

**Our Mission  
Is  
Making  
Jesus  
Known!**



**Marks of  
Discipleship**

**I will strive  
to...**

**Read  
scripture  
daily**

**Pray daily**

**Worship  
weekly**

**Serve in  
ministry at  
Salem**

**Serve in  
outreach  
beyond  
Salem**

**Tithe (10%)  
of my  
financial  
resources**

**Lead others  
To Jesus**



**Rocky Railway Community VBS**  
**August 16-19, 6:00pm-8:00 pm**  
**Hosted at St. Peter's Church**  
**930 31st Ave N, St. Cloud**

At Rocky Railway, kids discover through life's ups and downs that Jesus' power pulls us through. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, take part in one-of-a-kind Bible Adventures, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they will take home to play with.

Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each

day concludes with the Rock Wrap-Up that gets everyone involved in living what they have learned.

Sponsoring churches are Atonement Lutheran, Salem Lutheran, City of Grace, Together As One Catholic Community. Joining with other congregations will give our children and families the opportunity to learn and grow their faith with other children in our community. We are excited to see the results from this new opportunity!

Rocky Railway is for kids from age 3 (by Sept 1, 2020) to grade 6. Adults and youth grade 7 and above are invited to join the Railway Team as group aides and guides, station leaders, group leaders and more!

Find registration forms online at [www.salemstcloud.org](http://www.salemstcloud.org) or at the church. For more information or to help, call/text Juliet Brambrink at 320-726-7252 or sign up online.

*Congratulations*

Southwestern MN Synod  
Bishop-Elect  
**Rev. Dee H. Pederson**

God of Peace will be with you  
2021 SOUTHWESTERN MINNESOTA SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Congratulations, church!

The SWMN Synod has elected a new Bishop, Pastor Dee Pederson.

## **A Word from the Pastor: Peace! Be Still!**

In Mark's gospel we hear the story of Jesus being asleep in the stern of the boat as a storm came up. His disciples were with him but were concerned enough to wake him, "*Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?*" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "*Peace! Be still!*" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "*Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?*" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "*Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?*" (Mark 4)

To say active words, like "Peace" or "Be Quiet" or "That's enough" to a situation or our children is an interesting experience. When we are addressed with the active tense of a word we are put on the spot. How will we react? Who is speaking to us? What authority does this person have to speak in this way?

Friends, Jesus has a lot of authority. He does not use it flippantly though...he uses it to bless, to cherish, to encourage, to love, to challenge, to heal, to rebuke. Here if you were to ask me, it seems even the word "Peace" is sent in front of chaos. It is a rebuke to chaos. "*Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.*"

While on vacation, Shari and I with her family went to church on Sunday. Before the Pastor's sermon he said these words, "Peace. Be Still. I am the Lord your God." He then repeated those words in different ways.

His inflection slowly worked with the phrase until at last he said one word, "peace." The congregation then meditated with the Pastor before the sermon. There was calmness there. It was quite peaceful for me even though we were in a new setting. His sermon raced off into different directions but the starting point with "peace" and "calmness" I will remember.

This pandemic has put quite a bit of chaos into our midst. It has pushed our buttons as a community and made us worry about many things.

Here is what I know though – the church has not been abandoned in the chaos. It is Jesus' promise to us that "I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28). If we believe and trust these words, then perhaps it is time we engage our faith life actively.

I invite you to say these words out loud with me: "Peace! Be Still!" Say it more than once and say it realizing our Lord is the one who rebukes the chaos. "Peace! Be Still!" The last time you say it, end with just the word, "Peace!" See if you do not calm down and hear Jesus other words to his disciples, "Why are you afraid?"

Peace be with you,

Pastor Tim (3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Pentecost)

**Dear Salem,**

The Adult Forum is a valuable time at Salem. Such a rich history! Especially in the past few years, this time has addressed very important issues in the congregation and community, such as when the Mayor came to speak about the plans for the Eastside of St. Cloud. Adult Forum time is an hour where we take in an ***Educational topic from the world that invites us to think, to grow in our humanity and love of God and neighbor. We will design this time in order to open the door to faithful conversations with each other.***

As we are putting together the schedule for this coming year, you are welcome to send us your suggestions for consideration. We will further be looking for people who would like to host Adult Forums in a rotation (aprox. once per month). This is a role of hospitality to our guest speakers and set up as needed.

