

# ✝ SALEM CONNECTION ✝

## October 2018

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### A CAMP-CALL CONNECTION

The summer before Nate Berkas started high school, he went on a camping trip that would change his life. Berkas said his faith journey began in earnest on a five-night visit to the Boundary Waters with Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry, an ELCA camp in Cook, MN.

“It was the first opportunity for me to feel and see and experience God in a really tangible way,” Berkas said.

He went on several more trips to the area throughout high school before becoming a camp counselor in college, when he spent four successive summers working with youth at camp. “I realized through that experience that I was really passionate about outdoor ministry and really interested in pursuing that as a profession,” Berkas said.

The next step in his journey came through acceptance into the ELCA’s Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program, which is funded in part by Mission Support. Berkas, who grew up in Madagascar while his parents served as missionaries there, applied for YAGM because “it was my own opportunity to see God at work in various ways around the world and to be formed and transformed by our companions.”

A highlight of Berkas’ YAGM year serving alongside companions from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa was a weeklong camp in Cape Town. The experience affirmed in Berkas the importance of “outdoor ministry and creating space for young people to come that’s outside of their normal context... and to send them back renewed and refocused.”

After returning home, Berkas served for five years at the ELCA churchwide organization, stewarding the relationships between ELCA missionaries and their sponsoring congregations. His experience with the many facets of nonprofit management would later be an asset when he accepted his current position. “While I loved so much of what I was doing to support churchwide global ministries, where I feel the most called is going back to that canoe trip after eighth grade and thinking about how formative that was for my life,” he said.

Today, Berkas is the site director at Wilderness Canoe Base—another ELCA camp in the Boundary Waters—where he gets to give young people the same experience he has as a camper. “I feel a deep call to this type of ministry,” he said. “I’m grateful for the way that all of this has worked together to shape where I am.”

## A Miracle Sparked the Christian Movement

*a message from ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton*

It was the Pentecost after Christ's resurrection, and the disciples were gathered in a house. Without warning and with the sound of rushing wind, the heavens opened. Flames crowned the disciples' heads, the Holy Spirit filled their hearts and they began speaking other languages. The phenomenon drew a crowd, and the people were bewildered. These disciples were speaking in the people's native tongues—how?

Surely these men were drunk, they thought. But Peter corrected them, going on to preach the first sermon. He declared Jesus died and rose to save them from their sins. He called on them to repent. Then he said, "For this promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him" (Acts 2:39). Grace—God's love freely given—is for everyone. The crowd heard this and believed; 3,000 were baptized.

Centuries later, we are still astonished by God's gift of grace. And as members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we continue to be inspired by the Holy Spirit to share the gospel message and serve our neighbors.

Through this church's Future Directions 2025 initiative ([ELCA.org/future](http://ELCA.org/future)), we're drawing inspiration from the early church as we cultivate new leaders and revitalize congregations. You'll see lots of examples in the current edition of *Stories of Faith in Action* (*copies are available in the kiosk in Salem's narthex*).

These stories are your stories too. You've made them possible through your generous gifts of Mission Support, a small percentage of your offering set aside by your congregation and synod for funding ELCA ministries on a local, national and global level. These stories are an example of all the ways we are church, we are Lutheran, we are church together, and we are church for the sake of the world.

Thank you for your faithful commitment to this church and for helping us create new stories of faith in action every day. My prayer for this church is that we continue to heed God's call: building up leaders, energizing congregations and serving as agents of grace in the Christian movement.

With gratitude for your faithfulness,

Elizabeth A. Eaton  
Presiding Bishop,  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

- *Stories of Faith in Action 2018—2019 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*



# OCTOBER



## USHERS

10/7	8:15	Ed & Sherri Godfrey, John & Margo Wojciak
	10:00	Ken Schultz, Glenn Suess
10/14	8:15	Randy Holmwig, Helen Ryan, Herb & Barb Schoon
	10:00	Ernie & Mary Erickson, Dean & Pat Sylvester
10/21	8:15	Nory & Peggy Hunze, Chuck Lubowitz, Karla Peterson
	10:00	David Anderson, Lisa Slepica, Jay & Sue Stromberg
10/28	8:15	Ron & Sandy Kretlow, Clark & Joyce Marshall
	10:00	Renee Gilmer, Pat & Laura Guimont, Roger & Marlene Prill

