



Salem Lutheran Church

Following Jesus,
Sharing Compassion,

Covered by Grace



“Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith” – Hebrews 12:1-2

Greetings Salem Lutheran Church,

Who are the saints in your life? Who were the people who introduced you to God and Jesus? Who were the ones who shaped and impacted your faith the most? For the baptized, who baptized you? The first week of November, the Church celebrates All Saints Sunday. It is a time that appropriately makes us reflect on the saints, usually focusing on those who have died in the Lord. Though we should not only imagine this great cloud of witnesses as only the people who have gone before us. There are people praying for you, encouraging you, whose faith currently witnesses to the power of the Gospel. While the popular connotation of the words makes us think “saints” are perfect, they are nothing of the sort. Saints are simply people of faith and sinners in the hands of our loving God. You’re a saint. You’re a saint not because of anything you have done, but because of everything Jesus has done for you. Not only that – someone in your life might just name you a saint in their own life.

On that same note, this month we will have an opportunity to recognize those saints who are new to Salem Lutheran Church. For the first time since the pandemic, we will be celebrating new members, those who have decided to officially join our congregation! If you are interested in joining, come talk to me! On Sunday November 5th, after worship, we will be having a New Member Gathering. Both interested new members AND current members are invited to join to be in fellowship with each other as we pray together and talk about what it means to be a member of this church. Finally, during worship on November 12th, we will celebrate all the new members this joining this Fall. Certainly, God is up to something new in us! Let us give thanks for that.

In God’s peace,

Pr. Evan McVann



**Salem Lutheran Church
October 19, 2023 Minutes**

OFFICERS:

President: Tim Kenyon **Treasurer:** Mike Linch
V. P.: Gary Basely **Secretary:** Sherri Nissen

Members : Chris Lane, Sandi Sickels, Deb Pantini, Sherri Nissen, Gary Boschee, Tim Kenyon, Mike Linch, Raquel Linch and Jewel Baseley.

**CHURCH COUNCIL minutes
October 19, 2023 5:30 Meeting**

Devotions by Council members

The meeting was called to order by President, Tim Kenyon with the following members in attendance: Pastor Evan, Jewel Baseley, Gary Boschee, Chris Lane, Mike Linch, Raquel Linch, Sherri Nissen, Deb Pantini, and Sandi Sickels.

Approve the agenda: M/S/C by Raquel Linch and Jewel Baseley

Approve September council minutes: M/S/C by Raquel Linch and Mike Linch

Treasurer's Report by Mike Linch

Monthly Contributions: \$8,717.00

Monthly Expenses: \$14,223

Shortfall: approximately \$6,000

We are still covering bills; we may be okay for October bills.

M/S/C by Gary Boschee and Chris Lane to Approve Treasurers Report.

Pastor's Report included visitations are going well. He participated in the SWCC Community Awareness Day with Dennis Nardy and Mike Linch. He is planning the installation of new members for November 12. Also see attached report in the newsletter.

Old Business:

Electronic Offering: Tithing is being set up, and once a QR Code is complete it will be ready to use.

Reporting of Finances: This will be posted on the bulletin boards by Mike one more time, then Brenda will post them using a more visible form.

New Business:

M/S/C by Mike Linch and Gary Boschee to have October Benevolence directed to the local Cancer Support Group at Crest Baptist Church.

Snow Removal bids: Currently we have Green Valley at \$175 per month + extra charges depending on the amount of snow. Ronnie Ray bid \$150 per hour. We are waiting on bids from Lincoln Lawn Care and Mike Tonnelli. M/S/C by Sherri Nissen and Tim Kenyon to communicate final bids and vote by email.

M/S/C by Pastor Evan and Deb Pantini to allow the rental of the Kitchen and Fellowship Hall for the \$50 fee to Jessie Bolinger representing buildOn Bucket List Challenge fundraiser. This is a non-profit with local people participating to build a school in Nepal. The event will be held January 11, 2024. Brenda will notify Mr. Bolinger of the agreement and fee.

Committee Reports:

Christian Education: Sunday School has started; we are still in need of teachers. The Halloween Event has been cancelled this year.