Our Adult Forum is just one opportunity to engage our discipleship. As we constantly learn to follow Jesus, we are invited to engage the Art Exhibit currently on display, and to invite your friends and neighbors to sign up for a time to view it as well. The Gathering Area and Fellowship hall are a beautiful space to engage the art and stories. We hope to have many more exhibits! This exhibit is called #WhatIFoughtFor and is pairs of portraits of a Veteran and a Refugee, and the stories of how their lives are intertwined. Enjoy the exhibit, and please join us for June 27th 9:30am Adult Forum with guest Kevin Brown, a veteran of the Iraq war who will tell us his own story encountering people who became refugees.

Another opportunity to engage discipleship will be in the Cross-Generational events that will occur between services on a monthly basis, starting in the fall, in the slot of Adult Forum. We will experience being together as adults with our youngest disciples and passing on our stories of faith to them. This generational mix is what shapes our congregation uniquely and beautifully. Please plan to come with an open heart to the ways that children can strengthen our faith and be willing to share your own.

Thirdly, as you know, we are currently seeking a [Children, Youth & Family Ministry Coordinator](#). We are in need of this staff member to support our current and future ministries to children, youth and families. I was called to help guide and shape Cross-Generational Ministries for all ages as well as to connect us more deeply with the surrounding neighborhoods and networks in addition to all usual pastoral duties of Word and Sacrament. I am thrilled that the council understands and supports the desires of all the families and individuals of our congregation who deeply care about ministering to and with our young people and their parents. Your teamwork is needed. You do not need to serve on a committee, you do not need to make a donation! Our children, youth and parents, only need your presence in the cross-generational events and your open heart to see the ways God is working between you and them, whomever you are! God shows up, nurturing faith through us!

Finally, late summer and early fall will bring Cottage Meetings organized by the Transition Team. This will be an opportunity for two things: 1) Face to Face time with Pastor Kirsten (it is hard to get to know each other in a pandemic!) and 2) Opportunity to share your thoughts on God's call on Salem now and in the future. I am really looking forward to the chance to meet and spend more time together!

God Bless our ministries, Salem! Pastor Kirsten Nelson Roenfeldt

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## Salem Council Update

Greetings to all.

I want to take the time to thank the members of our Council. We have a Council which I think represents our congregation very well. All are delightful caring people who care a great deal for Salem members. There are members from the 8:30am service, 10:30am service, Children's Ministry, Youth leaders, and adults of various ages. This past year this group has had to make some difficult decisions regarding whether the church should be open or closed during the pandemic, how to keep people safest in the building and recently whether to continue to wear masks or not as the CDC and State was making some changes to recommendations and policy.

I want you to know that discussions were and continue to be thorough with varying opinions and ideas. Always the end result being that we want to assure all people were safe and that we were encouraging a love for our neighbors.

Each month we are reviewing our Safety Plans and watching the trends of COVID. It is great that we are seeing great improvement in the decrease in COVID cases and deaths. It is great that our community is opening more and we too are making changes here at Salem.

With recent staff changes we look at how to best meet what members would like to see happen. Your thoughts and ideas are important to us. With changes come a lot of questions. It is important that you are heard. One of the areas the Council is working on is Vision and Mission. Maybe people want it just as it has been or maybe some want change. We want to know what your thoughts, ideas, concerns are and things you like about Salem. Please continue to talk with Council members about your hopes for Salem.

We will be scheduling a Semi-Annual meeting and we would love to get questions ahead of time to address at that time. We will let you know more specifics on this soon.

The Transition Committee is also working on "Cottage Meetings" which will offer times to share in social time, devotion, getting to know Pastor Kirsten and getting to hear from guests in groups of 10-15 people at some of our homes. More will be coming on this soon as well.

I hope that many of you will participate in opportunities to share your hopes for Salem in one or more of options described.

One of my favorite Bible Verses/Hymns states this:

*We are called to act with Justice, we are called to Love Tenderly, We are called to Serve One Another, to Walk Humbly with God. Micah 6:8*

Thanks again to the Council Members for doing just that!

Kathy St. Martin  
Salem Council President

[kmstmart@charter.net](mailto:kmstmart@charter.net)

## Farewell and Godspeed Jodi and Eddy

### Thank you

I wish to thank everyone for their cards, gifts and friendly appreciation for my years at Salem. The recognition I received at the Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> worship services was very heart warming. I want to thank everyone at Salem that supported me through the years.

-- Eddy Setterholm,  
Salem Custodian for 56 years



### Dear Salem Family,

I wanted to reach out one last time to thank you for the privilege of being your Children's Ministry Coordinator. Celebrating with so many of you on May 23rd was such a joy.



