

Salem Lutheran Church



November 2019

Pastor's Page

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There is one thing that many people who live up north do not want to give up and that is the seasons. I, too, like the seasons, however I always wish that winter would be the shortest and summer the longest, but up here in Wisconsin, that really isn't how it works (at least based upon what the weather does). As we think about seasons: summer, fall, winter, and spring. Each of these seasons there is beauty.

Summer: lush green grass and the fullness of the trees – not to mention the warm sunny skies.

Fall: The bright orange, red, yellow colors as the leaves begin to change.

Winter: The fresh white snowfall (there I said it). The sun sparkling off the snow on a crisp clear day.

Spring: The spring rain, the buds, the flowers.



Each season of the year brings change as well. This happens even in the church. The Church year brings change as we go from the long Pentecost season to Advent. The colors on the altar will change from green to blue. The hymns and the themes of worship will change to the expectation of the coming Christ.

Now at Salem as we move forward into the 127th year of Christ-centered mission to the Barron area, we enter a new season. We will enter a season of change and growth. Dear Saints, change is hard, I get it. Change is never easy. We like the familiar, we like to go with the flow, but as the seasons change and it must happen, change in the church is also necessary as well. I like the familiar, I am not one that likes to change very much either, but I've grown accustomed to it. The first 18 years of life were pretty change-free. The second 18 years of my life have been full of change...going from high school to college...then transferring colleges, then off to seminary, vicarage, back to seminary, and now on my third Call. Wow, that's change. There has been one constant throughout my 36 years of life and that is Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ has been the constant in my life, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."



As we enter into this new season of ministry at Salem, there is still work to do until we get to our goal, really the Holy Spirit's goal to bring Christ to more people. There will be more committee work: policies will be drafted and approved, the building will be studied, architects and contractors will be interviewed, the search for the director and staff will soon begin to take place. When all this is said and done as long as it is in the Lord's will: the building will look different, additional staff will come to Salem, the building will be busy on a daily basis with Little kids and families being touched with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

This new season will no doubt bring some apprehension, it will bring fear, it will bring doubt, but the one thing that I know will not change is Jesus Christ. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. His message of the Cross and the Empty Tomb will never change. What a blessing that is and what a blessing that is to share.

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Nielsen

P.S. Now on a more personal note, your welcome for the words of thank you. More importantly thank you. Yesterday, October 27 will be a day that I treasure in my heart for a long time. The worship service, the trumpets, celebrating the Lord's Supper, receiving Christ's forgiveness, and the surprise gift and card. Thank you. We then continued with our meeting and you the congregation of Salem continue to bless me as you have a heart for ministry, you have a passion for reaching the lost with Jesus Christ. Thank you. I don't like to call people out in my newsletter articles, but I want to personally recognize those people that have worked hard over the past 8-9 months on this Daycare and Playground. First, the Daycare committee: Scott Quieser, Amy Beckendorf, Mary Oscarson, Emily Steele, Josh Millerman, Jen Millerman, Emily Nielsen, you guys came together and worked together as a team. Thank you for your dedication and your continued willing service. Second, the Playground committee: Will Schuettpelz, Chris Severt, Tom Lipke, Mary Oscarson, Terry Kirkman, Trevor Duncan, Marilyn Amundson, Chris Mueller, thank you. You all came together for a common goal. You worked hard, studied regulations, came to a consensus and then spent many hours in the sun building the playground. Thank you so very much for the work that these two committees did.

Council Meeting of October 8, 2019

Vice-president Chris Severt called the meeting to order and Pastor Nielsen led us in prayer.

