

# Salem Lutheran Church



Greetings Salem Lutheran Church,

As we enter into the month of November, I am reminded how much this month is a month of remembrance and reflection. Having just celebrated Reformation Day on October 31<sup>st</sup>, we remember the legacy of Martin Luther and reflect where the church needs continual reform for God's mission in the world. As we approach All Saints Sunday, we remember the saints in our lives that have died and saints long ago. We reflect how they touched our own lives with the love of God and give them thanks for passing the faith to us. We remember and reflect knowing we too will join them in our death, not in despair, but in the hope and promise of resurrected life. November 25<sup>th</sup> is Thanksgiving. While not a Christian holiday, it is a day we Christians gather to give thanks to God for our blessings. In a world of much pain, sickness, and loss, how important it is to remember and reflect how God has blessed us this year, 2021. Finally, the last Sunday of November, the 28<sup>th</sup>, is the beginning of the season of Advent. It is the time we ritually wait and reflect Christ's coming into the world in preparation for Christmas. We remember in anticipation of Christ's second coming, where in faith, we know Christ will renew the earth, where there will be no more pain, sickness, and loss.

It is a blessing to walk with you through this month of remembering and reflecting. Know that I am always available to meet with you in this time. Remembering and reflection are not easy things, but hard work that draws us closer to God's will for us in this time. If we haven't had a chance to meet yet, feel free to call the office to join Amanda and I for one of the Meet & Greet times. And finally, for our month together, I invite you to join us Wednesdays at 7:30pm for a short half-hour service of Prayer & Praise.

In God's blessing of peace,  
Pr. Evan



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## October 14th, 2021 Minutes

**President:** Mike Linch      **Treasurer:** Randy Cook  
**V. President:** Tim Kenyon      **Secretary:** Sherri Nissen

Chuck Eilers	Gary Boschee	Andy Hitz	Chuck Taylor	Phyllis Keuter
Claudia Peppers	Chris Lane	Sandi Sickles		

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Devotions by Pastor and council

President Mike Linch called the meeting to order. The following council members were in attendance: Andy Hitz, Chuck Taylor, Claudia Peppers, Dave Abildtrup, Gary Boschee, Phyllis Keuter, Sandi Sickles, Sherri Nissen, Raquel Linch, Randy Cook, and Pastor Evan were in attendance. Tim Kenyon was also in attendance.

M/S/C by Chuck Taylor and Phyllis Keuter to approve the October agenda.

M/S/C by Sandi Sickles and Gary Boschee to approve the September Minutes with the following changes to the agenda being titled Church Council Minutes.

Finance Report: Randy Cook, Treasurer

September giving = just over \$10,000

General Fund = \$56,800

Expenses for September exceeded giving approximately \$2,000

M/S/C by Chuck Taylor and Dave Abildtrup to accept the treasurer's report

Old Business:

A. Office Printer – has been ordered, has not shipped yet. Can take 30 days. Old printer needs new toner.

B. Meet and Greet: Nissen's are hosting October 24 at 6:00pm, Sickles on October 31 2-4pm, Kenyon's Nov. 14 from 2-4pm. Other dates to be announced later.

C. Beneficiary Information: no updates and no notification on a closing amount to be received at this time.

D. Constitution Update: member working on this will meet Oct. 27 at 9:00 am at Adams Street Espresso

E. Life Stream- M/S/C by Chuck Taylor and Claudia Peppers to purchase 3 multi-use cameras from Mevo Systems for \$1,000 and a device to run them from not to exceed \$350.

F. Property:

a) Committee brought two recommendations to the council for a new roof. Both companies: ForSure Roofing (metal) and Hedberg (shingles) will present to the council at a special meeting October 19.

