



Autumn Blessings

Let us not become weary in doing good,
for at the proper time we will reap a harvest
if we do not give up. GALATIANS 6:9

Salem Lutheran Church

October 2020

Pastor's Page

Fellow Redeemed,

Grace, mercy, and peace be yours from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

It seems like every election year, people are calling for change. Change in one thing or another. Years ago, it was Health Care Reform. At other points its been tax reform. Nowadays people are looking at all sorts of different things regarding change. People from all walks of life are demanding cultural change. What does this change look like? Well that depends who you ask. Democrats want one thing while Republicans want another. You have seen over the last month or two professional and college athletes demand change. I get it! The various things they are asking for change are real. Is there racism in our country? Yes. Are certain people looked down upon because of who they are? Yes. Does change need to take place? Yes.



As we all know there needs to be change, my guess is the number of things that we want change on would be the number of people I would ask. I would be one of the first ones to agree that we do need cultural and societal change, but many would disagree with the change that I would like to see. The change that I would like to see does not come from a politician, whether it's Donald Trump or Joe Biden, it doesn't come Gianni or Aaron Rodgers or Christian Yelich. The only true and lasting change dear church comes from within. It starts with you...well actually, it does not start with you. It starts with one person, one who is greater than you.

As this person lived on this earth, he lived as a counter-cultural individual. He was seeking change in the hearts and minds of people. The change that he was seeking was repentance. He came to this earth to bring about change, a true and lasting change. This true and lasting change happened at the Cross when He died for you and then at the tomb when HE rose again on Easter Morning.

Change happens from the cross and the empty tomb. The only positive change and healing can only come through the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Reconciliation and peace come from your Savior Jesus.

Who has this message? The Church does. The Church has been relatively quiet over the last number of decades on so many issues. Dear Church, we are in the gray and latter days. We are living in the End Times. Will things be easy for the church? No. In fact, quite the opposite, when we speak the truth – Law and Gospel, we will be ridiculed. We may even be called bigoted and hated. The world hates the church. The world despises us for the message that we proclaim. The Church will call sin sin. People do not like to hear that they are sinners. I know I do not. Yet, the Church also is the mouthpiece of God. The Church is where the forgiveness of sins takes place. The Church is where you can find peace and joy, even amidst troubling times.

Are there times that the Church must sacrifice things for a short period of time? I do believe there is. Maybe this is sacrificing our gathering time, maybe it is sacrificing our potlucks and social gatherings. Maybe the Lord is using this to help the Church see what is tremendously important and that is Christ crucified and risen for you. What is profoundly important is that message is being shared with one another.

Do I want to see change? Yes. Not with violence or hatred or threats, but with love. This love is not what the world proclaims as love, but the love that Christ shares with us. Christ is the answer to hate. Christ is the answer to a nation that seeks change! May you dear church, be the ones that can enact change for the better. As you live and interact with others, let your gospel light shine in words and actions!

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Nielsen

Council Meeting of September 8, 2020

President John Steele called the meeting to order and Pastor Nielsen led us in prayer.

Present: President John Steele, Vice-president Chris Severt, Elder Tim Dennis, Treasurer Stan Koenig, Trustee Tom Lipke, and Board of Ed Maryann Thompson. Secretary Kelly Cornelius appeared via telephone.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Kelly Cornelius read the August Council Meeting minutes. A motion was made by Chris Severt, seconded by Tom Lipke to accept the minutes as read and motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Stan Koenig reported August, 2020, Financial Summary as follows: General Fund balance as of August 1, 2020, in the amount of \$3,037.94 (in the hole). General Fund income of \$7,563.15 and expenses at \$12,223.98 for a balance as of August 31, 2020 of \$7,698.77 (in the hole). Checking account at Sterling Bank of \$36,304.29 and savings account at \$14,192.32. Missions: \$287.00 Building Fund: \$203.00. There is a \$247.05 surplus in the playground account. An amount of \$2,465 has been given for the video upgrade. A motion was made by Tim Dennis, seconded by Chris Severt to accept the Treasurer's Report and motion carried.

