

# SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

## JUNE 2019

*Then the Lord said to him, 'Take off the sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.' – Acts 7:33*

During the course of my life, I have had the privilege of walking in many unique and memorable places. I have hiked along the Appalachian Trail, watched the salmon jump up the rivers in Alaska, and seen the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. I have dipped my toes in the water where the Mississippi begins, and I have watched with awe where it pours into the Gulf of Mexico. Chaperoning a high school Spanish trip, took me to Barcelona and Madrid, Spain, and mission trips led me to El Alto and La Paz, Bolivia three times.

This world is a vast and varied place, filled with amazing sites and beautiful people. However, there is one location, more than any other, where seeing the land firsthand and experiencing the cultural complexity will inform my understanding of the Bible. The lived experience of walking through the Holy Land will teach me more about the place where Jesus lived and about which our Scriptures are written than I could learn any other way.

This summer, I will have the amazing opportunity to stand where Jesus stood and to see the places that Jesus saw. July 1 – 12th I will travel with a group of Luther seminary students, recent graduates, and professors on a study tour of the Holy Land designed specifically to provide preachers with a geographical understanding of their texts while deepening their cultural understanding of the land. This trip, made possible through a partnership with CLAL - The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership, will connect participants with Israelis, Palestinians, and other religious and ethnic minorities in the region so that they can hear firsthand the complexity of what it means to live today and build for the future at the intersection of religion, nationality, and history.

Because this is a seminary course rather than traditional Christian tourism, I will not primarily see the famous places most people see when they visit the holy land. I will see some, but the focus of the trip is on building a framework for preaching, which accurately reflects the world in which Jesus lived.

The opportunity to travel at this time for a substantial discount arose when two students who planned to travel were not able to attend, and those spaces needed to be filled to maintain the group's discount. I appreciate the support both congregations have offered by granting leave time for this study tour, and I especially appreciate the financial support you have provided to make this trip possible.

I'm looking forward to sharing with you all the details of this great experience when I return. I am confident that it will positively influence my ministry for the rest of my life. Thank you for making this possible!

To God be the Glory,



Rev. Shari Schwedhelm



*Preaching and  
Presiding in  
June  
Pastor Shari  
Schwedhelm*

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## WORSHIP & MUSIC

### Experiencing Worship

The month of June brings the important celebration of Pentecost. Martin Luther himself wrote beautifully about the Holy Spirit and his gifts in the explanation of the Apostle's Creed:

"I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified me and kept me in the one true faith."

Many of us believe that the giving of the Holy Spirit to the faithful was the beginning of the celebration of Pentecost, but its roots date back further in time.

Pentecost comes from the Greek word *pentecostē*, meaning "50th day", as the celebration falls on the 50th day of Easter. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and other disciples following the Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ, and it marks the beginning of the Christian church's mission to the world.

The Jews had an early harvest festival seven weeks after the first fruit offerings of Passover, called the Feast of Weeks. The Jewish feast of Pentecost, Shavuot, was primarily a thanksgiving for the first fruits of the wheat harvest, but it was later associated with a remembrance of the Law given by God to Moses on Mount Sinai. The church's transformation of the Jewish feast to a Christian festival, most likely during the second and third centuries, was thus related to the belief that the gift of the Holy Spirit to the followers of Jesus was the first fruits of a new dispensation that fulfilled and succeeded the old dispensation of the Law.

Many also fear the Holy Spirit, not wishing to be thought of as "Pentecostal." Lutheran theology focuses on the gift of grace through Jesus Christ. This concept is part of Lutheran culture.

May I suggest that during this time of focus on the giving of the Holy Spirit, that we be open to the leading of the Spirit as we worship. Let your mind and heart be open to hearing the voice of God as you worship at Salem, in other churches, or in your private devotion.

Perhaps you will encounter God in new ways, just as the Apostles did on the first Pentecost.

May your whole life sing!



Jeff Hoffman  
Coordinator of Worship & Music



O GOD, FORM THE MINDS  
OF YOUR FAITHFUL PEOPLE  
INTO YOUR ONE WILL.  
MAKE US LOVE WHAT YOU  
COMMAND AND DESIRE  
WHAT YOU PROMISE, THAT,  
AMID ALL THE CHANGES  
OF THIS WORLD, OUR  
HEARTS MAY BE FIXED  
WHERE TRUE JOY IS  
FOUND, YOUR SON, JESUS  
CHRIST OUR LORD, WHO  
LIVES AND REIGNS WITH  
YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
ONE GOD, NOW AND  
FOREVER. **AMEN.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

JUNE 2, 2019

## SALEM LITTLE SAINTS

Summer is in full swing and we are excited to start our water days on June 3rd! Each classroom will have one day a week that they get to change into their swim suits and run through the sprinkler or play water games. The school agers will also be starting their weekly field trips to either Ronin pool or Splash Station.