Thad Sickles and Jerry Nissen found a rotted board on the south side of the roof where water is coming in. They will fix this with the flashing to be put on at the time the roof is fixed. Materials donated by Thad and Sandi Sickles.

b) Re-Key the east and south door M/S/C by Chuck Taylor and Randy Cook not to exceed \$300

c) Windows: nothing to report

G. Salem's 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration:

a) Order shirts (All youth members + individual adult orders

b) Contact Sandi Sickles or the office to be on the committee

## New Business:

- November Benevolence: M/S/C by Randy Cook and Pastor Evan 8% to the Synod and 2% to the local Christmas Basket Fund
- B. Parking Easement: Tim Kenyon present a letter from Alliant Energy asking for an easement to put the overhead power lines underground. This is at no cost to the church. M/S/C to approve by Claudia Peppers and Phyllis Keuter.
- C. ICONS from Synod Office: M/S/C by Randy Cook and Chuck Taylor to purchase the four ICONS at a reduced price of \$400 total. (anonymous donor covered cost)
- D. M/S/C by Dave Abildtrup and Randy Cook to allow Habitat for Humanity the use of the Fellowship Hall for their monthly Tuesday night meetings. Using the south door and as long as dates don't interfere with church activities. We have congregational members that belong to the group. This is a non-profit so rent will not be charged.
- E. Wednesday Night Confirmation: Pastor will be providing confirmation. He and Amanda will also be hosting a short Praise & Worship service afterwards each week.  
Hotdogs and chips will be served after school on Wednesday evenings.  
(Discussion about space for small group worship options: take out the old junior choir loft and replace with chairs or remove the wall in the middle room in the basement – this is not a permanent wall)
- F. Fire Extinguishers and Detectors: three are outdated and seven are not in compliance  
M/S/C by Sandi Sickels and Gary Boschee to replace all not to exceed \$500 and put on an annual rotation for inspection.
- G. M/S/C by Randy Cook and Sherri Nissen to allow Mike Lynch to order/replace 4 Smoke Detector/CO2 detectors.

## Committee Reports

- i. Christian Education: Confirmation and Sunday School has started and is going well.
- ii. Church Property: see Old Business
- iii. Outreach Ministry : no meeting
- iv. Worship & Music: met and have planned hymns and services
- v. Finance : no meeting
- vi. Memorial Committee: no meeting
- vii. Long Range Planning: no meeting
- viii. Endowment: Will meet October 26 at 5:30pm
- ix. Other

The next meeting will be September 11, 2021 at 5:30 pm. Opening devotions will be led by Pastor Evan with council participation. M/S/C to adjourn by Sandi Sickels and Claudia Peppers.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sherri Nissen, Council Secretary



## Special Council meeting October 19, 2021

President Mike Linch called the meeting to order with Phyllis Keuter, Sandi Sickels, Claudia Peppers, Randy Cook, Chuck Taylor, Dave Abildtrup, Andy Hitz, and Pastor Evan present. Bill Ott and Jerry Nissen were also present representing the property committee.

Jerry Nissen introduced representatives from Randy Smith and Eric Morris from ForSure Roofing. Council presented questions about the product and everyone went outside so they could show/demonstrate what they have and will be using should the congregation vote for a metal roof at a cost of \$56,391. Council thanked them for their time and the two men left the meeting.

Jerry Nissen introduced Marcus from Hedberg and Son Roofing, who attended through a ZOOM meeting. He presented their product and answered questions by the council. Total cost is \$51,140. Marcus signed off from the meeting.

M/S/C by Randy Cook and Sandi Sickels to propose Option 1 – ForSure Roofing and Option 2 – Hedberg and Son Roofing, as well as \$16,720 by EPS for removal and disposal of asbestos shingles to the congregation at a Special meeting.

M/S/C by Dave Abildtrup and Andy Hitz to set the special congregational meeting for November 7.

M/S/C by Dave Abildtrup and Phyllis Keuter to have a potluck and fellowship following the Congregational meeting hosted by the council.

