

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

OCTOBER 2019

14 "I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD." ~ Ezekiel 37:14

This same verse, which was the heading of my article last month, central to our conversation with Rabbi Hirschfield about living in a settlement, appeared again during our journey. It was carved in the stone arch leaving Yad Vashem, The World Holocaust Remembrance Center.

Here, the verse was not a justification for an action or a battle cry, but a silent promise, a whispered prayer filled with faith and hope. It echoed the prayers and stories told in the museum of countless people praying for a place of safety someday.

I must confess that I entered that museum terribly uninformed of the history of the Jewish people as it related to World War II. I was saddened to hear details of the role our Lutheran ancestors played in the earliest parts of that story. I knew broad generalizations, but to hear first-hand accounts recorded by real individuals was a reality difficult to dismiss as political or exaggerated.

The majority of the museum told the stories of people based on their country of origin. Each national section told stories of how the people were gathered, where they were held, and stories from the war. The volume of history there would take weeks to process. We were encouraged to focus on one country or one aspect of the museum for the time we had on this visit.

I have studied quite a bit about the concentration camps, but I knew very little about the life of the Jewish people living outside the camps during World War II. My focus during this visit was on the ghettos created in each country. I learned about how they started, how the people inside them were affected, and what can we learn from these stories.

I was surprised by how subtly the distinction began in many countries. People chose to live in neighborhoods together because they wanted to be together. Those areas were not ghettos at the time. Only when political and social mandates caused people to refuse to do business with the Jews did these neighborhoods become marked with poverty. Then when other areas were blocked for rental or sale to Jews, these neighborhoods became overcrowded, and then, in the end, the fences were put up to keep people in.

Throughout the museum, videos showed people telling their stories of survival. One man said how he was a young boy, about 9 years old. He was with his mother in a crowded group near a fence, and they were sure that their group would be loaded onto a train car and taken away. As they neared a guard, his mother took out a \$500 bill of that country's money and snuck it to the guard, asking him to turn away for a moment. When he did, she lifted the barbed wire and told him to walk away and not look back. That was the last time he saw her. She died in the concentration camp.

The stories of life within the ghettos were disturbing. People lived the best they could in the harshest of situations. There were stories of heroic faith despite the terrible conditions. Survivors told stories of the kindness of strangers which saved people, and the circumstances which made friends of people who had otherwise been enemies. The one common thread through every story was an enduring faith that God was present with them, and that no matter what happened, eternal life would await the faithful.



*Preaching and
Presiding in
October
Pastor Shari
Schwedhelm*

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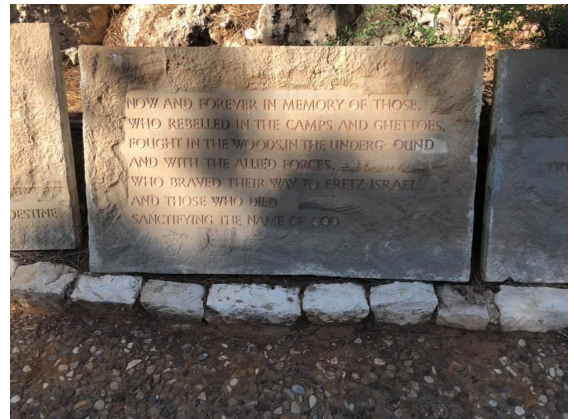
Our final stop was in the hall of children. In this space, the names of the children killed during World War II, their age, and the country in which they were born, are read aloud, non-stop. It is a dark space filled with dots of sparkling light. The names go on and on... It powerfully represents the real loss.

Our conversations that night took on a very solemn tone. They were tainted with deep pain for a human race that could do this to its own people. We talked openly about the places where we saw similarities between these old stories and our current culture today. We spoke of neighborhood segregation and social redlining. We prayed about our fears of those who are different from us and what "they" might take from "us." We each shared our individual focus from the museum that day, and how the names of the children impacted us.

Retelling these stories decades later is essential. It matters to the people who lived through it, as it helps them to heal. It matters to a generation of society committed to preventing this from happening again because we must know the story to learn from it. It matters because people like me think we know the stories and we don't.

A stone memorial lines the sidewalk outside the museum. It reads, "Now and forever in memory of those who rebelled in the camps and the ghettos, in the woods, in the underground, and with the allied forces, who braved their way to Eretz Israel, and who died sanctifying the name of God."

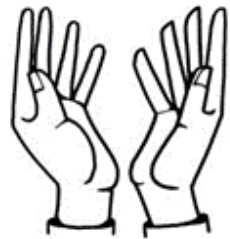
We are one human race. May we learn from the tragedies of our history, and never again cause such pain to our fellow humans.



To God be the Glory!

