

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

JANUARY 2021

"I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD, your God, is with you wherever you go." ~ Joshua 1:9

2020 has been a year unlike any other in my lifetime. We have seen and experienced events that will change families forever. It has been a long year for many of us. The path to a new "normal" seems long and foreboding. We are not there yet. We are tired and "dismayed."

Many times during this year, I have heard this verse read as an encouragement to leaders, essential workers, and caregivers. The command to be strong and keep courage during a pandemic is critical to our survival. The promise that God is with us wherever we go is encouraging, and this message should bring comfort. This is especially true when we consider what our Lord experienced during his years on earth.

The Lord spoke these words to Joshua after Moses's death, on the day when they would begin their entrance to the promised land. This was undoubtedly a time for great courage, a time for stepping forward in faith, a time when fear could lead to disaster.

To truly live into the promise inside this command, we should back up two verses and read the Lord's words to Joshua that precede this promise. We read in verses 7-8, "Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful."

Perhaps these words are a most fitting closure to the year we have experienced in 2020. For here, we find not only the promise of God's presence but a clear guide teaching us how to live into that promise. As we draw close to God and listen to God's word, we will find the strength and courage to carry on, even in the midst of a pandemic.

As 2020 was our year for gratitude and thankfulness in all circumstances, may 2021 be our year to respond with faithfulness to God's commands.

To God be the Glory!

Rev. Shari Schwedhelm

Rev. Shari L. Schwedhelm



*Preaching and
Presiding in
January
Pastor Shari
Schwedhelm*

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Council Reportsare due by noon on
January 6, 2020**Annual Reports** are due by January 8, 2020**Newsletter articles**are due by noon on
January 20, 2020

NEWS



ALMIGHTY GOD, YOU
HAVE FILLED ALL THE
EARTH WITH THE LIGHT
OF YOUR INCARNATE
WORD. BY YOUR
GRACE EMPOWER US
TO REFLECT YOUR
LIGHT IN ALL THAT WE
DO, THROUGH JESUS
CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR
AND LORD, WHO LIVES
AND REIGNS WITH YOU
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT,
ONE GOD, NOW AND
FOREVER.
AMEN.

LifeHouse Meal— The December Care Corps Lifehouse meal was delivered to their parking lot on December 1. Residents enjoyed ham, beans, salad, milk, juice, and brownies. Thank you to Les and Rosie Parde, Bob and Carol Olson, Wanda Kruger, Barb Fanning, and Janet Kletke for providing the meal. Janet Kletke is looking for new volunteers to help with this project. Please contact her or the church office if you could provide one of the items listed above. Salem serves the meal the first Tuesday of each month. Items are just delivered to the building; we do not enter or serve the meal.

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.

Volunteers -We will be needing volunteers to help take down the Christmas decorations. Meet at the church on January 3rd at 1:00 PM.

Salem Lutheran Church Annual Meeting —Annual meeting to be held on January 24th following the 8:30 service. Depending on the status of the virus is at that time.

Upcoming Special Opportunities for Worship

We are providing several opportunities in the coming weeks and months for you to join us in worship for special occasions. We will host each of these services on Facebook Live if we are not able to gather in person, and they can also be heard on KHUB 1340 or Big Dog Radio 98.9.

- Christmas Eve Services – December 24th, 5 pm at St. Timothy and 7 pm at Salem on the radio.
- Community New Year's Eve Worship – December 31st, at 7 pm at Salem on the radio
- Service of Healing and Prayer – Sunday, January 31st – will decide if this is a joint service or two separate services depending on the status of the virus at that time.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
JANUARY 3, 2020

Miss Lily

Lily Bowman
Director of Salem Little Saints Childcare

Mission and Outreach

As most of you know when the pandemic hit in March The Table at Salem had to cease operation as we knew it. At the time The Table stopped there were distributions twice a week of mainly bread, meats, breakfast items, and sweets that were picked up from Bakers and Hy-Vee that would have been tossed by the store because it was past the time that they could sell the product.

There was discussion amongst the Council and Congregational Life Team about ways Salem could continue this outreach in a safe manner and the best way to distribute items. After the Mission & Outreach Committee collaborated with Uniquely Yours and also Three Rivers Health, it was determined that if we did a drive thru food distribution, had people stay in their vehicles, wore gloves and masks that we could safely provide non-perishable food in the midst of a pandemic. The Mission & Outreach Committee felt that just because we are in the midst of a pandemic does not mean hunger takes a break. In fact, we have discovered that The Table at Salem drive thru food distribution the past 8 months has been a vital outreach for individuals in our community who were already dealing with food insecurity but then throw in a pandemic and loss of income.