Present: Vice-president Chris Severt, Pastor Nielsen, Treasurer Stan Koenig, Board of Ed Maryann Thompson, Trustee Tom Lipke, and Secretary Kelly Cornelius

Absent: President Paul Millerman and Elder Tim Dennis

Secretary's Report: Secretary Kelly Cornelius read the Council Meeting minutes of September 10, 2019. A motion was made by Tom Lipke, seconded by Stan Koenig to accept the minutes as read and motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Stan Koenig reported the September Financial Summary shows as follows: General Fund balance as of September 1, 2019, at \$14,412.15 (in the hole). General Fund income of \$9,145.06 and General Fund expenses at \$7,092.19 for a balance as of the end of September of \$12,359.28 (in the hole). September Missions: \$1,509.52. Building Fund: \$308.00 January through August Sunday School Missions sent to Lehman family in the amount of \$185.21. Preschool Balance: \$8,307.20. The checking account at Sterling Bank is at \$39,897.34 and savings account at \$8,671.15. LCEF Building Fund: \$18,293.02. The General Fund (1401) account balance for January to September, 2019, is \$80,689.32. The remaining playground costs to be paid back into Salem's account is currently \$4,695.00. A motion was made by Tom Lipke, seconded by Maryann Thompson to accept the Treasurer's Report and motion carried.

Trustee's Report: Tom Lipke reported the work on the outdoor and indoor crosses has been finished totalling \$1,577.85 which was covered under our insurance policy. The east side windows of altar guild room were scraped and painted by church members. Talked about future further work as it relates to those windows. Tom reported plumbing work was done on the pipes in the parsonage's bathroom sink. A window in the secretary's office was installed by Tom Lipke and Roger Fagerlin with the window being donated by Paul Millerman. This window will allow the secretary to see anyone coming to the main entrance door. Roger

Fagerlin built a library box that will be installed outside in a location yet to be determined. Wohlk repaired furnace number three at church. The back door will soon be repaired. It was brought up that there are various times that lights throughout the church are left on, both upstairs and downstairs. A kindly reminder to make sure lights are shut off when leaving.

Board of Ed: Sunday School: Maryann Thompson reported average Sunday School students at 26. The children will be singing on October 27th. Making some changes on how memory work should be handled. Jim and Lori Crawford will be vacuuming the Sunday School area. Preschool/Daycare: Daycare presented financials on September 29th. Next meeting is October 6th. Voter's Meeting set for October 27th, right after church. Preschool closure paperwork has been filed with the state. They need to know by February what we are going to be doing with the Preschool. Library: Marilyn Amundson purchased bibles for the Prairie Farm library. YFM: Trunk or Treat set for October 26th, from 10:00 a.m., to 12:00 p.m. Next meeting scheduled for October 9th, at 5:00 p.m.

Pastor's Report: Pastor advised he attended Winkle today. Woody from Camp Luther will be at Salem on November 3, 2019. Pastor attended the conference in Marquette on September 23 through the 25th. Talked about future Boards training. The Advent/Christmas series will be "Behold the Child". The Voter's Meeting on the daycare is October 27th. The Feasibility Committee will meet for the last time this Sunday with information being provided to the Board of Ed regarding their findings. Barron Area Clergy Association met on September 17th, and they will be donating to the Anderson Park playground.

Elder's Report for September (inadvertently left out of last month's Council minutes): Completed Pastor Nielsen's performance review. "Grace " is a home school group who would like to meet at Salem two Tuesdays a month from 1:00 p.m., to 3:00 p.m.. Approved by elders with the stipulation that they clean up after themselves. Pastor would like Salem to have communion on important Sundays (Palm Sunday, Reformation Sunday, Pentecost) even when they don't occur on the first or third Sunday of the month. The Elder's agree that this would be good. Continued work on the Elder's Budget. In August, pastor had 17 shut-in visits, two hospital visits, seven home visits, one office visit, and one funeral. Average attendance for August was 84.

Elder's Report for October: The church service line is down, probably due to weather. It may be down for a few weeks. We need to check and see if the wedding party received the \$100 rebate for cleaning up. Voter's Meeting is November 10th. We went over the 2020 budget which is now complete. It was moved and approved to accept the Elder's portion of the budget. The theme of this year's Advent is "Behold the Child". It was moved and approved to order 50 Advent devotionals. The "greeter area" gets congested before services. It was suggested that the greeters and bulletins be located by the center aisle to lessen this problem. We need to work on policies. An example is safety policies. A window will be put in the west wall of the secretary's office so she can see the front door. In September, pastor had 17 shut-in visits, two office visits, one funeral, and one wedding. Average attendance for September was 95. We started "Pastors and Elders" workbook.

