

SALEM CONNECTION

October 2017



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From Pastor Mike

“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.” - II Corinthians 9:8

You’ve touched the world with your faithfulness and generosity this past year.

Your gifts and support of Whitney Cragun and the World Race literally touched the world, announcing the good news in Indonesia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Krgystan, Romania and all sorts of other places. You supported the work of our missionary, Linda Johnson, in Liberia. You made and sent quilts and health kits to needy families in our community, Honduras, and nearly every country under the sun through organizations like Lutheran World Relief. Thank you!

You’ve touched people all over this country. For example, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response have helped with recovery efforts from Hurricane Harvey in Houston and Hurricanes Irma and Maria in Florida, Puerto Rico and the Caribbean. And you’ll be there through LDR helping people recover long after the Red Cross and FEMA leave. Thank you!

You’ve changed the lives of young people through your support of camping ministries, youth gatherings, FINK, faith mentoring, prayer buddies, Whirl, KOW, Learning with Legos, graduate quilts and more. Thank you!

You’ve touched the lives of your family, friends and neighbors right here through the Lunch Bunch (over 4,000 bag lunches served this summer!), prayer chains and prayer shawls, Trunks for Treats, meals on wheels, visitation ministries, VBS, grief and funeral ministries, and so much more. Thank you!

“Salem exists to welcome people to Jesus, to equip people with a faith that works, and to send people to serve in Jesus name.” Imagine how different Deerwood would be, how much we would miss, if Salem were not here. Thank you for your generosity and faithful service that enabled us to carry out our mission this year!

In October we begin to think about our ministry for next year. The council gets busy preparing budgets, committees dream of innovative things could do to serve our Lord and our neighbors, and the resources they’ll need to do them. Salem households receive Estimate of Giving cards the week of Oct. 8th and return them on Consecration Sunday Oct. 22nd.

As we look forward to a new year with its new opportunities and challenges for ministry, I invite you to consider 3 questions around the kitchen table with your family:

1. How has God blessed our family this year?
2. What is Salem doing that makes a difference in people’s lives and in the world?
3. How do we feel God is calling us to respond to God’s blessings through our giving to Salem next year?

God bless your family’s conversations. God bless Salem and all the opportunities we have to serve our Lord in the coming year! And thank you for all the ways you support Salem’s ministries.

- Pastor Mike

With sadness we received the following letter:

Dear Pastor Mike,

The time has come for me to announce my retirement as Coordinator of Children's Ministry at Salem Lutheran Church, effective Thursday November 16, 2017.

It has been my privilege and joy to serve in this capacity for almost ten years and as Director of Education and Outreach for four and one half years in the 90's.

It is hard for me to even begin to imagine not being here. However due to unresolved physical challenges and also my desire to be more available for my parents in the Rochester area, I am taking an early retirement.

The people of Salem will always have a special place in my heart and prayers.

*Sincerely,
Connie Lou Swanson*

We are sad to see her go, happy she has the opportunity to retire after a job well-done, and so thankful for Connie Lou's ministry here at Salem. Please take a moment in the coming weeks to thank her for her faithfulness and creativity these 14 years. Watch the bulletin for news about a retirement party in her honor coming in November.



EMAILS, SUNDAY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS & MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS

A Note from the Church Office

Each week, we receive a number of requests to send out email announcements and reminders. It is a great way to stay in touch with a lot of folks simultaneously! In an effort to more efficient, we are asking that, whenever possible, the following deadlines are met:

- **Wednesdays at Noon**: For both Emails and Bulletin Announcements. The Email announcements will be sent out once each week, either Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning.
- **The 20th of each month**: For the Salem Connection. For instance: October 20th is the date all articles and announcements are due for the November issue of the Salem Connection.
- All **“thank you” messages** will be included in the Salem Connection.
- **Prayer Requests** are welcome **anytime** throughout the week! Prayer requests received via the Sunday response inserts will be sent out on Monday, or the first work day of each week.



