# SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

## FEBRUARY 2021

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." ~ 1 Corinthians 10:31

Throughout the Old Testament, we hear of people whose lives glorified God. They were imperfect people, and some had characteristics we would never want to copy. But despite their flaws, we hear how they glorified God, each in their own way.

King David showed kindness to the last living relative of Saul, Mephibosheth. Mephibosheth was injured as a child and could not walk. His disability left him outcast, unable to work, and desperately poor. As the only living relative of Saul, King David could have treated him as an enemy. But instead, he brought him into his palace and treated him like family. His kindness certainly glorified God.

King Solomon asked God for wisdom. He glorified God with his request, and when he received wisdom, he used it to honor God. We read some of Solomon's wise writings in Proverbs. We, too, can give glory to God when we ask for God's guidance and wisdom in our lives. However, King Solomon's life was also troubled. He turned from God and created heartache for himself and of Israel. Even then, when Solomon turned to God, he found God's grace and forgiveness waiting for him.

Elijah trusted God through hard seasons of life. God took care of Elijah and a widow when there was a famine in the land. Even though he could have worried about whether there was anything to eat, Elijah's faith gave God glory. We, too, can trust God and remember not to worry.

Like Solomon, Elijah had seasons when he felt all alone. God never leaves Elijah, even when times are hard. God is always with us, and God is glorified when we trust.

The Old Testament includes a beautiful example of friendship between Elijah and Elisha. We see here how treating others with respect honors God and that we can be true and honest friends to everyone we meet. That example of friendship can give glory to God.

God is a God of glory; God is glorious, and God exists to be glorified. The Bible speaks of the glory of God about 275 times! That is a lot of glory! So what do these stories have to say about glorifying God in our daily lives? David showed kindness and mercy. Solomon prayed and asked God for wisdom; Elijah trusted God and looked for God when times were hard; Elisha was a good friend to Elijah right to the end.

Each of us can honor God with our lives as well - We can show kindness and mercy. We can pray. We can ask God for wisdom. We can trust God. We can look for God even when times are hard. And we can be a good friend.

The truth is that in everything we do, we can do it in a way that honors God. If we thank God for the gift of food, or work, or rest, we can eat or work or sleep to the glory of God. If we compete or sing or study, we can do it all for the glory of God. Even if we do not win, we can still glorify God if we lose with grace and honor. Even if our job seems small and unimportant, we can still do it to the best of our ability and bring glory to God.

"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."

To God be the Glory!

Rev. Shari Schwedhelm

Rev. Shari L. Schwedhelm



Preaching and
Presiding in
February
Pastor Shari
Schwedhelm

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## **Lenten Midweek Worship Series 2021**

Our 2021 Midweek Lenten Worship series is titled "The Walk" and is based on Adam Hamilton's book with the same name. Each week we will consider one of the essential spiritual practices rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. These practices can be part of our daily walk with Christ and an essential part of growing together in the church. Each week we will connect one faith practice to one of Jesus' words from the cross.

The themes for each week are: Ash Wednesday – February 17, 2021 "Our Father Wé Have Wanderéd

Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at St. Timothy Theme: Worship and Prayer Words: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Texts: Psalm 95:4-7, Matthew 27:45 – 49

Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at Salem

Theme: Study

Words: "Father, into your hands, I commend my spirit." Texts: Psalm 19:1 – 4 Psalm 31:5, Luke 23:44 – 46

Wednesday, March 10, 2021, at St. Timothy

Theme: Serve Words: "Woman, here is your son." And, "Here is your mother."

Texts: Romans 12:1-2 John 19:25b-27

Wednesday, March 17, 2021, at Salem

Theme: Give

Words: "I am thirsty."

Texts: Matthew 6:19-21 John 19:28-29

Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at St. Timothy

Theme: Share (the good news)
Words: "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." and "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Texts: Matthew 5:14-16 Luke 23:34-43

Good Friday, April 2, 2021, at St. Timothy

Words: "It is finished."