I need to thank Emily Fischer, the Stoeckels, Juliet Brambrink, Pastor Kirsten, Pastor Tim (and I am sure more people I am forgetting) for making me feel so especially loved that day. When I say that being the Children's Ministry Coordinator was a privilege, I truly mean that from the bottom of my heart. As much as it was my job to share and pour God's love into Salem's Kids, they did that for me tenfold every single week. This last year has been filled with change and stress and struggle, but every single week that I was able to meet with my Salem's Kids, I was filled with joy.

Not only did I have the honor of working for Salem, I was able to watch my amazing bonus daughter Drew grow in her faith at Salem. Wednesday nights

were so special to us as I would prepare for Sunday School and she would enjoy youth group activities and we would eat dinner together. It is one of the many things I missed this year. I am forever grateful for the love and support she received from so many of you.



God is doing amazing things at Salem, my heart is full knowing that the next chapter is being written and it is going to be a great story for the children, youth and families. Thank you for trusting me with the faith journey of Salem's Kids all these years. Thank you for your friendship, your prayers and your generous kindness.

Love and God's Blessings,  
Jodi Johnson, Children's Ministry Coordinator



**From Tom Speckhard  
Director of Music and Worship**

I have resigned from my position from Salem. I leave treasuring the time I have spent with the wonderful staff and congregation of Salem. I have been blessed to experience the spirit of Salem and have certainly felt God's love through this congregation. You truly have been God's hands and feet for me personally. It has been an honor for me to work with the musicians here, professional and volunteer alike. I hold dear all the many wonderful moments of musical prayer we have created together. My time here has been such a blessing and I will miss you all very much. I am truly grateful for the opportunities you have given me and am very excited to see what God has in store for Salem.

**Did you know?**

Catholic Charities offers a **Senior Dining frozen meals** option through the Whitney Senior Center. Participants must be 60 or older and complete a registration form at time of first pick. Meal pick up is Mon - Wed, 11:00-12:30 at the East entrance of Whitney on Northway Drive.

Dial-a-Ride Metro Bus is **currently offering free rides** to those who qualify and who are unable to ride the fixed bus routes. Call 320-251-1499 to inquire or to apply.

**2021 Sunday Sponsorship sign-up sheets for radio, bulletins, communion elements, altar flowers in remembrance or honor of loved ones are on the bulletin board by the church office.**

Costs are: 8:30am radio broadcast (WMIN 1010am or 106.5FM) \$45 partial sponsorship or \$90 for total sponsorship; bulletins or communion elements-\$15 each; altar flowers – \$30.

**Needed donations: Homeless Helping Homeless (HHH) A local community Salem Ministry who has the following needs at the Lincoln Shelter:**

Bath towels& washcloths (gently used); Men's socks (gently used or new); Men's underwear (boxer style L, XL); Paper towels; Coffee; Juice; Bottled water; FUNDING to pay the rent! Please bring donations to Salem.

Learn more and join us at Lake George every Saturday 2:00-3:00pm for Salem's gift of a sandwich and support to those who God calls on us to serve. May God Bless you. Thank you. Salem's Outreach Ministry: Susie Seldeen; Wendy Shaler; Janet Tilstra

**Sunday Worship Services**

The Sunday 8:30am and 10:30am services are in person. They are also livestreamed. Please note there is a lag in start time on the live stream service when you view it. Connect through Salem's website [www.salemstcloud.org](http://www.salemstcloud.org), Salem's Facebook page, on our YouTube page. You can also listen to the 8:30 worship on the radio at 1010AM or 101.1FM and also through their website Uptown1010.com

**Worship volunteers needed:** Want to read the scriptures for the community? Can you run a powerpoint from the projection room? How about take names and welcome folks at the door? Set up communion? In-person worship requires in-person volunteers. Please contact Viv in the office if you can help! [viv@salemstcloud.org](mailto:viv@salemstcloud.org)

**Usher-Greeters are needed for both 8:30am and 10:30am Sunday services** to be a friendly welcoming presence; record attendees; seat people safely. Contact Deb if you can serve Salem in this way [deb@salemstcloud.org](mailto:deb@salemstcloud.org).

**Bible Study - the weekly in person Bible Study meets Wednesdays, 12 noon, in the Great Hall.** It will focus on the upcoming texts for Sunday. Please remember your masks and distancing.

**Congratulations to the 2021 Ruth A. Betts Scholarship recipients – Drew Burling, Ameena Eyo, Taylor Gessner, Braedyn Leeb, Ethan Logeman, Gavin Martin and Sophie Speckhard – and to the 2021 Ramona L. Mohs Health Careers Scholarship recipient – Ameena Eyo.**

The Ruth A. Betts Scholarship Program was established in memory of Ruth A. Betts, a longtime member of Salem and professional teacher and educator, from the money she gave to the Salem Foundation.