USHERS

10/1	8:15	Ed & Sherri Godfrey, John & Margo Wojciak
	10:00	John & Marlys Orr, Elsa Ray, Ken Schultz
10/8	8:15	Mike & Jan Danger, Randy Holmwig, Helen Ryan
	10:00	Ernie & Mary Erickson, Dean & Pat Sylvester
10/15	8:15	Ralph Carlson, Rich & Lynn Leino, Chuck Lubowitz, Karla Peterson
	10:00	David Anderson, Lisa Slepica, Jay & Sue Stromberg
10/22	8:15	Ron & Sandy Kretlow, Clark & Joyce Marshall
	10:00	Pat & Laura Guimont, Roger & Marlene Prill, Renee Gilmer
10/29	8:15	Joel Huntley, Rad & Tina Royer, Louie & Maridee Smilich
	10:00	Nancy Johnson, Cleone McGillivray, Ken Stebbins, Becki Zender

READERS

Oct 8	8:15	Sherie Falink
	10:00	Mary Erickson
Oct 15	8:15	Doris Carlson
	10:00	Chuck Lubowitz
Oct 22	8:15	Bruce Falink
	10:00	Glenn Suess
Oct 29	8:15	Cathy Aykens
	10:00	Hannah Schmidt

COMMUNION

10/8	8:15	Wayne & Carol Brezina, Shirley Taylor
	10:00	Tim & Kim Coughlin, Mary Erickson
10/15	8:15	Doris Carlson, Steve & Joan Haglund
	10:00	Chuck Lubowitz, Karla Peterson, Ken Stebbins
10/22	8:15	Bruce Falink, Bob Peterson, Shelly Skeim
	10:00	Nancy Johnson, Lisa Slepica, Glenn Suess
10/29	8:15	Cathy Aykens, Becky Guida, Cecil Schmidt
	10:00	Nancy Meyer, Elsa Ray, Kris Schmidt

COFFEE HOUR

10/1	To Be Determined
10/8	Josh & Renee Voller, Ed Godfrey
10/15	Pete & Laura Newton (Ken & Linda Stebbins – treats)
10/22	Ed & Sherri Godfrey
10/29	Clark & Joyce Marshall (Elaine Dahlquist – treats)

BAPTISM

Kelly Marie Ikola

FUNERAL

Barbara Burt

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Josh Voller
2	Charlie Anderson, Shirley Huxford, Jon Ross, Rick Stirewalt, Jack Voller
3	Richard Leino
4	Abigail Reed, Dean Sylvester
5	Kris Schmidt
6	Carole Nystrom, Polly Pfllepsen, Meriellen Pisarek
7	Connie Lou Swanson
8	Diane Meyer, DeMar Wanstrom
9	Marshall Anderson
10	Michelle Muggli
11	Lynn Hansen
12	Mary Huntley, Brad Johnson, Shirley Midthun
14	Kris Davis, Dean Hansen, Josef Slepica
15	Art Anderson, Steve Holmwig
16	Estyn Myers, Mina Nystrom
18	Ruth Hansen
19	Ron Kretlow
20	Mary Birtzer, Steve Thomas
21	Eleanor Pettersen
22	Ayden Farrell, Gary Guida
23	Rachel Bundy
28	Jan Danger, Henry Hutchison, Barb Schoon
29	Marlee Zender
31	Mike Bodle, Marlys Keefe

OCTOBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Joel & Kathy Hartman (1994)
- 2 Tim & Kim Coughlin (1999)
- 3 Wilbur & Arlene Radach (1953)
- 10 Tim & Nancy Herberg (1970)
- 12 Bruce & Connie Lou Swanson (1991)
- 14 Pete & Laura Newton (2006)
- 15 Myron & Shirley Midthun (1966)
- 18 Cecil & Barbara Schmidt (1958)
- 20 John & Kris Davis (1990)
- 25 Mark & Carla Kewatt (1998)
- 31 Gene & JoAnn Cordie (1964)

Sunday Worship Attendance

August 27	171
September 3 (at Salem WEST)	116
September 10	173
September 17	188

Council President
Lynn Hansen

In October, we celebrate Global Church Sunday along with the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. As we consider the global church, we think of our missionaries, church workers, and mission volunteers. The missionary that Salem supports is Rev. Linda Johnson Seyenkulo in Liberia. To learn more about Linda's mission, read her blog: ljseyenk.wordpress.com or send an email to: ljseyenk@gmail.com

This year the Salem Council has been studying stewardship with the book, **Embracing Stewardship** by Charles R. Lane and Grace Duddy Pomroy. As we contemplate Salem's annual stewardship focus, we pledge our 3 T's - treasure (money), time, and talents. One congregation that we read about adds two more "t's" - trees (care for the earth) and tissue (the well-being of our bodies). As we pray and decide on our stewardship for the coming year, it is important to remember that all we have is a gift from God. The concept of joyfully tithing (giving ten percent) back to God deserves our consideration.