Trustee's Report: Trustee Tom Lipke reported a riser was built in the balcony area for the piano and carpet was donated by Birch Street in Cameron for that area. The altar guild room windows were replaced by Roger Fagerlin with the assistance of Tom Lipke and Don Duncan. Will Schuettepelz did the painting for that area. A job well done. Maintenance work done on the parsonage lawn, dealing with some holes and reseeding of those areas. Tom further reported the Mueller family continues to do a great job for Salem with outdoor work. Tom reported the outdoor shelter has been stained. Tom further advised there are no lights in the shelter which is unfortunate. Tom said a cost estimate was received in the amount of \$3,000 for getting electricity for the shelter. Council decided this could be brought to the members' attention at our quarterly meeting. Spring cleaning will need to be done in the shelter as well as it has become a catch all for items. A motion was made by Chris Severt, seconded by Stan Koenig to accept the Trustee's Report and motion carried.

Board of Ed: Maryann Thompson reported Ralley Day is being planned. The backpacks will be blessed Sunday. In person Sunday School begins October 4. Snack packages will be made for Sunday School children. Further, YFM will be providing snacks and coffee. No daycare to report on as it is currently on hold. A motion was made by Tim Dennis, seconded by Chris Severt to accept the Board of Ed report and motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor reported he will be gone October 5 – 15, 2020, to attend his sister's wedding. Circuit Forum set for December 6, 2020. Men's Bible Study resumed last week and Thursday Bible Study will resume

this week at noon. Confirmation is scheduled for September 20, 2020, while Confirmation class will begin on Wednesday. The Constitution should be reviewed. Currently nothing coming out of Synod on how to update the Constitution in the way of casting ballots and such. The Advent theme is Jesse's Tree. This year will again be blessing backpacks and handing out bibles and catechisms. Pastor will be handing out books to the elders. Building Committee meets Monday evening. A motion was made by Stan Koenig, seconded by Tim Dennis to accept Pastor's Report and motion carried.

Old Business: Bookkeeper Scott Quieser will be stepping down from that position on October 1, 2020. Council agreed to contact Johnson, Agen, and Kupferschmidt for Salem's bookkeeping needs at a cost of \$230.00 per month.

The Congregational Voter's Meeting is set for 10:30 a.m., on September 27, 2020, and will be held in the church parking lot. Members will use the call-in line or possibly an FM system may be set up for the meeting. Paper ballots will be handed out. More details to come. A motion was made by Chris Severt, seconded by Stan Koenig to proceed with the meeting as outlined above and motion carried. A motion was made by Stan Koenig, seconded by Tom Lipke to set the November Congregational Voter's Meeting for November 15, 2020, where the Budget will be addressed as well as the election of officers and motion carried.

New business: Pastor requested to carry out the research for his major applied project at Concordia Seminary entitled "A Bible Study Series", the family – centered, church- supported paradigm shift of raising children in the faith at Salem Lutheran Church. This is the final step in Pastor's Dr. Of Ministry Program. Chris Severt made a motion, seconded by Stan Koenig to give Pastor permission to proceed with Pastor's request and motion carried.

A motion was made by Chris Severt, seconded by Tim Dennis to adjourn and motion carried.
Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes by Kelly Cornelius.

Prayer Requests for:

Those in the nursing home:

Caroly, Dean, Don, Elsie, Etta, Frances, Leonard, Lois, Louise, Vi

Those Shut-in at home:

Char, Gail, Joan, Joyce, Loretta, Wilma

Those recovering from surgery: Roxanne Espeseth, Mona Duncan, Steve Amdall

Those recovering from an accident: Rusty Weise

Those with ongoing health issues:

Agnes, Bernard, Bonnie, Harrison, Ken, Kim, Marlene, Wyatt, Owen

Those who lead our nation:

Donald Trump, Mike Pence, Tony Evers, Ron Fladten

Those who serve in our military:

Ryan Graf and Ethan Kobernick



GIFT FROM THE HEART

The Gift From the Heart committee is looking ahead to this year's Christmas season. We are in the middle of a very unusual year with the covid pandemic that has affected how we gather with others and do business in our communities! We were unable to hold our one and only fundraiser this year, which is our Brat Sale. That was a loss for us knowing what families' needs will be, as great or greater, this year than in years past.

We are planning to have our hearts be virtual this year. Each church will be handling that aspect a little differently so watch for further information from your church! We hope to have virtual hearts available November 22nd. **Gifts would need to be turned in by noon on Saturday December 12th.**

We understand many of you might be hesitant in taking a heart this year because of getting out to do your shopping and or not being comfortable with online shopping. If that is the case, please consider donating monetarily as a way to still support the children of the Barron School District!

