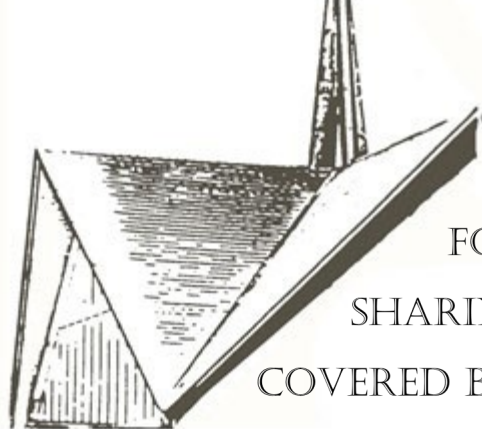


# Salem Lutheran Church



FOLLOWING JESUS,  
SHARING COMPASSION,  
COVERED BY GRACE



*All Are  
Welcome Here!*

Greetings Salem Lutheran Church,

With Pentecost Sunday ending the month of May, we celebrated the gift of the Holy Spirit upon the church and upon the lives of our very own confirmation students. We continue to celebrate the gift of the Spirit upon this very congregation as we seek to ever grow in the Spirit of God. In April, at our annual leadership retreat, we started a conversation about how we are growing in the Spirit this year. For this newsletter, I want to share with you all what we discussed. Below is our summary of the retreat:

1. As a group, we discovered some top church identity markers that we labelled as important for a church and how Salem expresses them.
2. Through several discernment exercises and discussions, we identified a goal for Salem Lutheran Church this year: To be a vision/mission driven congregation. Specifically, we want to further focus on the threefold mission statement that was developed during last year's retreat:

“ Following Jesus, Sharing Compassion, Covered by Grace.”

As the whole church, we want to further live into this statement by incorporated it by further earning how scripture gives us examples, including in our meeting agendas, and engage in regular conversation about our vision and mission. This is where you get to participate! Within any church groups you are a part of (both formal and informal), I invite you to have a conversation about being a vision driven church. Here are some questions to get started:

- ☐ How is your group currently living out the mission: Following Jesus, sharing compassion, covered by grace?
- ☐ In what ways can we be more centered or explicit in the mission of the church?
- ☐ What is a relevant goal for us this year to live into the mission?

My hope is for the whole congregation to know what our vision/mission statement is, to know it by heart, and identify ways we are growing in our vision/mission. So now go! I invited you to open this conversation in your ministry committee, at your coffee-hour table, or your neighbor in the pew. Together, with the power of the Holy Spirit, we can grow into God's calling for us today.

In God's peace,

Pr. Evan McVann



## **Salem Church Council Minutes**

May 12th, 2022

**President:** Tim Kinyon      **Treasurer:** Randy Cook  
**V. President:** Mike Lynch      **Secretary:** Sherri Nissen

Chuck Eilers	Gary Boschee	Jewel Baseley	Chuck Taylor	Phyllis Keuter
Claudia Peppers	Raquel Linch	Sandi Sickles	Deb Pantini	Chuck Taylor

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### CHURCH COUNCIL minutes

May 18, 2023

5:30 Meeting

Devotions by Pastor and Council

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

Approve the agenda: M/S/C by Raquel Linch and Gary Boschee

Approve April council minutes: M/S/C by Claudia Peppers and Raquel Linch as amended with the correction under New Business G – Alan Gate electrical bid of \$1900 is to run the electrical line to the sign/outside lights.

Treasurer's Report by Randy Cook

- a) Contributions are averaging \$11,451 per month
- b) Expenses are averaging \$13,306 per month
- c) Contributions January through April \$45,804
- d) Expenses January through April \$53,544
- e) We are overspending approximately \$2,000 per month
- f) End of April the general fund has \$2,400

We may need to consider cashing out the reserve CDs early to help cover needed expenses in the future.

### Old Business:

- a) Electronic Offering "Tithing through ELCA" cost is \$50 per month -continue further discussion
- b) Christmas Tree Placement: tabled until the July/August meeting.

### New Business:

A. Sleep in Heavenly Peace: Adult Sunday school will be giving a \$20 monthly donation to help support the program. (This is under the Bunk option for the organization) Sandi Sickles will take care of the necessary step to get this started.