The hymn "We Give Thee but Thine Own" sums up the message about stewardship:

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be.
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
And gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.

And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be;
Whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

If you are looking for a fun way to discuss stewardship as a family, the **Triple Challenge Board Game** is in the game cabinet in the Salem Library. It looks at decisions about saving, sharing, and spending. Children respond well to the coin boxes or choosing gifts for Angel Tree or the Jail and Teen Challenge Christmas parties because they are concrete examples of sharing what we have with others.

October is a time of harvest and celebration. We have had abundant rain for gardens, grass, and trees. Experience the beauty of the earth in the fall

2018 Estimate of Giving cards will be distributed on Sunday, October 8 and should be returned to Salem on Consecration Sunday, October 22, 2017.

EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

*If you have questions about **any** of the following, please feel free to call the Salem office. We will do our best to answer your questions or find someone who can. Please refer to the calendar printed in this issue for a complete schedule of events.*

PIECEMAKERS quilt group meets each Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief, missions and people in need in our community.

IN STITCHES meets to knit or crochet prayer shawls or other items to be given in times of sickness or grief. Meeting times are Tuesdays at 1pm in the seating area near the fireplace.

DIAPER MINISTRY will be held in the fellowship hall on Wednesday, October 11th at 9:00 a.m. Bring scissors to help cut t-shirts.

FINK (Faith Inkubators) Confirmation for students in grades 7, 8 & 9, has the following on the October

THANK YOU

Calendar: Wednesday, Oct 4 & 11 FINK Learning Events at 6:15 p.m. and Wednesday, Oct 25 FINK Guide Huddle at 7pm.

ALL WOMEN are welcome to the monthly meeting of the newly combined **SALEM WOMEN'S CIRCLE** on Thursday, October 12th at 9:30 a.m.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

- † Wednesdays, 6:30 a.m. in the library
- † Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. in the conference room

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – All men are welcome Friday morning at 8:00 a.m. in the conference room.

LESSONS FOR LIFE Bible Study – Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the education unit. Everyone is welcome!

MUSIC REHEARSALS

- † Salem Ringers – Mondays, 7:15 p.m.
- † Praise Team – Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m.
- † Choir – Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m.
- † **CHRISTMAS CANTATA REHEARSALS begin on Monday, October 23rd, 5:30-7:00 p.m. All singers are WELCOME!**

LEGO CLUB – for children in grades K-6. Wednesdays, 5:15-6:00 p.m. The Lego Club will NOT meet on Wednesday, Oct 18.

4 BUCK SUPPER – Wednesdays, 6:15 p.m. Worship begins at 6:30, so please get your food between 6:15 and 6:30 p.m.

TGIW (Thank God It's Wednesday) Worship – 6:30—7:15 p.m.

OCTOBER MEETINGS

- Tuesday, October 3
 - 5:30 p.m. Worship & Music Committee
- Tuesday, October 10
 - 3:00 p.m. Library Team
- Thursday, October 12
 - 1:00 p.m. Outreach Committee
 - 6:00 p.m. Executive Team
- Tuesday, October 17
 - 5:30 p.m. Welcome Team
 - 6:00 p.m. Faith Formation Team
- Thursday, October 19
 - 6:00 p.m. Council

Salem Lutheran Church's Silent Auction had another very successful year, in fact the most money it has ever made! This was only possible because of the many people that contributed key roles to make it happen. We cannot thank each of you enough for your assistance. It is a great event that people look forward to every year and it's wonderful that so many of you step forward to contribute your time, talent, expertise & energy. We are very grateful for all who helped from the beginning to the end! Thank you.

Paul & Kristy Tesdahl

We would like to thank everyone who worked with the lefse preparation. We had a few new faces which is always welcomed. It was a fun 3 days with lots of great help.

We also received a thank-you from someone in Aitkin that I would like to share. She says, "I just had your lefse. Thank you. I wish I could do something for you, I can't. Love it very much. Love – Mary Zilverberg, Aitkin.

Sincerely, Sandy Kretlow

A very sincere thank you to everyone who made this Lutheran Lounge Act successful. That includes everyone on stage, everyone who did stage work, sound booth, accompanists, etc., everyone who sat in the audience and applauded and laughed at our antics, and especially to those who dug deep to give to the Kids in Honduras. Financially this was very, very successful. Next Year? We will see. Thank you again.

