

Salem Lutheran Church



FOLLOWING JESUS,
SHARING COMPASSION,
COVERED BY GRACE



Greetings Salem Lutheran Church,

As the leaves begin to fall off the trees, we all receive that seasonal reminder that the warm, sunny days are coming to an end. As winter approaches creeps closer, I like to think of this month not as an ending but as a new beginning. We get to experience this on October 8th. Here, during worship, we will have the blessing of witnessing the baptism of the youngest member of Salem Lutheran Church, Brooklyn Sickels. In the water and the Word, we will all witness what God is doing anew in Brooklyn's life, calling her a child of God. We all will be reminded of that same promise and same name God gave each one of us! As a congregation, we will be called upon, promising to help raise this child in faith, hope, and love.

As per every October, the last Sunday of the month we will celebrate the Reformation – the 500 plus year old movement to renew God's Church. But it is a shame and a dishonor to Martin Luther to leave the renewal in the past among his generation! Every generation, in every time, in every place, the Church is called to be always reforming because the Holy Spirit is on the move! Jesus is still walking down the road beckoning us to follow him to newness of life! It is a yearly challenge to interrogate our own faith practices and our own church structures. Ask: Is there anything we do that does not give God the glory? What needs to be reformed or renewed so that God get all the glory? The Spirit might just reveal to you a revelation of Reformation. What do you think? Let's talk about it.

In God's peace,
Pr. Evan McVann

autumn reminds us to see the beauty in change



Salem Lutheran Church

September 22nd, 2022 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.

Devotions by Pastor and Council

Devotions by Tim Kenyon

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 Sandi Sickels and Chris Lane

Approve August council minutes: M/S/C by Gary Boschee and Raquel Linch as amended: Committee Reports under Christian Education should state Fall Sunday School planning is underway with curriculum planning uncertain.

Treasurer's Report by Mike Linch

Year to Date: \$81,000, Expenses \$99,000, Spending - \$12,5000,

Shortfall of \$5,000. One \$5,000 CD was cashed in

Received the housing allowance of \$5,400 (\$600 quarterly) and increase to Pastor's salary of \$10,00 year from endowment. This is now caught up.

Giving is down \$9,000 from a year ago. We will need to use cash reserves to cover expenses in the future. Currently we are meeting expenses.

M/S/C by Raquel Linch and Chris Lane to Approve Treasurers Report.

Pastor's Report included visitations are going well. He is planning the installation of new members. Also see attached report in the newsletter.

Old Business:

Electronic Offering: Venmo will not be an option at this time as it must be linked to a personal cell phone, and this would mean the individual would not be able to use their account. In addition, they could be charged a fee at the end of the year.

M/S/C by Deb Pantini and Gary Boschee for Tithly, electronic giving through Synod, to be offered on a trial basis. This has a 3% fee to use. More information to come. (This is another option for contributions)

Reporting of finances: As stated in the August minutes these will be posted on the East bulletin board in the Narthex and on the South hallway bulletin board.

M/S/C by Sandi Sickels and Sherri Nissen to approve the treasurer's report.

New Business:

M/S/C by Gary Boschee and Sherri Nissen to have September Benevolence directed to Lutheran Disaster.

M/S/C by Mike Linch and Chris Lane to allow Jody Hitz use of Fellowship Hall for 4-H Clover Kids the 1st Monday of the month 4-5:00pm. October through June 2024

M/S/C by Raquel Linch and Jewel Basely to allow signs to be placed on vehicles that extend parking in the church parking lot without permission. (We have had vehicles parked for 2-3 days at a time or longer, not know who they belong to or why they are there)

Committee Reports:

Christian Education: Sunday School has started, we are in need of teachers

Church Property: Work on the sanctuary ceiling (by Simmons) will begin October 9. Al Gates has done a walk through and will work cooperatively on electrical with Simmons.

During the time work is being done services may be outside or in fellowship hall depending on weather. We had a leak around the chimney membrane on the old part of the roof, Hedberg's have been contacted and will be down to look at it.

Outreach Ministry: Prayer nights are going well with 17 signed up for Sept. 27. Salem assisted with Sleep in Heavenly Peace September 22. We assisted at the food pantry Sept. 17, with our next date Nov. 19. The Food shelf received another \$100 from the Juergen's family. This donation is now \$300. This has helped purchase items at the end of the month when we have open dates.

Worship & Music: has been planning services up to the holidays. The 4th Sunday in Advent is on Christmas Eve, so they are looking at possibly a short Sunday morning service in addition to the Christmas Eve service.

