barb Anderson	SMT – Dennis Zuelke
EMT – Sara Felton	
- b. Salem will need an additional 10–15 thousand dollars to cover the fellowship hall roof repair, donations will be sought. The contractor requires ¼ down this fall and ¼ down when materials are ordered.
4. Pastors Report – none – Pastor Trish on vacation
5. Visioning – Council members explained to Dennis Zuelke our working concept for Salem of the church Gathering in order to turn outward in service to and in the community.
6. Ministry Team Highlights
 - a. EMT - **the EMT approved publication of the previous month's approved SLC minutes in the newsletter each month.**
 - b. LMT - One of its goals is to get to know all our surrounding neighbors. The family room needs pictures for the archive display. Sunday school starts October 2.
 - c. RDMT - The HR team members now are: Sharon Gilsrud, Lori Daudt, Ardis Aagard and Don Waldera. They would like to meet with the ministry team liaisons to discuss and set up job reviews. Job descriptions need to be rewritten. The roof contract needs to be signed now. Fall tasks completed: raising the propane tank, seeding grass and fall prep. Clint Lindberg has resigned as chair of the Property team, which now has no head.
 - d. SMT - There is a request from MITP for \$500 from the 2016 auction proceeds. This issue will be on the agenda for the October SLC meeting. MITP has \$1000 in the 2017 budget and could purchase a copier. The tech team wants to purchase a TV for the fellowship hall, they could do the wiring. They have enough money in their 2017 budget to do this.
 - e. WMT - Because there is no money budgeted in 2017 for a funeral ministry they will begin in 2018. There is still a question of the desirability of a funeral ministry. The WMT is also working on a Pastoral committee. Dennis Zuelke brought up the celebration of the 500th anniversary of Lutheranism in 2017 and the need to start planning. He suggested the group Koda Duo and that a concert might be planned in conjunction. This will be discussed in the WMT meeting.
7. Training - devotions for team meetings. Tabled until Pastor Trish returns.
8. Review:
 - a. Meeting minutes
Motion: Jan Stadtherr/Barb Anderson/passed/approve minutes of August 19 SLC meeting.
Motion: Ardis Aagard/Barb Anderson/passed/approve minutes of Aug. 31 special SLC meeting.
 - b. Monthly financial report
The general fund was \$2690 in the black as of Aug. 31. Don Waldera will put a letter in the monthly newsletter regarding budget details and fund budgeting.
The Financial Team does not want to also be the Stewardship team so it will be necessary to start one. Motion: Barb Anderson/Jan Stadtherr/passed/accept the monthly financial report.
 - c. Objectives for this meeting
Add: MITP, Stewardship team and Pastoral support team.
9. Adjourn meeting
Motion: Ardis Aagard/Dennis Zuelke/passed/adjourn.
The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer before 6:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Felton, Secretary



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

Sunday, November 6th

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, December 4th

"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

November 2

November 9

November 16

NO class November 23

November 30



All 7th thru 9th grade students

COMMUNITY MEAL HONORING AMERICAN VETERANS

Wednesday, November 9th
5 - 6pm

the Community Meal will honor community military veterans.

Please join us for a good meal, a short program and thankful conversations.

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 Development 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 September 30, 2016

General Fund Beg Balance 9/1/16	\$ 2,691
Receipts 9/1/16 - 9/30/16	\$ 19,471
Disbursements 9/1/16 - 9/30/16	<u>\$(17,929)</u>
General Fund Balance 9/30/16	\$ 4,233

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

Servant Leadership Council (SLC) Proposed October Meeting Highlights

The Faith Five, a devotional designed to be used to open all Salem meetings is taking effect the month on October.

The SLC voted to donate \$500 to Music in the Park out of the 2016 auction proceeds. MITP is planning a 7/2/17 concert by Monroe Crossing.

A SLC committee has been formed to address the need for a Salem stewardship ministry, whether as a new ministry or an action team.



LONGVILLE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

4:00pm

Sunday, November 20th

Site TBD



ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS.....A GOAT? A PIG?

I don't really need much stuff anymore. In fact my wife is after me to start getting rid of stuff. So, I'll let my family know that they can get a GOOD GIFT in my honor.

Oh, I might suggest a small item or two but the major gifts can be GOOD GIFTS through the ELCA Hunger program. I invite you also to consider this for Christmas.

We will have catalogs available so you can see what is available. Many people seem to start thinking about and even shopping around Thanksgiving time. Therefore we will try to have the catalogs and opportunity for GOOD GIFT shopping right around Thanksgiving. Watch for more info in bulletins. GOOD GIFTS are included in the Holy Cow award. Wouldn't it be fun to win it two years in a row?