Bruce Falink

Arlene Stromberg would like to thank her Salem family for the birthday greetings and get-well wishes. Arlene is staying temporarily in Brainerd. Her phone number is 218-822-5405 and her address: 14211 Firewood Drive #105, Baxter, 56425.

LIBRARY NEWS

October is the month when Lutherans around the world celebrate Reformation Sunday. Many churches schedule Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism in October. We sing the hymn, **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God** that was written by Martin Luther. This year is very special because we are celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

There was an interesting article in the Star Tribune on September 3, 2017. The title was: **500 years past Luther, believers are less divided**. According to author, Jean Hopfensperger, more than half of Minnesotans are Protestant including a million Lutherans - the largest number in the nation. A survey by the Pew Research Center on Reformation history from August 2017 found that 57% say Catholics and Protestants are more similar than different, 71% knew that Martin Luther inspired the Reformation, and 46% say "faith alone", a key Luther tenet, is the key to salvation. Today only 46% of Protestants agreed with Luther. "White evangelicals, it turned out, could be Luther's kindred spirits today." (Because 67% agreed that faith alone was needed for salvation.)

As Lutherans, we profess that faith alone is required for salvation. (At Salem, we seem to agree with James that faith without works is empty, hence our awesome volunteers in ministry!) We Lutherans also believe that the Bible is God's sole source of authority and we encourage Bible reading and study. Some of us were required to memorize Luther's Small Catechism prior to confirmation.

If any of this information raises questions, peaks your curiosity, or jogs your memory regarding Luther, please check out the display of resources on Luther and the Reformation in the Salem Library. There are books for children, teens, and adults as well as DVD's.

The next meeting of the Library Team will be at 3 PM on October 17.

THE MUSTARD SEED

Deb Selk, Manager mustardseed@salemdwd.org

Thanks to all that have helped out and volunteered this past month at The Mustard Seed. We will be having the Fall Volunteer Appreciation Supper on Monday October 9th at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall. We invite all volunteers and spouses to come. You can sign up in the narthex or call the Mustard Seed or Salem West.

We are gearing up for Taste of Christmas which will be held on Friday Nov. 17th and Saturday Nov. 18th. Along with this we will have the annual Bake Sale. Prepare to get a call in the upcoming future on this. We have a basement full of beautiful Christmas items.

The Cause of the month for September is World Race with donations going towards the expenses for the mission trip Whitney Cragun is now on.

Blessings, Deb

Coordinator of Children's Ministries

Connie Lou Swanson

connielou@salemdwd.org

KIDS OWN WORSHIP – (K.O.W.) THANK YOU Di Hein for stepping up to provide leadership for the new Sunday morning faith component for kids! **ADDITIONAL THANKS** to Marlene Prill, Raye Cragun, Jacklin Steege, Tadina Ikola and Kelly Ikola for assisting. *See additional information in this newsletter, from Di Hein.*

PRAYER BUDDIES – Many thanks to the sixteen people who signed up to be Prayer Buddies for our kids! We will be letting you know the name of the child you will be praying for soon. Monthly get-togethers are not planned this year, as the Kids Own Worship will be happening in that time slot.

PARENTS! Would you like to have someone praying every day for your child? If you have not registered for Kids Own Worship and given permission for someone to do so, please do so, or contact Connie Lou Swanson.



LEGO CLUB is for all kids in kindergarten – 6th grade. We meet on Wednesdays in the double classroom from 5:15–6:00 pm. We share a Bible Story or verse and talk about how it relates to faith, and then we build something with Legos related to the story or verse. A simple snack is served. THANKS to Karla Peterson, Jill Erickson and Carol Malek for helping with Lego Club! ADDITIONAL HELP IS NEEDED! Please talk to Connie Lou Swanson if you are interested in helping. *We changed the time frame of Legos this year to encourage families to stay for the 4 Buck Supper (\$10 limit per family) and Thank God It's Wednesday Worship (camp style songs). Supper starts at 6:15 pm, Worship s at 6:30 pm. So we worship while we eat in the fellowship hall and it is a lot of fun. The only thing missing is the campfire and YOU!*

TRUNKS FOR TREATS & ALL SAINT'S EVE PRAYER BOWL Tuesday, October 31, 4:30-6:00 pm. Everyone is invited to participate in this fun, popular community outreach! It is so much fun to see all the families come, many in costumes – even Moms and Dads! Hotdogs and beverages will be served. Salem provides a faith based token for the kids. If you would like to hand out treats or tokens, there is signup sheet on the Children's Ministry table. Sign up to share a spot with a friend. and bring enough treats or tokens for 200 kids. You may choose to be inside or outside (if outside you might want to bring a chair and dress warm) Decorations are welcome, as are costumes (no scary costumes, please!) If you have any questions, talk to Connie Lou. If you cannot participate but would like to help provide candy, there will be a receptacle under the Children's Ministry table. Thank you!

inside.