## READERS

Oct 7	8:15	John Wojciak
	10:00	Mary Erickson
Oct 14	8:15	Jasmine Siliznoff
	10:00	Glenn Suess
Oct 21	8:15	Mark Carlson
	10:00	Confirmands
Oct 28	8:15	Glenn Suess
	10:00	Nancy Meyer

## COMMUNION

10/7	8:15	Wayne Brezina, John & Margo Wojciak
	10:00	John & Raye Cragun, Laura Guimont
10/14	8:15	Mark Carlson, Nory & Peggy Hunze
	10:00	Chuck Lubowitz, Elsa Ray, Glenn Suess
10/21	8:15	Mark Carlson, Sherri Godfrey, Lynn Hansen
	10:00	Confirmands
10/28	8:15	Peggy Blistain, Polly Pfllepsen, Glenn Suess
	10:00	Mary Erickson, Ron & Nancy Meyer

## COFFEE HOUR

10/7	Clark & Joyce Marshall
10/14	Judy Johnson, Ken & Kathy Schultz, Ken & Linda Stebbins (treats)
10/21	Lynn Hansen, Pete & Laura Newton
10/28	Ed & Sherri Godfrey

## BAPTISM

Emberly Clay Voller

## TRANSFER OUT

Bob & JoAn Swanson

## NEW MEMBERS

Colin Barnett & Leah Burt  
Mark & Diane Boike

## CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Greg & Diane Meyer – Associate members of Christ Lutheran Church, Soldotna, Alaska and Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood, MN

## 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	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)
- 7 Ron & Laura Martin (2009)
- 10 Tim & Nancy Herberg (1970)
- 12 Bruce & Connie Lou Swanson (1991)
- 14 Pete & Laura Newton (2006)
- 14 Dean & Pat Sylvester (1967)
- 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)

## EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

**QUILTING AT HEARTWOOD** – We will meet to make quilts at Heartwood on October 4th at 6:30 p.m.

**IN STITCHES** meets in the fellowship hall on Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. to knit or crochet prayer shawls or other items to be given in times of sickness or grief.

**DIAPER MINISTRY** – You are welcome to come and help cut t-shirts to be made into diapers and other items on Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

**SALEM WOMEN'S CIRCLE** will meet on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

**KOFFEE KLATCH** at Heartwood, Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Come for devotions and fellowship with Pastor Mike and friends.

### **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.

## **BASKET FUNDRAISER**

There will be a Silent Auction Basket fundraiser at Salem for the Dennis Peterson Lakes Area Habitat for Humanity build in October. Baskets will be theme-based with a variety of items and will be displayed October 14, 21, & 28. Bidding will take place each Sunday and close at noon on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your support.

### **ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS**

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.

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

## Trunks for Treats!



It's that time of year again! We are looking for volunteers for our annual Trunks for Treats event. Trunks for Treats provides a safe, traffic free area for little ones to trick or treat. Individuals, families, groups/friends or committees may set up their vehicles (trunks) in the parking lot I to hand out candy to area trick or treaters from 4:30-6:00 pm. Please provide your own candy. Have fun decorating your car and/or yourself (optional). If you prefer to hand out your candy inside, we will have tables set up to display your goodies. No scary costumes please!

**New this year:** We are inviting area businesses and churches to set up and join us in the parking lot!

Not interested in sitting outside on October 31st? We need help inside also. Hotdogs and beverages will be served to kids and families in the fellowship hall. We'll need help setting up, serving, cleaning up and of course welcoming families into our church.

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Please sign up if you are interested in helping. Contact Kris Schmidt 218-851-1362 or Whitney Cragun 218-534-3309 with questions.

**If you have little ones  
trick or treating this year,  
be sure and stop by!**

***ALSO NEEDED for Trunks for Treats – Donations of candy! There will be a receptacle in the narthex beginning Sept 30<sup>th</sup> for donated bags of treats.  
Thanks for your help!***

## FALL CLEAN UP PARTY

SATURDAY, October 13, 8:00—12:00 p.m. Please plan to come and help get the church and grounds ready for winter! There will be projects to suit all ages and abilities, inside and out. Bring a rake, broom, bucket, and/or a treat to share during the coffee time. Facilities Coordinator Glen Helm will have supplies for cleaning and oiling of furniture. Sherri Godfrey will have her BIG trailer (*Ed bought it for her for her Birthday—he also bought her a back hoe for their anniversary*) there to haul away leaves and outside debris. See you there! We will be done by noon.

