

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

JULY 2020

"But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today.'" ~ Genesis 50:19-20

Dear friends in Christ,

Max Lucado begins his book, "God Will Carry You Through" with this encouragement:

"You'll get through this.
It won't be painless.
It won't be quick.
But God will use this mess for good.
Don't be foolish or naïve.
But don't despair either.
With God's help, you will get through."

Max also uses those words to describe the story of Joseph, whose despair begins when his brothers throw him into a cistern and then sell him into slavery. That betrayal could have made Joseph bitter, angry at God, and full of hatred. But it didn't. The bible study we are beginning in July will look at this story in much more detail.

As I read the introduction to this study, I was reminded of a picture I have seen on the internet several times. It shows a cup of coffee spilling as a person's arm gets bumped. Below the picture is what appears to be an obvious question: "You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and bumps into you or shakes your arm, making you spill your coffee everywhere. Why did you spill the coffee?" It goes on to explain that coffee spills because coffee was in the cup. What pours out during turmoil is representative of what is inside.

That was also true of Joseph. Joseph could have spilled bitterness and anger upon his brothers for the terrible injustice they caused. He could have used his power to inflict terrible pain. Instead, Joseph chose to show mercy, kindness, and care. He provided for their needs and even saved them from a crisis of their own. What poured out of Joseph was peace. Why? Joseph found peace during turmoil because he could trust God with the outcome of his situation. He did not feel compelled to force his way with his own power. He was willing to work within his present circumstances and do his best to make each day better. It was not painless or quick, but God never left his side. Joseph knew with unwavering faith that he was never alone. That provided his tremendous peace. It gave him the strength to endure and the ability to forgive and show mercy.

What is pouring out of us during this time of stress and anxiety? Is it peace and kindness, or mistrust, fear, and pain? When we place all our trust in God to guide us through, we, too, can find Joseph's peace. When we stop trying to use our influence to force our way, God's plans will become more apparent. We can learn to use Joseph's strength to endure and his ability to forgive and show mercy.

It won't be painless or quick, but God will never leave our side. With God's help, we will get through.

To God be the Glory!

Rev. Shari Schwedhelm

Rev. Shari L. Schwedhelm



*Preaching and
Presiding in
July
Pastor Shari
Schwedhelm*

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Council Reports
are due by noon on
July 8th, 2020

Newsletter articles
are due by noon on
July 17th, 2020

NEWS



Care Corps LifeHouse Meal— Salem provided its monthly dinner to Lifehouse Care Corps on June 2. Janet Kletke delivered the meal to the parking lot where it was taken into the facility by residents to be served. Once again Salem provided ham, green beans, lettuce salad, dressing, pasta salad, milk, juice, and desserts from The Table. Hopefully, soon, we will gather at the church and can organize individuals to donate food items to this worthy cause.

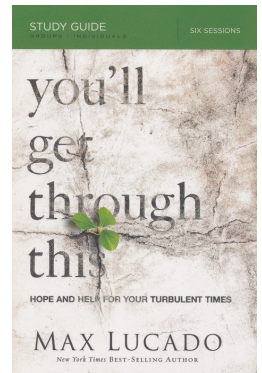
Fremont Summer School Bag Project—could use your help. Salem's goal is 100 bags for kindergarten through fourth graders. If you are out shopping, look for black dry erase markers, glue sticks, boxes of tissues, or pencil boxes. Let Janet Kletke know if you would like her to shop for you.

Online Bible Study This Summer

Starting Tuesday, July 7th at 6:00 pm, Pastor Shari will be leading an online Bible Study, using Max Lucado's series, "You'll Get Through This." The Study Guide costs \$6.99 each and can be ordered by calling Pastor Shari or the church office. Please sign up and order your book by June 28th so that we can make sure that books arrive before the first class.