We are off to a great start! We are learning about the people in the Old Testament, starting with God creating the world and the people in it. This past couple of weeks we have learned what God created each day and heard how God created Adam and Eve. This program is really for all preschool through elementary age kids because we can adapt each weeks learning point to each age group. It's not too late to bring your kids or grandkids on Sundays, each week there is something new to learn about God's great love for us.

We are trying to start right away at 9:15 and will be done by the start of second service. It is so wonderful to hear the kid's ideas and hear them share their faith stories. I hope to see more and more kids coming and being a part of this. If you want to know more about this or have questions, please give me a call (218-678-2699). God is Awesome! Di Hein:)

Salem Lutheran Youth (SLY)

School's back in session, confirmation is gearing up, and deadlines are looming!

The Youth Gathering takes place next July in Houston, Texas, and registration began this last week. Forms have been filled out, deposits paid, and paperwork was mailed this morning! I ask that you please pray for the 3 youth and 2 adults that will be participating from Salem. Laura Newton, Michael Serfling, and Alex Schmidt will be participating in the Synod Journey, which is a 10-day experience that will include service work in Galveston, as well as the Gathering and service work

“Thank God It's Wednesday” worship and the “4 Buck Supper” are happening at Salem! Supper begins at 6:15, Worship at 6:30 p.m. Bring the whole family for a meal, camp style songs, skits, and more. All are invited!

ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS

in Houston. Hannah and Kris Schmidt will be participating in the 4-day Gathering and service work in Houston. I am looking forward to being a part of their journey to Houston and watching them grow in their faith.

The Middle School Gathering will be Nov 17-18 (Friday-Saturday), or Nov. 18-19 (Saturday-Sunday) and is for youth in grades 6-9 and their adult leaders. This event gathers young people to grow in their faith by focusing on common confirmation teachings presented in a unique way. The event includes large group assemblies with a keynote speaker and band, learning clusters (small group learning), family time (time to meet with your church group), hotel life (fun activities including inflatable games, basketball, swimming pool Wii, board games and crafts, prayer room, dance music and more), and worship. Registration will open on Oct 1, and the cost to each student will be \$40 (which includes the hotel accommodations, breakfast, and a T-shirt). This year's theme is the Lord's Prayer.

Dee Dee Frahm
Youth Director



Everyone is busy getting homes and businesses ready for the winter ahead and the same is true at the church! The Salem Facilities Team has scheduled Saturday, October 14, 8:00 a.m. – NOON for Fall Clean up. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for a few hours to clean up the outside – and some of the inside too.

The ADOPT A WALL project is ongoing. A lot of painting has been done, and there are still several areas in need of fresh paint. Please check the sign up sheet on the kiosk and sign up to Adopt a Wall!

Have you checked lately to see if you have Choice Dollars available? Thrivent will no longer notify you. You must contact them. It's a very easy procedure and costs you nothing. Just call Thrivent Financial 800-847-4836 say Choice Dollars or visit Thrivent.com. If you have funds available you can designate at that time. There is a time frame in which you must call or you could lose the availability of those funds. That is determined on an individual basis. Call now as this is a great benefit for Salem.

Here are some of the ways your Choice Dollars have been used in the past. 25% is designated to the Building fund, 25% to Social Ministry and 50% in a Choice Dollars account. Monies in the Choice Dollars account have been used for the Music Ministry to help pay for another octave of bells for the Bell Choir. A pair of Conga Drums w/stand, a Djemba, Suspended Cymbals, a Cowbell and a Triangle for the Choir and Praise Team. Funds also have been given to the Memorial Garden account to be used as needed.

If you have questions, contact Ernie Erickson, Lois Hicks, Dick Muggli, The Choice Dollars Team.

