

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

OCTOBER 2018

"Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper." – Jeremiah 29:7

Humans spend a majority of their lives in three spaces. First is the home space, second is the workplace, and the third is a community or social space. For the most part, people gravitate toward one primary type of third space that fulfills their sense of connectedness.

Third space looks different for different people. For some people, they find this connection at the gym, with a walking club, or on a sports team. Others find this connection during happy hour at the local pub – "Cheers" told this story well. Community organizations, veteran's groups, and churches all become third space for different people.

While regularly participating three life spaces is ideal, maintaining at least two life spaces is essential to human emotional well-being. Social researchers explain that it is incredibly important for stay-at-home moms and retired people to actively cultivate social connections, because in these seasons, they have already combined two of their three life spaces, so the third space must be clearly separated.

As church, we can serve as an important part of third space for our community. When we open our doors and our hearts as an active gathering place for our community beyond Sunday morning, we tip-toe into the world of third space.

This is a beautiful yet challenging shift, when we begin to see activities in our building that are not just church functions. Here at Salem, we share our facility beautifully on a regular basis. Members of the community, whether they are here for Scouts, for the Table or ELL programs, or as part of our Child Care Center, come through our doors almost every single day. This is a beautiful opportunity to share God's love. When these guests come to see our facility as an open and welcoming space, they get comfortable here. And when we form those "Cheers-like" connections with the members of those groups, our church family and our community family become even more closely connected. How well we connect with the community when they enter our facility makes a huge difference in our ministry.

We are blessed to be a significant third space for our community. This is part of helping our community to thrive, and it is one way in which we can live our faith and share the joy and hope we find in Christ. Are there new and bigger ways in which we can become true friends with those who come to Salem for third space events? Let's celebrate the good work we are already doing in this area as we consider ways in which we can grow!

To God Be the Glory,



Vicar Shari Schwedhelm, MDiv.

VICAR'S MESSAGE



*Preaching and
Presiding in
October
Vicar Shari
Schwedhelm*

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SALEM LITTLE SAINTS

Fall is finally here! With that comes cooler weather, remember to always bring or keep a jacket for your child so we can utilize our playground and do activities outside. It is a true benefit to the children's learning to get to run off some steam!

Fire prevention week is this month, October 7th through 13th. Make sure to check your fire detectors at home to stay safe. We will be having firemen coming on October 11th with their truck to give the children a look around and give a safety lesson. It is important that children know firemen are here to help.

Please welcome 2 new members to the Salem Little Saints staff, Miss Danielle and Miss Rachael! Miss Danielle will be working with the younger Penguins. She has 2 children and works with the Cedar Bluffs youth. Rachael will be working a little in all the rooms as a floater and helping close. She has four children and lives here in Fremont; we are excited to have them!



SOVEREIGN GOD,
YOU HAVE CREATED
US TO LIVE IN LOVING
COMMUNITY WITH
ONE ANOTHER. FORM
US FOR LIFE THAT IS
FAITHFUL AND
STEADFAST, AND
TEACH US TO TRUST
LIKE LITTLE
CHILDREN, THAT WE
MAY REFLECT THE
IMAGE OF YOUR SON,
JESUS CHRIST, OUR
SAVIOR AND LORD.

AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OCTOBER 7, 2018

Halloween is this month which is such a fun filled day here at the center. Each child gets to bring their costume and go trick or treating around the church, and some groups then get to trick or treat downtown. Each classroom also has a Halloween party where the children do spooky activities and eat yummy treats! The next day will be pajama day to cool off from all the excitement.

Miss Sarah

Sarah Pearson
Assistant Director of Salem Little Saints Childcare

The Anatomy of Peace – Part 2 Our "Way of being" colors the world

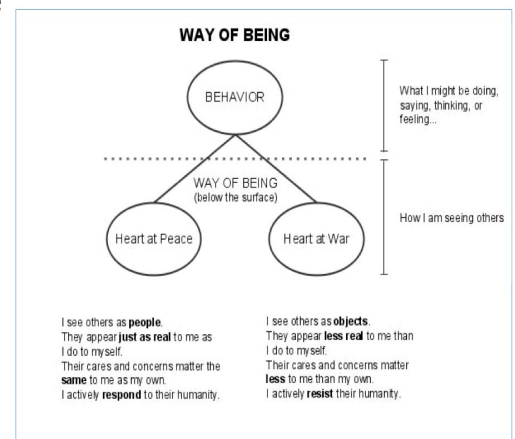
A second core message from the book "The Anatomy of Peace" is the concept that our hearts are either "at peace" or "at war" at any given moment in time.