Church Property: Work on the sanctuary ceiling has begun. AJ Warner has checked the furnaces and recommends the air intake be vented outside and close the chimney to keep cold air out. Nothing was decided at this time. The filters have been cleaned and will be cleaned again once the sanctuary work is complete. It is recommended to get bids to replace the sanctuary carpet. Coens and J & A Flooring will be contacted. The carpet has not been replaced for several years.

Outreach Ministry: the Nov 19 date to assist at the Food Pantry has been changed. Our next date is January 21, 2024. We will be contacting Homestead Assisted Living for Christmas gift giving. There have been a few issues with the inappropriate use of items in the The Longer Table. A letter was sent to the school principals asking for a message to be placed in each school building with announcements on proper use. Each principal responded with support and confirmed this will be done.

Worship & Music: has been planning holiday/advent services. Christmas Eve day services will be at 10:00 a.m. with a shorter service. The Christmas Eve service will be at 6:00 p.m. Choir practice has started again and is going well.

Finance: will meet November 6 to begin planning for the next year.

Memorial Committee:

Stewardship: have discussed general stewardship and are working on finalizing ways to communicate information to the congregation. These will be shared at the annual meeting.

Endowment: no meeting

Mutual Ministry: no meeting

Other: Council will continue to encourage volunteers to join council to fill remaining vacancies.

The next meeting will be November 16, 2023, at 5:30 pm. Opening devotions will be led by council members. The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sherri Nissen, Council Secretary

Visitations: 5 visitations.

Meetings:

Worship & Music meeting on 10/5 and 10/22.

Stewardship meeting on 10/4.

Advent Music & Liturgy retreat on 10/11.

Outreach meeting on 10/17.

Council Meeting on 10/19.



Synod and Ecumenical Work:

Met weekly with ELCA conference pastors on Tuesdays over Zoom.

Union County Ministerial Alliance (UCMA) meeting on 10/18.

Christian Education:

Led Adult Sunday School weekly at 9:00am. We are currently studying the Apostles Creed.

Attended Pastoral continuing education conference from 10/12 to 10/14.

Attended weekly Salem choir rehearsals.

Special Services

Led worship in Creston assisted living and nursing homes on 10/6.

Presided over the baptism of Brooklyn Sickels on 10/8.

Presided at Warren Woods' funeral on 10/23.

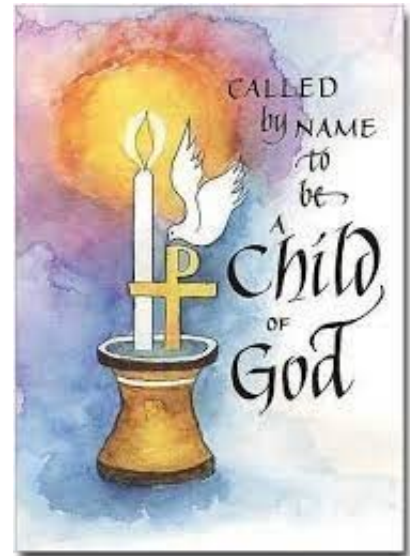


Choir practice will be held on Wednesday's—November 1st, 8th, 15th and the 29th at 5:30 pm.

ALL SINGERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND



Baptism



Congratulations Brooklyn Kate Sickels, We pray that the Holy Spirit Blesses you and fills you with Love, Peace, and Happiness today and for all your days to come.

Parents: Hunter & Tayler Sickels, sponsors; Aunt Bria Wasmund and Uncle Gavin Sickels.

Pictured—Little sister Jordyn Sickels.



New Member Sunday—November 12, 2023

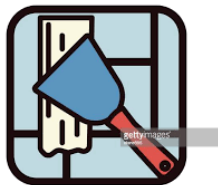
There will be a potluck after church welcoming our new members being installed.

Look for more details in December Newsletter

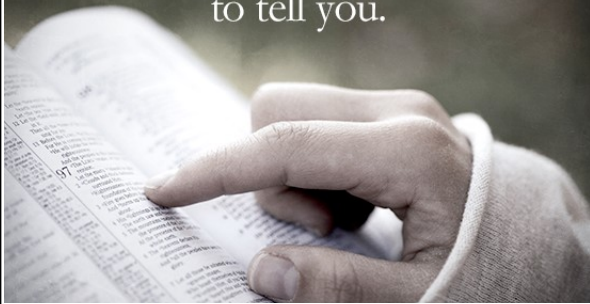


UPDATE FROM PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Work is progressing well on the repair work from the water damage on the ceiling. They have identified another source of water leaking and it is being address as part of the repair work.