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Salem Lutheran Church Operating Fund

Financial Results for August

	Adopted Annual Budget	Aug Actual 2017	Aug Prior Year 2016
Income	\$434,082	\$ 30,564	\$ 29,704
Expense	\$447,780	\$ 32,889	\$ 31,226
Net	(\$13,698)	(\$ 2,325)	(\$ 1,522)

Financial Results Jan – Aug (YTD)

	Adopted Annual Budget	YTD Actual 2017	YTD Prior Year 2016
Income	\$434,082	\$ 301,673	\$ 253,679
Expense	\$447,780	\$ 281,562	\$ 263,171
Net	(\$ 13,698)	\$ 20,111	(\$ 9,492)

Overview of Mortgage & Building Fund

Salem Lutheran Church

Aug 2017

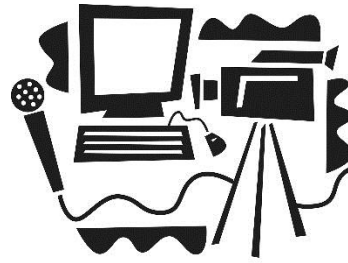
Mortgage

Original Mortgage Amount	\$2,379,965.00
Principal Balance	\$1,655,497.49
Monthly Mortgage Payment (Principal & Interest)	\$ 10,844.00
Additional Principal Payment	\$ 4,564.00

Building Fund

Beginning Balance 08/01/17	\$ 248,228.65
Income Aug 2017	
Gifts	\$ 9779.33
Interest	\$ 72.29
Memorials	\$ 270.00
Choice Dollars	\$260.75
Expense Aug 2017	
Mortgage Payment	(\$10,844.00)
Additional Principal	(\$ 4,564.00)
Capital Appeal Pymt #3	(\$5,000.00)
Capital Appeal Supplies	(\$862.40)
Ending Balance 08/31/17	\$ 237,340.62

(The ending building balance is what we have in savings accounts dedicated to the building fund. \$79,900 of this is in a special account which is set aside for any unexpected large building expense or need) Note that complete financials are available by contacting Sandy Beyer at the church office. Any questions can be directed to either Council Treasurer Paul Tesdahl or Financial Manager Sandy Beyer.



ADDITIONAL HELP is needed in the Control Booth on Sunday mornings!

Interested, but in need of further information? All volunteer technicians will complete hands-on training in the booth with the Coordinator. The Control Booth is where all of the sound is controlled and Power Point presentations of worship are projected during worship. All interested volunteers, age 14 or older, are invited to call the church office or speak to Control Booth Coordinator, Meriellen Pisarek.



October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:15 AM Worship with Higher Call 9:15 AM Kids Own Worship 10:00 AM Worship with Higher Call	2 6:00 PM Hostess Meeting for Festival of the Heart 7:15 PM Salem Ringers Rehearsal	3 9:00 AM Piecemakers 1:00 PM In Stitches 5:30 PM Worship & Music Committee Mtg 6:30 PM Lessons for Life Bible Study	4 6:30 AM Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 5:15 PM Lego Club 5:45 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:15 PM 4 Buck Supper 6:15-8:00 PM FINK Learning Event 6:30 PM TGIW Worship	5 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM Festival of the Heart Team Meeting	6 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study	7
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29 REFORMATION SUNDAY – <i>Please wear RED</i> 8:15 AM Traditional Worship 9:15 AM Kids Own Worship 10:00 AM Contemporary Worship	30 5:30-7:00 PM Cantata Rehearsal 7:15 PM Salem Ringers Rehearsal	31 9:00 AM Piecemakers 1:00 PM In Stitches 4:30-6:00 PM Trunks for Treats 6:30 PM Lessons for Life Bible Study	1 6:30 AM Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 5:15 PM Lego Club 5:45 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:15 PM 4 Buck Supper 6:15-8:00 PM FINK Learning Event 6:30 PM TGIW Worship	2 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study	3 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study	

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Meeting

August 17, 2017

Council Mission Statement: "We exist, with God's help, to provide leadership for the Salem Lutheran church congregation.

Present: Lynn Hansen, Sherri Godfrey, Meriellen Pisarek, Cecil Schmidt , Kris Schmidt, Paul Tesdahl, Di Hein, Ken Stebbins, Randy Holmvgig

Also present: Don Hales, Chair, Salem Outreach Committee

Absent: Pastor Mike Briggs

The meeting was called to order, by president Lynn Hansen.