Rev. Shari Schwedhelm

Rev. Shari L. Schwedhelm



O GOD, RICH IN
MERCY, YOU LOOK
WITH COMPASSION
ON THIS TROUBLED
WORLD. FEED US
WITH YOUR GRACE,
AND GRANT US THE
TREASURE THAT
COMES ONLY FROM
YOU, THROUGH
JESUS CHRIST, OUR
SAVIOR AND LORD.
AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

Flood Donation Distribution

The members of Our Savior Lutheran and Immanuel Stateline Lutheran churches in Wymore have been incredibly generous. They gathered winter coats, boots, shoes, kitchen supplies, clothing, and much more for us to share with people affected by the flooding. They thought about what people would need at this point, as the seasons change and as they are moving back into their homes. The clothing items are in boxes, already labeled with sizes and types of clothing. We filled a 12-foot enclosed trailer and Salem's bus with donations to bring back from our visit.

Members of Salem and St. Timothy are working together to plan a special event to distribute these items directly to the people who need them the most. On Sunday afternoon, October 6th, we will be hosting two distribution events. These will be held as a 'free garage sale' where people can come through and select the items they need. The distribution site will be at the Fremont Rural Fire Department in Inglewood.

In order to prepare for this distribution, we are planning a 'sorting party' in the common grounds building at Salem on Sunday afternoon, September 29th starting at 1:00 pm. We will sort the donations by type and determine how to display it all. A group may go out to flood affected areas to distribute fliers publicizing the distribution.

On Sunday, October 6th we will meet at Salem to load the donations at 1:00 pm, and then head to Inglewood for the distribution from 2:00 – 5:00 pm. We will gather back at St. Timothy at the end of the distribution for pizza and cookies.

Please share the generosity of our friends and prayer partners by helping us distribute these items. Volunteers can help sort, load vehicles, set items out for sale, distribute fliers, greet people during distribution, bake cookies, or simply come along. You don't have to work to see what our partnership has made possible.

Sunday, September 29 1:00 pm – Sorting party at Salem Common Grounds
 Sunday, October 6 1:00 pm – meet at Salem to load items
 2:00 – 5:00 pm distribution at Inglewood
 5:00 pm – meet at St. Timothy for pizza and cookies

Stewardship Series 2019 - Loving Generously

Sunday, October 13th, we will begin our fall Stewardship program entitled Loving Generously. This is the second part of the series we started last fall and carries on the story of the Donovan family as they learn what it means to love generously. Each week we will see a glimpse of their journey as they take risks, experience suffering and joy, and find themselves transformed by the call to love others as Christ loves us. You won't want to miss a single Sunday!

Life is busy, and it is easy for our hearts to be distracted by the demands we face so that we can be blind to those that cross our paths. May this series prompt us to take an inventory of the relationships God has entrusted to each of us. As we do, I hope we will be inspired by a new awareness of the goodness of God.

Each week, we will also hear stories of faithful relationships from some of our members, and we look forward to growing closer to our family of faith through these messages as well.

At the end of the series, we will allow you to share how you have been impacted. What an opportunity for our church family to celebrate God's generosity! Will you join me in praying that God will prepare our hearts to hear His message of relational generosity? And will you commit to coming each week?

Sunday, October 13th - Banquet: Tearing up the Place Cards that Separate Us-
 - Scripture: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c, 2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 14:1, 7-14
 - Jesus tore down the barriers that separated people. Who are you inviting into your life?

- * Sunday, October 20th - For Sale: Blessing vs. Burden
 - Scripture: Genesis 32:22-31, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Luke 18:18-27
 - As we give ourselves to God, we give ourselves to one another.
 - What do you own and what owns you?
- * Sunday, October 27th - Kind: Loving those who are Different from Me
 - Scripture: Proverbs 19:17, Romans 3:19-28, Luke 18:9 – 14;
 - We are called to a love that crosses barriers: social, economic, cultural, and ethnic. (The Freedom of a Christian!)
- * Sunday, November 3rd - Called: Sharing Christ's Suffering and the Suffering of Others
 - Scripture: Isaiah 1:10-18, 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12, John 15:12-20
 - Loving like Jesus can lead to persecution.
- * • Sunday, November 10th - One to Another: Being United with Christ to show His Love
 - Scripture: Job 19:23-27a, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17, Luke 6:27-36
 - Giving yourself to loving everyone God puts in your path.