## Performers Needed for Cantata!

Salem Lutheran Church is bringing together singers and instrumentalists for their annual ecumenical cantata. This year we will perform *The Winter Rose* by Joseph M. Martin. *The Winter Rose* incorporates both traditional carols and newly composed anthems that visit the timeless Christmas story with fresh insight. Through use of music, narration and simple symbolism, the cantata presents the life of Christ from prophecy to passion.

Choir rehearsals are open to all singers and all denominations. They will be held at Salem on Mondays from 5:30-7:00 P.M. beginning October 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you would like to sing, just show up for the first rehearsal! Instrumentalists should contact director Scott Ruffing.

The performances will be on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. and Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. For more information, please contact Scott Ruffing at 218-232-4743, or email at [sruffing1@icloud.com](mailto:sruffing1@icloud.com).

## UPDATE on the LED Message Board Project

A message board at Salem in August 2018 may have included some of the following...

- Honduras Mission Trip Stories, Sunday 8:15 & 10am
- Come and enjoy our Summerfest Food and Silent Auction!
- God loves you and so do we—come and see!
- Seek and you will find, Sundays 8:15 & 10am.

Thanks for your donations, we're over 1/3 of the way there!

*Salem Facilities Team*

## INTERIM DIRECTOR OF OUTREACH, Don Hales

Greetings from Outreach!

“Therefore, since through God’s mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart.”

Transition: A passage from one state, stage, subject, or place to another.

The above definition from Webster describes both our outreach community and our clients. Just as we are going through this time of transition, so do our clients. We are going through a change in leadership that will bring us to a new level of service to the community. Our clients are both families and single individuals and they too are going through a transition to a new and hopefully better life. Our mission is to simply do what Jesus told us to do “to love one another.” We don’t share numbers often enough, so I thought it appropriate to inform you that we were able to help over 600 families in the last 12 months. This mission of Salem is what makes Salem so very special. This would never be possible without all of the support that the congregation gives us. The Outreach Governing Board would like to thank the Church Council for the open communication and support that we are developing. We would also like to thank the church staff: Debbi, Sandy and Glen for their patience and help, and of course our wonderful volunteers who without nothing would happen!

On a personal note I want to thank our fantastic staff of Deb, Julie, Dennis and Dee Dee for all of the many hours of help and support that they have given me during this transition!

Please remember that our appreciation dinner is coming up on October 22nd and all volunteers and spouses are welcome to attend.

In the near future we will be introducing a new way to support our mission of helping families, it’s called “[smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)”. We are in the process of setting this up but basically Amazon will donate 1/2 of one percent to the charity of your choice. So look forward to seeing more information on this.

Gods Peace!  
Don

## THE MUSTARD SEED

Deb Selk, Manager, [mustardseed@salemdwd.org](mailto:mustardseed@salemdwd.org)

Praise the Lord, we have at least 4 new volunteers that have started at the store. Even better they don’t go south for the winter!

Things are busier than ever. We are blessed to get all the wonderful donations that have been coming in. The Mustard Seed was voted as one of the top 3 Thrift stores in the Brainerd Lakes area. We were presented with this award by the Brainerd Dispatch. People could nominate different businesses in the Brainerd Lakes area that were in a certain category and then they voted on them in August. We were so lucky to be in the top 3. Thanks to all the Great Volunteers that help us out each week and when needed.

The Fall Volunteer Appreciation Supper will be held on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October at 5pm with Dinner at 5:30. All Volunteers and spouses are Welcome. Please let Mustard Seed or Salem West know by Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. You may also sign up at the church kiosk.

The Cause of the Month for September is Habitat for Humanity, Dennis’s house here in Deerwood. All donations for September will go towards the build.

Blessings, Deb



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## STEWARDSHIP

In July, Pastor Linda Johnson Seyenkulo, the missionary that we support in Africa, preached on 1 Corinthians 12:4-31.

*There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that same Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another the ability to speak in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.*

*The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we are all given the one Spirit to drink. Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is there are many parts; but one body.*

*The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don't need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don't need you!” On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts*

*should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it, if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.*

*Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, and those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But eagerly desire the greater gifts. And now I will show you the most excellent way. NIV*

This struck me as an important message as we focus on Stewardship in the coming month. We have learned that stewardship is a way of life where we remember that all we have is given to us by our generous and gracious heavenly Father.