Here's a little bit more about the book and the study:
"Sometimes the challenges of life threaten to overwhelm us. We wonder how we'll carry on after the day the bottom dropped out. For you, it may have been the day of a financial crisis, a bad diagnosis, an accident, or you were served divorce papers by your spouse. Whatever it was, you knew your life was going to change dramatically, and it didn't seem like it was for the better.

In *You'll Get Through This: Hope and Help for Your Turbulent Times*, Max Lucado encourages readers through sharing the Biblical story of Joseph. Stripped of his identity, thrown into a pit and sold as a slave, his was a story of defeat and challenges, but as time passed God worked through his circumstances to bring redemption and reconciliation. And although it may seem hard to believe, you will get through this too. "The story of Joseph's life didn't end in the pit and neither does yours."



Nebraska Corona Bible Project

If you are looking for a way to fill your spiritual cup during this time of isolation, you can participate in the Nebraska Corona Bible project. People from across the state are joining together to handwrite every chapter of the Bible, creating a complete handwritten Bible representing our time of separation. Each person signs up to write one chapter and then mails it to the church in Lincoln, which is gathering it for binding.

For example, right now, many chapters of the books of Proverbs and 2 Kings are available for selection. If you are not able to select a chapter via signup genius, you can call 402-413-1731. Please leave your name and your number, and they call you back. Pastor Shari and several members of our congregations have already written chapters for this project. The deadline for mailing chapters is November 1st. If you would like to learn more about the Nebraska Corona Bible, visit <https://nebraskacoronabible.com/> or call Pastor Shari.

YOU ARE GREAT, O
GOD, AND GREATLY TO
BE PRAISED. YOU
HAVE MADE US FOR
YOURSELF, AND OUR
HEARTS ARE
RESTLESS UNTIL THEY
REST IN YOU. GRANT
THAT WE MAY BELIEVE
IN YOU, CALL UPON
YOU, KNOW YOU, AND
SERVE YOU, THROUGH
YOUR SON, JESUS
CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR
AND LORD.
AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
JULY 5, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

The joint executive council of St. Timothy and Salem Lutheran met on Monday, June 22, to prayerfully consider our best options for safely returning to in-person worship.

First, we want to thank you for your patience and grace, which has been evident in your care of one another in response to the COVID 19 pandemic. 2020 has been a trying and stressful year, and we thank all of you for being the hands and feet of Jesus during this time.

We discussed many possibilities. We realize that at any point when we open our sanctuary doors, there will be some of our members who must continue to isolate for their health and safety. As we make these decisions, we promise to remember and care for those still isolating at home.

Please be aware that attending worship services in person could increase your risk of spreading or contracting the COVID 19 virus. We all need to do what we can to minimize those risks as much as possible. If you have concerns about contracting this virus, please consider not attending in-person. However, for those who feel safe, we have great news! We anticipate re-opening the sanctuary for in-person worship on Sunday, July 12. As we do, we will continue to provide Facebook Live, radio, and phone-in service options for the foreseeable future.

In order to provide the safest worship environment possible, we are establishing the following guidelines, in alignment with recommendations from the ELCA and CDC:

- We ask that you help protect everyone else and do not come if you are not feeling well.
- Persons attending worship are expected to wear masks to protect themselves and those around them. Masks will be provided at the door for those who do not have one.
- Hand sanitizer will be available as you enter and exit the church, but feel free to bring your own as well.
- We will use only the parking lot entrance during this time. All other doors will be locked.
- All doors inside the building will be propped open, and greeters will open the outside doors to minimize the contact with door handles.
- A greeter will operate the elevator at Salem to reduce contact with elevator buttons.
- The attendance pad will be located on a stand near the entrance to the sanctuary.
- Please choose a pen from the "clean pens" cup to sign in and place your pen in the "used pens" basket when finished. Signing in every week is especially important during this time should an exposure occur.
- Bulletins will be available on a stand near the entrance of the sanctuary at Salem and in the windowsill at St. Timothy.
- An usher will seat attendees in an appropriate socially distant location as they arrive. Alternating rows of pews are reserved to provide for social distancing. Persons who live under the same roof may sit together. Please remain in your seat.
- If seating is filled in the sanctuary, overflow seating is available in the Fellowship Hall with audio from the worship service.
- Hymnals and other items have been removed from the pews.
- Handshake greetings will not be offered or promoted at this time.
- Offering baskets will be placed near the entrance for giving envelopes and contributions. You can continue to mail in your gifts, bring them to the office, or set up online giving.
- After the service, you will remain seated as ushers will dismiss one row at a time, starting from the front of the sanctuary to go out. Individuals should use their backs to push open the door when leaving if a greeter is not opening the door.
- Following the service, please take your bulletin home or place it in the recycle bin on your way out, so that no one else will need to touch it.

