

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

SEPTEMBER 2018

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. - Acts 2:46-47

Dear Friends in Christ,

I'd like to wander for a moment with you down memory lane. Can you imagine for a moment one of the most joyful or happiest moments you have ever experienced in this church? Did it occur during worship? Was it a special occasion? Was it an event?

Now that you have that moment in mind, try to think about what made it so special. I'm going to go out on a limb here and say that it was not likely caused by some profound theological insights, or by a clear description of our Lutheran doctrines. For, most often in life, the moments which mark our memories are created out of community.

It is community – the people around us, sharing our joys and sorrows, walking alongside us in our journey – that makes everyday ordinary things into moments which mark our lives.

What did the community around your memory look like? Who was there? How did you interact with them? Was there laughter? Were you doing something together? What brought you to that place and time?

As we pray for and consider the path of our congregation, let's think about our church community. Do we share our lives with one another in the way that the early church did? When was the last time we enjoyed a meal outside the church with someone from church? When was the last time we did something outside of church with a church friend? Do we share meaningful parts of our lives with our church friends? Do our church friends ever even see us outside of church?

I'm certain there are some of you who will be able to say that you just did some of these very things this week. For others, it may have been a while. It is an important part of our lives together to be community outside the brick walls of the building where we gather on Sundays. It all starts with an invitation. "Let's get together for lunch." "Do you want to come fishing?" "We're going to would you like to come?"

Jesus invited people to live and eat and walk with him all the time. He taught the disciples to live in community. He left that example in scripture for us.

My prayer for each of us this fall is that we will all make at least one intentional invitation to spend non-church time with another member of the congregation, someone we have only seen on Sundays. Let's each make a new friend. Let's be church together in the world.

To God be the Glory!



Vicar Shari Schwedhelm, MDiv.

VICAR'S MESSAGE



Preaching and Presiding in September

- 2 Vicar Shari Schwedhelm
- 9 TBD
- 16 Vicar Shari Schwedhelm
- 23 TBD
- 30 Vicar Shari Schwedhelm

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Labor Day starts our month off with a day off! We will be closed Monday the 3rd to relax and be ready for our first day of Preschool on Tuesday and Pre-Kindergarten on Wednesday!

SALEM LITTLE SAINTS

Grandparents Day will be celebrated Friday, September 7th, 9:30am-10:30am, in each of your child's individual classrooms. We would love to celebrate their love and support for your children by enjoying cookies, juice, and activities!

Vala's Pumpkin Patch and Apple Orchard will soon be open for the season and we have four separate field trips planned!

Friday, September 14- Monday/Wednesday/Friday Pre-Kindergarteners Wednesday, September 19- Non-Preschool Dragonflies and Bears Thursday, September 20- Tuesday/Thursday Preschoolers Friday, September 28- Sharks

Picture Retake Day is September 21 starting at 7:30am and going until all retakes have been done. Your proofs or orders from the original picture day should arrive in the next week or so. Please ask Sarah or Lily if you have any questions.

Important Dates to Remember

September 3- Labor Day, Center Closed
September 4- First day of Preschool, 9am
September 5- First day of Pre-Kindergarten, 9am
September 7- Grandparents Day Celebration
September 21- Fall Picture Retake Day
November 22- Thanksgiving, Center Closed
November 23- Black Friday, Center Closed
December 24- Christmas Eve, Center Closes at Noon
December 25- Christmas Day, Center Closed

Miss Lily

Lily Bowman
Director of Salem Little Saints Childcare

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Last month, I wrote of the hymns and songs we would be singing in the upcoming five week "Bread of Life" discourse, as they related to the Gospel readings. Several people commented that they had no idea that the music related to the Gospel. Therefore, this month, I will give you an overview of how the music sung in worship is selected.

First and foremost, I study the texts for the day. These are appointed on a three year cycle. (We are currently in year B, the second year in the series.) The texts for the day include the three readings from scripture, the Psalm, the Prayer of the Day, and several other items. Generally, a theme of some kind prevails amongst them. As I read and meditate on the texts, I make notes of the music that comes to mind.