As always, we are still looking for waterproof mittens and gloves in children's sizes-adult sizes.

We can't thank you enough because without your support Gift From the Heart would not be able to continue its work!

If you know that you would like a heart before we can put your name down and save one for you. We will have a limited number of them this year. You can email or call the church to let me know.

You truly do give the children a brighter CHRISTMAS!

God Bless You and Thank You,
Sue Millerman
Gift From the Heart Committee

**ATTENTION
PARENTS**

READ PLEASE



ATTENTION SALEM PARENTS: Please talk with your children regarding the **Children's Worship Program on Sunday, December 13th.** I need to know if they are interested in playing their instrument or any special vocal interests (Solo, duet ect.) I'd like the list of names **EARLY** to make for easier planning and coordinating. Feel free to contact me in person, text or vmail (715)296-0339, or email at jsevert@cameron.k12.wi.us. Thank you. Jolene Severt

Needs List:

Catechisms \$13/book

Study Bibles \$40/book

Certificate Frames \$4/frame

Air Conditioning

Lamp for organ \$250 - \$400

Church Computers - \$600 per computer (replacing 1 every 2 years)

Faith Alive Bibles \$26/book

Additional Hymnals \$27/book

Baptism Frames \$4/frame

Convex Mirror \$50 - \$200

Music Stands \$50 - \$200

Please see the church office before ordering/purchasing any of these items. Any amount of money can be donated toward an item on the needs list.

**YOUTH
GROUP**



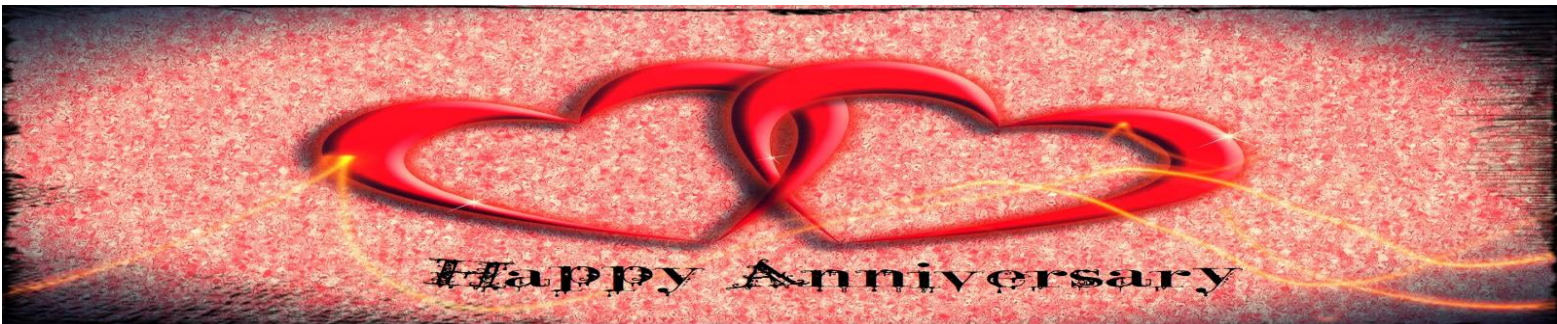
Youth Group Kids age 5th grade and up are invited to join us for our monthly youth group meeting. We will have games, bible study, and supper together on **October 25th from 3:30-5:30.**

Bingo!

Calling all Bingo players young and old!! Salem YFM and Youth Group will be hosting a virtual/call in Bingo event on **Sunday October 25 from 3:45pm-4:45pm**. If you would like to join in the Bingo fun you can email the church office (salemмос@chibardun.net) or call the church office (715-537-3011) to request your Bingo Cards. These will be disposable cards that you will throw away when you are done playing. Josh and Jen will safely deliver your bingo cards and instructions on how to play-about a week before the event. Or if you are at church we will have your cards setting out in the fellowship hall starting October 11th. So either; stop by and pick up a packet or call us and we will get you one! We have lots of great prizes and can't wait to play BINGO with all of you!!