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- Restrooms will be open during worship, but we ask that you use the bathroom before coming to worship as these surfaces cannot be disinfected between uses.
- Refreshments will not be served as congregating is not recommended at this time.
- Worshipers are encouraged to arrive no earlier than fifteen minutes before worship and should return to their vehicles immediately after worship.
- Communion will be offered at a separate outdoor service held on July 19 at St. Timothy.

We look forward to gathering again with those who are able, and we will celebrate with joy the day when we can all be together as one family of God.

Holding all of you in prayer,

Rev. Shari Schwedhelm

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Outdoor Communion Service July 19th

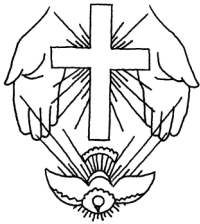
On Sunday, July 19th, at 6:00 pm, Salem and St. Timothy will share a short outdoor service of holy communion on the front lawn at St. Timothy. This service will occur in addition to our regular morning worship services. Please bring a lawn chair for seating. If walking is difficult, you can park along Nye Ave. or 16th St. and remain in your vehicles. The service will be brief and focused entirely on our celebration of the return to holy communion. If the weather is rainy, we will reschedule for Monday or the soonest clear-weather evening that follows.

To participate safely, we are asking everyone to bring your own communion elements. A dinner roll works well for the bread in this setting. Please choose a bread that you *enjoy* eating! Feel free to bring your favorite wine - it does not need to be Mogen David. Again, bring something that you will enjoy – this is a celebration! Don't forget a glass. We suggest half a glass per person or less since we will all be driving home! We look forward to seeing everyone at this celebration of our return to Holy Communion.





*Have a
safe and
happy
Fourth of
July!*



**WEDDING
ANNIVERSARIES**

Barry and Diane Wilson
July 11, 1992—28 years

Michael and Shelley Schiessler
July 12, 2000—20 years

Doug and Kathleen Hartmann
July 14, 1973—47 years

Larry and Janet Scott
July 16, 1967—53 years

Joshua and Jordyn Carpenter
July 23, 2016—4 year

Roger and Barbara Brimmerman
July 29, 1989—31 years

John and Penny Covington
July 30, 1998—22 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.*



**SALEM EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

FINANCIAL UPDATE	May YTD
Income	\$106,783.36
Expenses	\$105,366.11
Net Income/Loss	\$1,417.25

Matt Wilson, Finance

ALMIGHTY GOD, WE
THANK YOU FOR
PLANTING IN US THE
SEED OF YOUR WORD. BY
YOUR HOLY SPIRIT HELP
US TO RECEIVE IT WITH
JOY, LIVE ACCORDING TO
IT, AND GROW IN FAITH
AND HOPE AND LOVE,
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST,
OUR SAVIOR AND LORD.
AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
JULY 12, 2020

BAPTISMAL
ANNIVERSARIES



FAITHFUL GOD, MOST
MERCIFUL JUDGE, YOU
CARE FOR YOUR CHILDREN
WITH FIRMNESS AND
COMPASSION. BY YOUR
SPIRIT NURTURE US WHO
LIVE IN YOUR KINGDOM,
THAT WE MAY BE ROOTED
IN THE WAY OF YOUR SON,
JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR
AND LORD.
AMEN.

