

# SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

## SEPTEMBER 2020

*"My child, if you accept my words and treasure up my commandments within you, making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; if you indeed cry out for insight, and raise your voice for understanding; if you seek it like silver, and search for it as for hidden treasures—then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God." ~ Proverbs 2:1-5*

Dear friends in Christ,

As a pastor, I read the Bible a lot. I still listen to a portion of the Bible every morning before my feet hit the floor. I review our texts for the coming Sunday dozens of times before you hear them in worship. I read other related scriptures as I prepare for online devotions, Bible Study, and writing the sermon. It is an essential part of how I serve as your spiritual leader.

But last week, I read an article by one of my seminary professors, Cameron Howard, that has been causing me to think a lot about how I read the Bible. Dr. Howard says, "I think many of us are usually busy with something, or trying to get to some specific outcome, when we read the Bible. It might be a devotional or otherwise spiritual outcome, but it's still a utilitarian quest. The Bible is not a place we often turn for the sheer pleasure of reading—reading as an end in itself." 1

Dr. Howard challenged me to think about how often I reduce the Bible to a tool. I use scripture to help me prepare work that I am doing. I turn to it for answers, quotes, and insights. I pick apart words so that I can understand what the original author might have intended. As soon as I have found the idea I need, I move on immediately to the next task on my list.

But what if we stopped using the Bible and instead received it as a gift? What if we take the time to savor each word the way we savor each bite of a good meal? Then, we might find treasures we are missing in our hodgepodge indexing of informational tidbits.

My daily readings this week are a mix of Nehemiah and 2nd Corinthians. I find treasures in both when I slow down long enough to listen well. Nehemiah is filled with stories of leadership and living in community. At the same time, 2nd Corinthians contains some of my favorite verses about the gospel treasure I am privileged to share with the world.

Dr. Ellen F. Davis of Duke Divinity School suggests that we should read all of scripture, including its narrative portions, as if it were poetry. Davis says, "On the whole, it is better to think of the Bible as poetry rather than as prose, at least as we generally distinguish between those two in our reading practices. You cannot skim poetry for plot, and you cannot read it in distraction. That is why poetry is read by poetry lovers: it is a non-utilitarian act, like many other acts of love." 2

Friends, this month, as we start many old things in new ways, let's also take the time to read our Bibles in new ways. Perhaps as we savor the words, we offer the Holy Spirit an open invitation to lead us into a more significant "knowledge of God."

To God be the Glory!  
Rev. Shari L. Schwedhelm

*Rev. Shari Schwedhelm*



*Preaching and  
Presiding in  
September  
Pastor Shari  
Schwedhelm*

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1Cameron B.R. Howard, "Trying Not to be a Hero," <https://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?post=54482> Ellen F. Davis, "The Soil That Is Scripture," in Engaging Biblical Authority, ed. William P. Brown (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2007), 36-44; citation from 41.

**Council Reports**  
are due by noon on  
September 9, 2020

**Newsletter articles**  
are due by noon on  
September 18, 2020

NEWS



O LORD GOD,  
  
ENLIVEN AND  
  
PRESERVE YOUR  
  
CHURCH WITH YOUR  
  
PERPETUAL MERCY.  
  
WITHOUT YOUR HELP,  
  
WE MORTALS WILL  
  
FAIL; REMOVE FAR  
  
FROM US EVERYTHING  
  
THAT IS HARMFUL, AND  
  
LEAD US TOWARD ALL  
  
THAT GIVES LIFE AND  
  
SALVATION, THROUGH  
  
JESUS CHRIST, OUR  
  
SAVIOR AND LORD.  
  
AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE DAY  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

**Care Corps LifeHouse Meal**— Salem's Care Corps Lifehouse dinner for the month of August was delivered by Sandy Terry. Hobo dinner and dessert were provided for 52 people.

**Weekly Devotions**—Every week, usually on Tuesday afternoon, Pastor Shari creates a video devotion based on our first reading for the coming Sunday. These are posted to Facebook, but will also be emailed to those on our list so that you can access them even if you do not have a Facebook account. We hope these devotions deepen your connection to the texts we do not have time to explore as closely during worship on Sunday morning.

**Men's Bible Study**—will begin on Friday, September 11th at 7:30 a.m. in the Annex/Common Ground Building.

**Salem Little Saints Scholastic Reading Club** (sponsor a child)—I would love for each child in my class to bring home one new book every month during the school year from September to May! If I select the \$1—\$2 book each month that comes out to roughly only **\$9.00 per child**. Would anyone be interested in sponsoring a child in my classroom this school year? If you are interested in helping with this worthwhile project please make check payable to Scholastic Reading Club and bring to the daycare or the church office. I appreciate your love and support! Any questions contact Michelle Smith 402-727-6300, Salem Little Saints Child Care.