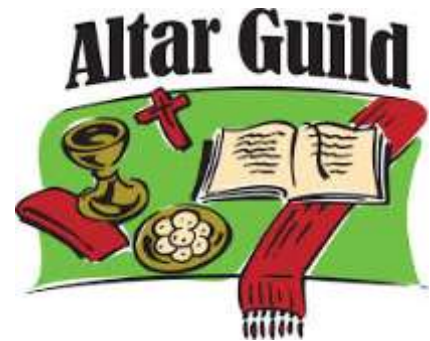
1	Cherrie Madsen
1	Jan Stadtherr
2	Marilyn Bliss
4	Ginger Minske
6	Clarence Sjodin
6	Darryl Nelson
6	Ryan Hanson
6	Mike Olson
7	Joan Falls
7	Ron Stadtherr
11	Judy Johnson
11	Tarike Daudt
12	Cody Lucas Lilyquist
14	Bill Hansen
15	Charlene Olson
15	Robert Raines
17	Jordice Powell
17	Kyle Schwartz
17	Trevor Lucas Lilyquist
21	Mary Jo Schleif
23	Carol Fox
23	Deb Dodds
25	Brandon Wheeler
25	Teegan Duval
26	Rita Fedalen
29	Erik Hol



3	Arlan & Irene Schires
4	Roger & Linda Bechtold
7	Dale and Marlys Kriesel
9	Phil and Melanie Mix
10	Tom and Kathy Dollins
20	Neil & Beth Tobiason
23	Rosalie and Dennis Letson
27	Mike & Judy Czeck
27	Art & Fran Schricker

**Hospitality Team
Captain for November**
Jan Marr - 682-3007

**Ruth Circle
Women's Bible Study**
Thursday, November 10th
1:00 pm at Salem
Hostess: Evelyn Burley
All are welcome



November

Barb McCuskey, Co-Chair
Diane Wiehle, Co-Chair
Louise Daudt
Joan Falls
Jackie Lorensen
Ginger Minske

**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.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Learning Ministry Team is looking for pictures of our church from the past 90 years, especially any pictures from the first 2 churches. We are trying to develop a pictorial history this winter to celebrate our strong history. We are willing to make copies and return your originals. If you have any pictures please bring them to the church office, label the people/event/year or anything else you might remember about the picture. We are also looking for someone who might be able to identify individuals in confirmation pictures. If you are willing to help please contact Beth Tobiason at 763-670-7002 or Pastor Trish.

The Technology Team has budgeted funds remaining in the Tech budget and the Tech Action Team has recommended a purchase of a 60 – 65 inch TV to be placed in the Fellowship Hall. This television will be used for large group presentations that include slides and videos. Examples of this would be confirmation classes, Vacation Bible School, specialized slide presentation, 55 Alive courses, End of Life workshop and team meetings.

This would eliminate using projectors and screens that do not put out a quality presentation easily read by an audience. Additionally this would be used during Fellowship Time to show announcements and special events.

This purchase will only occur if the General Fund balance allows it. We are currently working with the Property Team to determine the best location for large group visibility.



CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!



The new Salem website is live now. Go to www.salemlongville.org to see what is happening, what we do, our monthly calendar, who our leaders are, newsletters for the past year and pictures of events that have happened. Thanks to Tom Adams, Craig Anderson, Nan Ladehoff, and Carole Houghton for the many salem pictures we used on the website. Spend some time looking around, and if you have updates, corrections, calendar events or additional information let Carol Raines know.

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1 9:00am (co-ed) Bone Builders 3:00pm Pastor's Text Study 6:15pm Longville Area Community Choir Rehearsal	2 4:00pm Adult Bible Study 5:00-6:00pm WATW Meal 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Confirmation Class All Saint's Day	3 9:30am Property Team Meeting	4 8:45am Staff Meeting 9:00am Bone Builders 9:30am EMT Meeting	5
6 All Saints Sunday 9:00am Communion Worship 10:00am Coffee and Fellowship 11:00am - 1:00pm Sunday School 	7 1:00pm Busy Needles 2:30pm Book Club	8 9:00am (co-ed) Bone Builders 9:30am SMT Meeting 3:00pm Pastor's Text Study 6:15pm Longville Area Community Choir Rehearsal Election Day	9 9:30am WMT Meeting 4:00pm Adult Bible Study 5:00-6:00pm WATW Meal 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Confirmation Class	10 1:00pm Ruth Circle Pastor Trish Vacation Nov. 10 and Nov. 11	11 8:45am Staff Meeting 9:00am Bone Builders 9:30am LMT Meeting 	12
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Office Hours

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

Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm



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to Love, Grow & Serve

Salem Lutheran Church Ministry Teams

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Beth Tobiason, Facilitator & Council Liaison

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Ardis Aagard, Facilitator

Dave Trampe, Council Liaison

Serving Ministry Team (SMT)

Barb Anderson, Council Liaison

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!