The first and most fundamental step for helping things go right is to obtain a heart at peace. It is not so much the actions we take that invite war, but the way we are while taking them. The same action can be done from a heart at peace or a heart at war. Inviting the other to change with a heart at war, even if you are right about the thing to change, is likely to provoke a defensive reaction.

What do we mean by "way of being"? It means the way of being with others, the way we are in relationship. Human beings are social beings, and we know ourselves in comparison with and through the eyes of others. Our "self-image" is really a "self-image-in-relationship-with-others."

There are two ways of seeing others: as persons (leads to a heart at peace), or as objects (leads to a heart at war).

* As persons: we see people as persons when we recognize their uniqueness just like ours, with their flaws and qualities, just like ours, with desires, hopes, doubts and concerns, just like ours - in short, when we acknowledge all the richness of their humanity.



* As objects: we see people as objects when we "de-personalize" them, for example when we reduce them to a category (an American, an Arab, Wealthy, or Poor), to a role (a Customer, a Clerk, a Politician), or just to a quality (a slob, a lazy person, an inconsiderate neighbor). There are three ways of seeing a person as object: as an obstacle ("my needy spouse is making my life a burden!"), as a vehicle ("this client will hopefully sign the contract and make me rich."), or as an irrelevancy ("I never bothered talking to that jerk...").

What determines which way we see someone? Simply, our choice.

We may choose to be right over being at peace at any given moment. If you want to be at peace more often I invite you to do the following whenever you are in a situation of conflict or judgment about another person:

Take a couple of deep breaths and identify one or two things that you have in common. It could be as simple as acknowledging that you both wear eyeglasses, or that you are equally passionate about your points of view. Seeing your likeness may give you a fresh perspective for the other person and the situation.

Together we can make peace a stronger reality – one thought, one heart and one interaction at a time!

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First Call Theological Education

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, September 17-19, I attended first call theological education with all the pastors serving in their first three years of ministry in the Nebraska Synod. Three days away from the office was costly, but the benefits were worth the time. I am required to attend this training three times each year for the first three years of ministry. Now, having experienced it once, I understand why.

One of the greatest gifts of this training was the formation of my peer network. I met about twenty other pastors who are new to ministry and facing some of the same challenges that I am. Some are young and just entering the workforce; others are second career like me. Some are close neighbors; others are serving across the state. Regardless of the miles, we are friends and partners in ministry. They understand my role and the challenges I am facing. They are quick to remind me that I am not alone.

Our three days together were valuable not only for the networking, support, and encouragement we provided for one another, but also for the education we received. We spent one full day working with Bishop Maas on various challenges and strategies for worship planning. We talked about what is essential and what is flexible. We addressed the best practices and ways to meet the needs of our ever changing communities. The conversations were rich.

Another significant component of this gathering was training on Godly Play, a curriculum for teaching children from the youngest toddlers up through middle school all the stories of the bible in ways that allow them to explore their meaning through creative work that is important to each individual. We had the opportunity to experience a few sessions of Godly play ourselves, and they are powerful and meaningful.

We also worked on some of those basic challenges all new pastors face, like office hours, managing schedules and visitations and meetings, and things like that. It was nice to know I'm not alone, and together we also worked on some practical tips that might help me work more efficiently with the hours I have.

While I missed each of you and I missed my family, I'm quite thankful for the time to meet and connect with my peers and partners in ministry. I am especially thankful for the training that will help me to become a better leader.

Vicar Shari Schwedhelm, MDiv.



ALMIGHTY AND EVER-
LIVING GOD,
INCREASE IN US YOUR
GIFT OF FAITH, THAT,
FORSAKING WHAT LIES
BEHIND AND
REACHING OUT TO
WHAT LIES AHEAD, WE
MAY FOLLOW THE WAY
OF YOUR
COMMANDMENTS AND
RECEIVE THE CROWN
OF EVERLASTING JOY,
THROUGH JESUS
CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR
AND LORD. AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OCTOBER 14, 2018

BAPTISMAL
ANNIVERSARIES



October 1
Jaklyn Heinrich

October 2
Ruth Albright
Dylan Olson

October 3
Duane Baker
Kathleen Hartmann

October 4
Carol Olson

October 5
Deborah Minter

October 6
Lynne Barnhart

October 7
Jennie Franke
Cindy Gustafson
Carrie Kiger
Katie Schlieker
Kaylee Strohhenn