Hopefully, those of you that are reading this have never had to go to bed hungry and wonder how you are going to feed yourself, let alone your children. If you have been in this position then you know that every little bit helps and it is not our place to be judge and jury; God will take care of that when we get to the gates of Heaven. We have heard varying opinions of the people who come for the food distribution; such as "they all are free-loaders" and "they are just looking for a hand-out." The reality is that these individuals are looking for a hand-up. We do not know their individual situations when they drive thru to pick up their bags but we are learning. As one young lady said at the last food distribution in tears, "this is such a game changer, you have no idea what a blessing you guys are." This is not the first time that we have heard heartfelt thanks and "God Bless you for doing this."

We are going to give you some figures from the last 8 months to really put into perspective how this outreach of Salem is affecting our community.

May= 36 families – 94 individuals – 55 bags
 June= 36 families – 86 individuals – 44 bags
 July= 36 families – 86 individuals – 46 bags
 August= 41 families – 106 individuals – 54 bags
 September= 48 families – 112 individuals – 60 bags
 October= 58 families – 176 individuals – 78 bags
 November= 60 families – 166 individuals – 80 bags
 December= 74 families – 222 individuals – 106 bags

Obviously, the word is getting out about The Table at Salem drive thru food distribution as we have seen since July a steady increase in families being served each month. So, what is the problem? We are so glad you asked. While we have seen the need increase in regard to food insecurity in our community, we have not seen an increase in donations nor an increase in volunteers. We do not by any means want to undermine those who have donated since May with items and/or their time. We truly could not have done this thus far without all of you! What the Committee's concern is that we cannot sustain The Table at Salem drive thru food distribution at the current level either in terms of donations and/or volunteering time. If you ever wonder if we are truly making an impact, just come on the Saturday morning we distribute and you will see the need and leave with your heart full knowing that you have made a difference in the lives of those less fortunate than you.

The following numbers will give you an idea of what is needed each month in order to fill 100 bags and sustain this much needed community outreach:

Cereal = 100 boxes
 Mac & Cheese = 200 boxes
 Pasta = 100 packages
 Pasta Sauce = 100 jars
 Tuna or Chicken = 200 cans
 Peanut Butter = 100 jars
 Jelly = 100 jars
 Vegetables = 200 cans
 Fruit Cups (4-6 pack) = 100
 Granola Bars = 500 (5 per bag)
 Toilet Paper = 200 rolls

What you probably are not aware of is that Salem also feeds individuals in need during the month. It is just not people in the community that utilize this outreach, it is also Salem members. What?! Yes, people in our own congregation are struggling and appreciate that they can access the food pantry at Salem anonymously.

In a nutshell the Mission & Outreach Committee is asking the members of Salem to help us sustain this vital outreach by donating the above items and/or your time. Please contact any of the individuals below with questions.

Matthew 25:35 "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Mission and Outreach Team - Matt Wilson, Sandy Terry, Tammy Flittie, Jaki Heinrich

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jon and Debra Tan
January 10, 1987-34 years

Jeff and Sheryl Kuhr
January 11, 1997-24 years

Ronald and Sharon Mueller
January 28, 1995-26 years

Derwin and Patricia Anderson
January 29, 2000-21 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

Thank you to Gary and Sharon Carlson for the new Christmas Tree for the sanctuary. It is beautiful.

From all Your Friends at Salem

Thank you to Midland University for the albs.

Salem Lutheran Church



FINANCIAL UPDATE

November YTD

Income	\$216,513.32
Expenses	\$241,527.06
Net Income/Loss	\$-25,013.74

Checking Account Balance is \$17,154.31

January Sponsors for Flowers

January 3rd —Rod and Sarah Frost

January 10th—Doug and Kathy Hartmann

January 17—no sponsor

January 24th—no sponsor

January 31st—Joann Miller

January Sponsors for Radio Broadcast

January 3rd—no sponsor

January 10th—no sponsor

January 17th—no sponsor

January 24th—no sponsor

January 31st—no sponsor



HOLY GOD, CREATOR OF
LIGHT AND GIVER OF
GOODNESS, YOUR VOICE
MOVES OVER THE
WATERS. IMMERSE US IN
YOUR GRACE, AND
TRANSFORM US BY YOUR
SPIRIT, THAT WE MAY
FOLLOW AFTER YOUR
SON, JESUS CHRIST,
OUR SAVIOR AND LORD,
WHO LIVES AND REIGNS
WITH YOU AND THE HOLY
SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW
AND FOREVER.
AMEN.