M/S/C by Randy Cook and Sherri Nissen to adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Nissen, Council Secretary

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## Pastor Report for October, 2021

**Visitations:** 3 home visits and attended the Meet & Greet hosted by the Nissen's on 10/24

### **Meetings:**

Council Meeting on 10/14

Worship & Music Committee 10/7 and 10/28

Congregational Constitution Meeting on 10/27

### **Synod/Ecumenical Work:**

Met weekly with ELCA conference pastors

First Call Education at the Synod office in Storm Lake on 10/21

Union County Ministerial Alliance meeting on 10/20

### **Christian Education**

Started leaded Adult Sunday School on 10/10. We meet weekly before Sunday service at 9:00am.

Started weekly Wednesday Confirmation Class on 10/13.

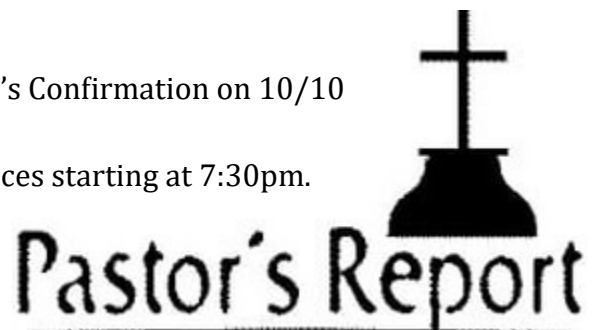
### **Services and Celebrations:**

I had the blessed opportunity to preside over Denton Lane's Confirmation on 10/10

Had our Quilt and Kit blessing on 10/24

I started weekly Wednesday evening Prayer & Praise services starting at 7:30pm.

You are invited to come join us!







There were 27 quilts, 75 school kits, 27 baby layettes, and 18 personal kits dedicated on Sunday October 24th. We are grateful to G&H who continue to ship LWR kits on to St. Paul for us at no charge! Also to those who will load the quilts after dedication to take them to Greenfield. Thank you to those who have given of their time and/or donated money.

As always, we appreciate your continued support of LWR!!





# SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

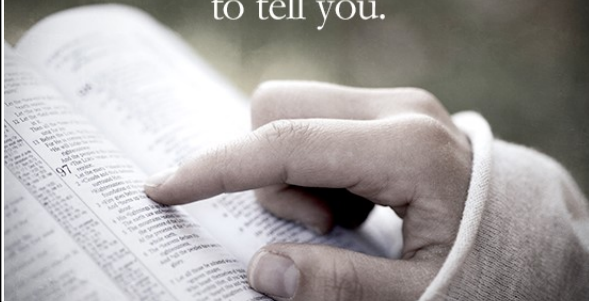
We are having a Special Congregational meeting followed by a potluck on November 7<sup>th</sup>. This meeting is to vote on two roof proposal. Details will be provided before the meeting for review.

## POTLUCK



## Fellowship Meal

Reduce your stress level by taking time to unplug from the world, open your Bible, and listen to what God has to tell you.



Nov 1: Matt 20-21  
 Nov 2: Luke 18:15-19:48  
 Nov 3: Mark 11; John 12  
 Nov 4: Matt 22; Mark 12  
 Nov 5: Matt 23; Luke 20-21  
 Nov 6: Mark 13  
 Nov 7: Matt 24  
 Nov 8: Matt 25  
 Nov 9: Matt 26; Mark 14  
 Nov 10: Luke 22; John 13  
 Nov 11: John 14-17  
 Nov 12: Matt 27; Mark 15  
 Nov 13: Luke 23; John 18-19  
 Nov 14: Matt 28; Mark 16  
 Nov 15: Luke 24; John 20-21  
 Nov 16: Acts 1-3  
 Nov 17: Acts 4-6  
 Nov 18: Acts 7-8  
 Nov 19: Acts 9-10  
 Nov 20: Acts 11-12  
 Nov 21: Acts 13-14  
 Nov 22: James 1-5  
 Nov 23: Acts 15-16  
 Nov 24: Gal 1-3  
 Nov 25: Gal 4-6  
 Nov 26: Acts 17-18:18  
 Nov 27: 1/2 Thess  
 Nov 28: Acts 18:19-19:41  
 Nov 29: 1Cor 1-4  
 Nov 30: 1Cor 5-8