BENEVOLENT,
 MERCIFUL GOD:
 WHEN WE ARE
 EMPTY, FILL US.
 WHEN WE ARE
 WEAK IN FAITH,
 STRENGTHEN US.
 WHEN WE ARE
 COLD IN LOVE,
 WARM US, THAT
 WITH FERVOR WE
 MAY LOVE OUR
 NEIGHBORS AND
 SERVE THEM FOR
 THE SAKE OF YOUR
 SON, JESUS
 CHRIST, OUR
 SAVIOR AND LORD.
AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
 OCTOBER 6, 2019



ALMIGHTY AND
MOST MERCIFUL
GOD, YOUR BOUNTI-
FUL GOODNESS
FILLS ALL CREA-
TION. KEEP US SAFE
FROM ALL THAT MAY
HURT US, THAT,
WHOLE AND WELL
IN BODY AND SPIRIT,
WE MAY WITH
GRATEFUL HEARTS
ACCOMPLISH ALL
THAT YOU WOULD
HAVE US DO,
THROUGH JESUS
CHRIST, OUR SAV-
IOR AND LORD.
AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
OCTOBER 13, 2019

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

October 1
Jaklyn Heinrich

October 2
Ruth Albright

October 3
Duane Baker
Kathleen Hartmann

October 4
Carol Olson

October 5
Deborah Minter
Harry O'Keefe

October 6
Lynne Barnhart

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

October 8
Janet Kletke
Dennis Remington

October 9
Kathy Bartels

October 11
Edie Messerschmidt
Tyler Messerschmidt
Colby Messerschmidt

October 12
Grace Burns

October 14
Hudson Schwartz

October 15
Marilyn Ackerman
Darby Menn

October 16
Peyton Gengler
DeAun Lucas

October 18
Macy Mahoney
Bev Weitzenkamp

October 19
Marilyn Harms
Heather Menn

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
Evelyn Romans

October 26
Cheri Cruthoff
Emma Foster
Jennifer Vogt

October 30
Jack Berry
Wanda Kruger
Arlee Tank
Brinley Tank



CROP Hunger Walk – Sunday, October 13th—We will gather with members of St. Timothy and other congregations in our community to fight hunger both here and around the world for this year's CROP Walk. We need Walkers and sponsors for the Fremont CROP Hunger Walk on October 13th. Please see the information in the Narthex for more details and to sign up to be a Walker, a sponsor, or both. You may also call Karen Carstensen at 402-212-9855. 25% of this year's proceeds will be given to LifeHouse to feed the hungry right here in Fremont. Thanks for helping feed the hungry both in our community and throughout the world.

BIRTHDAYS

October 1

Mitchell Schlieker

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

Mack Patrick

October 5Sarah Frost
Heather Menn
Becky Smith**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 17Benjamin Barnhart
Michael Buehler
Bonnie Gengler**October 18**

Matthew Hoschiet

October 19

Ramona Hasek

October 23

Gavin Baker

October 25Lauren Baker
Sharon Hancock**October 26**Patricia Eden
Meagan Ferrari**October 27**Patrick Kranz
Mia Fritchman
Donald Tank**October 29**Fred Bengston
Marty Sherman
Leslie Tank**October 30**

Lawrence Asare-Danquah

October 31

Colleen Greenough



O LORD GOD, TIRE-
LESS GUARDIAN OF
YOUR PEOPLE, YOU
ARE ALWAYS READY
TO HEAR OUR CRIES.
TEACH US TO RELY
DAY AND NIGHT ON
YOUR CARE. INSPIRE
US TO SEEK YOUR EN-
DURING JUSTICE FOR
ALL THIS SUFFERING
WORLD, THROUGH
JESUS CHRIST, OUR
SAVIOR AND LORD.
AMEN.

SALEM EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OCTOBER 20, 2019



HOLY GOD, OUR
 RIGHTEOUS JUDGE,
 DAILY YOUR MERCY
 SURPRISES US WITH
 EVERLASTING FOR-
 GIVENESS.
 STRENGTHEN OUR
 HOPE IN YOU, AND
 GRANT THAT ALL
 THE PEOPLES OF
 THE EARTH MAY
 FIND THEIR GLORY
 IN YOU, THROUGH
 JESUS CHRIST,
 OUR SAVIOR AND
 LORD.
AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
 OCTOBER 27, 2019

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Richard and Mildred Tank
 October 3, 1976-43 years

Travis and Danielle Neubert
 October 9, 2004-15 years

Paul and Rhonda Heimann
 October 10, 2009-10 years

John and Vicki Tlamka
 October 11, 1975-44 years

Michael and Jennifer Vogt
 October 13, 2007—12 years

Mark and Kendra Remington
 October 15, 2016—3 year

Scott and Sherri Johannesen
 October 18, 2003—16 years

Alan and Arlene Reeh
 October 20, 1956—63 years

Leo and Janice Spes
 October 23, 1960—59 years

Jerry and Nancy Knoell
 October 30, 1998—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.*

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! Fall brings the Vala's Pumpkin Patch and Apple Orchard field trips! We have 4 separate trips planned for ages 3 - school age. Vala's is a trip that both teachers and kids all look forward to each year!