There have been a few staff changes here at Little Saints and we are sad to say that Miss Karla will be leaving us. We wish her well in the future and hope she comes back to visit! Taking her spot as the Younger Penguin teacher will be Miss Shania, we are very excited to see her flourish in having her own classroom. New to the staff will be Miss McKayla, she will be the teacher aid to the Bears room through the summer. Please make sure to make her feel welcome.

The seeds in our garden have started sprouting and gardening classes have begun. The kids will be learning about how seeds spread, how seeds are different, and identifying the seeds in a variety of fruits, vegetables, and plants. This year we are growing a mix of flowers, cantaloupe, strawberries, peas, tomatoes, spearmint, and sunflowers.

We were so excited to have all the Moms and Grandmothers come to make memories for Mother's Day and now its Dad's turn! On June 14th we will be having Donuts with Dad where Dads will be invited to come enjoy a donut with their child and spend some time together.

When the weather would like to start cooperating we will be able to make some headway on getting our tarp for shade put up next to our playground. The children and teachers will really appreciate some shade on those hot summer days! We hope to have it up in the next few months.

Miss Lily

Lily Bowman  
Director of Salem Little Saints Childcare

### First Call Theological Education – May 5 – 7, 2019

## PASTOR

Twice each year, Pastors serving in their first call of ordained ministry are required to gather in each synod for two and a half days of continuing education. This is a time of networking, sharing of experiences, and development of skills and resources. It is also a time for intentional training.

This spring, our teaching event was an in-depth study of the Gospel texts from Luke, which we will encounter in worship between Pentecost and Reformation this year. Our instructor was Rev. Dr. Rick Carlson. Prior to accepting his call as a pastor at First Lutheran in Kearney, NE, Rick was a Greek and New Testament professor at United Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg, PA. He is incredibly wise and mesmerizing as a teacher. I brought home many interesting tidbits I am looking forward to sharing this summer and fall.

Our time together went incredibly quickly. The days were packed with learning and laughter, new friendships developed, and long-time friendships strengthened and renewed. As new leaders, this is essential time in our formation.

*Rev. Shari Schwedhelm*

Rev. Shari Schwedhelm



GOD OUR CREATOR,  
THE RESURRECTION OF  
YOUR SON OFFERS LIFE  
TO ALL THE PEOPLES OF  
EARTH. BY YOUR HOLY  
SPIRIT, KINDLE IN US  
THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE,  
EMPOWERING OUR  
LIVES FOR SERVICE AND  
OUR TONGUES FOR  
PRAISE, 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  
JUNE 9, 2019



ALMIGHTY CREATOR  
AND EVER-LIVING GOD:  
WE WORSHIP YOUR GLO-  
RY, ETERNAL THREE-IN-  
ONE, AND WE PRAISE  
YOUR POWER, MAJESTIC  
ONE-IN-THREE. KEEP US  
STEADFAST IN THIS  
FAITH, DEFEND US IN  
ALL ADVERSITY, AND  
BRING US AT LAST INTO  
YOUR PRESENCE,  
WHERE YOU LIVE IN END-  
LESS JOY AND LOVE,  
FATHER, SON, AND HO-  
LY SPIRIT, ONE GOD,  
NOW AND FOREVER.  
AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE DAY  
JUNE 16, 2019

