

Salem Lutheran Church

All Are Welcome!



Greetings Salem Lutheran Church,

I am writing this newsletter in a new place! I am sitting in Hope+Elim, the Des Moines church that my wife, Amanda, is currently an intern pastor. Joining her in the city today, I found some inspiration. In front of me on the wall there is a large sticker that says, “It’s no accident you’re here, we’ve been praying for you!” I love the message of this wall decoration and it communicates several things: (1) this is a place of prayer for the community, (2) guests are not simply guests to the church but family members coming home, and (3) the Holy Spirit is working in all of us to build Christ-like relationships. I’m holding on to this message as I begin this year’s Lenten journey – the forty-day spiritual journey to Easter Sunday. I invite you to join me for Lent by coming to our Wednesday Lenten services at 6:00pm. Each Wednesday (from March 1st through March 29th) we will spend time in prayer around the cross and expand on the theme of the previous Sunday service. May we grow together in Living Baptism and the gifts the Spirit has blessed us with for discipleship.

In God’s peace,

Pr. Evan McVann



Salem Lutheran Church

February 10th, 2022 Minutes

President: Mike Linch

Treasurer: Randy Cook

V. President: D. Abildtrup

Secretary: Sherri Nissen

Chuck Eilers

Gary Boschee

Andy Hitz

Chuck Taylor

Phyllis Keuter

Claudia Peppers

Chris Lane

Sandi Sickles

CHURCH COUNCIL minutes

February 9, 2023 5:30 Meeting

Devotions by Pastor and Council

The meeting was called to order by President Tim Kenyon with the following members in attendance: Gary Boschee, Mike Linch, Raquel Linch, Sherri Nissen, Deb Pantini, Claudia Peppers, Sandi Sickles, and Chuck Taylor. Randy Cook, Andy Hitz, Chris Lane, Emma Pantini, and Pastor Evan were absent.

Approve the agenda: M/S/C by Mike Linch and Sandi Sickles

Approve January council minutes: M/S/C by Claudia Peppers and Deb Pantini with the following corrected changes in spelling of Deb and Emma Pantini's names, as well as Chuck Taylor is unable to run a new term. This is under New Business – C.

Treasurer's Report by Mike Linch

All bills are paid, and everything is current.

Old Business:

Sound Barriers – Dorothy McNaught was not in attendance. Council had previously decided not to proceed with sound barriers.

The 2023 budget presented to council for review was \$152,188.00, which did not include an increase for Pastor.

In 2022, \$129,000 had been budgeted, including an \$8,000.00 short fall. Salem ended 2022 with a loss of \$16,000.00

M/S/C by consensus of the council, we request additional funds of \$10,000.00 from the Endowment fund in order to help cover the budget shortfall. This will allow a \$2,400.00 increase in Pastor's housing to \$16,800.00. The proposed budget for 2023 is \$154,588.60.

Reminder committee reports were due in the office by the end of January (Please get these in)

Outgoing Council members: Andy Hitz, Claudia Peppers, and Chuck Taylor. Sandi Sickles can serve a 2nd term, and Raquel Linch is finishing Chris Lane's previous term.

Background checks: nothing to report.

Method of purchase for new supplements: Brenda will order as discussed with shipping covered by private donation.

Use of facilities by Narcotics Anonymous: no longer needed as they have found an alternate space.

Synod Assembly April 21-22 in Le Mars, IA: We will take volunteers from the floor, otherwise Gary Boschee has volunteered.

New Business:

March Benevolence: M/S/C by Mike Linch and Sandi Sickels for Meals of the Heartland (April 19)
Mediacom/Windstream quotes: M/S/C by consensus of the council to allow Mike Linch to contact, negotiate, and sign the final contract.

Authorized check signing at PCSB and Iowa State Savings Bank: M/S/C by Chuck Taylor and Gary Boschee to authorize the following members to sign checks o the Salem Lutheran Church checking accounts: Tim Kenyon, Mike Linch, Randy Cook, Raquel Linch, and Sherri Nissen.

Contract with Green Valley Pest and Fertilizer: M/S/C by Claudia Peppers and Deb Pantini to accept the years contract of approximately \$1,000.00.

Insurance: the current company is changing the policy and price. This will automatically renew May 1, 2023. A new quote has not been given at this time. Chuck Taylor is meeting with another company to have a comparison. He will report back at the March meeting.

Committee Reports: None

Christian Education:

Church Property:

Outreach Ministry: \$4,187.00 was raised from the soup supper and auction for the Lochmoeller family.

Worship & Music:

Finance:

Memorial Committee:

Stewardship

Endowment:

Other:

The next meeting will be March 16, 2023, at 5:30 pm. Opening devotions will be led by Pastor Evan and Council. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted.

Sherri Nissen, Recording Secretary

Lord's Prayer

P B V R E H T A F R N E
E V I G R O F C O M E M
T R E S S P A S S E S A
L D K I N G D O M E Q N
S E T E M P T A T I O N
L L Y W X A G A I N S T
E I H E A V E N G I V E
A V F V D E W O L L A H
D E H I E N O D Q E K T
E R Z L G T E D A I L Y

AGAINST	FATHER	HEAVEN
COME	FORGIVE	KINGDOME
DAILY	GIVE	LEAD
DELIVER	HALLOWED	NAME
DONE		TEMPTATION
EVIL		TRESSPASSES

Pastor Report for February, 2023

Visitations: 4 visitations.

Meetings:

Worship & Music Committee meeting on 2/26

Outreach Committee meeting on 2/21

Synod and Ecumenical Work:

Met weekly with ELCA conference pastors on Tuesdays over Zoom

Went on the Western Iowa Synod's Racial Justice Vision bus trip from 2/8 to 2/15

Christian Education:

Led Adult Sunday School on Revelation at 9:00am weekly.