We all have various gifts and talents to share and all are valuable to our church, our community, our mission efforts, and the global church. Some have the gifts of hospitality to welcome others and make them comfortable. Others are able to build and create needed items. Some are teachers who pass on valuable lessons. Those musically gifted allow us to worship with hearts and voices. Preachers, speakers, and writers guide us to understand Bible lessons that apply to our daily life. Cooking, serving, and cleaning are gifts of service that nurture our bodies and spirits. We should not be envious of the gifts of others but seek to use and share our own gifts to the glory of God.

In October, we are invited to make a pledge to financially support the Mission and programs of Salem Lutheran Church. In order to **welcome people to Jesus Christ, equip people with a faith that works in their lives, and send people into the world to serve in Jesus' name** it takes all of us sharing our financial resources, our time, and our talents.

Please give thought to this passage from 1 Corinthians and consider what God has determined to be your part in the body of Christ as you consider your pledge for the coming year.

Lynn Hansen

# Bu\$iness

## Salem Lutheran Church Operating Fund

### Financial Results for August

	Adopted Annual Budget	Aug Actual 2018	Aug Prior Year 2017
Income	\$424,354	\$ 31,296	\$ 30,564
Expense	\$431,636	\$ 30,621	\$ 32,889
Net	(\$ 7,282)	\$ 675	(\$ 2,325)

### Financial Results Jan – Aug (YTD)

	Adopted Annual Budget	YTD Actual 2018	YTD Prior Year 2017
Income	\$424,354	\$ 278,254	\$301,673
Expense	\$431,636	\$ 267,167	\$281,562
Net	(\$ 7,282)	\$ 11,087	\$ 20,111

## Overview of Mortgage & Building Fund

### Salem Lutheran Church

#### August 2018

#### Mortgage

Original Mortgage Amount	\$2,379,965.00
Principal Balance	1,517,462.16
Monthly Mortgage Payment (Principal & Interest)	\$ 10,844.00
Additional Principal Payment	\$ 4,564.00

#### Building Fund

Beginning Balance 08/01/18	\$247,194.54
<b>Income August 2018</b>	
Gifts	\$ 10,010.50
Interest	\$121.91
Memorials	\$1045.00
<b>Expense August 2018</b>	
Mortgage Payment	(\$10,844.00)
Additional Principal	(\$ 4,564.00)
<b>Ending Balance 08/31/18</b>	<b>\$242,963.95</b>

(The ending building balance is what we have in savings accounts dedicated to the building fund. \$80,500 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 Sherri Godfrey or Financial Manager Sandy Beyer.



## LIBRARY NEWS

October 7-13, 2018 is Teen Read Week. The theme is "Read For The Fun Of It." There are some books on the mantel and on the desk as well as on the shelves. Reading for fun is something for all ages to enjoy.

Two books by Charles Colson, *Inside: Voices of Prison Fellowship* and *Hope*, were given to Salem by Angel Tree. These books are available on the Outreach Resources shelf.

National Friends of Libraries Week is Oct. 21-27, 2018. Thank you to the Library Team volunteers, those who donate books and other materials to the Salem Library. We want to thank Marcia Anderson for her many years of service to the Salem Library. Thank you to our readers who use the library.

Later in October, there will be books on the Reformation and Martin Luther on display.

The next meeting of the Library Team will be October 16 at 3 PM.

## THANK YOU

My sincere thanks for all the well-wishes and prayers on my behalf as I am going through treatment for cancer. I truly appreciate it.

Don Hales



## COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Ken Stebbins

*As I was sitting down to write something for this issue of the Connection, I received an e-mail from a good friend of ours. She was sharing a story that she had received that really touched my heart. Although it was not what I was intending to write about, the subject of the story is certainly something we should all think about. It speaks to God's love, God's grace and the importance of friendships and relationships in our lives. It is a simple story but profound none the less. I hope you are touched by it like I was.*

### NEED WASHING?

A little girl had been shopping with her Mom in Wal-Mart. She must have been 6 years old, this beautiful red haired, freckle faced image of innocence.

It was pouring outside. The kind of rain that gushes over the top of rain gutters, so much in a hurry to hit the earth it has no time to flow down the spout. We all stood there, under the awning, just inside the door of the Wal-Mart. We waited, some patiently, others irritated because nature messed up their hurried day.

I am always mesmerized by rainfall. I got lost in the sound and sight of the heavens washing away the dirt and dust of the world. Memories of running, splashing as carefree as a child came pouring in as a welcome reprieve from the worries of my day.