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



Jason & Nicky Burg

November 25th



Dorothy McNaught 15th

Jacob Kendrick 16th

Nicky Burg 2nd

Unity Anderson 18th

Kaleb Cook 5th

Brittany Linch 19th

Sarah Lane 6th

Wayne Pantini 19th

Thad Sickels 7th

Elaine Fargo 21st

Donna Scheel 10th

Lanny Herzberg 24th





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.

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

Joseph Lochmoeller & family, Suzanne Lees, Larry & Claudia Peppers, John & Tony McNaught, Larry Kimball, Mike Cary, Dorothy Vanella, Daryl Nissen, Dianne Nielson, Kathy Kendrick, Jerry Nissen, Tim Kinkade, Harriet Kendrick, Gail Peterson, Zach Henry, Don Butler, Arlan Biere, Gregory Boschee, (Gary's twin brother), Jean Paul, Becky Keuter and Joni White.



Miriam Circle



6:30 pm on Thursday, November 2nd @ Salem
Facilitator – Sandy Sickels, Hostess – Claudia Peppers,
Lesson – Linda Huffman, Secretary – Becky Nardy
All women are welcome!

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know “Q” is the only letter that doesn’t appear in any U.S. state name?

Did you know the filling in Kit Kats is made from damaged Kit Kats?

Did you know there are 118 ridges on the side of a dime?

Did you know the official bird of Redondo Beach, California, is the Goodyear Blimp?

Did you know only 18 out of 1 million Lego pieces are defective?

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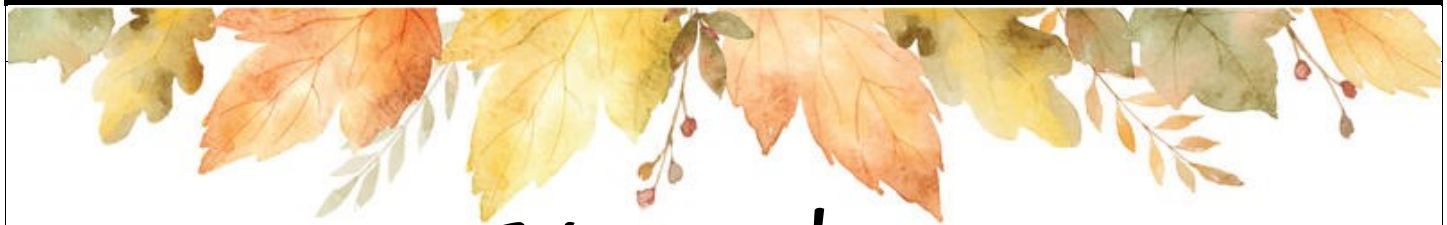
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November

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| Children Sunday school is during 10 am Worship | | 1:30 Quilting | 1 Choir Practice 5:30 pm | 2 Miriam Circle 6:30 pm | 3 Brenda Off | 4 |
| 5 Adult Sunday School 9 am 10am Worship & Communion  ALL SAINTS SUNDAY | 6 Office Closed Finance Meeting | 7 No Quilting City School Election at Salem  | 8 Choir Practice 5:30 pm | 9 | 10 Brenda Off  Veterans Day Observed | 11 |
| 12 Adult Sunday School 9 am 10 am Worship NEW MEMBER SUNDAY Pottluck after church | 13 Office Closed | 14 Quilting 1:30 | 15 Choir Practice 5:30 pm | 16 Council Meeting 5:30 pm | 17 Brenda Off | 18 |
| 19 10am Worship & Communion | 20 Brenda Working | 21 Quilting 1:30 | 22 | 23 | 24  Office Closed | 25 |
| 26 10 am Worship | 27 Office Closed | 28 Quilting 1:30 | 29 Choir Practice 5:30 pm  | 30 Pr. Evan is out of the Office every Tuesday Morning for Text Study with our ELCA conference pastors. | | |

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