### Red Cross Blood Drive

COVID-19 CANNOT be transmitted to a recipient so it is safe for someone to get blood.

Donors and workers each have their temperatures taken before being checked in. Social distancing is observed. Food is packaged for the food available after donating.

It is VERY IMPORTANT for donors to have an appointment as walk-ins rarely get in. It is also important to be on time for the appointment.

Appointments can be made by using the app on your cell phone or going to [www.redcrossblood.org/give](http://www.redcrossblood.org/give). On the date of donation, be sure to do the Rapid Pass on your phone or computer. Saves time!

This list is for the 2-day bloodmobile being held at Christensen Field and the Mall location on a Saturday a month.

Here are the dates at the Mall for the rest of the year: (they have now been in the old Buckle location and times are from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.) More drives might be added at the Mall if they allow as there will still be accounts canceling drives.

### Mall drives remaining in 2020

September 12th

October 3rd

November 14th

December 12th

### Christensen Field Drives remaining in 2020

September 21, 22 (Monday, 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.), Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)

November 30, December 1 (Monday, noon to 6 p.m., Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)

## Communion During Worship Resumes September 6th

Starting on Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, we will resume the practice of Holy Communion during worship. We will follow our previous tradition of celebrating communion on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month. You will notice some changes in our routine to keep everyone safe as we commune.

First, we have ordered pre-packaged individual communion chalices. These contain wine and bread or grape juice and bread. A gluten-free option will also be available. As you arrive, you will find a small table in the Narthex where you can pick up an individual cup for communion. Please choose from the area labeled wine, or the area labeled grape juice, as they all look the same. A



During the communion liturgy, we will wear masks until after we say the Lord's Prayer. At that time, Pastor Shari will invite everyone to be seated, remove their face coverings, and turn their chalices so that the bread side is up. She will say, "The body of Christ, given for you." Then we will all open our bread and eat together. She will say, "The blood of Christ, given for you." Then we will turn the chalice wine side up, peel back the top, and drink together.

At the end of the service, you will find two containers by the door. One will be for recycling the cups, and the other will be trash, where you can place the foil tops, which do not recycle. Please place your cups and foil in these containers so that no one else needs to touch these items.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding while we searched for the safest way to resume communion. We know that these practices are a change, and they do not replicate gathering at the table together. As I heard a friend say recently, "It's not the same, but it's the best we can do



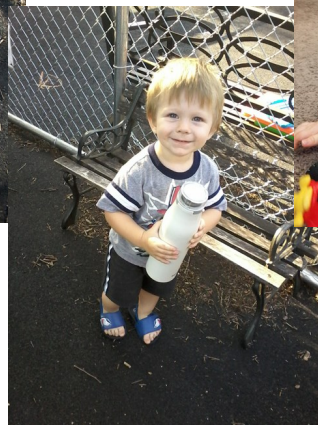
## SALEM LITTLE SAINTS

The school year has officially started and Pre-K/Preschool will be starting as well! The first day of Preschool is Tuesday, September 1 and Pre-K follows the next day, Wednesday, September 2. Each class is 9am-11am and Miss Michelle is our Preschool Teacher again this year.

We are hopeful that the school year will be a 'normal' one for everyone and that we all stay healthy.

Miss Lily

Director  
Salem Little Saints Christian Child Care Center



Salem Lutheran Church Office  
and

Salem Little Saints Child Care  
will be

Closed on Monday, September 7, 2020

for Labor Day

Have a safe weekend!

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Steve and Michelle Johannesen  
September 1, 2007—13 years

Mitch and Megan Schwarz  
September 2, 2011—9 years

Mark and Carolyn Rix  
September 4, 1976—44 years

Christopher and Katie Tank  
September 4, 2010—10 years

Rob and Katie Bishop  
September 9, 2006—14 years

Jared and Kylie Leland  
September 10, 2016—4 years

Matthew and Desirae Leonard  
September 12, 2015—5 years

John and Jolene Schauer  
September 15, 1984—36 years

Joel and Gina Brant  
September 18, 2010—10 years

Chris and Heather Menn  
September 19, 2009—11 years

Ricky and DeAun Lucas  
September 21, 2013—7 years

Barry and Kerry Reker  
September 21, 1996—24 years

Dennis and Lou Leland  
September 22, 1979—41 years

Bruce and Kaylene Krueger  
September 23, 1961—59 years

Phillip and Bev Brei  
September 26, 1981—39 years

Alan and Barbara Fanning  
September 27, 1981—39 years

Paul and Marilyn Harms  
September 27, 1953—67 years

Keith and Sheryl Tank  
September 29, 1984—36 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.*

FINANCIAL UPDATE	July YTD
<b>Income</b>	\$144,121.06
<b>Expenses</b>	\$147,712.69
<b>Net Income/Loss</b>	\$-3,591.63