Her little voice was so sweet as it broke the hypnotic trance we were all caught in, 'Mom let's run through the rain,' She said.

'What?' Mom asked.

'Let's run through the rain!' She repeated.

'No, honey. We'll wait until it slows down a bit,' Mom replied.

This young child waited a minute and repeated: 'Mom, let's run through the rain.'

'We'll get soaked if we do,' Mom said.

'No, we won't, Mom. That's not what you said this morning,' the young girl said as she tugged at her Mom's arm.

'This morning? When did I say we could run through the rain and not get wet?'

Don't you remember? When you were talking to Daddy about his cancer, you said, 'If God can get us through this, He can get us through anything!''

The entire crowd stopped dead silent. I swear you couldn't hear anything but the rain. We all stood silently. No one left. Mom paused and thought for a moment about what she would say.

Now some would laugh it off and scold her for being silly. Some might even ignore what was said. But this was a moment of affirmation in a young child's life. A time when innocent trust can be nurtured so that it will bloom into faith.

'Honey, you are absolutely right. Let's run through the rain. If GOD lets us get wet, well maybe we just need washing,' Mom said.

Then off they ran. We all stood watching, smiling and laughing as they darted past the cars and yes, through the puddles. They got soaked.

They were followed by a few who screamed and laughed like children all the way to their cars.

And yes, I did. I ran. I got wet. I needed washing.

Circumstances or people can take away your material possessions, they can take away your money, and they can take away your health. But no one can ever take away your precious memories...So, don't forget to make time and take the opportunities to make memories every day.

To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven.

*I HOPE YOU STILL TAKE THE TIME TO RUN THROUGH THE RAIN.*

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them.

Send this to the people you'll never forget. It's a short message to let them know that you'll never forget them.

If you don't send it to anyone, it means you're in a hurry.

Take the time to live!!!

Keep in touch with your friends, you never know when you'll need each other --And don't forget to run in the rain!

*As the story suggests, friendships and relationships are special and precious. They are something that God has given us the opportunity to have and cherish. I believe that the SALEM church family is made up of these kinds of relationships and memories; and for that, we are blessed.*

## FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR

Whitney Cragun [youth@salemdwd.org](mailto:youth@salemdwd.org)

The new school year is well under way and so is our new **Kid's Club at Salem!** It has been such a joy to lead this new program, and see new kids coming through our doors. We've had around 15 kids each week so far and I think it's going to continue to grow. I've gotten very positive feedback from parents and kids alike! We've even had kids jump in who were just hanging out at the Deerwood park. For our first few weeks I've been channeling my inner camp counselor and have led scavenger hunts and competed in capture the flag style games.

I am always recruiting people to help with Kid's Club so think about stopping in on Wednesdays to see what it's all about! Kids Club meets every Wednesday, except for early dismissal days at CRES.



In October we will be kicking off another year of **Confirmation classes** for our 7-9th graders, and sending our 10th graders on into life as adult members of Salem, when they are **Confirmed on October 21st**. This is an important milestone in their faith journeys, and in their lives—come celebrate with our youth and their families during coffee hour that day! So many of you have been influential role models and mentors, and still are an important part of their journey! I speak from personal experience!! My hope and prayer is that we can continue, as a church family, to spur on our youth and work together to provide meaningful opportunities for them to continue exploring their faith and stay plugged in at Salem.

Many people have been inquiring about our **Prayer Buddies** program, which is wonderful! As I write this, the planning/organizing is in the works- by the time this article runs, we will hopefully be rockin' and rollin' and prayin' away! Thank you in advance for your interest and willingness to lift our young ones up in prayer. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you are still interested in being paired up with a child. There is no such thing as too many prayers!

*"Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference." - Max Lucado*

We have been busy planning and preparing for **Trunks for Treats**, so check out the information later on in the Connection! This event is such a great opportunity to connect with the larger community, and light up the night with God's love! We are looking for people willing to volunteer in several areas- kitchen/food helpers, greeters/welcomers, clean-up help, and of course- volunteers to come park your car and hand out treats or tokens! Watch for the sign-up sheets in the Narthex. Contact Whitney 218-381-2102, or Kris Schmidt 218-851-1362 with questions.