O GOD OUR

STRENGTH, WITHOUT

YOU WE ARE WEAK

AND WAYWARD

CREATURES. PROTECT

US FROM ALL

DANGERS THAT

ATTACK US FROM THE

OUTSIDE, AND

CLEANSE US FROM

ALL EVIL THAT ARISES

FROM WITHIN

OURSELVES, THAT WE

MAY BE PRESERVED

THROUGH YOUR SON,

JESUS CHRIST, OUR

SAVIOR AND LORD.

AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

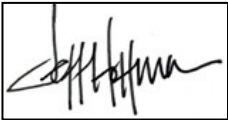
Next, I refer to "Sundays and Seasons," a planning resource we subscribe to, which lists hymn and song suggestions that relate to the readings. While there are several options, much of the music is unfamiliar to the congregation at Salem, as it comes from numerous resources published by the ELCA.

Since Salem has moved to one service, we no longer have the option of an entirely traditional or an entirely contemporary service each Sunday. Therefore, the music each Sunday must be selected following a pattern of very traditional on the first Sunday, very contemporary on the third Sunday, and alternating between the two as appropriate on the other Sundays. So we try to balance the style of music as best we can.

The choices are narrowed down to those hymns and songs whose texts best relate to the readings for the day. Favorite hymns of the congregation are also taken in to consideration. Some hymns and songs are repeated over the course of a few months so that there are familiar things to sing with confidence.

Perhaps you might take special note in the coming Sundays how the words to the music echos the words of scripture!

May your whole life sing!



Jeff Hoffman
Director of Worship & Music

NEWS

Volunteers are needed to help out 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, September 4th. 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, September 5th in the fellowship hall at 6:15 pm after the Feast For All.



GRACIOUS GOD,
THROUGHOUT THE
AGES YOU
TRANSFORM
SICKNESS INTO
HEALTH AND DEATH
INTO LIFE. OPEN US
TO THE POWER OF
YOUR PRESENCE, AND
MAKE US A PEOPLE
READY TO PROCLAIM
YOUR PROMISES TO
THE WHOLE WORLD,
THROUGH JESUS
CHRIST, OUR HEALER
AND LORD. AMEN.
PRAYER OF THE DAY

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

The Anatomy of Peace - Part 1

Recently I've been reading a fascinating book about how people interact with one another, and I highly recommend it to all of you. It reads as a story about a man and his family, but it holds some basic relationship insights that I found incredibly valuable. The book is titled, "The Anatomy of Peace," and is published by the Arbinger institute.

I don't want to give the story away, but I will share one of my key insights from the early parts of the book. How we focus our attention and energy will have a massive impact on our relationships with others. If we are facing a challenge, and we devote the majority of our time and attention to noticing things that go well, we can significantly influence the successful outcomes. If we look for ways to make a relationship more positive, we can actually make that relationship more positive. If we look for ways to make a task more fun, it will be more fun.



O GOD, THROUGH
SUFFERING AND REJECTION YOU BRING FORTH
OUR SALVATION, AND
BY THE GLORY OF THE
CROSS YOU TRANS-
FORM OUR LIVES.
GRANT THAT FOR THE
SAKE OF THE GOSPEL
WE MAY TURN FROM
THE LURE OF EVIL, TAKE
UP OUR CROSS, AND
FOLLOW YOUR SON,
JESUS CHRIST, OUR
SAVIOR AND LORD.
AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

Most people, without even realizing it, spend most of their lives doing just the opposite.



Parents especially, can easily fall into the trap of correcting bad behaviors without encouraging and supporting good behaviors. Thanking and encouraging one another for doing good work is essential to supporting a healthy culture and maintaining open relationships.

So many times as I've read this story I have found myself nodding in agreement. I highly recommend it! I'll share more next month!

Vicar Shari Schwedhelm, MDiv.