October 8
Janet Kletke
Dennis Remington

October 9
Kathy Bartels

October 11
Edie Messerschmidt
Tyler Messerschmidt
Colby Messerschmidt

October 12
Grace Burns
Raymond Person

October 15
Marilyn Ackerman
Darby Menn

October 16
Peyton Gengler
DeAun Lucas

October 18
Macy Mahoney
Bev Weitzenkamp

October 19
Marilyn Harms
Heather Menn
Millie Meyer

October 20
Miranda Hoschiet
Brad Johannesen
Joanne Miller
Elizabeth Remington

October 21
Elliot Foster
Sarah Frost
Ethan Johannesen
Preston Remington

October 22
Jonathan Hancock

October 25
Taya Vogt

October 26
Cheri Cruthoff
Emma Foster
Jennifer Vogt

October 30
Jack Berry
Wanda Kruger
Arlee Tank
Brinley Tank

SOVEREIGN GOD, YOU
TURN YOUR GREAT-
NESS INTO GOODNESS
FOR ALL THE PEOPLES
ON EARTH. SHAPE US
INTO WILLING SERV-
ANTS OF YOUR KING-
DOM, AND MAKE US
DESIRE ALWAYS AND
ONLY YOUR WILL,
THROUGH JESUS
CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR
AND LORD. AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OCTOBER 21, 2018

BIRTHDAYS

October 1

Mitchell Schlieker

October 2Carol Bolden
Ashley Schlieker**October 3**Phyllis Fisher
Sandra Schaferman**October 4**

Mack Patrick

October 5Sarah Frost
Heather Menn**October 6**

Dennis Bittner

October 7

Justin Nott

October 9Adam Baker
Nina Phalen**October 10**

Charles M. Miller

October 11Jacob Cook
Ellie Morehouse**October 12**Colleen Osterloh
Jodi Schlieker**October 13**Deborah Fisher
Rhonda Heimann**October 15**

Gina Brant

October 16

Leo Drews

October 17Benjamin Barnhart
Michael Buehler
Bonnie Gengler**October 18**

Matthew Hoschiet

October 19

Ramona Hasek

October 23

Gavin Baker

October 25Lauren Baker
Leverne Berry
Sharon Hancock**October 26**

Patricia Eden

October 27Patrick Kranz
Donald Tank**October 28**

Elaine Herre

October 29Fred Bengston
Marty Sherman
Leslie Tank**October 30**

Lawrence Asare-Danquah



ETERNAL LIGHT,
SHINE IN OUR HEARTS.
ETERNAL WISDOM,
SCATTER THE DARK-
NESS OF OUR IGNO-
RANCE. ETERNAL
COMPASSION, HAVE
MERCY ON US. TURN
US TO SEEK YOUR
FACE, AND ENABLE US
TO REFLECT YOUR
GOODNESS, THROUGH
JESUS CHRIST, OUR
SAVIOR AND LORD.
AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
OCTOBER 28, 2018

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Richard and Mildred Tank
October 3, 1976-42 years

Travis and Danielle Neubert
October 9, 2004-14 years

Paul and Rhonda Heimann
October 10, 2009-9 years

John and Vicki Tlamka
October 11, 1975-43 years

Michael and Jennifer Vogt
October 13, 2007—11 years

Mark and Kendra Remington
October 15, 2016—2 year

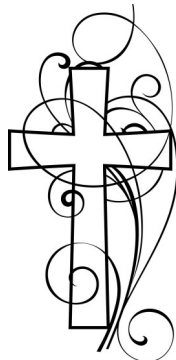
Scott and Sherri Johannesen
October 18, 2003—15 years

Alan and Arlene Reeh
October 20, 1956—62 years

Leo and Janice Spes
October 23, 1960—58 years

Jerry and Nancy Knoell
October 30, 1998—20 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 Vicar Shari for stopping by and saying a prayer before my surgery. Thank you for the altar flowers from the church. Thank you Cindy Sandeen for delivering them. Thank everyone for the cards, calls, and prayers.

Gods Blessing to All,
Rosella Brei

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Thank you to Doug & Kathy Hartmann and Barry & Diane Wilson and families for the flowers given in memory of Don Hartmann. Thanks to Bernitta Wheelock for delivering them.

God Bless You All,
Alberta Sick

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Dear Salem,
I want to thank you for remembering me at my new address. The flowers are so pretty and look nice in my room. Bernitta Wheelock is always such a joy to visit with. Thank you again for thinking of me.

Elaine Osterloh



PASTORAL ACTS IN SEPTEMBER

BAPTISMS September 2, 2018

Meagan Elizabeth Ferrari

Maddilyn Eve Ferrari

FUNERALS September 21, 2018

Graveside Service for
Lois Buchardt

ALMIGHTY GOD, YOU
HAVE TAUGHT US IN
YOUR SON THAT LOVE
FULFILLS THE LAW. IN-
SPIRE US TO LOVE YOU
WITH ALL OUR HEART,
OUR SOUL, OUR MIND,
AND OUR STRENGTH,
AND TEACH US HOW TO
LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR
AS OURSELVES,
THROUGH JESUS
CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR
AND LORD. AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
NOVEMBER 4, 2018
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

NEWS

Council Reports
are due by noon on October 10th.
Newsletter articles
are due by October 19th.

