

# SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our mission is to reach out to others, proclaim God's word, share our faith and celebrate His love.

## AUGUST 2019

*"20 And those twelve stones, which they took out of the Jordan, Joshua set up at Gilgal. 21 And he said to the people of Israel, 'When your children ask their fathers in times to come, 'What do these stones mean?' 22 then you shall let your children know, 'Israel passed over this Jordan on dry ground.' 23 For the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan for you until you passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up for us until we passed over, 24 so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the LORD is mighty, that you may fear the LORD your God forever." ~ Joshua 4: 20 – 24*

As I reflect on the journey of these past 12 days, I have decided without hesitation that you will hear these stories for months to come. I will not even attempt to summarize them in less because they should be remembered, and the stories deserve telling. So for today, I will reflect on some of the new insights I gained from wandering in this very complex land.

There is a Biblical command which is honored throughout Israel to remember and tell the stories. The people of Israel, regardless of tradition or faith background, have great respect for the history of the land and preserving the stories that have been passed down from generation to generation there. Muslims, Jews, and Christians all have historical ties to Abraham and his journey through this land. They all want those stories and their places protected. Their respect for one another concerning this history was unexpected and impressive.

The amount of "clutter" surrounding some of the holy sites was distracting to me at first. I found it challenging to find the sacred space amidst all the human trappings that had been placed upon it. I also found it highly improbable that the angels appeared to the shepherds in the same field where Ruth and Naomi met Boaz.

Then I remembered the verses from Joshua where we are commanded to remember...

Whether or not these places are historically the exact places where some of these events occurred, they are the places where people have gathered to retell the story, to remember, and to pass down these stories for generation after generation. These are the places of oral tradition. These are the places where thousands of people from all different parts of the world have come with their own ways of worshipping, their own traditions, and their personal stories, to show love for God in their own ways. These are their places to remember.

Once I could embrace that collective act of worship and memory, I was less distracted by the places that seemed overrun by icons and symbols. I was drawn to watch people, to see how others revered these spaces, how others honored God, and to respect their forms of worship.

Even so, the most precious moments of this journey came for me when all the clutter was pulled away, when the excavation took us down to the first century stones, and we were allowed to walk on the cobblestone streets that Jesus walked. During those hot, dusty, dirty moments in the Israeli sun, God felt more near to me than in the highly decorated churches built on top of other churches filled with icons and incense. Many more stories will come, about the sites and especially about the people, in the months to come.

To God be the Glory,

*Rev. Shari Schwedhelm*

Rev. Shari Schwedhelm



*Preaching and  
Presiding in  
August  
Pastor Shari  
Schwedhelm  
August 4th  
Mr. Matt  
Schur*

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BENEVOLENT GOD,  
YOU ARE THE  
SOURCE, THE GUIDE,  
AND THE GOAL OF  
OUR LIVES. TEACH  
US TO LOVE WHAT IS  
WORTH LOVING, TO  
REJECT WHAT IS  
OFFENSIVE TO YOU,  
AND TO TREASURE  
WHAT IS PRECIOUS  
IN YOUR SIGHT,  
THROUGH JESUS  
CHRIST, OUR  
SAVIOR AND LORD.  
AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AUGUST 4, 2019

## SALEM LITTLE SAINTS

The end of summer is here and we are all getting ready for the new school year. To end our summer with some fun, the Dragonflies, Bears, and Sharks will be going on a field trip to the zoo! The younger groups will be going on two different days and visiting the Lincoln Children's Zoo. All the school agers will be going to the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha.

Smile big! Our annual picture day will be Friday, August 9th in room 206. Every child will be getting their picture taken whether you would like to purchase pictures or not. We enjoy getting a composite of the whole center to hang by the check-in area.

The first day of school will be Tuesday, August 13th for Fremont Public Schools. There will be a noon dismissal and the school will be serving lunch. We have quite a few kids that will be starting kindergarten this year and we are so excited for them!

We have openings!! Our next infant opening is November 29th but have an immediate rare opening in the 1 year old room. There is also an opening in the 3 year old room. The center is currently fully staffed and we have had an old face return as the closer. Please welcome back Miss Stormy, we are all very happy to have her back! Miss Rachael has moved from closer to the Younger Penguin Room teacher as well.