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

September 1 Alyce Hartung
September 2 Gretchen Rix
Matthew Wilson
September 4 Phillip Brei
Eileen Kuhr
September 6 LeeAnn Esch
Joshua Godfrey
Joyce Siems
September 7 Clayton Kremlacek
Harold Miller
September 8 Nancy Knoell

September 9 Andrew Brei
Darlene Hefti
Autumn Knapp
Savannah Knapp
Izik Tant
September 12 Brian Siems
September 14 Marie Gottsch
Jamie McCoy
September 15 Nathan Osterloh
Rosalyn Parde
September 17 Clarke Anderson
Janet Scott
Jeremy Siems
September 19 Katie Reese
Falyn Walkenhorst

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

Continued..

September 20 Alan Fanning

September 21 Gary Henkens

September 22 Dennis Bittner
Hunter Flitte

September 24 Amanda Ruether

September 25 Darci Blakely
Ricky Morrison
Seth Osterloh
Jeanne Shires
John Tlamka

September 26 Lori Dunn

September 27 Victoria Godfrey
Janice Spes

September 28 Lori Yount

September 29 Carol Bolden
Joel Brant

September 30 James Henry
Darla Jennings
Jacob Martin
Michael Schiessler

BIRTHDAYS

September 1 Angela Cook
Valerie Burris
William McDonald
Preston Remington

September 2 Carol Olson

September 3 Joel Brant
Dale Stahlecker, Sr.

September 4 Rosalyn Parde

September 5 Pastor J.W. Berry
Janet Kletke

September 6 Paul Heimann

September 8 Ruth Albright
Scott Johannesen
Luke Walters

September 9 Ted Osterloh

September 10 Terry Manzel
Izik Tunink
Larry Scott

September 11 Duane Baker

September 12 Marian Nott

September 13 Dennis Chapman
Wanda Kruger

September 14 Bruce Nelson

September 15 Sharon Carlson

September 16 Mildred Meyer
Bernitta Wheelock

September 17 Anita Kentopp
Stephanie Obermiller

September 18 Lauren Clapper

September 19 Sandra Fenner
James Henry

September 20 Kylie Leland

September 21 Gene Anderson

September 22 Seth Osterloh

September 24 Leo Spes

September 25 Kathleen Hartmann
Gerald Knoell
Lisa Novak
Evelyn Romans

September 26 Judy Brant
Mitch Schwarz



O GOD, OUR TEACHER
AND GUIDE, YOU DRAW
US TO YOURSELF AND
WELCOME US AS BE-
LOVED CHILDREN.
HELP US TO LAY ASIDE
ALL ENVY AND SELFISH
AMBITION, THAT WE
MAY WALK IN YOUR
WAYS OF WISDOM AND
UNDERSTANDING AS
SERVANTS OF YOUR
SON, JESUS CHRIST,
OUR SAVIOR AND
LORD. AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

BIRTHDAYS

Continued...

September 27 Joshua Godfrey
Barbara Snodgrass

September 29 Rebecca Hartmann

September 30 Mary Covington
Victoria Godfrey
Glorian Wickham

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Steve and Michelle Johannesen
September 1, 2007-11 years