SALEM LITTLE SAINTS

Salem Little Saints is looking for a responsible and timely individual to help aid our Center in transporting school age children to and from school in the morning, afternoon, and occasional early outs. Individual would need to be responsible in driving the bus by obeying all laws and timely to work so all children get to their individual schools safely and on-time. Individual would

also need great attendance and are willing to fill in for other employees while being an aide/floater. Applicants must be 19 years of age or older and be able to pass a background check. Previous experience with working with children in a school or childcare setting preferred. Upon being hired, individual will take a Transportation class. Individual must have a clean driving record.

Call 402.727.6300 and ask for Lily or Sarah if you have any more questions. You may also visit http:// www.salemfremont.org/employee\_application for an application.

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Lily Bowman Director of Salem Little Saints Childcare



**Council Reports** are due by noon on February 3,2021

**Newsletter articles** are due by noon on February 17, 2021



**LifeHouse Meal**— Lifehouse meal on the first Tuesday in January. Residents enjoyed ham, green beans, corn, lettuce salad, deviled eggs, milk, juice, and dessert. Thank you to Gene Schulz, Gary and Sharon Carlson, Wanda Kruger, Sandy Terry, and Janet Kletke for providing food. Contact Janet Kletke if you are willing to provide food or financial help in the coming months.

**Sunday Intergenerational Education**—All ages are welcome! The classes are located on salemfremont.org under Education – Sunday Intergenerational Classes. The online class includes the Bible Reading, a Video and several Activities. Enjoy learning stories of the Bible.

**Assisting Minister and Projection Volunteers**—We are looking for volunteers to be an Assisting Minister and for Projection on Sundays. If you are interested in helping out please contact the church office 402-721-6158.

**Support Our Camp**-The women of St. Timothy are preparing and selling soup and bars to support Camp Carol Joy Holling. In the last year the camp has faced great hardship and needs support. The fund-raising project will take place two weekends. The weekend of February 20-21 chicken noodle soup and chili will be available in two cup portions to go and the weekend of March 6-7 ham and bean and vegetable beef soups will be sold. During both weekends six bar servings of pumpkin bars, brownies or scotcheroos will be available. Order by calling the St. Timothy office (402) 721-3643 or by filling out an order form at the church. Orders may be picked up at St. Timothy on Saturday between 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. or after Sunday morning worship. Orders will be delivered to Salem after the 8:30 a.m. service on Sunday or at St. Timothy on Saturday night. We ask for free will donations when you pick up your order. Checks should be written to St. Timothy WELCA.



EVERLASTING GOD,
YOU GIVE STRENGTH

TO THE WEAK AND

POWER TO THE FAINT.

MAKE US AGENTS OF

YOUR HEALING AND

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MAY BE MADE KNOWN

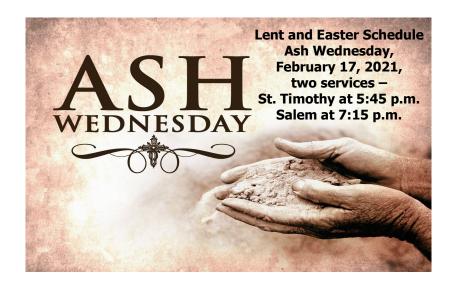
TO THE ENDS OF YOUR

CREATION, THROUGH

JESUS CHRIST, OUR

SAVIOR AND LORD.

AMEN.



Wednesdays will be a combined service with the following schedule:

- February 24, 2021 7:00 p.m. at St. Timothy
  - March 3, 2021 7:00 p.m. at Salem
  - March 10, 2021 7:00 p.m. at St. Timothy
    - March 17, 2021 7:00 p.m. at Salem
  - March 24, 2021 7:00 p.m. at St. Timothy

PRAYER OF THE DAY FEBRUARY 7, 2021

Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021, Combined Service at Salem with drama Good Friday, April 2, 2021, Combined Passion Walk at St. Timothy Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021, Regular Times and locations Page 4 FEBRUARY 2021

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Marvin and Peggy Hansen February 13, 1987—34 years

Duane and Nancy Baker February 27, 1971—50 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.