BAPTISMAL  
ANNIVERSARIES

**June 1**  
Donna Ruether

**June 2**  
Elizabeth Miller

**June 4**  
Carl Person  
Clete Yount

**June 5**  
Natalie Knapp  
Preston Knapp

**June 6**  
Valerie Burris  
Keith Hansen  
Sharon Mueller  
Jordyn Carpenter

**June 7**  
Margaret Henry  
Steven Sick  
William Esch

**June 9**  
Barry Reker

**June 11**  
Deanne Berry

**June 12**  
Gabrielle Esch  
Ann Woerth

**June 13**  
Andrew Siems

**June 15**  
Julie Dowd  
Joslyn Reker

**June 16**  
Elizabeth Flittie  
Michael Vogt

**June 17**  
William Terry

**June 18**  
Arlene Reeh

**June 19**  
Jeanette Stinemates  
Vivian Tank

**June 21**  
Marian Carlson

**June 22**  
Harvey Ladehoff

**June 23**  
Stephanie Obermiller  
Nicholas Tank  
Derek Williamson

**June 24**  
Diana Rhedin

**June 26**  
Marcella Busse

**June 27**  
Jayvier Dunn

**June 28**  
Lynn Albright  
Vicki Tlamka  
Cody Peck  
Ridley Peck

**June 29**  
Robert Lubker  
Aubrey Bishop

**June 30**  
Mildred Koopman  
Glenn Miller

## BIRTHDAYS

**June 1**

Darby Menn

**June 2**

Andrew Crough

**June 4**

Alexa Boyles

**June 5**

Hunter Flittie

**June 7**

Natalie Knapp  
 Preston Knapp  
 Debra Tank  
 Diane Wilson

**June 8**

Brooklyn Wheelock

**June 9**

Korri Hendrickson

**June 10**

Jaime Depue

**June 11**

Derwin Anderson  
 Ellenna Crough  
 Shari Schwedhelm

**June 12**

Grace Burns  
 Maddilyn Ferrari

**June 13**

Brittnee Cook  
 Justin Anthony Jr.

**June 15**

Janet Scott  
 Carole Tremain  
 Sandra Knudsen  
 Cathy Wetherell

**June 19**

Logan Boyles  
 Denise Burns  
 Lori Dunn  
 Korey Leland

**June 21**

Milton Emry  
 McKenzie Phelps  
 Shelby Norenberg  
 McKenzie Phelps

**June 22**

Diane Miller  
 Patrick Godfrey

**June 23**

Gene Nott

**June 24**

Steven Johannesen

**June 25**

Angela Brummond

**June 26**

Cayden Hinkel

**June 30**

Audrey Bishop  
 Stephanie Rasmussen  
 Tyler Reese



O LORD GOD, WE  
 BRING BEFORE YOU THE  
 CRIES OF A SORROW-  
 ING WORLD. IN YOUR  
 MERCY SET US FREE  
 FROM THE CHAINS THAT  
 BIND US, AND DEFEND  
 US FROM EVERYTHING  
 THAT IS EVIL, THROUGH  
 JESUS CHRIST, OUR  
 SAVIOR AND LORD.  
 AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

JUNE 23, 2019



SOVEREIGN GOD, RULER OF ALL HEARTS, YOU CALL US TO OBEY YOU, AND YOU FAVOR US WITH TRUE FREEDOM. KEEP US FAITHFUL TO THE WAYS OF YOUR SON, THAT, LEAVING BEHIND ALL THAT HINDERS US, WE MAY STEADFASTLY FOLLOW YOUR PATHS, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR AND LORD.

**AMEN.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY  
JUNE 30, 2019

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Kevin and Lori Yount  
June 2, 1979—40 years

Terry and Gail Manzel  
June 4—1971—48 years

Dennis and Jaklyn Heinrich  
June 6, 1981—38 years

Dick and Anita Kentopp  
June 8, 1957—62 years

Daniel and Nancy Wright  
June 10, 1995—24 years

Gary and Tamara Kremlacek  
June 11, 1983—36 years

Sean and Kristin Wavin  
June 11, 2011—8 years

Robert and Carol Olson  
June 16, 1963—56 years

Nathan and Amanda Siems  
June 16, 2012—7 years

John and Jill Walkenhorst  
June 23, 1984—35 years

David and Jaime Depue  
June 24, 2006—13 years

Joshua and Stephanie Rasmussen  
June 24, 2000—19 years

Michael and Debra Fisher  
June 29, 2012—7 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 Joan Sales and family for the altar flowers and thank you to Bernitta Wheelock for delivering them to our home. The kindness and consideration of Bernitta and the many people like her at Salem provide cause for our love of Salem and its people.

Bonnie and Neil Schilke

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Thank you so much for the beautiful altar flowers of May 5th given by Carrie Kiger and delivered by Bernitta Wheelock. I always enjoy our visits and the flowers sure brighten up my days.

Jean Kinport

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Dear Friends In Christ,  
I cannot thank you enough for your generous outpouring of support during my Ordination. Thank you all for attending the service, for your cards and gifts, and my beautiful stole. Thank you especially for the extra effort you took to open this facility to host such a large and detailed event, and for the extra work required to return to normal operations when it was over. I appreciate each one of you so very much, and I am honored to serve here. You have been very kind, and I look forward to our future together with great hope!