Care Corps Meal in September was provided and served by Ruth Circle. Special thanks go to Dolores Dunker (an honorary member) and The Table. The October meal will be provided by Salem's bell choir.

Garden Produce—If you have an abundance of garden produce that you would like to share with our friends and neighbors at "The Table" here at Salem Lutheran Church on Wednesdays and Saturdays you may drop it off at the church office from 8-5 Monday thru Thursday and 8-4 on Fridays. Thank you so much for sharing. It is greatly appreciated.

Lutheran World Relief soap project is complete. Salem's goal was met and exceeded by 146 bars!!! Thank you to all Salem members who have helped with this soap collection. No one likes to be dirty. Soap keeps hands clean and germs at bay. Soap helps people present themselves with dignity. Salem will be sending 1,573 bars of soap to LWR Warehouse in Minnesota. That's 367 pounds in 32 boxes! Our project will begin again in January.

Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, October 10th to help the inter-generational inter-congregational ministry group who will make homemade laundry detergent to be given away during our free food distribution. Volunteers will wash milk jugs, mix ingredients, label the jugs, and carry them to the distribution site. Laundry soap is one of the most expensive non-food essentials for a family in poverty, and this gift will ease their budgets in a meaningful way.

We are in need of clear gallon milk jugs, they need to be rinsed out and tape the lid to the side of the jug. Please bring them to the church office by Tuesday, October 9th. Any one wishing to volunteer to help with making laundry soap please call the church office or let Vicar Shari know. We will be filling them on Wednesday, October 10th in the fellowship hall at 6:15 pm after the Feast For All.

High School Youth: Save the date for **Oct. 28th** we are going to go to Camp Fontanelle. We will meet at the church at 1:00 pm and be back by 5:00. Admission and 1 game of laser tag will be covered. Bring money for any extra things you would like to do at the camp. **Please let Deann or Troy know if you are going by Sunday Oct. 14th** so we can get tickets. If you have any questions please ask Troy or Deann Berry.

Relay for Life Fundraiser—Do you need some new crafts and decorations for your home? If so, join us on Saturday, October 27th at 1pm at the Common Grounds building. Luther's lifesavers are having the annual Tailgate and Decorate. Proceeds will go to Relay For Life of Dodge County. Cost is \$20 and includes everything you will need to make 2 craft projects. We will be selling tickets beforehand just to get a count for supplies. All are welcome. We join together for an afternoon of food, fun, and crafting, all while fighting against cancer! Any questions, contact Jaki Heinrich at 402-719-0984, or Diane Wilson at 402-880-8569.

The Bridge Candlelight Vigil—Every 9 seconds a woman in the US is beaten, 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men experience severe physical violence in their lifetime. Please join us in remembering those who have lost their lives to domestic violence, and celebrate those who have survived. Thursday, October 11, 6:30 PM, Midland University Amphitheater, 8th and Irving, Fremont. *(If there is inclement weather, we will be in the Anderson Breezeway)*

Changing Worship Times—In order for Vicar Shari to form better pastoral relationships with both congregations we will be changing **Salem Lutheran Church worship time beginning on Sunday, October 7th to 8:30 a.m.** and St. Timothy Lutheran Church to 10:30 a.m. Communion will continue to be on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays.



ALMIGHTY GOD, YOU
HAVE KNIT YOUR PEOPLE
TOGETHER IN ONE
COMMUNION IN THE
MYSTICAL BODY OF
YOUR SON, JESUS
CHRIST OUR LORD.
GRANT US GRACE TO
FOLLOW YOUR
BLESSED SAINTS IN
LIVES OF FAITH AND
COMMITMENT, AND TO
KNOW THE INEXPRESSIBLE
JOYS YOU HAVE
PREPARED FOR THOSE
WHO LOVE YOU,
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
NOVEMBER 11, 2018

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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

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.—Sunday School

7:00 a.m. **Fridays**
Men's Bible Study/CG

11:30 a.m. **Fridays**
Bible Study/CG

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TBD

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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!

Sunday School

Sundays 10:20 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.

Polka Service

November 18th's worship service will feature the
Leo Lonnie Polka band.

Piano and Organ Lessons

Piano and organ lessons are available from our
Director 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 the ministry opportunities
that are happening. Contact the office at 402-721-
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