### September Sponsors for Flowers

Sept. 6th—Doug & Kathy Hartmann  
and family  
Barry & Diane Wilson  
and family

Sept. 13th—Joan Sales and family

Sept. 20th—no sponsor

Sept. 27th—Glorian (Mick) Wickham

### September Sponsors for Radio Broadcast

Sept. 6th—no sponsor

Sept. 13th—no sponsor

Sept. 20th—Cookie Henry

Sept. 27th—no sponsor

O LORD GOD, MERCIFUL  
JUDGE, YOU ARE THE  
INEXHAUSTIBLE  
FOUNTAIN OF  
FORGIVENESS. REPLACE  
OUR HEARTS OF STONE  
WITH HEARTS THAT LOVE  
AND ADORE YOU, THAT  
WE MAY DELIGHT IN  
DOING YOUR WILL,  
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST,  
OUR SAVIOR AND LORD.  
AMEN.

### Pastoral Acts in August

#### Baptism

**August 30, 2020**

**Jerzey Dre Veskerna**

PRAYER OF THE DAY  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

BAPTISMAL  
ANNIVERSARIES



ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL  
GOD, YOU SHOW PER-  
PETUAL LOVINGKIND-  
NESS TO US YOUR SERV-  
ANTS. BECAUSE WE  
CANNOT RELY ON OUR  
OWN ABILITIES, GRANT  
US YOUR MERCIFUL  
JUDGMENT, AND TRAIN  
US TO EMBODY THE GEN-  
EROSITY OF YOUR SON,  
JESUS CHRIST, OUR  
SAVIOR AND LORD.  
AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE DAY  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

September 2  
Maddilyn Ferrari  
Meagan Ferrari  
Gretchen Rix  
Matthew Wilson

September 4  
Phillip Brei  
Eileen Kuhr  
John Menking

September 6  
LeeAnn Esch  
Joshua Godfrey  
Joyce Siems

September 7  
Clayton Kremlacek  
Harold Miller

September 8  
Nancy Knoell

September 9  
Andrew Brei  
Autumn Knapp  
Savannah Knapp  
Sarenatie Porter  
Jolene Schauer  
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 18  
Brenton Dunn  
Ryker Dunn

September 19  
Katie Reese  
Falyn Walkenhorst

September 20  
Alan Fanning

September 21  
Gary Hensens

September 22  
Dennis Bittner  
Hunter Flitte

September 24  
Amanda Ruether

September 25  
Duane Anthony  
Justin Anthony Jr.  
Darci Blakely  
Mia Christ  
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  
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

Donna Morton  
Ted Osterloh

September 10

Terry Manzel  
Izik Tunink  
Larry Scott

September 11

Duane Baker

September 12

Marian Nott

September 13

Wanda Kruger

September 14

Bruce Nelson

September 15

Sharon Carlson

September 16

Bernitta Wheelock

September 17

Anita Kentopp  
Stephanie Obermiller

September 18

Lauren Clapper

September 19

Sandra Fenner

September 20

Kylie Leland

September 22

Seth Osterloh

September 24

Danny McGee  
Leo Spes

September 25

Kathleen Hartmann  
Gerald Knoell  
Lisa Novak  
Evelyn Romans

September 26

Judy Brant  
Mitch Schwarz  
Lacie Siems  
Dale Stahlecker, Jr.

September 27

Joshua Godfrey  
Barbara Snodgrass

September 29

Rebecca Hartmann

September 30

Mary Covington  
Victoria Godfrey  
Glorian Wickham



GOD OF LOVE, GIVER OF  
LIFE, YOU KNOW OUR  
FRAILTIES AND FAILINGS.  
GIVE US YOUR GRACE TO  
OVERCOME THEM, KEEP  
US FROM THOSE THINGS  
THAT HARM US, AND  
GUIDE US IN THE WAY OF  
SALVATION, THROUGH  
JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAV-  
IOR AND LORD.  
AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE DAY  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2020



## CONTACT INFO

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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

## CLERGY & STAFF

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### Records Volunteer:

Jeanette Stinemates  
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## MINISTRY COORDINATORS

### Assisting Ministers

TBD

### Acolytes

Ushers

### Musicians

### Projection

### Sound

### Video

TBD

### Communion Set Up

### Readers

Barbara Anderson 402-727-4585

### Greeters

TBD

### Ushers

Don Godfrey 402-720-6491

### Signup Sheets for 2020 Altar Flowers, Radio Broadcast, and Doughnuts

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

### September Dates Available

Flowers: 20th

Doughnuts: n/a

Radio Broadcast: 6th, 13th, 27th

### October Dates Available

Flowers: 11th, 18th

Doughnuts: n/a

Radio Broadcast: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

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

**Fellowship/Doughnuts will be  
on hold until further notice.**

## 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**