Finance: no meeting

Memorial Committee:

Stewardship: have discussed general stewardship and possibly sending letters out. Next meeting is October 4th.

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 October 19, 2023, at 5:30 pm. Opening devotions will be led by Gary Boschee. The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sherri Nissen, Council Secretary



Wednesday, October 25th at 6:30 pm

*“Soup and Prayer for the Day”
Please join us!*

Sign Up Sheet in the Narthex



Visitations: 5 visitations.

Meetings:

Stewardship Committee meeting on 9/6.
Worship & Music meeting on 9/7, 9/20, and 9/28.
Outreach meeting on 9/19.
Council Meeting on 9/21.



Synod and Ecumenical Work:

Met weekly with ELCA conference pastors on Tuesdays over Zoom.
Union County Ministerial Alliance (UCMA) meeting on 9/20.
Help rebuild UCMA's Highway 34's "Creston Area Churches" sign on 9/23 and 9/30.

Christian Education:

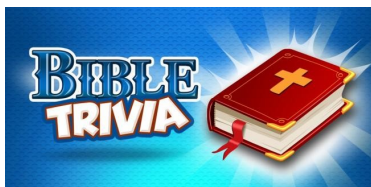
Led Adult Sunday School weekly at 9:00am. We are currently studying the Apostles Creed.
Attended and help lead the Prayer & Taco night at Salem on 9/27.
Preparation for Baptism meeting on 9/27.

Community Presence

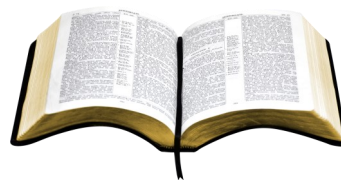
Attended Union County Food Coalition meeting on 9/7.
Met with Alena Phillips concerning the Mosaic home providers on 9/7.
Tabled at the SWCC Community Day for Salem outreach on 9/13.

Special Services

Attended Ben Herzberg's funeral on 9/5.



1. What is the last word in the bible?
2. What is the first book in the bible?
3. How many books are in the New Testament?
4. How many books are there in the bible?
5. What is the longest book in the bible?
6. What is the shortest book in the Bible?
7. Which Gospel is written by a doctor?
8. What does "Genesis" mean?
9. Who is the first woman mentioned in the bible?
10. How many books did Paul write in the bible?



1.) Amen 2.) Genesis 3.) 27 4.) 66 5.) Psalms 6.) 3rd John 7.) Book of Luke 8.) Origin 9.) Eve 10.) 13



Food Pantry helpers on Sunday
September 17th:

Joyce Anderson, Jewel Beasley, Sherri Nissen, Raquel Linch, Mike Linch and Pastor Evan.



Miriam Circle



6:30 pm on Thursday

Oct. 5th @ Salem

Facilitator - Joyce Anderson

Hostess - Joan Staples

Lesson - Becky Nardy

Secretary - Sandy Sickles

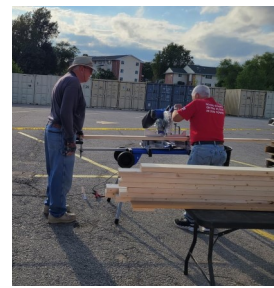
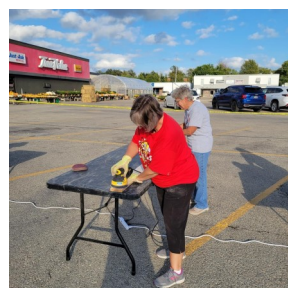
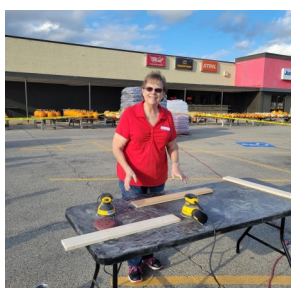
All women are welcome!



**THANK YOU
VOLUNTEERS!**

We had a great build this weekend.
20 beds - gets 20 more kids off the floor!
NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!

Pictured at Volunteer's at Sleep in Heavenly Peace Workshop:
Dennis & Becky Nardy, Charlie & Bonnie Westman, Matt Nardy, Sherri Nissen and Pastor Evan.