Meeting was opened a devotion from *Embracing Stewardship*, chapter 8.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- **MOTION:** to approve the minutes from council meeting, July 20, 2017. MSC

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Giving exceeded expenses in July by \$3,746.27.
- Final insurance payments on Salem West fire are expected to be complete within 10 days.
- Report approval was tabled to clarify accounting information.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Reviewed written report in Pastor Mike's absence.

STAFF REPORTS

- Accepted from Greg Meyer and Connie Lou Swanson

SALEM WEST UPDATE

- Final insurance payments on Salem West fire are expected to be complete within 10 days.
- Working with City of Deerwood to rezone old Salem West lot as residential.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Facilities- Security system has not had a system check since it was put in. **MOTION:** to proceed with a security system check up if the cost does not exceed \$250. MSC
- Salem Outreach- Don Hales was present to review SOC recommendations for Deacon Greg Meyer regarding comp time, expenses and job description. Suggestions for revisions to the Deacon's job description were referred to personnel committee. Mission trip expense will be considered as a new line item in next year's budget.
- Capital Appeal- Volunteers will be delivering pledge cards this Sunday, August 20 and picking them up on Sunday, August 27.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Higher Call concert event: Waiting on Higher Call to provide us with possible dates.
- Food distribution program: Pastor Mike is gathering more information.

- Wish list: **Motion:** to approve “Special Gift Ideas for Salem Lutheran Church” as written. MSC. Publish in The Connection, announcements, Sunday morning preservice slideshow, emails, post on SLC website, and print a copy for kiosk in the Narthex. Memorial committee to be put in charge of updating list as needed.
- Labor Day Weekend Worship: Worship and Music Committee is planning the outdoor service for Labor Day Sunday, September 3, at 9:00 am, one worship service that day at Salem West.
- Coins for Africa Aid- Carol Brezina is working with Pastor Mike on this.
- Celebration of the Reformation Anniversary: Saturday October 14, 2:00 at 1st Lutheran Church in Aitkin.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Nominating committee is being convened in September.
- Thankyou letter to Jeff Schmidt for help with the Salem West Insurance Settlement. Card and letter to be sent.
- App for giving to Salem Lutheran Church: Developing an app to make online giving to SLC simple and quick. **MOTION:** to move forward with the giving app development, allowing the giver to choose to pay the online giving fee or opt to have Salem take the fee out of their gift. MSC.

SOS: None

Announcements:

The 2017 Fall Theological Conference is set for September 24-26th at Ruttgers Sugar Lake Lodge in Grand Rapids, MN.

Meeting adjourned and closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Schmidt



**Salem Outreach Committee Meeting
September 14, 2017**

MSC: Motion, Second and Carried

Present were Cecil Schmidt, Bev Kunz, Noreen Steinbrecher, Joyce Kohnen, Don Hales, Sandy Kretlow. Greg Meyer is on vacation.

Secretary’s Minutes: were approved for May and June. MSC

Financial Report: Motion was made to change # 2849 from Fire Fund Dedicated Fund to just Fire Fund. MSC

SW No Report

MS Report: Thursdays are very busy. One of the top days was \$3200. Lots of people are following us on Facebook to see what is on sale that week. Dee Dee posts picture each week. Sales are over \$3000 over last year at this time.

Boiler at the MS has been fixed for \$6500. Motion was made to pay this with Summerfest Funds. MSC

Budget Plans for the next year will be discussed September 27, 9-2 p.m. when we meet with Renae Shields.

1. Look at the Rent at the Beauty Shop.
2. Higher another part-time employee at SW /MS. Possibilities of sharing or having two half time positions. Send a recommendation to council.
3. Money to come out of Outreach as we are growing.
4. Meet with church council to clean up Greg's job description.
5. Look at Dee Dee's and Dennis wages.

We have received loss of income wages from a claim from the fire. Motion was made to ask council for their guidance and recommendation's on the distribution of the funds we have received. MSC

Scrip Orders: We have received \$1338.14 for the past year; this can be used for items like cribs.

A Thank You was received from resident from Aitkin Care Facility. She enjoyed the lefse that was brought to her.

Summerfest funds are divided 3 ways. One-third to Building Fund, one-third to Outreach, and one-third is divided 50/50 to a saving's acct reserve for the operating budget and the other half reserve to an emergency fund for building repairs.