Chad & Randi Cass  
 November 2nd

Jason & Nicky Burg  
 November 25th



Nicky Burg 2nd  
 Kaleb Cook 5th  
 Sarah Lane 6th  
 Thad Sickels 7th  
 James Kennedy 8th  
 Donna Scheel 10th  
 Reagan Guiter 13th  
 Reese Guiter 13th

Dorothy McNaught 15th  
 Jacob Kendrick 16th  
 Unity Anderson 18th  
 Ellee Madison 18th  
 Brittany Linch 19th  
 Wayne Pantini 19th  
 Elaine Fargo 21st  
 Lanny Herzberg 24th  
 Duane Schmidt 24th  
 Brooklyn Hanson 25th  
 Bert Henry 29th  
 Justin Kendrick 29th

**Fall Back** SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021  
 ...and enjoy an extra hour of sleep







*We pray for those people who are hurting and going through some unimaginable circumstances. We pray for those who want their lives to be better and to be free from those things that may be holding them back. We may not know them, but God knows their situation. Amen.*

Brian Newcomb, Steven Thompson (Schlaht's grandson), Tim Kinkade, Zach Henry, Don Butler, Arlan Biere, Judy Woods, Gregory Boschee (Gary's twin brother), Patricia Nelson (Harold Nelson's wife), Ben Herzberg, Al Mackdanz, Jean Paul, Don & Bev Butler, Becky Keuter, David Stokes (Brother of Sherri Boschee), Dorothy Vanella, Justin Peppers, Mike Cary, Larry Kimball, John McNaught, Tony McNaught, and June Eshelman.

*We can never thank our military men and women enough for their service and sacrifice to our country and its people. Today we express gratefulness and honor to these military troops, past and present. We pray to be shown ways in our communities, churches, and families to thank and love them better.*

*Keep and protect these heroes and their families. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.*



Mike Crigger, Str. Airman Travis Mathis, SRA Zachary Sedlmayr and Isaac Sedlmayr.



During the month of November, a Thank offering basket will be in the narthex for those who would like to donate to our mission project. Donations may also be given to WELCA treasurer, Claudia Peppers. These generous gifts support the ongoing ministries of the Women of the ELCA. Funds raised this year will be donated in support of the Creston Area Food Pantry



Miriam Circle will meet November 4th at 6:30 PM at Linda Huffman's, 201 South Park. Dorothy McNaught will be Bible study leader and Joyce Anderson is facilitator.



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

# November

Adult Sunday School Each Week at 9am  Youth Class is during 10am Worship	1 Pastor Evan Day Off  Clicia out of the Office	2 No Quilting  	3 Confirmation 6:30  7:30 Prayer and Praise Service	4	5 Clicia Day Off	6
7 10am Worship & Communion   ALL SAINTS SUNDAY <i>a service of remembrance</i>	8 Pastor Evan Day Off	9 Quilting 1:30	10 Confirmation 6:30  7:30 Prayer and Praise Service	11 Council Mtg @ 5:30  	12 Clicia Day Off	13
14 10 am Worship	15 Pastor Evan Day Off	16 Quilting 1:30	17 Confirmation 6:30 7:30 Prayer and Praise Service	18	19 Clicia Day Off	20
21 10am Worship & Communion	22 Pastor Evan Day Off	23 Quilting 1:30	24 No Confirmation	25   Offices Closed	26	27
28 10 am Worship	29 Pastor Evan Day Off	30 Quilting 1:30	Pastor Evan is out of the Office every Tuesday Morning for Text Study with our ELCA conference pastors.			

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