Since 1986 the Salem Foundations has awarded this scholarship to outstanding high school seniors who have been active in the life of Salem.

The Ramona L. Mohs Health Careers Scholarship was established by long time member Ramona Mohs whose nursing career spanned over fifty years.

The scholarship is given annually by the Salem Foundation to a person with a professed interest and intention of pursuing or continuing a professional career in the broad field of health care.



L to R: Sophie Speckhard, Ethan Logeman, Gavin Martin, Drew Burling, Taylor Gessner, Braedyn Leeb



Ameena Eyo and Bruce Mohs (Ramona Mohs' Son)

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### **Assemble and Tie LWR Quilts**

The plan is to gather to tie quilts starting sometime in September. We will meet weekly as needed to complete the project. I encourage you to sew tops (60" x 80"). We have a good start, but more are needed to reach 200.

For anyone who shops at thrift stores and yard sales, please be on the lookout for flat sheets which are used for quilt backs (colored twin is the size we need, but any size can be used). They should be in good condition, free of soil or tears, etc. You may bring to church, noting they are for quilts. The quilts will then be displayed in November, near Thanksgiving. -- Joan West

**Ice Cream - All are invited, including the Eastside neighborhood, to an Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, August 24, beginning at 6:30pm.** Desserts will also be available. This outdoor event on Salem's green space will be hosted by ABA55.

### **Trunk Sale in Salem's Parking Lot**

In the interest of caring for Salem's members, the Stewardship Committee is hosting a Trunk Sale on Thursday, September 2, in the Salem parking lot. Useable items that are no longer needed can be offered for sale from the trunk of your car or a nearby table. Reservations should be made by Thursday, August 26, by calling the church office. Each entry will be assigned two parking spaces at no cost. A suggested donation of 10% of sales may be given to Salem's general fund.

## **Children's and Family Ministry**

Starting in September, kids, youth, parents and other adults are all invited to be part of the expanded Children's and Family Ministry.

The highlight will be a Sunday morning program with activities (music, crafts, storytelling, etc.) designed to help kids grow in their faith.

Once a month, everyone--kids, parents, youth, adults--will be invited to a cross-generational program designed to help all generations integrate, get to know each other and form each other's faith.

We look forward to involving the congregation as leaders, helpers, learners and influences on our kids as we strengthen our community and build relationships in Christ.

You can help by:

\* Surveys are available near the church entrance. Please take a moment to share your thoughts and ideas on the future of children and family ministry. If you do not have a chance to complete a survey in person, contact [julietbrambrink@gmail.com](mailto:julietbrambrink@gmail.com) to share your thoughts and feedback.

\* Next fall, please join our children and families on a weekly, monthly or occasional basis. This is a great opportunity for parents, youth, or single, retired or working adults who want to be part of our children's faith lives.

\* VBS is in need of volunteers--station leaders, group leaders and more! If you are able to help, contact Juliet or sign up online.

Luther Crest will lead worship again on August 1 and hold games between services. Join us for a faith-filled and fun-filled day.

--Juliet Brambrink

## **Congratulations to all our seniors this year!**

We are so proud of you all and your accomplishments and are excited to see what God has in store for you as you share His light and love with your new communities.

We have a few events planned throughout the summer including, but not limited to, hiking, kayaking, Luther Crest Bible Camp, and Leadership Quest. Other events may be added and we will keep you updated via text messages, emails and/or social media.

We also wanted to give our sincere thanks to Lori Carr, Jeremy Lehto, and Jackie Johnson along with Gage Zastrow and Anna Lehto for their leadership, guidance and love over the years! Although they will not be continuing on with weekly youth leadership activities, they may join us for some future activities/talks/special events. Our lives have been richly blessed by their time and dedication and wisdom.

Additionally, we would like to welcome Phil and Megan Rogholt to our volunteer Youth Leadership Team! We are excited to have them join us and look forward to their sharing of their many gifts and talents with Salem Youth!

We are also looking to hire a Children, Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator. We are praying for discernment and guidance for the team interviewing and hiring for this position.

We are asking for prayer for discernment and guidance as we plan for our upcoming school year.

We are thankful for the love and support we have received from the Salem congregation over the last year especially.