### Important Dates to Remember:

August 9- Picture Day  
August 13- First day of school, noon dismissal  
September 2- CLOSED for Labor Day  
September 6- Picture Retake Day  
October 31- Halloween Parties

Miss Lily

Lily Bowman  
Director of Salem Little Saints Childcare



Tuesday, August 13, 2019  
Fremont Public Schools



## Backpacks



ALMIGHTY GOD,  
YOU SENT YOUR  
HOLY SPIRIT TO BE  
THE LIFE AND LIGHT  
OF YOUR CHURCH.  
OPEN OUR HEARTS  
TO THE RICHES OF  
YOUR GRACE, THAT  
WE MAY BE READY  
TO RECEIVE YOU  
WHEREVER YOU  
APPEAR, THROUGH  
JESUS CHRIST, OUR  
SAVIOR AND LORD.  
**AMEN.**

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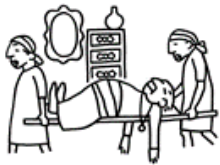
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PRAYER OF THE DAY  
AUGUST 11, 2019



**BAPTISMAL  
ANNIVERSARIES**

O GOD, JUDGE  
ETERNAL, YOU LOVE  
JUSTICE AND HATE  
OPPRESSION, AND  
YOU CALL US TO  
SHARE YOUR ZEAL  
FOR TRUTH. GIVE US  
COURAGE TO TAKE  
OUR STAND WITH  
ALL VICTIMS OF  
BLOODSHED AND  
GREED, AND,  
FOLLOWING YOUR  
SERVANTS AND  
PROPHETS, TO  
LOOK TO THE  
PIONEER AND  
PERFECTER OF OUR  
FAITH, YOUR SON,  
JESUS CHRIST, OUR  
SAVIOR AND LORD.  
**AMEN.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY  
AUGUST 18, 2019