Mustard Seed driveway has a hole where they fixed the gas meter. Don will check with city to fill.


There was a discussion about the type of vehicles we need for Salem West, noting that we have two different vehicles now which have different advantages and disadvantages, different repair histories and are serviced at different dealers. It was agreed that Don Hales and Cecil Schmidt will conduct a survey to best determine the needs of SW and the right vehicles(s) to meet those needs so that when the time comes to replace a vehicle we can quickly focus finding the right vehicle. The survey will include contacting the volunteers who deliver for SW.

Meeting closed with prayer.

Next meeting: October 12, 2017

Submitted by Sandy Kretlow, Secretary

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REFORMATION

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**Freed & Renewed in Christ
500 Years of God's Grace in Action
A REFORMATION CELEBRATION
October 14, 2017, 2:00 pm**

Eight of the local Lutheran churches from Deerwood, Aitkin, Cedarbrook, Rossberg, Malmo, McGregor and Palisade have been meeting together for the last few months planning a REFORMATION CELEBRATION where we can all come together to worship and celebrate being Lutheran. We will be having this service at First Lutheran in Aitkin because it was the most central located church for this.

We will have Dr. Rolf Jacobson from Luther Seminary as our guest pastor/presenter who will lead the worship service and lead us in a workshop later in the afternoon. He is a dynamic speaker and exciting to listen to.

We will be having lots of special music during the service including two pieces done by a mass choir led by our own Scott Ruffing. If you are interested in being in this choir presentation look for more information to come! There will be special music by a church band and a contemporary praise band, too.

After the worship service a light snack and cake will be serviced for a time to meet others from our fellow churches and after being refreshed with goodies and coffee we hope you will stay to hear more from Dr. Jacobson.

Circle the date and stay tuned for more information. Hope to see all there!

God Bless!

The committee for the Reformation Celebration

Churches Participating in the Reformation Celebration

*Hosted by: First Lutheran Church, Aitkin, Pastor Darrell Pedersen and Pastor Jordan Gades
St. John's Lutheran Church, Cedarbrook, Pastor Sandy Berg-Holte
Bethesda Lutheran Church, Rossburg, Pastor Sandy Berg-Holte
Salem Lutheran Church, Deerwood, Pastor Mike Briggs
Bethesda Lutheran Church, Malmo, Pastor Terry Frovik
Grace Lutheran Church, McGregor, Pastor Erika Foss
Bethel Lutheran Church, Palisade, Pastor William Sass*

Musicians

*Organist: Rebecca May
Instrumental Group: Directed by Rev Bob Munneke
Mass Choir (including Salem): Directed by Scott Ruffing
Accompanist: Becky Klingelhofer
Contemporary Band: Directed by Doug Landsverk*

Rolf A. Jacobson – Keynote Speaker

Professor of Old Testament and The Alvin N. Rogness Chair of Scripture, Theology and Ministry

Biography

Rolf Jacobson is an in-demand speaker and author, who produces theological and biblical scholarship for both the church and the academic guild. His passion is to reconnect the people of God with their story and poetry. He recently served as editor of *Crazy Talk: A Not-So-Stuffey Dictionary of Theological Terms (second edition 2017)* and *Invitation to the Psalms* (with Karl Jacobson). Every week his voice can be heard on two popular podcasts, "Sermon Brainwave" and "The Narrative Lectionary." He and his wife Amy Dewald have two strong-willed, snarky children, Ingrid and Gunnar. He plays guitar and sings in a Christian bluegrass band, "The Fleshpots of Egypt."



SALEM STAFF

Pastor – Mike Briggs
Deacon – Greg Meyer
Office Manager – Deborah Carlson
Financial Manager – Sandra Beyer
Coordinator of Children's Ministry – Connie Lou Swanson
Facilities Coordinator – Glen Helm
Organist/Pianist – Becky Klingelhofer
Choir Director – Scott Ruffing
Handbell Choir Director – Kevin Edstrom
Praise Team Directors – Becky Klingelhofer/Noreen Steinbrecher
Salem Outreach Facilitator – Dee Dee Frahm
Salem West Manager – Dennis Peterson
Mustard Seed Manager – Deb Selk
Mustard Seed Program Assistant – Sandy Archibald
Kitchen Coordinator – Kathy Schultz

MINISTRY COORDINATORS

Wedding Coordinators – Kim Coughlin, Sherri Godfrey
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