B. June Benevolence: M/S/C by Randy Cook and Sandi Sickles to give to Lutheran Disaster Relief for the tornado relief in Oklahoma.

### Committee Reports:

- i. Christian Education: Four youth will be receiving Confirmation on May 28, 2023
- ii. Church Property: Trenching for the electrical sign and yard repair will begin soon. The kitchen outlets have all been tested and are working/labeled. We may need to consider replacing the breaker box. Glazing the upstairs windows will begin in June. The leak in the roof has been repaired. After continued work it was found to have damage around the cross during the demolition that caused the leak. With the recent rains and roofers running water through it has been dry. This was NO cost to the church due to the warranty. The Nissen's, Chuck Taylor, Randy Cook, and Bill Ott completed the Long Table food shelf for the Outreach committee.

iii. Outreach Ministry: a huge thank you to the above property committee members for building the Long Table Food Shelf. This will be in full use starting June 1. If anyone would like to pick a date to assure it is stocked, please let the office or Sherri Nissen know. We will be helping at the Food Pantry May 21, and serving One in Christ meals August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

iv. Worship & Music: will meet June 1.

v. Finance: no meeting

vi. Memorial Committee: no meeting, The amount spent on the food shelf and kitchen utensils totaled \$829.95, which was covered by Linda Hultquist Memorial.

vii. Stewardship: no meeting

viii. Endowment: no meeting

ix. Mutual Ministry: no meeting

x. Other:

The next meeting will be June 15, 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



**Special Thanks** for those that helped with the Long Table Food Shelf. Chuck Taylor, Randy Cook, Bill Ott and Sherry & Jerri Nissen.



**CHURCH GARAGE SALE**

Salem's Annual Sale will be held on Saturday, July 29, from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. Along with merchandise, we will be serving rolls, homemade pies, and sloppy joes. ALL church members are invited to donate Sale Items, Bake Sale items, and volunteer some work time to help out before and on the day of the sale. If you would like to donate your Sale items early, please place them in the basement in the room designated for the Sale (northwest classroom).



Food Pantry helpers on Sunday May 15th. Pictured are Raquel Lynch, Roxi Peterson, Barb Kenyon, Becky Nardy, Gail Peterson. Not pictured—Mike Lynch.



## Pastor Report for May, 2023

**Visitations:** 3 visitations.

**Meetings:**

Outreach meeting on 5/16.

Council Meeting on 5/18.

**Synod/Ecumenical Work:**

Met weekly with ELCA conference pastors on Tuesdays over Zoom. On 5/10 we met in person at Salem. □

Union County Ministerial Alliance meeting on 5/17.

Coordinated with other local churches in participating with Salem's new pantry "The Long Table."

Attended First Call education at the Synod office on 5/25.

**Christian Education:**

Led Adult Sunday School weekly at 9:00am. We finished our Revelation Bible Study. Come and see what we're learning next!

Led the Miriam Circle Bible Study on 5/4.

Conducted Faith interviews of our confirmands on 5/7, 5/14, and 5/21.

**Community Presence**

Premarital counseling on 5/16 and 5/30.

Attended Creston Human Rights Coalition meeting on 5/28.

Met with Crossroads at their monthly shareholder meeting on 5/17.

**Special Services**

Led worship in Creston assisted living and nursing homes on 5/19.

Confirmed our four of our own members on Pentecost Sunday (5/28).



Joseph Lochmoeller & family

Barb Abildtrup

Suzanne Lees

Jami Gurley

Linda Huffman

Larry & Claudia Peppers

John & Tony McNaught

Larry Kimball

Mike Cary

Dorothy Vanella

Tim Kinkade

Harriet Kendrick

Gail Peterson

Zach Henry

Don Butler

Arlan Biere

Gregory Boschee (Gary's twin brother)

Ben Herzberg

Jean Paul

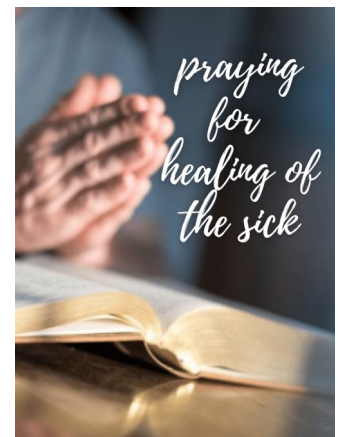
Becky Keuter

Dayle Turk (Brenda's Mom)

*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.*



“  
Celebrate the quiet  
heroes who gave  
their lives for our  
freedom.”