**AUGUST 1**

LINDSEY SPAHR  
DIANE MILLER  
MCKENZIE PHELPS  
SHIRLEY SEVERA

**AUGUST 2**

VIRGENE MULLER  
ANGIE KITZELMAN

**AUGUST 8**

STEVEN JOHANNESSEN  
KLOEY DAU

**AUGUST 9**

JAIME DEPUE

**AUGUST 10**

TROY BERRY  
ALAYNA DEPUE  
EMILY DEPUE

**AUGUST 13**

JOSEPH PALMER

**AUGUST 16**

VICTORIA GAUGHEN  
JODI TANK

**AUGUST 18**

SHELBY NORENBURG

**AUGUST 19**

TAMMY FLITTIE  
DON GODFREY  
MELISSA GODFREY  
KOREY LELAND  
CHRIS MENN

**AUGUST 20**

TYLER REESE

**AUGUST 21**

DAESHA MANZEL

**AUGUST 22**

BAILEY CLAPPER

**AUGUST 24**

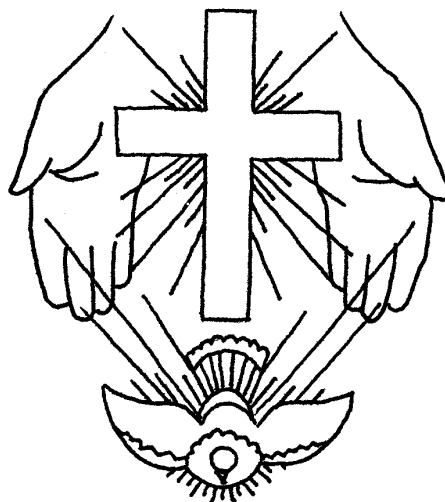
DIESEL MENN

**AUGUST 28**

DONNA HECKMANN  
SHIRLEY BENGSTON

**AUGUST 31**

MICAH TOFT







## BIRTHDAYS

### **AUGUST 1**

DAN HOLVERSON

### **AUGUST 3**

LILLIAN ANDREWS  
MICHAEL SCHIESSLER  
BRIAN SIEMS

### **AUGUST 4**

MARILYN HAMMANG  
DELORES KORTUM  
KADEN MEYER  
BARRY REKER  
MEGAN SCHWARZ  
SKYE WHEELock

### **AUGUST 5**

AMANDA WHEELock  
SAWYER GREENOUGH

### **AUGUST 6**

NATHAN OSTERLOH

### **AUGUST 7**

JOHN MENKING  
GENE SCHULTZ  
JANICE SPES

### **AUGUST 8**

JOSHUA RASMUSSEN

### **AUGUST 9**

PEYTON GENGLER  
JOHN JUGLER  
AMANDA RUETHER

### **AUGUST 11**

SHIRLEY BENGSTON  
ANDREW BREI  
SANDRA TERRY

### **AUGUST 12**

ALICE MCDONALD  
JANET THURMAN  
LORI YOUNT

### **AUGUST 13**

TRAVIS NEUBERT

### **AUGUST 14**

MARILYN ACKERMAN  
EILEEN KUHR

### **AUGUST 16**

LEXI SINDELAR  
BRANDY PRITAHARD  
JOYCE SNEED

### **AUGUST 19**

ORVILLE CARLSON  
JULIE NUZUM  
BRENTON DUNN

### **AUGUST 21**

ANN CARLSON  
CARTER GEDDINGS  
MARGE JOHNSON

### **AUGUST 22**

FRED STINEMATES

### **AUGUST 23**

VIVIENNE CROUGH

### **AUGUST 24**

PHILLIP BREI  
PETER HINES  
SARA PERSON  
GRETCHEN RIX

### **AUGUST 25**

JONATHAN HANCOCK

### **AUGUST 26**

JEAN NICK  
TAYA VOGT

### **AUGUST 27**

DEAUN LUCAS

### **AUGUST 29**

JAKLYN HEINRICH  
KATHLEEN RUETHER  
JOHN TLAMKA  
BEV WEITZENKAMP

### **AUGUST 31**

MARIAN CARLSON  
MIRANDA HOSCHIET

O GOD, MIGHTY  
AND IMMORTAL,  
YOU KNOW THAT  
AS FRAGILE  
CREATURES  
SURROUNDED BY  
GREAT DANGERS,  
WE CANNOT BY  
OURSELVES STAND  
UPRIGHT. GIVE US  
STRENGTH OF MIND  
AND BODY, SO THAT  
EVEN WHEN WE  
SUFFER BECAUSE  
OF HUMAN SIN, WE  
MAY RISE VICTORI-  
OUS THROUGH  
YOUR SON, JESUS  
CHRIST, OUR  
SAVIOR AND LORD.  
**AMEN.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AUGUST 25, 2019

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



O GOD, YOU RESIST  
THOSE WHO ARE  
PROUD AND GIVE  
GRACE TO THOSE  
WHO ARE HUMBLE.  
GIVE US THE HUMIL-  
ITY OF YOUR SON,  
THAT WE MAY EM-  
BODY THE GENER-  
OSITY OF JESUS  
CHRIST, OUR SAV-  
IOR AND LORD.  
**AMEN.**

DENNIS AND JACQUELINE REMINGTON  
AUGUST 1-54 YEARS

ADAM AND DEBRA BAKER  
AUGUST 4-18 YEARS

ROBERT AND MARY OLSEN  
AUGUST 7-59 YEARS

KEITH AND ROSEMARY HANSEN  
AUGUST 10-61 YEARS

ALAN AND SHERI SCHWEDHELM  
AUGUST 10-6 YEARS

JOHN AND ELAINE GROTHUSEN  
AUGUST 15-32 YEARS

CODY AND SCHELBY PECK  
AUGUST 15-4 YEARS

LESTER AND ROSALYN PARDE  
AUGUST 18-51 YEARS

TED AND SANDRA SCHAFERSMAN  
AUGUST 19-41 YEARS

RAY AND BARBARA SNODGRASS  
AUGUST 20-42 YEARS

NEIL AND BONNIE SCHILKE  
AUGUST 24-61 YEARS

BRIAN AND BRANDY PRITCHARD  
AUGUST 29-4 YEARS

ORVILLE AND MARIAN CARLSON  
AUGUST 31-55 YEARS

*If we accidentally missed your  
anniversary this month, please  
let us know (402-721-6158)  
so that we can correct/update  
our computer records.*

## GRATITUDE

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Thank you so much for the altar flowers provided by the Salem Youth and delivered by Bernitta Wheelock. They are beautiful and appreciated very much. It was also very nice to visit with Bernitta.

Again Thank you!  
Gretchen Johannesen

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Thank you to Lisa Bennett for sending the beautiful altar flowers and thank you to Bernitta Wheelock for delivering them. I really appreciated them. They were really pretty.

Alberta Sick

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### Signup Sheets for 2019 Altar Flowers, Radio Broadcast, and Donuts

are up on the bulletin board by the  
stairway to the office.

#### August Dates available:

Flowers:

Donuts: 4th, 18th, 25th

Radio Broadcast: 11th, 18th, 25th

#### September Dates available:

Flowers: 22nd

Donuts: 1st, 22nd, 29th

Radio Broadcast: 1st, 8th, 15th,  
22nd, 29th

Cost for flowers—\$30.00

Cost for Donuts—\$30.00

Cost for Radio Broadcast—\$150.00

#### **You're invited—**

Mack Patrick will be ordained  
Saturday, September 7, 2019,  
10:00 a.m.

Holy Love Lutheran Church,  
4210 S Chambers Road  
Aurora, Colorado

The Reverend Jeffery Clements Bishop of  
the Northern Illinois Synod Evangelical  
Lutheran Church, presiding.

Any one wishing to send cards or email

Mack his address is

911 N. 7th St,  
DeKalb, IL 60115

email: mack\_patrick@outlook.com

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

## NEWS

**Council Reports**  
are due by noon on  
August 7, 2019

**Newsletter articles**  
are due by  
August 21, 2019

**Life House Meal** (*formerly called Care Corps Meal*) — June Life House meal was served by Joyce Siems, Wanda Kruger, and Janet Kletke. Residents enjoyed ham, salads, green beans, deviled eggs, milk, juice, and tres leches cake. Thanks to Joyce Siems, Wanda Kruger, Cindy Sandeen, Bernitta Wheelock, Carolyn Rix, Bev Weitzenkamp, Elaine Kuhr, Janet Kletke, Barb Fanning, and The Table for providing food. Thanks also go to Ramona Hasek and Dick and Anita Kentopp for providing financial help to buy ham. The July meal will be provided by Salem's circles.

