

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

MAY 2019

Acts 2:46-47 (NRSV) ~ "Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved."

Dear friends in Christ,

As a community of faith, you are just wonderful! I don't know how often anyone ever stops to tell you that. Over the past ten months, I cannot count how many times I have specifically thanked God for allowing me to serve here. I will forever be grateful.

If we look at how the church worked in the days of Acts, we can find plenty that we have in common. Our walk through Holy Week has included some of the very same events.

On Maundy Thursday we shared a meal. Our congregations came together and broke bread, and during the worship service, we remembered the Last Supper with a drama that included members of both congregations. The sound of conversations pouring out of the fellowship hall, and the smell of the food that drifted down the hall felt like a holiday family dinner.

During worship, we each received a nail as a reminder of our sins which also nailed Christ to the cross. We carried those nails for a day, with time to consider what parts of our lives are represented by that nail.

On Good Friday we stopped to reflect. We followed the cross through the neighborhood as we heard the story and remembered the path to Calvary. We remembered our burdens which Christ carried away in his death and resurrection. We remembered our nails, and what they had come to represent. We wrote those words down, laid them at the foot of the cross, then burned them all to remind us that they are destroyed forever.

We also gave a new meaning to those nails. They can now be used to honor and thank another person for the sacrifices they have made to shape our faith. They are a symbol of a life lived for Christ.

We began our Easter morning with cheers of "He is Risen!" We shared in the joyous news that Christ is risen indeed, and we remember what an amazing, even unbelievable story this can be. As we continue to celebrate the resurrection together, I am reminded once again of the gift of this community.

Like the first Christians, we eat together, work together, and cry together. We want what is best for our community, our friends, and our future. We push through times when we don't all agree, and we still like each other at the end of the day. Praise God for these blessings!

Today I pray that God will continue to bless this community through the love and faithful lives of the members here.

To God be the Glory,



Rev. Shari Schwedhelm



*Preaching and
Presiding in
May
Pastor Shari
Schwedhelm*

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WORSHIP & MUSIC

Defining Worship

Noun: the feeling or expression of reverence and adoration for a deity.

Verb: show reverence and adoration for (a deity); honor with religious rites.

Worship is at the center of everything we do as Christians. However, how often do we stop to think about how and when we worship, or what it means to us and those around us?

Worship takes many forms. We worship God individually, in our prayers and private acts of adoration. Some of us worship by taking time to connect with God in nature, such as taking walks at nearby lakes. Others will find the best way to connect with God is a printed resource with devotions and prayers. Listening to music or creating art work best for some.

We worship God together, with others. Our Sunday worship services at Salem are an example of this. Some traditions offer a variety of daily worship experiences for those for whom worshipping once a week is not enough. These corporate experiences also enable us to give thanks and praise to God in times of celebration, such as weddings, and times of sorrow, such as funerals.

During the season of Easter, which last until Pentecost on June 9, I would challenge you to think about worship in a different way. In my personal experience the past few months, I have endeavored to worship continuously. To be in constant contact with the Holy Spirit.

What does this mean? I stop and give thanks through prayer or song when God blesses me with anything, small or great. I set a reminder on my phone every three hours, titled, "Connect with God." When possible, I stop and take a moment to offer a prayer of gratitude, or simply sit in silence to hear God's voice. I've been viewing worship services of other churches throughout the week.

The Holy Spirit has helped me to find moments of profound peace and joy through these, and other practices, by simply offering myself to God, and allowing him to respond. No expectations. No "meet my need" requests.

May this season of resurrection restore and renew you.

May your whole life sing!



Jeff Hoffman
Coordinator of Worship & Music



ETERNAL AND ALL-
MERCIFUL GOD, WITH
ALL THE ANGELS AND
ALL THE SAINTS WE LAUD
YOUR MAJESTY AND
MIGHT. BY THE
RESURRECTION OF YOUR
SON, SHOW YOURSELF
TO US AND INSPIRE US
TO FOLLOW 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

MAY 5, 2019

SALEM LITTLE SAINTS

Where is Spring? As of right now, we are going to start our gardening classes the first week of May! We will be planting and growing sunflowers, strawberries, beans, and tomatoes to name a few. Miss Sarah will also be doing weekly gardening classes this summer on Fridays.

National Provider Appreciation Day is Friday, May 10th! Your child's teacher works so hard to provide quality child care to each and every one of their students every day. High-quality early childhood programs can have a lifelong, positive impact on young children and their families. Show the love to your child's teacher on this day and every day.

Mother's Day is May 12th and we are so blessed with every single one of you! What a wonderful and positive influence you are on your children and the multiple children you interact with at the center. We will be celebrating you with a Mother's Day Celebration on the 13th.

During the first week of May the Preschool parents will be meeting with Miss Michelle for their final Parent-Teacher conference of the year. We have had such a great group of learners this year! Preschoolers will get to enjoy an end of the year field trip to Lincoln Children's Museum on May 9. Graduation will be Friday, May 17. Invitations will be handed out later with all the details.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held May 20-24 this year and is a great way to help the center and your child explore the joys of reading! We encourage you to take a look around and see what the fair has to offer this year. The book fair will be held in room 206, across from the Ducky Room.