*\*\*We are inviting local businesses and churches to join us this year. Consider encouraging your workplace, business, club, bible study group, committee, family, or any other group, to decorate a vehicle together and sponsor a parking spot!*



SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH			
2018 Summerfest Recap - Final			
Activity/Booth	Income	Expense	Net Proceeds
<b>Silent Auction</b>	\$ 22,597.57	\$ (614.12)	\$ 21,983.45
<b>Note:</b> Expenses are for advertising/tents/misc			
<b>Food Booths</b>	\$ 3,398.00	\$ (1,171.63)	\$ 2,226.37
<b>Note:</b> Expenses are for Health Department License and supplies			
<b>Member Gifts</b>	\$ 1,670.00	\$ -	\$ 1,670.00
<b>Outreach Rummage Sale</b> (Outreach Fund Raiser) <sup>1</sup>	\$ 1,788.05	\$ (483.43)	\$ 1,304.62
<b>Note:</b> Expenses vol lunch, fence posts, tent			
<b>Face Painting (Youth Fund Raiser)</b>	\$ 11.00	\$ -	\$ 11.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 29,464.62</b>	<b>\$ (2,269.18)</b>	<b>\$ 27,195.44</b>
<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b> from 2017 for 2018			\$ 750.00
		<b>Net Proceeds</b>	<b>\$ 27,945.44</b>
		<b>Less Youth Fund Raiser</b>	<b>\$ (11.00)</b>
		<b>Less Bal for 2019</b>	<b>\$ (750.00)</b>
\$3000 Sale of Motorcycle designated to Building Fund <sup>2</sup>			
\$1304.62 (Fund Raiser) to Outreach <sup>1</sup>			
		<b>Total being split*</b>	<b>\$ 27,184.44</b>
<b>*Summerfest Proceeds Divided per Council Minutes April 2018:</b>			
1/3 Salem Outreach + Fund Raiser <sup>1</sup>	\$ 8,931.23		
1/3 Building Fund (Debt Reduction)+ Designation <sup>2</sup>	\$ 10,626.61		
Remaining 1/3 to be split equally:			
Salem Lutheran Church Operating Reserves	\$ 3,813.30		
Salem Lutheran Church Building Mtn Reserves	\$ 3,813.30		
	<b>\$ 27,184.44</b>		



## SUMMERFEST REPORT 2018

## Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2018

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

The regular meeting of the Salem Lutheran Church Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on August 16, 2018 at Salem Lutheran Church by President Ken Stebbins.

**Present:** Randy Holmwig, Mark Carlson, Meriellen Pisarek, John Wojciak, Kris Schmidt, Terry Tichenor, Ken Stebbins, Di Hein, Sherri Godfrey. Also present Debra Flam. **Absent:** Pastor Mike Briggs

**Opening Prayer** was led by Di Hein.

**Congregational Input:** None

**Additions to Agenda:** Debra Flam was present to discuss the requirements of the title company with regards to the sale of the donated property. A motion that Ken Stebbins, President of Salem Lutheran Church Council, is recognized as a designated delegated official with the authority to sign the Delegation of Authority Letter pertaining to the sale of property located at 22094 Shady Walk Circle, Deerwood, MN 56444 was seconded. Motion carried.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

- The following actions were recently taken by written agreement of the Council without the benefit of a face to face meeting: To have one service at 9:00 a.m. on August 12, 2018. The following members of the Council have given their written consent to the action—Randy Holmwig, Mark Carlson, Meriellen Pisarek, Kris Schmidt, Terry Tichenor, Ken Stebbins, Di Hein, Sherri Godfrey, and Pastor Mike Briggs. The Action by written agreement is hereby recorded and ratified by the Council.
- Motion to approve Council Minutes from the August 2<sup>nd</sup> special meeting was seconded. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve Council minutes from the August 7<sup>th</sup> special meeting was seconded. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve Council minutes from July 19<sup>th</sup> was seconded. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Item 7105 office expenses is a little higher this month due to a large supply order.
- Item 7205 \$300.00 was spent to spray the outside of the church for insects.
- There were five Sundays, this month. The envelope giving was great this month.
- Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was seconded. Motion carried.
- Discussion regarding the need to do a corporate contact change for the church credit card as Greg was the primary contact. Motion Pastor Mike be designated as primary person for the Salem's corporate credit card account was seconded. Motion carried.
- Paul does not have information on Summerfest yet. He offered to come to the September meeting to give a full report.
- Discussion regarding the small usage of the washer and dryer in the back room of the kitchen. Kitchen coordinators would like to remove the washer and dryer to create more storage space. Council approved removing the washer and dryer.