Fire prevention week is this month, October 6th through 12th. Make sure to check your fire detectors at home to stay safe. We will be having firemen coming 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.

Students for Midland studying Early Childhood Education will be visiting the center to ask some questions and to tour our classrooms on October 24th. This is a yearly adventure with the Intro students. We love to give them an inside look at Early Childhood Care and give them a few tips along the way!

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 Lily

Lily Bowman
 Director of Salem Little Saints Childcare

GRATITUDE

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 Dear Salem Family
 Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and visits during my hospitalization and surgery. Also thank you to Bernitta Wheelock for delivering the altar flowers. Thank you to Pastor Shari for her prayers and Bible reading before the surgery and also for bringing me communion.

God's Blessings to All
 Dennis Remington

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 Thank you to Bernitta Wheelock for delivering me they altar flowers a few weeks ago. Thank you to Cindy Gustafson for the altar flowers. Also want to thank Janet Kletke for the red roses and the visits. It was very much appreciated.

God Bless you All
 Janice Spes

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 Thank you to Doug & Kathy Hartmann, Barry & Diane Wilson & families for the altar flowers. Thank you to Bernitta Wheelock for delivering them. They were very beautiful.

God Bless you All.
 Alberta Sick

NEWS

Council Reports
are due by noon on
October 9, 2019

Newsletter articles
are due by noon on
October 18, 2019

Life House Meal — September was provided by members of Ruth Circle. Thirty residents enjoyed ham, green beans, salads, milk, juice, and dessert. Thank you to Jo Hefti, Cindy Gustufson, Bernita Wheelock, Sandra Fenner, Cindy Sandeen, Helen Lannin, Janet Kletke, and Barb Fanning for providing food. (Honorary Ruth Circle members for this month were Barb Anderson who provided drinks and Susan Fulton (Janet's sister) who helped serve the meal with Janet and Jaki Heinrich.)

Women of the ELCA mark your calendars -- Take some time for yourself and be inspired and refreshed at the Convention and Gathering for the women of the Nebraska Synod October 11-13, 2019, at Carol Joy Holling Camp. There will be speakers, workshops, and fellowship opportunities. For registration information, contact Sandy Terry or visit the website at www.tinyurl.com/nebraskawelca for registration forms. Registrations are due September 30, 2019.

Lutheran World Relief— soap project is coming near the end. Salem's goal for November is 1,573. Our total presently is 915. Our next soap Sunday is October 20th. Please bring your soap donations and put them in the blue bowl in the narthex. If you would like to give a monetary donation to Janet Kletke she will go shopping for you.

Fremont Crop Walk — Sunday, October 13th, at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 538 W. 16th St. Registration is at 1:00 p.m.; Walk will start at 1:30 p.m.; There is a 2 mile and a 5 mile route. 25% of all proceeds go to LifeHouse. For more information, call Karen at 402-212-9855. Help Stop Hunger One Step At A Time!

Garden Produce—If you have an abundance of garden produce that you would like to share with our friends and neighbors at "The Table" 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.

The Table—Because of some of the volunteers moving back to the kitchen for the Feast For All on Wednesday nights "The Table" is looking for volunteers to help out on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. Also need someone available to help take food out of the freezers on Wednesdays around 1:30 and set on tables. If you would like to volunteer please join us on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. and/or Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. or if you have any questions please call the church office 402-721-6158.

Midland University Chapel—You're invited to come on Tuesday, October 29th at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Shari will be speaking at the Midland University Chapel.

Flood Stories—If you would like a copy of the church service about the flood stories that was done on Sunday, September 8th please call the church office and we will make a DVD for you.

New Member Class — On Sunday, October 20th from 12:30-2:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall we will have a New Member Class. If you know of anyone that would like to become a member of Salem Lutheran Church please contact Pastor Shari Schwedhelm or call the church office 402-721-6158.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

	August	August YTD	Budget YTD
Income	\$35,074.71	\$196,279.78	\$177,775.00
Expenses	\$27,636.29	\$191,762.00	\$207,598.60
Net Income/Loss	\$7,438.42	\$4,517.78	-\$29,823.60

Designated Funds—
\$77,119.58

Member Contributions—
\$190,265.87

Matt Wilson, Finance

*Budget column was the predicted income and expense

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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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Assisting Ministers

TBD

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Musicians

Projection

Sound

Video

TBD

Children's Message

Communion Set Up Readers

Barbara Anderson 402-727-4585

Greeters

TBD

Ushers

Don Godfrey 402-720-6491

Signup Sheets for 2019 Altar Flowers, Radio Broadcast, and Donuts

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

October Dates available:

Flowers: 13th
Donuts: 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
Radio Broadcast: none

November Dates available:

Flowers: none
Donuts: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th
Radio Broadcast: 10th, 24th

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

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