The family of Clifford Olsen wishes to thank all who expressed sympathy after his passing. Your thoughts, prayers, cards and donations to his memorials are very much appreciated. We also thank all for the congratulations on our 70th Anniversary in February.

God's love and blessings to you all.

Lois, Roxanne & Darrell.



Thank you to all of my Salem friends for the cards and well wishes I have received since I had my surgery. I surely appreciate you all.  
Janet Eilers

Quilters will work the month of June and take a summer break for July and August



May your graduation be the beginning of many more wonderful achievements in your life.



*Congratulations*



*Emma Pantini*



**Congratulations** to Reese & Reagan Guiter, Wyatt Hitz and Baret Lane who were Confirmed on Sunday, May 28th.





# LET'S READ THE BIBLE TOGETHER IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

1st	Psalm 119:89-176	10th	Proverbs 22-24	17th	Proverbs 25-26
2nd	Solomon 1-8	11th	1Kings 5-6	18th	Proverbs 27-29
3rd	Proverbs 1-3		2Chronicles 2-3	19th	Ecclesiastes 1-6
4th	Proverbs 4-6	12th	1Kings 7, 2Chronicles 4	20th	Ecclesiastes 7-12
5th	Proverbs 7-9	13th	1Kings 8, 2Chronicles 5	21st	1Kings 10-11
6th	Proverbs 10-12	14th	2Chronicles 6-7		2Chronicles 9
7th	Proverbs 13-15		Psalm 136	22nd	Proverbs 30-31
8th	Proverbs 16-18	15th	Psalm 134 and 146-150	23rd	1Kings 12-14
9th	Proverbs 19-21	16th	1Kings 9, 2Chronicles 8	24th	2Chronicles 10-12
				25th	1Kings 15:1-24
					2Chronicles 13-16
				26th	1Kings 15:25-16:34
					2Chronicles 17
				27th	1Kings 17-19
				28th	1Kings 20-21
				29th	1Kings 22
					2Chronicles 18
				30th	2Chronicles 19-23



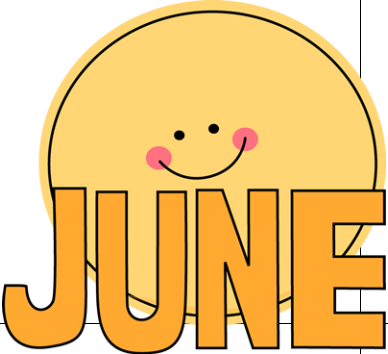


David Buck 2nd  
Carol Ott 7th  
Abigail Peterson 7th  
Daniel Boschee 13th  
Winston Guiter 19th

Dick Engelson 22nd  
Denise Hanson 25th  
Carter Buck 27th  
Sherri Nissen 27th  
Galen Zumbach 29th  
Gary Boschee 30th



Pr. Evan & Amanda McVann 06/19  
Michael & Amanda Buck 06/19  
Chuck & Jan Eilers 06/24  
Chris & Sarah Lane 06/24  
Jewel & Ron Baseley 06/24



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>  <div> <p><b>Pastor Evan is off on Mondays and is out of the Office every Tuesday Morning for Text Study with our ELCA conference pastors.</b></p> </div> </div>						
				1 Miriam Circle	2 Office Closed	3
4 10am Worship & Communion	5 Office Closed	6	7	8 <b>Pastor Evan out of the office until the 14th</b>	9 Office Closed Hall Rented 9th & 10th	10
11 10am Worship Service Pastor Cal Orwel	12 Office Closed	13	14	15 5:30 Council	16 Office Closed	17
18 10am Worship & Communion  	19 Office Closed  	20	21	22	23 Office Closed	24
25 10am Worship	26 Office Closed	27	28	29	30 Office Closed	

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