### **Pastor's Report:**

- Pastor Mike was absent from the meeting. However, Council liked the new way new members are being welcomed to Salem. 2 people were received into membership at Salem on July 31<sup>st</sup>, Leah Burt and Colin Barnett. The Welcome Team found we were losing folks who would like to join due to schedule conflicts for orientation class and new member Sundays, and to the long wait for the next class (up to 6 months). They decided to try a new process for receiving new members quickly. When a person indicates an interest to join Salem a pastoral visit will be scheduled. At that visit the pastor will get to know the person, answer questions, receive household information, and begin orienting them to Salem. If they want to join Salem, they will become a member at that time. They'll be matched with a "befriender" (ideally a Salem member they already know) who will help assimilate the new member(s) into the life of the congregation for a year by inviting them to church and social functions, worshipping together, etc. When there are a minimum of 6 new members, a New Member Sunday will be scheduled for public recognition of the group.

### **Staff Reports:**

#### **Whitney Cragun - Children & Youth Faith Formation Coordinator:**

- None

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Memorial:**
  - Donated \$1,000.00 towards benches in the Columbarium area.
  - Donated \$6,000.00 towards the new sign.
- **Columbarium:**
  - Memorial Committee donated \$1,000.00 towards benches. Committee is currently researching the types of benches that would be best suited for the Columbarium area.
- **Praise and Worship:**
  - Praise and Worship is recommending that there be one service from December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – March 3, 2019. Reasons why: Salem has many that go south for the winter and attendance is low during these months; having one service will save on utility expenses in the winter; and by having one service you will be able to see people you don't normally see on a Sunday morning because they go to a different service. Motion that there be one service at 9:00 a.m. from December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 through March 3, 2019 was seconded. Motion carried.
- **Welcome:** Discussion was held that the Welcome committee is not an official committee. Council agreed that instead of a team, they can be a committee.
- **Outreach:**
  - No numbers yet on Summerfest.
  - Building #2 at Salem West which is being enclosed for more weather proof storage has been framed in.
  - Salem West is looking at hiring a warehousing person.

### Unfinished Business:

- Salem Employee Compensation Working Group is being placed on hold until all information is in and then at that time meeting date will be set.
- Capital Appeal – as of May, 2018 we have met 20% of our goal. That is encouraging. Next meeting will be in January, where they will recap the first year.

### New Business:

- Discussion was held regarding the process on how to hire a new Director of Outreach. It was agreed that a committee of Council and Outreach should work together to put together a job description. Committee members possibly should be the same as the Salem Employee Compensation Working Group.
- Council agreed that it was a great idea to purchase a welcome gift for Aeropipe, a new local business. Also discussed possibly bringing employees of Aeropipe to Salem, Salem West and Mustard Seed for a tour.
- There is a need to determine who has a key to the church and who has security codes to access the building. It was agreed that there should be an article in the newsletter and eblast requesting those with keys or security codes to contact the church office.

**Suggestions, Observations, and Solutions:** None received.

### Announcements:

- Meeting with Renae Shields and Social Outreach – August 23, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.
- September Council meeting – 9/20
- October Council meeting – 10/18

### Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn was seconded. Motion carried.
- The next regular meeting will be held on September 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Salem Lutheran Church.
- Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Meriellen Pisarek, Secretary

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## Feeling anxious? Worried?

Over the past few decades, studies have shown that Americans are the most anxious people in the world. We take the most medication for it, see doctors to treat it, and spend fortunes trying to relieve it. How have we let our fears get the better of us? In *Anxious for Nothing*, Max Lucado leads us to reflect on the promises of Philippians 4:4-8. Rediscover the power of prayer and take control of your thoughts. You can rest in “the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding.”