Important Dates to Remember:

May 6 - 10- Child Care Provider Appreciation Week

May 13- Mother's Day Celebration

May 15- Last Day of M/W/F Pre-kindergarten

May 16- Last Day of T/Th Preschool

May 17- Pre kindergarten Graduation

May 20 - 24- Scholastic Book Fair

May 27- Center is Closed for Memorial Day

June 14- Father's Day Celebration



O GOD OF PEACE, YOU
 BROUGHT AGAIN FROM
 THE DEAD OUR LORD
 JESUS CHRIST, THE
 GREAT SHEPHERD OF
 THE SHEEP. BY THE
 BLOOD OF YOUR
 ETERNAL COVENANT,
 MAKE US COMPLETE IN
 EVERYTHING GOOD THAT
 WE MAY DO YOUR WILL,
 AND WORK AMONG US
 ALL THAT IS WELL-
 PLEASING IN YOUR
 SIGHT, 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
 MAY 12, 2019

Miss Lily

Lily Bowman
 Director of Salem Little Saints Childcare



O LORD GOD, YOU
TEACH US THAT WITH-
OUT LOVE, OUR AC-
TIONS GAIN NOTHING.
POUR INTO OUR HEARTS
YOUR MOST EXCELLENT
GIFT OF LOVE, THAT,
MADE ALIVE BY YOUR
SPIRIT, WE MAY KNOW
GOODNESS AND PEACE,
THROUGH YOUR SON,
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
MAY 19, 2019

**BAPTISMAL
ANNIVERSARIES**

May 1

Mavis Lidberg
Mitch Schwarz

May 2

Rodney Frost

May 3

Delilah Morris

May 4

Tammy Knapp
Julia Knapp
Cheyenne Kruse

May 5

Shaun Hoschiet
Christopher Miller

May 6

Christopher Peters

May 7

Alex Siems

May 8

Michael Wilson
Conner Yount
Rebecca Baker
Angie Prochaska

May 9

Ronald Bolden
Dallas Holverson

May 10

Dylan Holverson

May 11

Keziah Asare- Danquah
Lillian Andrews
Carter Geddings
Evelyn Hansen
James Messerschmidt
Dominic Tank

May 12

Gary Carlson

May 13

David Depue
Dawson Holverson
Donley Ruether

May 15

John Kupfer, Jr.

May 16

Grace Walters

May 19

Haylee Miller

May 20

Keith Tank

May 21

Brett Gana

May 22

Tim Clapper

May 23

Bryson Tank
Eileen Tant
Betsy Wright

May 25

Alexander Berry

May 26

Kathy Chapman

May 27

Alexa Boyles
Jared Drieling

May 28

Brittnee Cook

May 29

Danny McGee
Twila Schlieke

May 30

Amanda Tunink

BIRTHDAYS

May 1

Steven Sick
Jeremy Siems

May 2

Marcella Busse

May 3

Judy Dutton
Daniel Wright

May 4

James Schenzel

May 5

Alan Fanning
Donna Ruether

May 8

Glenn Miller

May 9

Gary Henkens
John Grothusen
Gail Samson

May 10

Joyce Siems
Joslyn Reker

May 11

Briella Magnum
Bruce Williamson

May 12

Krisi Kranz

May 13

Edie Messerschmidt

May 15

Arlene Adams
Rosemary Hansen

May 17

Tamara Kremlacek
Graham Nott

May 19

Nancy Baker
Chloe Davies
Christopher Tank

May 20

Matthew Wilson

May 22

Jill Bittner
Marvin Hansen
Nicholas Tank
William Terry

May 23

Sharon Mueller

May 24

Joyce Klinetobe
Colby Messerschmidt
Dominic Tunink

May 25

Barbara Anderson

May 26

Aaron Schlieker

May 28

Leroy Fredericksen
Vivian Tank

May 29

Deann Berry
Ethan Johannesen
Jeff Kuhr

May 30

Carrie Kiger
Penelope Wheelock

May 31

Richard Tank
Jeff Hoffman



BOUNTIFUL GOD, YOU
GATHER YOUR PEOPLE
INTO YOUR REALM, AND
YOU PROMISE US FOOD
FROM YOUR TREE OF
LIFE. NOURISH US WITH
YOUR WORD, THAT EM-
POWERED BY YOUR
SPIRIT WE MAY LOVE
ONE ANOTHER AND THE
WORLD YOU HAVE
MADE, 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
MAY 26, 2019



O GOD, FORM THE
MINDS OF YOUR FAITH-
FUL 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 HO-
LY SPIRIT, ONE GOD,
NOW AND FOREVER.

AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
JUNE 2, 2019

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Brad and Lisa Novak
May 1, 1993—26 years

Donley and Donna Ruether
May 5, 1984—35 years

Duffy and Shirley Severa
May 6, 1995--24 years

Don and Melissa Godfrey
May 9, 1998—21 years

Rodney and Sarah Frost
May 12, 1967—52 years

Thomas and Teresa Stamper
May 14, 1994—25 years

Frederick and Shirley Bengston
May 15, 1960—9 years

William and Alice McDonald
May 15, 1960—59 years

William and Lee Ann Esch
May 16, 2009—10 years

Glenn and Lynn Miller
May 26, 1989—32 years

Randy and Nancy Bartunek
May 28, 1977—42 years

Andrew and Danielle Crough
May 29, 2010—9 years

Clayton and Kayti Kremlacek
May 31, 2014—5 year

*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 Salem for the altar flowers
provided by Pastor Shari's ordination.
They were beautiful. Thank you Cindy
Sandeem for delivering them and I always
enjoy your visit.

God Bless You All,
Virgene Muller

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Thank you to everyone for the cards, gifts,
and words of appreciation for Administra-
tive Professionals Day. I feel very blessed
to be working here.

May God bless all of you,
Verna Kimball

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Pastoral Acts in April

Funerals

Mary Louise Robertson
April 13, 2019

LeVerne Helen Berry
April 16, 2019

Ruth Serena Knudsen
April 23, 2019

Baptisms

Cort Tank Kremlacek
April 21, 2019

Tobias Robert Dean Peck
April 28, 2019

BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible Study:

Book of Matthew—

Friday mornings at 7:00 a.m.
in the Common Ground Building/Annex

Bible Study

Making Sense of the Bible

Rediscovering the

Power of Scripture Today

Friday mornings at 11:30 a.m.
in the lounge

NEWS

Council Reports
are due by noon on
May 8, 2019

Newsletter articles
are due by
May 17, 2019

Graduation Recognition—If you have any family members graduating this year that they would like the church to recognize on Sunday, May 26, please pick up a form to fill out in the Narthex on the table and return all information needed on the form to the church office by May 12th.

Life House Meal (*formerly called Care Corp Meal*) was served by Salem's church council served the April meal. Residents enjoyed pulled pork sandwiches. Janet Kletke is looking for volunteers to supply food for the May 14 meal.

Lutheran World Relief—Salem's soap collection has begun again. Last month Salem members were generous donating supplies to help flood victims. In April, 76 bars of soap were collected for Lutheran World Relief. The next Soap Sunday will be May 19.



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. Salem Little Saints will be having a Book Fair starting the week of May 19th if you would like to wait and purchase books from the childcare center. The annual Fremont Family Friends event raises support and awareness for the children and families served through the [Rupert Dunklau Center for Healthy Families®](http://RupertDunklauCenter.org). 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 rfdodge1@gmail.com. You can also call 1-800-227-2345 or visit 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.

May dates available:

Flowers:

Donuts: May 19th, 26th

Radio Broadcast:

June dates available:

Flowers: 9th, 16th

Donuts: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd

Radio Broadcast: 2nd, 16th

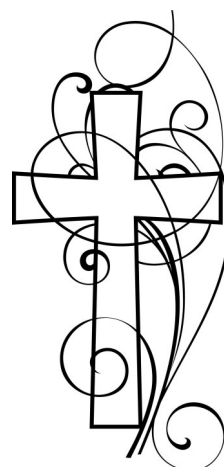
Cost for Flowers — \$30.00 Donuts—\$30.00 Radio Broadcast — \$150.00

Financial update

Month Ending March 31, 2019

	<u>March Actual</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Income	\$27,284.48	\$73,178.93	\$66,690.00
Committee Exp	\$3,836.99	\$11,667.69	\$6,899.00
Operating Exp	\$10,842.11	\$29,769.57	\$30,980.00
Payroll Exp	\$10,044.59	\$31,523.58	\$40,047.35
Net Income/Loss	\$2,560.79	\$218.09	-\$11,236.35

-- 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

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Assisting Ministers

TBD

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Melissa Godfrey & Tammy Flittie
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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

Adult Choir

Rehearsals on Wednesday
at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Loft.
Please let Rosie Parde of Jeff Hoffman
know if you would like to sing!

Salem Feast for All

A lite dinner is provided for a free will offering
each Wednesday evening beginning at 5:30 p.m.
Please join us, and bring a friend!

Intergenerational Education

Sundays 9:45 a.m. following the worship
service. The format will be different this year.
All ages are welcome to come to the lounge
and learn about our faith together.

Piano and Organ Lessons

Piano and organ lessons are available from
our Coordinator of Worship and Music. Please
contact Jeff Hoffman for more information.

Email Updates

Please contact the church office if you have an
email address and are not receiving the weekly
email news. Especially this fall, there will be
many things to communicate, and this email
will help you stay up to date on the ministry
opportunities that are happening. Contact the
church office at 402-721-6158 or
email slutheran6386@msn.com