Let's help the Barron Community safely Trick or Treat. We are looking for "Trunks" of all kinds to join us on Saturday October 31 from 10am -12pm. Sign up now to decorate your trunk and pass out candy-email the church office or sign up at the church. YFM will be offering pre-packaged treats and hot drinks to all that come. We will also provide all the candy for each trunk to pass out. We will be keeping at least 6 feet apart and using PPE during the event. Come join the fun and help Salem offer this great event to the kids of our community. Can't wait to see the creativity this year! Any questions see a YFM member.



OCTOBER 9: SCOTT & BECKY HAMMANN

OCTOBER 19: HARRISON & SHIRLEY FIELDS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October 1: Matthew Millerman

October 5: Joyce Myers & Paige Millerman

October 6: Declan Dennis & Bernie Pedersen

October 7: Zachary Dennis

October 8: Toni Prill

October 10: Rachel Hanson

October 14: Michele Millerman

October 16: Nancy Koenig

October 17: Rick Cornelius

October 18: Lois Klug

October 20: Marilyn Amundson, Melissa Miller, & Adam Steele

October 21: Aaron Beckendorf & Scott Queiser

October 25: Brody Hammann & Marilyn Otto

October 27: Eli Duncan

October 28: Darlene Heil

October 29: Damen Dennis, Brad Kuchera, & Waylon Steele

October 31: Dale Bryan



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Salem's New Web Page Is:
<https://www.salembarron.com/>
Click on enter the following link and follow the prompts to support Salem.
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-6137330>



October Ushers

Scott Queiser
Stan Koenig
Tim Dennis
Daniel Dennis
James Dennis

September/October Leaders

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| Darlene Heil | 715-637-5483 |
| Jim Thalacker | 715-859-2228 |
| Jim & Lori Crawford | 715-458-6080 |
| Harvey Germanson | 715-637-3890 |
| Scot & Becky Hammann | 715-637-0586 |
| Dean & Kim Hanson | 715-458-4262 |
| Shirley Heil | 715-637-3586 |
| Pastor & Emily Nielsen | 715-537-3011 |
| Bernie & Joann Jaeger | 715-924-3551 |
| Brad & Carol Kuchera | 715-837-1677 |
| Ione Kent | 715-234-2489 |
| Joshua & Jennifer Millerman | 715-837-1551 |
| Pastor & Kathy Mueller | 715-418-0050 |
| Fred & Linda Riebe | 715-637-5243 |
| Herb & Deloris Zabel | 715-637-5295 |



October Altar Guild: Denise Stabenow

October Elders



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| 4 – 7:45 Don Duncan | 9:15 Tim Dennis |
| 11 – 7:45 Don Duncan | 9:15 Paul Millerman |
| 18 – 7:45 Don Duncan | 9:15 Stan Koenig |
| 25 – 7:45 Don Duncan | 9:15 Trevor Duncan |

Coffee Schedule

4 – YFM
11 – YFM
18 – YFM
25 – YFM



October 2020

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 11 am Bible Class | 2 | 3 |
| 4 Green 7:45 am Communion Worship 9:15 am Communion Worship 10:30 am SS | 5 7:00 pm Elders Pastor Vacation | 6 7:00 pm Men's Club Pastor Vacation | 7 4-5pm No Confirmation Pastor Vacation | 8 4:30pm YFM Pastor Vacation | 9 Pastor Vacation | 10 Pastor Vacation |
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| 18 Green 7:45 am Communion Worship 9:15 am Communion Worship 10:30 am SS 10:30 am Bible Class | 19 | 20 7:30 am Bible Class | 21 4-5pm Confirmation 7:00 YFM | 22 11 am Bible Class | 23 | 24 |
| 25 Green 7:45 am Communion Worship 9:15 am Communion Worship 10:30 am SS 10:30 am Bible Class  3:45 pm to 5:30 pm 3:30-5:30 pm Youth Group | 26 | 27 7:00 am Bible Class | 28 4-5pm Confirmation | 29 11 am Bible Class | 30 | 31  10 am to Noon |

Salem Lutheran Church
INVITES YOU TO



Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 31
From 10am to 12 PM



**HOT CIDER - DECORATED CARS -
CANDY-TREATS**



This will be an outside event practicing social distancing, and using personal protective equipment. Cancelled if Raining

BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

Salem Parking Lot 1360 E LaSalle Ave