# Pastoral Acts in January Funeral

Shirley M. Bengston January 21, 2021



FINANCIAL UPDATE	December YTD
Income	\$262,246.46
Expenses	\$263,416.84
Net Income/Loss	\$-1,170.38

## **February Sponsors for Flowers**

February 7th — Bev Weitzenkamp
February 14th—Dick and Anita Kentopp
February 21st—no sponsor
February 28th—no sponsor

## February Sponsors for Radio Broadcast

February 7th—Bev Weitzenkamp
February 14th—Dick and Anita Kentopp
February 21st—Janis Emry Memorial
February 28th—no sponsor



ALMIGHTY GOD, THE RESPLENDENT LIGHT OF YOUR TRUTH SHINES FROM THE MOUNTAINTOP INTO OUR HEARTS. TRANSFIGURE US BY YOUR BELOVED SON, AND ILLUMINE THE WORLD WITH YOUR IMAGE, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR AND LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER.

AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE DAY FEBRUARY 14, 2021

## **Seeking the Spirit Within Retreat**

Saturday, February 20, 2021 - Online retreat

The Seeking the Spirit Within Winter Retreat is moving to an online format for this year. We are focusing on a theme of Hope in the Wilderness as a way of relating our experiences during Covid to those of the Biblical figures of the exodus. Join us for a day of learning, praying, and talking together as we look for where God is calling us. The retreat will be held February 20, 2021 from 9:00 to 4:00. We will be meeting by Zoom so travel will not be an issue. You can get more information and register at: stswwinterretreat.weebly.com. For more information contact Pr. Patrick Sipes at sgtmuddy@gmail.com or call First Lutheran, North Platte at (308) 532-0250 Ext. 203.

The event fee is \$30.00. After Saturday, February 6, 2021 it is \$35.00.

If you are interested, please register by as soon as you can. The Endowment Fund has a Scholarship category that will cover the fees. Please notify the church office if you are interested in receiving the scholarship.

## BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES



HOLY GOD, HEAVENLY FATHER, IN THE WATERS OF THE FLOOD YOU SAVED THE CHOSEN, AND IN THE WILDERNESS OF TEMPTATION YOU PROTECTED YOUR SON FROM SIN. RENEW US IN THE GIFT OF BAPTISM. MAY YOUR HOLY AN-GELS BE WITH US, THAT THE WICKED FOE MAY HAVE NO POWER OVER US, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR AND LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER.

## February 4

Michael Remington

## February 7

Adam Bishop

#### February 8

Jacqueline Remington Marty Sherman Fred Stinemates

## February 9

Jerry Jennings KasenLeland Tonya Osterloh Charlotte Osterloh

### February 10

Gary Kremlacek Elaine Otteman Trenton Tank

## February 12

John Schauer

## **February 13**

Kari Thompson Colleen Greenough

## February 14

Jeffrey Bauer Christian Harms Nicholas Leland Colleen Osterloh

## **February 15**

Kayla Reese

## February 18

Kennlee Wavrin

## February 19

Gary Trumbo

## February 21

Clarence Brei

## February 22

Alice McDonald Kathy Miller Schelby Peck

## February 23

Robert Olson Lexi Sindelar

#### February 25

Elaine Throener

## February 27

Miranda Miller

PRAYER OF THE DAY FEBRUARY 21, 2021

AMEN.