SALEM EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

PRAYER OF THE DAY
JANUARY 10, 2020

BAPTISMAL
ANNIVERSARIES



THANKS BE TO YOU,
LORD JESUS CHRIST,
MOST MERCIFUL RE-
DEEMER, FOR THE
COUNTLESS BLESSINGS
AND BENEFITS YOU GIVE.
MAY WE KNOW YOU
MORE CLEARLY, LOVE
YOU MORE DEARLY, AND
FOLLOW YOU MORE
NEARLY, DAY BY DAY
PRAISING YOU, WITH THE
FATHER AND THE HOLY
SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW
AND FOREVER.
AMEN.

January 1

Leroy Lidberg
Marilyn Hammang
Douglas Hartmann

January 3

Grant Brimmerman
Dale Stahlecker, Jr.
Desirae Leonard

January 4

Mark Remington
Alaina Schwedhelm

January 6

Rich Ronnenkamp

January 7

Beverly Brei

January 8

Korri Hendrickson

January 10

Maverick Peterson

January 12

Lauren Baker
Michael Minter II

January 13

Gavin Baker
Corrina Christ
Andrew Peters

January 14

Terry Manzel
Gina Shaw

January 19

Taylor Knipp

January 20

Cindy Sandeen

January 21

Emily Miller

January 25

Logan Boyles
DeAnn Reese
Zackery Vogt

January 26

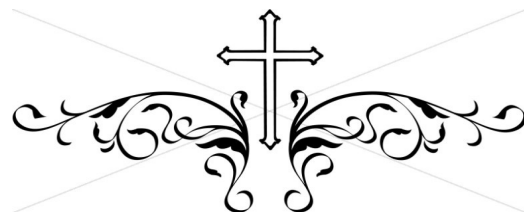
Emma Reker

January 27

Dolores Dunker
Leola Miller
Lacy Siems

January 30

Charles Miller



PRAYER OF THE DAY
JANUARY 17, 2020

BIRTHDAYS

January 1

Kathy Bartels
Rob Bishop
Dallas Holverson
Jacque Remington
Gary Trumbo

January 2

Emma Reker
Michael Remington

January 3

Cindy Sandeen

January 4

Rhiannon Vanosdel

January 6

Cheyenne Kruse

January 9

Rodney Frost

January 10

Deborah Minter

January 11

Sherri Johannesen

January 12

Audrey Spahr
Jerry Jennings

January 13

Aspen Fernau
Kathy Hoschiet
Falyn Walkenhorst

January 14

Debra Baker

January 15

John Schauer

January 16

Jolene Schauer

January 17

Kari Thompson

January 18

Jeremiah Leeding

January 19

Jacob Johannesen
Kathy Miller
Teleri Stamper

January 20

Delilah Morris

January 22

Shelly Hansen
Leola Miller
Joel Schuett
Beverly Vance

January 23

Peggy Hansen

January 24

Lynn Albright
Desirae Leonard

January 25

Elaine Grothusen

January 27

Payton Remington

January 28

Danielle Crough
Delores Doty

January 29

Kirstyn Dunn
Melissa Godfrey
Lester Parde
Ted Schafersman

January 30

Gary Kremlacek
Robert L. Olson
Neil Schilke
Millie Tank

January 31

Don Godfrey
Nancy Wright



ALMIGHTY GOD, BY
GRACE ALONE YOU CALL
US AND ACCEPT US IN
YOUR SERVICE.
STRENGTHEN US BY YOUR
SPIRIT, AND MAKE US
WORTHY OF YOUR CALL,
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST,
OUR SAVIOR AND LORD.
AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
JANUARY 24, 2020

Salem Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
November 16, 2020
6:30 p.m. via zoom

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, Fred Stinemates, Tammy Flittie, Rich Ronnenkamp, Sandy Terry, Donley Ruether, Pat Ludeke, Matt Wilson, Melissa Godfrey, and Pastor Shari Schwedhelm

Absent: None

Agenda Approval – Mark made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Matt seconded. Motion carried.

Previous meeting minutes

Regular Meeting October 12, 2020 – no corrections or additions to the meeting minutes.