Council discussed the Needs List. Furniture for the Family room will be taken off the Needs List and computers will be added (\$600 cost for each)

Old Business: Stream Monster box issue to be repaired.

As discussed at last month's Council Meeting, a motion was made by Stan Koenig, seconded by Tom Lipke to withdraw \$300 from Salem's checking account to be forwarded to Webster's congregation for Pastor Wolter's wife's medical expenses as was done by Salem last year at the Council's July 10th, meeting. The motion carried.

New Business: The Budget for 2020 will be increased by \$2,000 which Council approved. A motion was made by Tom Lipke, seconded by Maryann Thompson that the 2020 Budget be taken to the Congregational Meeting.

A motion was made by Chris Severt, seconded by Tom Lipke to adjourn and motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes by Secretary Kelly Cornelius

Special Voter's Meeting to Vote on Future Daycare at Salem on October 27, 2019

President Paul Millerman called the meeting to order and Pastor Nielsen led us in prayer.

Amy Beckendorf gave a presentation of the daycare studies that were done by the Daycare Committee and previous Congregational meetings that were held as these studies progressed. After a question and answer session was held a motion was made by Chris Severt, seconded by Jim Thalacker to vote on opening a daycare and extending our ministry. The motion carried. By written ballot, there were 68 votes which resulted as follows: Yes, Salem will open a daycare and extend the ministry: 59 votes
No, Salem will not open a daycare: 9 votes

As a result of the vote to go ahead with the daycare, a number of committee signup sheets were made available to those members wishing to assist with this ministry.

It should be noted that as the various committees proceed, the congregation will be advised as more information becomes available as to their findings.

A motion was made by Josh Millerman, seconded by Bernard Jaeger to adjourn and motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Minutes by Secretary Kelly Cornelius

LITTLE LIBRARY!!!

We are looking for books for children and young adults. If you have any feel free to drop them in the office.





Altar Guild meeting will be on **Sunday November 3** after service. Members will sign up for 2020 service schedule. New members are welcome- please come to the meeting and learn more about Altar Guild and how easy it is to prepare our sanctuary for worship. **Find Amy Beckendorf if you have any questions.**

Needs List:

Catechisms \$13/book

Study Bibles \$40/book

Certificate Frames \$4/frame

Air Conditioning

Lamp for organ \$250 - \$400

Faith Alive Bibles \$26/book

Additional Hymnals \$27/book

Baptism Frames \$4/frame

Convex Mirror \$50 - \$200

Music Stands \$50 - \$200

Church Computers - \$600 per computer

(replacing 1 every 2 years)

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.

SLCW Meeting – October 9, 2019

- Pastor led us in the Bible Study "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus." The Bible reference is Proverbs 3:5-6. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths." We can trust that our Triune God will navigate us through the path of life.
- President Maas called the meeting to order. We recited the LWML Pledge.
- The Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports were read and approved.
- LWML Sunday is October 13th. SLCW will serve coffee and donuts.
- Our next meeting is November 13th. Everyone is welcome!
- We closed with the Lord's Prayer and the table prayer.

Judy Kaehler, Secretary



**ATTENTION
PARENTS**

READ PLEASE



ATTENTION SALEM PARENTS: Please talk with your children regarding the **Children's Worship Program on Sunday, December 8th.** 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

Men's Club Meeting October 1, 2019



- President Tom Lipke called the meeting to order.
- Pastor Nielsen lead us in the prayer.
- Secretaries and Treasurers report were given.
- We discussed our Pancake Supper. We had another Great year. 205 tickets were counted. In 2018 we served 188. We had a lot of great help. The youth stepped up and really helped us out. The adults helped out again this year with set up, serving, and clean up. Next year, we could use more help with clean up. Thank you to all who helped. Not much was left over other than a few potatoes, butter, and milk.
- We have our Big Buck contest coming up on December 3rd, so mark your calendar!! We hope to see all your big bucks!
- Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Don Duncan, Secretary

Gift From the Heart

It is time to think about Christmas giving. This year Gift from the Heart will be asking Salem to donate toothbrushes for our area youth. There will be a box at church to collect them. Our deadline for this is December 15th. Please help us reach our goal of **200 toothbrushes**. Thank you!