Beautiful blessings, Becky Williams  
Youth Ministry Team



## Lutheran World Relief School Kits 2021

Ahoy, everyone! LWR School Kits will once again be assembled as a Salem project. We have had this tradition now for many years. I think the first year we completed 36. The last several years we have made over 600! Thanks to all of you who have sewn bags, donated supplies and filled the backpacks that travel around the world.

Since the LWR Quilt project will be going on during the fall, sewing of the backpacks might be done now in the summer as you are able. The pattern is available at Salem or can be found at: <https://lwr.org/downloads/school-kit-drawstring-bag-pattern>. Likely we will finish the School Kit project earlier than normal to make time and space for quilting.

School supplies will be going on sale soon at different stores. Please watch ads and pick up the items that you wish to donate. Every piece counts. We are grateful for it all. Monetary donations are always welcome and should be specifically marked “for LWR School Kits.”

### These are the needed items:

- Rulers
- 2-1/4” erasers
- Unsharpened pencils (5/kit)
- Black or blue ballpoint pens (5/kit)
- 70-page notebooks (4/kit)
- Pencil sharpeners
- Children’s blunt scissors
- 24-pack crayons
- Backpacks (The pattern is provided on the LWR website and is also available at Salem, or backpacks can be purchased from the recommended sources on the LWR website.)

### Weekly Emails

Salem will be sending a weekly email to members with a link for the announcements and happenings. If you do not receive it, we need your email address updated! Contact Viv in the office with updates: [viv@salemstcloud.org](mailto:viv@salemstcloud.org).

## New for You at Our Salem Library

### Children’s Book:

Where Would My Giggle Go? by Max Lucado. Do your children sometimes feel out of sorts? Lucado’s colorfully illustrated story about a sad little boy will help them know that getting over the grumpies is just a giggle away. We have several books in our library by Lucado – for both children and adults. He is a “New York Times” bestselling inspirational author. His website is [MaxLucado.com](http://MaxLucado.com).

### Adult Books:

Blackberry Beach #7 Hope Harbor Series by Irene Hannon. Our library has the first six books in this series. This is #7 of this series. Many at Salem have enjoyed other books by Hannon. Katherine “Kat” Parker is on the cusp of having everything she ever wanted – fame, money, and acclaim. So why isn’t she happy? In search of answers, she comes incognito to Hope Harbor on the Oregon coast for some R & R. Maybe in her secluded rental house overlooking the Pacific she will find the answers to her search.

Fiction series written by Salem member Andrew Zellgert. This three-volume series is titled the Trilogy of Trilogies. Titles of each volume are: 1) Faihworker; 2) Nerdia; 3) Reversion. These books are now found right behind our library desk and are ready to be checked out!

### Salem’s Tuesday Noon Book Club

Keep your 2020-2021 Salem Bookmarks. Since many of us read few of the books listed, we will review and discuss the listed books in 2021-2022, beginning with Hidden Figures in September. The book club meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 12 noon to 1:00pm in Salem’s Conference Room and provides readers an hour- long opportunity to discuss books, mostly fiction, with other readers.

Upcoming books: September - Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly; October – A Fatal Grace by Louise Penny; November - Virgil Wander by Leif Enger; December - The Minor Adjustment Beauty Salon by Alexander McCall Smith.

# WORLD REFUGEE DAY 2021

SAINT CLOUD - MN



#WhatIFoughtFor

Veteran | Refugee

Most Americans have never met a refugee, much less had a personal connection with one. However, many veterans' lives are intertwined with those of refugees in profound and deeply personal ways. #WhatIFoughtFor documents the profound connections of veterans and refugees.

## Art Exhibit

View the exhibit live, at Salem Lutheran Church between June 7th - 28th. Available Monday-Friday 8am-4pm & Sundays 8am-12:30pm.

<https://www.salemstcloud.org/connect/whatifoughtfor-registration>

Follow  
**@LSSMNRRefugees**  
June 14th-27th  
for daily actions  
you can take  
to support  
refugees

## Forum/Q&A

featuring Kevin Brown, a local Army & Army Reserves veteran with his own personal connection to the lives of refugees.

**Sunday, June 27, 2021**

Adult Forum is at 9:30, with optional worship at 8:30am (Traditional) or 10:30am (Praise).

#WRDTakeAction



## Growing Young Book Study

Join in one or all of our discussions on the book *Growing Young*:  
Sundays 9:30am or  
Wednesdays 8:00am.

The book is available in the church office.

Come grow and share your thoughts on who Salem is called to be in the future.

Please contact the office for the Zoom link and Wednesday details.

Schedule found here:  
<https://www.salemstcloud.org/connect/adult-education>. \*systemic study.