July 1
Terrance Dowd

July 4
Andrew Crough

July 5
Dennis Leland

July 6
LouAnn Leland

July 7
Tamara Kremlacek

July 8
David Kuhr

July 10
Christopher Tank
Cathy Wetherell

July 11
Shayne Miller

July 13
Marvin Hansen

July 14
Angela Brummond
Bruce Krueger
Debra Tank

July 15
Nancy Baker
Jaxon Delaney
Griffen Kallhoff

July 16
Denise Burns
Jerika Siems

July 17
Cameron Dunn
Katie Tank

July 19
Graham Nott

July 20
Vivienne Crough
Elleanna Crough

July 24
Joyce Klinetobe
Rhiannon Vanosdel
Rowan Vanosdel
Brooklyn Wheelock

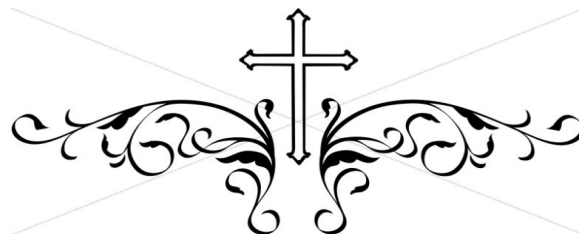
July 25
Shari Schwedhelm

July 26
Daniel Bittner
Ruby Hartmann
Wendy Tant

July 28
Penelope Wheelock

July 29
Diane Wilson

July 31
Barbara Fanning
Dillon Kuhr



BIRTHDAYS

July 1

Nancy Jo Bartunek
Joanne Miller
Vicki Tlamka

July 2

Elizabeth Remington

July 3

Ruby Hartmann
Tammy Knapp
Daesha Manzel
Cody Peck
Wendy Tant

July 4

Lee Ann Esch

July 6

Katie Tank

July 7

Brad Novak

July 8

Lynne Barnhart

July 9

Bob Flittie
Christian Harms

July 10

Duffy Severa
Jodi Tank

July 12

Lauren Schwedhelm

July 14

Kirstyn Leffler

July 15

Clarke Anderson
Jaxon Delaney
Clayton Kremlacek
Marisa Kuhr

July 16

Griffen Kallhoff

July 17

Cheri Cruthoff
Julia Knapp
John Kupfer

July 19

Bailey Clapper
Virgene Muller

July 20

Justin Anthony Sr.
Justin Anthony Jr.
Victoria Gaughen
Katie Schlieker

July 21

James Patterson

July 22

Rodney Sherman

July 23

Hudson Schwarz

July 24

Lynn Miller

July 25

Nancy Knoell

July 26

William Bolden
Jeanne Shires

July 27

Brad Johannesen

July 28

Grant Brimmerman

July 29

Donna Heckman
Harry O'Keefe

July 30

Katie Reese
Brinley Tank
Arlee Tank
Dr. James Tremain

July 31

Cindy Gustafson
Chris Menn



BELOVED AND SOVEREIGN GOD, THROUGH THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF YOUR SON YOU BRING US INTO YOUR KINGDOM OF JUSTICE AND MERCY. BY YOUR SPIRIT, GIVE US YOUR WISDOM, THAT WE MAY TREASURE THE LIFE THAT COMES FROM JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR AND LORD.
AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
JULY 26, 2020

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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

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

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TBD

Acolytes

Ushers

Musicians

Projection

Sound

Video

TBD

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Greeters

TBD

Ushers

Don Godfrey 402-720-6491

Signup Sheets for 2020 Altar Flowers, Radio Broadcast, and Doughnuts

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

July Dates Available

Flowers: n/a

Doughnuts: n/a

Radio Broadcast: 26th

August Dates Available

Flowers: n/a

Doughnuts: n/a

Radio Broadcast: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

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

**Flowers and Doughnuts will be
on hold until we start back to our
regular scheduled worship times.**

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**