Financial Reports – Matt Wilson

- daycare reimbursement – the only thing that Salem got reimbursed for was mileage.
- Salem annex – no reimbursements but should at least have the custodian and the phone.
- operating expenses \$256 copier expense should have gone under office supplies
- there is still almost \$7,500 in designated funds for 2020 that was given in 2019

Committee Reports/Concerns:

Congregational Life Team meeting –

Habitat for Humanity Faith Build Mission Project - Matt made a motion to contribute \$10,000 out of the estate proceeds towards the Thrivent Build overseen by Habitat for Humanity. Mark seconded. Motion carried.

Endowment Fund – Mark made a motion to approve the \$5,000 for

Mosaic to customizing plans for the individuals they are serving. Melissa seconded. Motion carried.

D. Staff reports:

a. Pastor Shari

i. Report for October

Worship Services – 10

Salem – 4

St. Timothy – 4

Private Baptisms – 1

Confirmation serve at First Lutheran - 1

Funerals – 2

Jerome Boettcher – October 10th

Shirley "Cookie" Spangler – October 17th

Baptism – 1

Lenyx Kay Carpenter – October 18th

Confirmation – 2

Kirstyn Dunn – October 25th

Zac Berry – October 25th

Hospital/Communion Visits – 18 in person visits delivering communion cups, 3 other pastoral care visits, phone pastor care 8.75hours

Expense Report – housing for fall conference has been reimbursed.

Community Engagement –

1 ministerial association meeting

5 midweek devotional videos

2 confirmation classes

1 confirmation worship service

Administration –

1 special council meeting with Assistant Bishop
 1 additional meeting with Salem Council
 1 confirmation worship planning meeting
 1 confirmation rehearsal
 1 baptism preparation meetings
 2 council meetings
 1 budget prep meeting
 4 additional meetings with council members
 1 technology team meeting
 1 congregational life team meeting
 3 days Fall Theological Conference/Re: Formation
 Newsletter articles
 Council meeting preparation

Vacation time used –

Sunday used = 0 (2/4 used in 2020)
 Weekdays used = 0 (18/20 used in 2020)
 Sick days used = 0 (4/10 used in 2020)

Upcoming Vacation Time – Sunday, November 22nd (Dennis Remington will preach) – this will be her third Sunday of four for 2020. December 3rd – 7th, using her last Sunday December 6th, four of four for 2020.

Things to look forward to –

New member welcome at St. Timothy – November 15th
 Hanging of the Greens – November 29th
 Special Services – Thanksgiving Eve – November 25th at 7 p.m.
 -Christmas Eve – December 24th 5 p.m. St. Timothy and 7 p.m. Salem
 -New Year's Eve – December 31st at 7 p.m.
 -Healing and Prayer – January 31st, either joint service or two services depending on the state of Covid at the end of January

Please note that Pastor's report pertains to both Salem and St. Timothy.

ii. Matt made a motion to approve Pastor mileage of \$53.65 for October for Salem's half. Mark seconded. Motion carried.

b. Lily Bowman, Salem Little Saints – reported submitted.

III. Other Items:

Ministry Covenant Focused Activities
 Timeline Month 1
 Create a metric to determine when each goal is accomplished
 Goals to accomplish
 Create a plan for direct communication amongst the council and pastor
 Talk about block scheduling
 Letter of Call
 Create homebound subgroup, and divide the list
 Council members to serve on this subgroup
 Create a financial study group
 Three council members

IV. Salem and St. Timothy Social Time – on pause due to Covid

V. Shared Council Meeting November 30th, 6:45 p.m. – via zoom – Melissa Godfrey

VI. Lay Readers: Currently being handled by the assisting minister due to being back online worship only

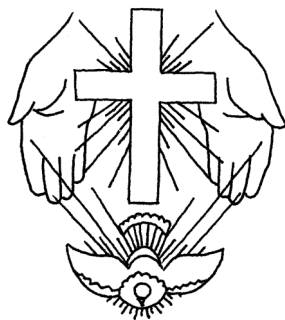
VII. Next council meeting: December 21st @ 6:30 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment - closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Tammy Flittie
 Council Secretary



Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.



"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Prov. 3:5-6

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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

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

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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.

January Dates Available

Flowers: 17th, 24th

Doughnuts: n/a

Radio Broadcast: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st

February Dates Available

Flowers: 14th, 21st, 28th

Doughnuts: n/a

Radio Broadcast: 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
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