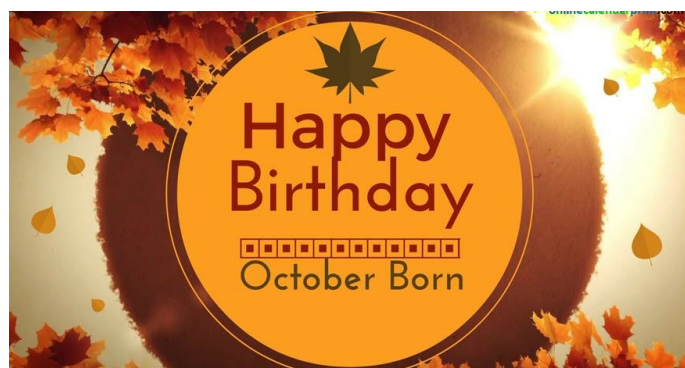


October Chronological Bible Readings

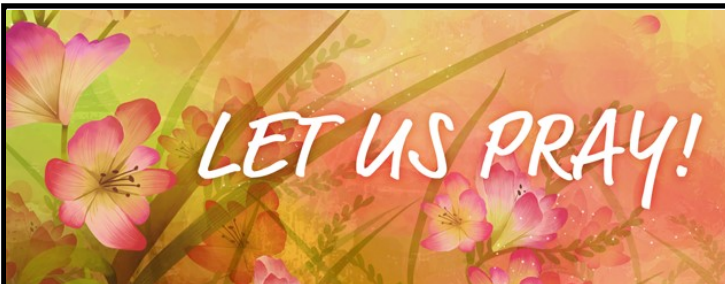
1st	Luke 1; John 1:1-14
2nd	Matthew 1; Luke 2:1-38
3rd	Matthew 2; Luke 2:39-52
4th	Matthew 3; Mark 1; Luke 3
5th	Matthew 4; Luke 4-5; John 1:15-51
6th	John 2-4
7th	Mark 2
8th	John 5
9th	Matthew 12:1-21; Mark 3; Luke 6
10th	Matthew 5-7
11th	Matthew 8:1-13; Luke 7
12th	Matthew 11
13th	Matthew 12:22-50
14th	Matthew 12; Luke 8
15th	Matthew 8:14-34; Mark 4-5
16th	Matthew 9-10
17th	Matthew 14; Mark 6; Luke 9:1-17
18th	John 6
19th	Matthew 15; Mark 7
20th	Matthew 16; Mark 8; Luke 9:18-27
21st	Matthew 17; Mark 9; Luke 9:28-62
22nd	Matthew 18
23rd	John 7-8
24th	John 9:1-10:21
25th	Luke 10-11; John 10:22-42
26th	Luke 12-13
27th	Luke 14-15
28th	Luke 16-17:10
29th	John 11
30th	Luke 17:11-18:14
31st	Matthew 19; Mark 10



Mark & Brenda Sedlmayr 10/13
 Russ & Judith Wachter 10/16
 Dave & Barb Abildtrup 10/23



Arlan Biere	10/03
Becky Nardy	10/07
Amanda Nissen	10/10
Daeton Abildtrup	10/14
Kathy Kendrick	10/14
Larry Peppers	10/18
Mike Linch	10/20
Eric Neeley	10/25
Darrel Wilson	10/25
Isaac Sedlmayr	10/28
Joshua Peppers	10/28
Christopher Cass	10/30



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, Jami Gurley, 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 and Becky Keuter

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

Women of the **EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

Salem women will meet after church on Sunday, October 15th to discuss the disbursements of funds from the proceeds of the July 9th Rummage, Luncheon and Bake Sale.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Wednesday, October 11, 2023—5:30 PM

ALL SINGERS WELCOME TO ATTEND



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
1 9am Adult SS 10am Worship & Communion	2 <i>Office Closed</i>	3 1:30 Quilting	4	5 Miriam Circle @ Salem 6:30	6 Brenda Off	7
8 9am Adult SS 10am Worship Brooklyn Sickels Baptism	9 <i>Office Closed</i> Columbus Day	10 1:30 Quilting	11 CHOIR PRACTICE 5:30 pm	12 Pastor Evan out of office attending a First Call Continuing Pastoral Education Conference through the Synod Oct. 12-15, 2023	13 Brenda Off	14
15 9am Adult SS 10am Worship & Communion	16 <i>Office Closed</i>	17 1:30 Quilting	18	19 Council Meeting @ 5:30	20 Brenda Off	21
22 9am Adult SS 10am Worship	23 <i>Office Closed</i>	24 1:30 Quilting	25 	26	27 Brenda Off	28
29 9am Adult SS 10am Worship  REFORMATION Sunday	30 <i>Office Closed</i>	31 1:30 Quilting	<p>Pastor Evan is out of the office every Tuesday Morning for Text Study with our ELCA conference pastors.</p>			
<div>Salem's Halloween Fun Night 4:00 to 6 pm</div>						

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