**Lutheran World Relief Soap Project**—Soap keeps hands clean, germs at bay, and helps people present themselves with dignity. No one likes to be dirty. Salem is 558 bars of soap from its November goal. Please consider placing bath-sized bars of soap in the blue and white bowl in the narthex.

**A special thank you to Jeff Hoffman** for the years he served Salem Lutheran Church as Director and Coordinator of Worship and Music. Jeff has been gifted with a special talent and we truly appreciate his willingness to share those gifts with us. His musical talents will be missed, yet we know that God has given him another opportunity where he will be able to utilize those gifts.

**Women of the ELCA mark your calendars** -- Take some time for yourself and be inspired and refreshed at the Convention and Gathering for the women of the Nebraska Synod October 11-13, 2019, at Carol Joy Holling Camp. There will be speakers, workshops, and fellowship opportunities. For registration information, contact Sandy Terry or visit the website at [www.tinyurl.com/nebraskawelca](http://www.tinyurl.com/nebraskawelca) for registration forms. Registrations are due September 30, 2019.

**St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 115 West Meigs St., Valley, NE** has sent an invitation to their Third Annual Salad Luncheon on Friday, August 16, 2019. The first seating starts at 11:00 a.m. with second seating beginning at 12 noon. There will be a variety of delicious salads available at a cost of \$8.00 per person. Event will also include bake and crafty goods and raffle tickets for a Bargello Quilt. See the bulletin board in the hallway for the details and ticket order form.

**Lutheran Campus Ministry**—"If you know of someone attending college this fall please go to this link to find out if there is a Lutheran Campus Ministry outreach at their campus. If there is, please refer the student's name to us so we can reach out and invite them into our community! [www.luminelca.org](http://www.luminelca.org). *If you have students attending any colleges or universities in the Omaha metro area, please contact Pastor Jim Holthus at [lootr@hotmail.com](mailto:lootr@hotmail.com) or text him at 218-760-2028.* Thank you for helping us minister to your young adults!"

**Financial update**  
Month Ending June, 2019

	<u>June Actual</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Income	\$23,277.55	\$141,341.47	\$133,341.00
Committee Exp	\$2,366.39	\$15,712.16	\$13,766.00
Operating Exp	\$9,868.68	\$58,496.36	\$61,895.00
Payroll Exp	\$11,841.00	\$70,780.86	\$80,068.70
Net Income/Loss	-\$799.07	-\$3,647.91	-\$22,388.70

Designated Funds—  
\$78,445.28

Member Contributions—  
\$134,643.22

-- Matt Wilson, Finance

\*We could use some more radio donations.

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### Facebook

Salem Lutheran Church

## OFFICE HOURS

### Monday—Thursday

8:00 a.m.—Noon  
1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

### Friday

8:00 a.m.—Noon  
1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

## WORSHIP

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

Holy Communion on the  
first, third and fifth Sundays  
of the month

Fifth Sunday is a joint  
service with St. Timothy  
Lutheran Church  
Sundays 9:00 a.m.

## BROADCASTS

Radio: Big Dog 98.9 FM  
KHUB-1340 AM

Cable: Spectrum  
Channel 1304  
Wednesdays  
2:00 pm & 7:00 pm  
Thursdays  
12:00 pm & 6:00 pm

## EDUCATION

9:45 a.m.—**Sundays**  
Intergenerational  
Education Time

7:00 a.m. **Fridays**  
Men's Bible Study/CG

11:30 a.m. **Fridays**  
Bible Study/CG

## CLERGY & STAFF

### Lead Pastor

Pastor Shari Schwedhelm

### Salem Little Saints Director

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salemrparde@msn.com

### Adult Handbell Choir Director

Matt Wilson  
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Mewilson520@earthlink.net

### Custodian

Virginia Sagastume  
402-721-6158

### Records Volunteer:

Jeanette Stinematess

## MINISTRY COORDINATORS

### Assisting Ministers

TBD

### Acolytes

Melissa Godfrey & Tammy Flittie  
402-720-6491 or 402-981-0140

### Musicians

### Projection

### Sound

### Video

TBD

### Children's Message

### Communion Set Up Readers

Barbara Anderson 402-727-4585

### Greeters

TBD

### Ushers

Don Godfrey 402-720-6491

# Email Updates

Please contact the church office if you have an email address and are not receiving the weekly email news and opportunities that are happening. Contact the church office at 402-721-6158 or email slutheran6386@msn.com



## SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