Taught the last day of confirmation class on 2/1. Class will resume after Easter.

Community Presence

Attended Creston Human Rights Coalition meeting on 2/19

Special Services

Ash Wednesday Service on 2/22



Dine in & Drive-Up opportunities at St. Malachy in Creston AND the Afton Community Center!



THE KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS WILL BE
HOSTING

COMMUNITY FISH FRY MARCH 10TH

Dine-In & Carry-Out
Afton Community Center
(240 N. Douglas St., Afton, IA)

from 6-7:30 p.m.

The menu will include fried fish,
coleslaw, baked potatoes or french
fries, a roll, a drink, and a dessert.

Free will donation.

THE KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS WILL BE
HOSTING

COMMUNITY FISH FRY MARCH 3RD

Dine-In & Drive-Up
Community Fish Fry at
St. Malachy School
(403 W. Clark St. Creston, IA.)
*For Drive-Up please use the
northeast alley by the gym
and exit onto Clark St.*

from 5-7 p.m.

The menu will include fried
codfish, coleslaw, baked
potato, roll, and a dessert.

Cost is \$11/meal

THE KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS WILL BE
HOSTING

COMMUNITY FISH FRY MARCH 24TH

Dine-In & Drive-Up
Community Fish Fry at
St. Malachy School
(403 W. Clark St. Creston, IA.)
*For Drive-Up please use the
northeast alley by the gym
and exit onto Clark St.*

from 5-7 p.m.

The menu will include fried
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Cost is \$11/meal





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.

Joseph Lochmoeller & family, Joanna Osler, Suzanne Lees, Jami Gurley Alyssa Dea, Linda Huffman, Cliff Olsen, Larry & Claudia Peppers, Tim Kinkade, Josh, Hannah & Harriet Kendrick, Gail Peterson, Zach Henry, Don Butler, Arlan Biere, Gregory Boschee (Gary's twin brother), Harold & Patricia Nelson, Ben Herzberg, Jean Paul, Becky Keuter, Dorothy Vanella, Mike Cary, Larry Kimball, John McNaught, and Tony McNaught.

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, Isaac Sedlmayr, Str. Airman Travis Mathis and SRA Zacary Sedlmayr



Union County Ministerial Alliance Ecumenical Lenten Services—5 pm each Sunday

February 26 –Jerusalem Methodist Church–Pastor Cyndy Ripperger*

(*Guest Speaker*)

March 5–First Christian Church–Fr. Patrick Amedeka*

March 12–First United Methodist Church–Pastor Sheila Sutton or Pastor Jim McIntosh*

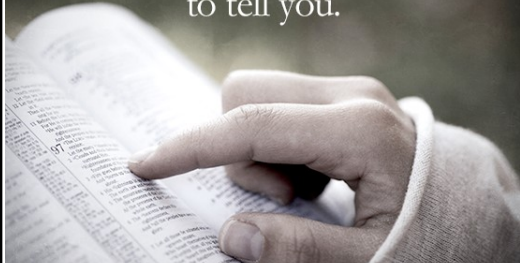
March 19–Cromwell Congregational Church–**Pastor Evan McVann***

March 26–Salem Lutheran Church–Pastor Tony Thurston*

April 2–First Presbyterian Church–Pastor Jodi Rushing*

April 7-NOON–Good Friday-Holy Spirit Catholic Church–Pastor Mary O'Riley*

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



1st	Numbers 14-15; Psalm 90
2nd	Numbers 16-17
3rd	Numbers 18-20
4th	Numbers 21-22
5th	Numbers 23-25
6th	Numbers 26-27
7th	Numbers 28-30
8th	Numbers 31-32
9th	Numbers 33-34
10th	Numbers 35-36
11th	Deuteronomy 1-2
12th	Deuteronomy 3-4
13th	Deuteronomy 5-7
14th	Deuteronomy 8-10
15th	Deuteronomy 11-13
16th	Deuteronomy 14-19
17th	Deuteronomy 17-20
18th	Deuteronomy 21-23
19th	Deuteronomy 24-27
20th	Deuteronomy 28-29
21st	Deuteronomy 30-31
22nd	Deuteronomy 32-34; Psalm 91
23rd	Joshua 1-4
24th	Joshua 5-8
25th	Joshua 9-11
26th	Joshua 12-15
27th	Joshua 16-18
28th	Joshua 19-21
29th	Joshua 22-24
30th	Jude 1-2
31st	Jude 3-5





Marilyn Engelson	1st	Suzie Stofferahn	16th
Ryan Cook	3rd	Gail Peterson	19th
David Abildtrup	9th	Jerry Nissen	21st
Andrew Hitz	10th	Peggy Cass	23rd
Arnie Qualseth	10th	Sherri Boschee	26th
Robert Snodgrass	11th		
Linda Mahn	14th		



Miriam Circle



Miriam Circle will meet on Thursday, March 2nd

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Miriam Circle 6:00	3 Brenda Off	4
5 10am Worship & Communion	6 Offices Closed	7 1:30 Quilting	8 6:00 pm Lentin Service	9	10 Brenda Off	11
12 10am Worship 	13 Offices Closed	14 1:30 Quilting	15 6:00 pm Lentin Service	16 5:30 Council	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18
19 10am Worship & Communion	20 Offices Closed	21 1:30 Quilting	22 6:00 pm Lentin Service	23	24 Brenda Off	25
26 10am Worship	27 Offices Closed	28 1:30 Quilting	29 6:00 pm Lentin Service	30	31 Brenda Off	

Pastor Evan is out of the Office every Tuesday Morning
for Text Study with our ELCA conference pastors.



**Daylight Savings Time
begins Sunday, March 12
Remember to set your
clocks forward**

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