Pastor Shari Schwedhelm

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My thanks to all my Salem friends for the cards and calls of sympathy for the loss of my brother, Stanley Marquardt. Each and everyone was much appreciated. I am so grateful for all your concerns and prayers.

Thanks,  
Marilyn Harms

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Thank you to Matt Wilson for the altar flowers that Bernitta Wheelock delivered, the bouquet is so very pretty! It's always a pleasure to visit with Bernitta. Thanks goes out to Matt Wilson for sponsoring the May 19th Radio Broadcast.

Gods Blessings!  
Paul Harms



**NEWS**

**Council Reports**  
are due by noon on  
June 5, 2019

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

**Life House Meal** (*formerly called Care Corp Meal*) was provided and served by the choir for the month of May. Residents enjoyed pulled pork sandwiches, cheeses potatoes, and lettuce salad. Dessert was a variety of cookies provided by The Table. Janet Kletke is looking for donations for the June 11 meal. Items needed are green beans, milk, juice, or salad. Monetary donation for ham is also appreciated. Please contact Janet Kletke if you can provide food and drop off your donation at the front desk of Life House between 1:00 and 5:00.

**Lutheran World Relief Soap Collection**—is more than one-third of the way to our November goal. 150 pounds of soap have been boxed and are ready to be delivered to a warehouse in Minnesota. Please consider putting your soap donation in the blue and white bowl in the narthex. Monetary donations will buy three bars for \$1.00 at Dollar Tree.



**Nebraska Lutheran Family Services Friends and Family 2019** —is going to be on Tuesday, June 18th at 5:30 p.m. at the Fremont Golf Club. Salem will be sponsoring a "Wagon of Books". Please purchase your books and bring them to Salem Church to put them in the wagon. The annual Fremont Family Friends event raises support and awareness for the children and families served through the [Rupert Dunklau Center for Healthy Families®](#). If you would like to purchase tickets to go to the event please see Dennis Remington or Sandy Terry.

**The Relay For Life of Dodge County** will take place on Saturday, June 8, 2019 from 4:00 – 11:00 p.m. on the campus of Midland University in Fremont. For more information about the local event, please contact Stephanie Stephenson (402-393-5800) or email [rflodge1@gmail.com](mailto:rflodge1@gmail.com). You can also call 1-800-227-2345 or visit [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org) to learn more about Relay For Life.

**Signup Sheets for 2019 Altar Flowers, Radio Broadcast, and Donuts** are up on the bulletin board by the stairway to the office.

June dates available:

**Flowers:**

**Donuts:**

**Radio Broadcast:** 16th

July dates available:

**Flowers:**

**Donuts:** 21st, 28th

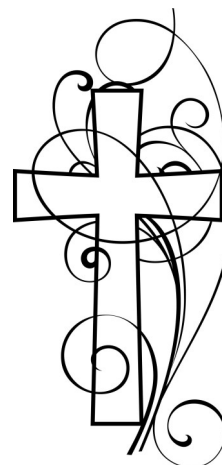
**Radio Broadcast:** 7th, 21st, 28th

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

**Financial update**  
Month Ending March 31, 2019

	<u>March Actual</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Income	\$27,858.76	\$101,037.69	\$88,907.00
Committee Exp	\$1092.57	\$12,760.26	\$9,188.00
Operating Exp	\$10,058.97	\$39,668.54	\$41,285.00
Payroll Exp	\$14,066.12	\$45,589.70	\$53,387.80
Net Income/Loss	\$2,641.10	\$3,019.19	-\$14,953.80

-- Matt Wilson, Finance



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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

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

### Coordinator of Worship & Music

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Rosie Parde  
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### Adult Handbell Choir Director

Matt Wilson  
402-727-9467  
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### Custodian

Virginia Sagastume  
402-721-6158

### Records Volunteer:

Jeanette Stinemates

## MINISTRY COORDINATORS

### Assisting Ministers

TBD

### Acolytes

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

### Musicians

### Projection

### Sound

### Video

Jeff Hoffman 402-721-6158

### Children's Message

### Communion Set Up

### Readers

Barbara Anderson 402-727-4585

### Greeters

TBD

### Ushers

Don Godfrey 402-720-6491

# Piano Dispersal

ONE PIANO AT  
SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH  
IS AVAILABLE

The instrument is currently located in the  
Prayer Chapel

A free- will donation would be welcomed  
Receipient is responsible for removal

Please contact Jeff at 402-721-6158 ext. 12  
or SingBelieveLive@gmail.com

# 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