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## **BIRTHDAYS**

## February 1

Drake Kline Jon Tank

## February 3

William Esch Harlan Hoops Steve Samson

## February 4

Christopher Miller

## February 5

Bryson Tank Cort Kremlacek

## February 7

Charles Anderson Adam Bishop Evelyn Hansen

## February 8

Clarence Brei

## February 9

Paul Harms Macy Mahoney

#### February 10

Kayti Kremalcek

## February 11

Frances Steinert

#### February 12

Carolyn Rix Elena Wright

## February 13

Grace Walters Leon Olson

## February 14

Penny Covington Helen Lannin Scott Siems

## February 15

Richard Kentopp Elaine Throener

## February 16

Jeffery Bauer Jerika Siems

## February 17

Harold Miller

## February 18

Kathleen Chapman

## February 19

Kaylene Krueger

## February 20

Olivia Depue Gentry Gaughen Lily Hinkel

## February 22

Kathy Satorie

#### February 23

Alberta Sick Kayla Schwedhelm

## February 24

Dillon Kuhr Kristin Wavrin

## February 26

Sydney Wheelock

#### February 27

Jared Drieling



O GOD, BY THE PASSION

OF YOUR BLESSED SON

YOU MADE AN INSTRU-

MENT OF SHAMEFUL

DEATH TO BE FOR US THE

MEANS OF LIFE. GRANT

US SO TO GLORY IN THE

CROSS OF CHRIST THAT

WE MAY GLADLY SUFFER

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AMEN.



PRAYER OF THE DAY FEBRUARY 28, 2021 Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting December 21, 2020 6:30 p.m.

Theme Verse: Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Mission Statement: Salem Lutheran Church is to reach out to others, proclaim God's word, share our faith, and celebrate His love.

#### Attendance:

Present: Mark Remington (via zoom\_, Fred Stinemates (via zoom), Tammy Flittie, Rich Ronnenkamp, Sandy Terry, Donley Ruether, Pat Ludeke (via zoom), Matt Wilson, Melissa Godfrey, and Pastor Shari Schwedhelm

Guest: Don Durand

Absent: None

Agenda Approval – Mark made a motion to approve the agenda significantly modified covering the topics of previous meeting minutes, financial reports, reconfirm email vote, council installation date, stewardship update, approval of Pastor's mileage, election of officers for 2021, replacing the outgoing council members with the new council members for the homebound subgroup and financial study group, council retreat and annual meeting due to meeting prior to council. Donley seconded. Motion carried.

Previous meeting minutes

Mark made a motion to approve the regular meeting meetings from November 16, 2020. Matt seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Reports – Matt Wilson

-Mark made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Melissa seconded. Motion carried.

The email vote that was taken on the new council members Dennis Leland, Don Durand and Mary Magstadt was confirmed.

Council installation date – set for January 3, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Committee Reports/Concerns:

Stewardship – Matt reported that 43 pledges came in for \$119,900, expecting closer to 60 pledges.

Matt made a motion to approve Pastor's mileage of \$23.69 for Salem's half. Mark seconded. Motion carried.

#### III. Other Items:

Election of officers – Fred Stinemates was nominated as president, Donley Ruether as vice-president and Sandy Terry as secretary. Matt made a motion to accept these nominations are presented. Mark seconded. Motion carried. Ministry Covenant Focused Activities:

Assignment of Council members to replace those whose term is up 12/31/2020

Contact homebound members – Don Durand and Mary Magstadt

Financial Study – Dennis Leland

In person worship will resume on January 3, 2021, Facebook live and the radio ministry will continue.

- IV. Council Retreat January 9, 2021, 9 a.m., Common Grounds
- V. Annual Meeting January 24, 2021, after worship service
- VI. Next council meeting: January 9, 2021, at 9 a.m.
- VII. Adjournment closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Flittie Council Secretary

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### **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

## **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**

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## **Adult Handbell Choir Director**

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#### Custodian

Virginia Sagastume 402-721-6158

#### **Records Volunteer:**

Jeanette Stinemates 402-720-0692

## MINISTRY COORDINATORS

## **Assisting Ministers**

TBD

## **Acolytes**

Ushers

Musicians Projection Sound

**Video** TBD

## Communion Set Up Readers

Barbara Anderson 402-727-4585

## **Greeters**

TBD

#### Ushers

Don Godfrey 402-720-6491

## Signup Sheets for 2021 Altar Flowers, Radio Broadcast, and Doughnuts

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

## **February Dates Available**

Flowers: 14th, 21st, 28th

Doughnuts: n/a

Radio Broadcast: 21st, 28th

## **March Dates Available**

Flowers: 21st, 28th Doughnuts: n/a

Radio Broadcast: 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

Cost for Flowers—\$30.00 Cost for Doughnuts—\$30.00 Cost for Radio Broadcast—\$150.00

Fellowship/Doughnuts will be on hold until further notice.

# 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