We will also be collecting **heavy/waterproof mittens** of all sizes.

Thank you for generously giving to the Barron area youth,
Gift From the Heart





November 3: Kayla Dennis

November 5: Ione Kern

November 10: Andy Schuettpelz, Martin Luther, & Drew Elliott

November 14: Loretta Becker

November 16: Paul Millerman & Austin Stabenow

November 18: Jonathon Miller

November 25: Erin Graf (Hammann)

November 27: Mahlon Maas

November 28: Caleb Duncan

November 30: Brielle Hilger



NOVEMBER 4: ROGER AND ANN FAGERLIN

NOVEMBER 16: RUSTY AND MELISSA WEISE

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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>

November Greeters

3 – Randy & Sarah Forehand

10 – Chris & Kelly Mueller

17 – Mary Ann Thompson

24 – Rick & Kelly Cornelius

November Ushers

Randy Forehand

Rick Cornelius

Jeff McGowan

Chris, Hunter &

Carl Mueller

Matt Thompson

November/December Leaders

Randy & Sarah Forehand 715-637-1300

Mary Ann Thompson 715-296-8751

Dale & Becky Bryan 715-637-8341

Joan Church 715-637-3364

Rick & Judy Church 715-357-6214

James Dennis 715-418-2288

Mark & Amy Dennis 715-458-3306

Sharon Hammann 715-357-3074

Marcia Elliott 715-234-9321

Stacey Bisonette 715-642-2415

Ken Harbaugh 715-637-3219

Diane Knoepke 715-637-5912

Aaron Mickelson 715-418-0234

Jim & Gwen Metcalf 715-642-0527

Alison Seeman Unlisted

Chris & Jolene Severt 715-458-4970

Melissa Weinert 715-418-1222

Christopher & Kelly Mueller 715-418-2311



November Altar Guild: Kathy Schuettpelz

November Elders

3 – Koenig

10 – Anderson

17 – Dennis

20 - Duncan

24 – Cornelius

28 – Millerman

Coffee Schedule

3 – Pastor & Emily Nielsen & Chris & Kelly Mueller







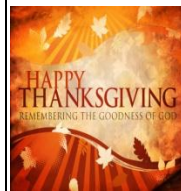


10 – Aaron & Amy Beckendorf

17 – John & Emily Steele & Melissa Weinert

24 – Youth Group



November 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1  | 2 |
| 3 White 9:00 am Communion Worship 10:00 Coffee/Snacks 10 am Alter Guild Meeting 10:15 am SS/Bible Class | 4 7:00 pm Elders | 5 7:00am Men's Bible Class 7:00 pm Men's Club | 6 4-5pm Confirmation 6:30 pm BOE | 7 Noon Bible Class | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Green 9:00 am Worship 10:00 coffee/snack 10:15 SS/Bible Class 11:00 Potluck/Meeting Congregational Voters Meeting | 11 7:00pm New Member Class | 12 7:00am Men's Bible Class Winkel-Zion, Turtle Lake 7:00pm Council | 13 4-5pm Confirmation SLCW 5pm YFM | 14 Pastor at Conference | 15 Pastor at Conference | 16 Pastor at Conference |
| 17 Green 9:00 am Communion Worship 10:00 Coffee/Snacks 10:15 am SS/Bible Class 11:00 All Daycare Comm Meeting | 18 7:00pm New Member Class | 19 7:00am Men's Bible Class 10 am BACA | 20 4-5pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Hunter Service | 21 Noon Bible Class | 22 | 23  |
| 24 Green 9:00 am Worship 10:00 Coffee/Snacks 10:15 am SS/Bible Class  | 25 7:00pm New Member Class  | 26 7:00am Men's Bible Class  | 27  | 28 9 am Worship  | 29  | 30  |



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