This 5-session video study is happening at Salem and features videos from Max Lucado to guide us through the process of becoming “Anxious for Nothing.” **ALL TUESDAYS in October, 6:00 p.m. in the large classroom in the education unit. EVERYONE is welcome!**

# OCTOBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>  <b>7:15 PM</b> Salem Ringers Rehearsal	<b>2</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Piecemakers  <b>1:00 PM</b> In Stitches <b>5:30 PM</b> Worship & Music Committee Mtg <b>6:00 PM</b> <i>Anxious for Nothing</i> Bible Study	<b>3</b> <b>6:30 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>10:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>3:00 PM</b> Compensation Working Group Meeting <b>3:15—5pm</b> Kids Club <b>5:00 PM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal <b>6:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>6:30 PM</b> FINK (Confirmation) Orientation for kids & parents	<b>4</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Women's Bible Study	<b>5</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Men's Bible Study  <b>5:00 PM</b> Wedding Rehearsal	<b>6</b>  <b>2:30 PM</b> SKEIM/HABERKORN Wedding
<b>7</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Traditional Worship/SS <b>10:00 AM</b> Contemporary Worship/SS <b>11:15 AM</b> Nominating Committee Meeting <b>1:30 PM</b> Salem Hosts Care Center Worship	<b>8</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Unlimited Learning Meeting  <b>7:15 PM</b> Salem Ringers Rehearsal	<b>9</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Piecemakers  <b>1:00 PM</b> In Stitches  <b>6:00 PM</b> Faith Formation Team Mtg <b>6:00 PM</b> <i>Anxious for Nothing</i> Bible Study	<b>10</b> <b>6:30 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>9:00 AM</b> Diaper Ministry <b>10:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>1:00 PM</b> Outreach Governing Board Meeting <b>3:00 PM</b> Compensation Working Group Meeting <b>3:15—5pm</b> Kids Club <b>5:00 PM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal <b>6:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>6:30 PM</b> FINK Learning Event	<b>11</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>9:30 AM</b> Women's Circle Meeting <b>11:15 AM</b> Salem Serves Meals on Wheels <b>6:00 PM</b> Executive Team Meeting	<b>12</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Men's Bible Study <b>11:00 AM</b> Koffee Klatch at Heartwood  WOMEN'S RETREAT	<b>13</b> <b>8:00 AM—12:00 PM</b> Fall Cleanup at the Church  WOMEN'S RETREAT
<b>14 CONSECRATION SUNDAY</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Traditional Worship/SS <b>10:00 AM</b> Contemporary Worship/SS <b>11:15 AM</b> Confirmation Practice Women's Retreat concludes	<b>15</b> <b>CARPET CLEANING AT THE CHURCH</b>  <b>7:15 PM</b> Salem Ringers Rehearsal	<b>16</b> <b>CARPET CLEANING AT THE CHURCH</b>  <b>9:00 AM</b> Piecemakers  <b>1:00 PM</b> In Stitches <b>3:00 PM</b> Library Team Meeting <b>6:00 PM</b> <i>Anxious for Nothing</i> Bible Study	<b>17</b> <b>6:30 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>10:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>3:00 PM</b> Compensation Working Group Meeting <b>NO Kids Club</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal <b>6:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>18</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Women's Bible Study  <b>6:00 PM</b> Council Meeting	<b>19</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Men's Bible Study	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Traditional Worship <b>9:15 AM</b> Confirmation Reception/Photos <b>10:00 AM</b> Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation)	<b>22</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Outreach Volunteer Appreciation Dinner <b>5:30 PM</b> Cantata Rehearsal <b>7:15 PM</b> Salem Ringers	<b>23</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Piecemakers  <b>1:00 PM</b> In Stitches  <b>6:00 PM</b> Welcome Team Meeting <b>6:00 PM</b> <i>Anxious for Nothing</i> Bible Study	<b>24</b> <b>6:30 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>10:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>3:00 PM</b> Compensation Working Group Meeting <b>3:15—5pm</b> Kids Club <b>5:00 PM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal <b>6:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>6:30 PM</b> FINK Learning Event	<b>25</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Women's Bible Study  <b>6:30 PM</b> Faith & Fellowship Women's Bible Study	<b>26</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Men's Bible Study	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Traditional Worship/SS <b>10:00 AM</b> Contemporary Worship/SS	<b>29</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Cantata Rehearsal <b>7:15 PM</b> Salem Ringers Rehearsal	<b>30</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Piecemakers  <b>1:00 PM</b> In Stitches <b>6:00 PM</b> <i>Anxious for Nothing</i> Bible Study	<b>31</b> <b>6:30 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>10:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>3:00 PM</b> Compensation Working Group Meeting <b>4:30—6:30 PM</b> Trunk or Treat Event <b>5:00 PM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal <b>6:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal			





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Financial Manager – Sandra Beyer  
Facilities Coordinator – Glen Helm  
Faith Formation Coordinator – Whitney Cragun  
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 Assistant Manager – Julie Fritz

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY COORDINATORS

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