Mitch and Megan Schwarz
September 2, 2011-7 year

Mark and Carolyn Rix
September 4, 1976- 42 years

Christopher and Katie Tank
September 4, 2010- 8 years

Jared and Kylie Leland
September 10, 2016-2 year

Rob and Katie Bishop
September 9, 2006-12 years

James and Edie Messerschmidt
September 14, 1996- 22 years

John and Jolene Schauer
September 15, 1984- 33 years

Joel and Gina Brant
September 18, 2010-8 years

Chris and Heather Menn
September 19, 2009-9 years

Ricky and DeAun Lucas
September 21, 2013-5 years

Barry and Kerry Reker
September 21, 1996- 22 years

Dennis Lou Leland
September 22, 1979- 39 years

James and Margaret Henry
September 23, 1967- 51 years

Bruce and Kaylene Krueger
September 23, 1961-57 years

Phillip and Bev Brei
September 26, 1981-37 years

Alan and Barbara Fanning
September 27, 1981- 37 years

Paul and Marilyn Harms
September 27, 1953- 65 years

Keith and Sheryl Tank
September 29, 1984-34 years

GRATITUDE

Dear Salem,
I thank Naomi Circle for my birthday party and the birthday ice cream cake. Thank you for my birthday cards and Joyce Siems for the stamps for my birthday. It was so good to see all you ladies! I miss seeing you all.

Alyce Hartung

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Dear Salem,
Thank you for the beautiful floral arrangement that was given by Cindy Gustafson and delivered by Bernitta Wheelock. I always appreciate being remembered with the flowers and nice visits.

Elaine Osterloh



GENEROUS GOD, YOUR
SON GAVE HIS LIFE THAT
WE MIGHT COME TO
PEACE WITH YOU. GIVE
US A SHARE OF YOUR
SPIRIT, AND IN ALL WE
DO EMPOWER US TO
BEAR THE NAME OF
JESUS CHRIST, OUR
SAVIOR AND LORD.
AMEN.
PRAYER OF THE DAY
SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

NEWS

Council Reports

are due by noon on September 5th.

Newsletter articles

are due by September 19th.

UNDERGRAD STUDENTS in the Omaha area: Check out "NeMO" (Nebraska Ministry Omaha) on Facebook. Our first fall event will be on Thursday, September 6 at St. Timothy Lutheran Church at 93rd and Dodge from 7:00 - 8:30.

Come and see what our group is about: we believe in community, faith, relationships, and giving each other room to grow and trust. Plus WE ALWAYS HAVE FREE FOOD! Call or text Pastor Jim Holthus at 218-760-2028 for more information. Bring Your Friends With You!"

You are invited to attend the NSWO AUTUMN RENEWAL "WRITING THE SONG OF YOUR LIFE" Featuring Christian singer, songwriter, and inspirational speaker JILL MILLER who will be sharing with words and music how God has worked in her life. SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1338 N. Saunders, Hastings, NE. Tell your friends. They don't have to be Lutheran to attend. Registration is \$18; if interested, contact NSWO Treasurer Sandy Terry

Stewardship committee is looking for new ideas and new members. Anyone who is confirmed can be a member. The following is a list of pamphlets or classes we could hold on better ways to use what God gave us. **Would you be interested in taking one of these classes?** Would you be interested in researching for one of these classes? Perhaps there is a different stewardship topic you are interested in. Please let one of the stewardship members know. Members are Barbara Anderson, Jeanette Stinemates, Dennis Leland, Matt Wilson. Or you can call the church office or Matt Wilson at 402-727-9467.

Youth finances + Investing Primer + How to live with less + Life without plastic + God's call the ultimate simple life

Care Corps Meal—Thanks to Salem's church council for providing the August meal at Care Corps. The September meal will be provided by Ruth Circle.

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.

GRATITUDE

Thank you to Wandra Kruger, Jaki Heinrich, and Mary Magstadt for making and donating quilts to the Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Quilt Auction. It was a great success as we raised over \$125,000.00. We had over 480 quilts donated. One of Mary's quilts sold for over \$1,000.00!

Dennis Remington
Development Associated
Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries



SOVEREIGN GOD, YOU
HAVE CREATED US TO
LIVE IN LOVING COM-
MUNITY WITH ONE AN-
OTHER. 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

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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

9:00 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

10:15 a.m.—Sunday School

MINISTRY COORDINATORS

Assisting Ministers

TBD

Acolytes

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

Begins rehearsals on Wednesday, August 29 at
7:00 p.m. in the Choir Loft.
Please let Rosie Parde or 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

Begins on Sunday, September 9 following the wor-
ship 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 ministry opportunities
that are happening. Contact the office at 402-721-
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