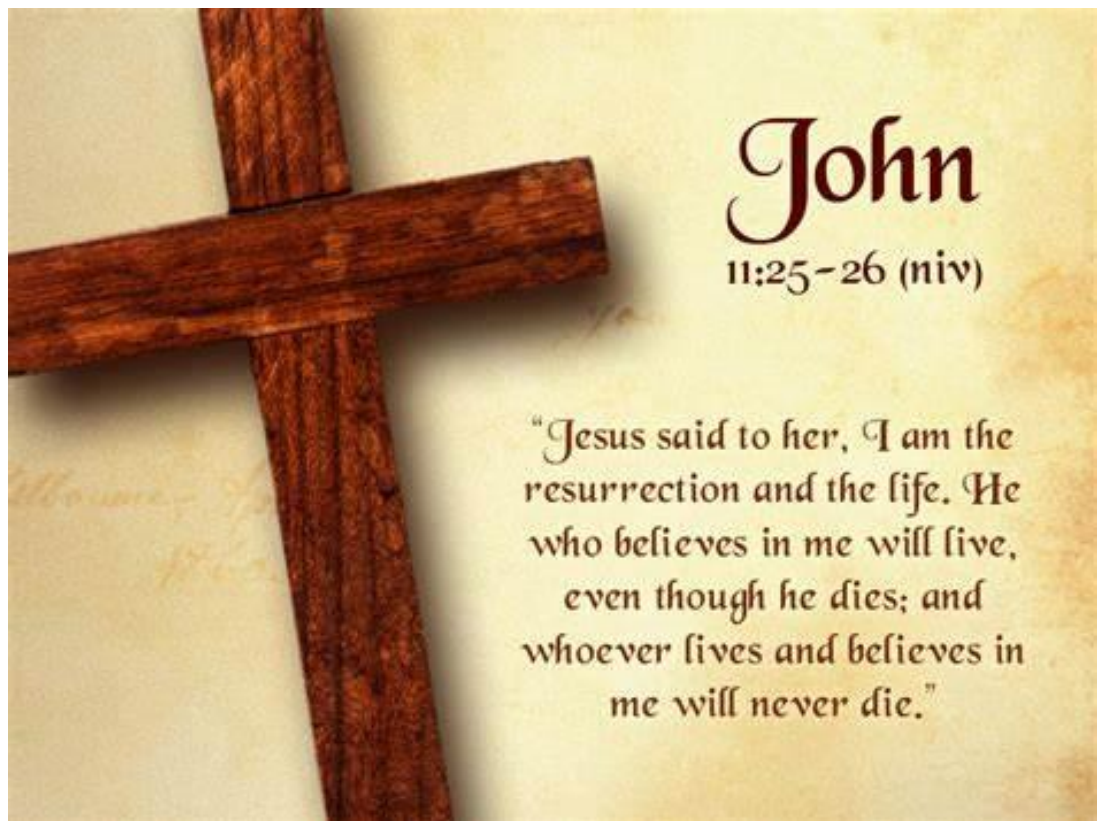




# Salem Lutheran Church Childcare and Preschool



**April 2022**



# Pastor's Page

## Dear Saints of Salem,

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! Obviously, this is the Easter Acclamation and the Easter greeting. You will also look at the calendar and realize Easter isn't until April is half over, but yet we live as Easter people. We live with the peace and the hope that comes from our Savior's death and Resurrection. We give thanks to God that He Raised Jesus from the dead.

Easter is a joyful season. It's the time of year that we really look forward to the green grass, the flowers, the buds and then the leaves on the trees. Easter marks New Life and for us, Easter falls in the Spring, so we see new life sprouting up all around us.

For this reason, among many, Easter is my favorite holiday. There is so much joy on Easter morning, when you as God's People gather to worship and celebrate the fact that Jesus is alive. I encourage all of you as you are able, if you have not been in the Lord's House for quite some time, for some it could be weeks, months, or two years or more, I would encourage you to come back and hear that great good news that Jesus is alive for you!



As we approach the end of Lent and Holy Week there plenty of opportunities to worship your Lord and Savior and receive His gifts. We still have our weekly midweek Lenten services that wraps up on April 6. Palm Sunday is April 10 with our regular Sunday morning service at 9 AM. On Palm Sunday we will gather in the fellowship area and will process into the sanctuary together with Palm Branches in our hands. We will then move through the first days of Holy Week and approach Maundy Thursday where you will have two opportunities at noon and 6:30 PM to remember the evening that our Lord was betrayed and shared the Passover meal with his disciples where he instituted the Lord's Supper. Also on Maundy Thursday we will host a Seder Meal, that will start immediately at 5:00 PM. Please sign up by April 3 so that we can plan accordingly.

Good Friday is April 15 and we will have our noon and 6:30 services where we will remember and give thanks to God for our Lord's Sacrificial death on the cross. Pastor on Holy Saturday will have a devotion at 7:00 PM to mark our Lord's rest in the tomb and then we will gather at 7:00 AM for our Easter

Sonrise service and then again at 9:00 AM for our Festival Service. (There is also the men's club traditional Easter breakfast on that day).

There are so many opportunities in the coming weeks to worship our Lord and to return to His House.

As Easter is a time to return to Church, let's take a moment to look at our Lord's actions in Matthew 19:13-15.

St. Matthew writes: <sup>13</sup> *Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people,* <sup>14</sup> *but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."* <sup>15</sup> *And he laid his hands on them and went away.* Jesus loves the little children. We aren't told here who exactly was bringing children to Jesus, but the safe assumption would be the parents. Even as we aren't told who brought their children, it does show that Jesus values the discipleship of children.



But what are the disciples doing, they are rebuking them and sending them away for bringing children to Jesus. The disciples saw these children as the ancient world did as "lowly in status and regarded as powerless, foolish, and "at times" unimportant." The thing is Jesus sees things different. Jesus sees these children are important. As He welcomes the little children, He states the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to them.

I write in my paper: "Parents can bring children to Jesus; they can even teach children about Jesus and the faith, but the church should never hinder them. The church needs to be a support for parents and families unlike the disciples who were rebuked by Jesus."

Jesus as He welcomes the little children, as He see them differently then the disciples, He also reveals that Christ is precisely for "people are who are like these children—lowly, powerless, and without resources of their own." He teaches His hearers that we are all dependent on God.

So yes, as Easter is a time to come back to church, it's also a time to renew your support and discipleship of the children here in our midst at Salem and in our families.

I want to leave you with one tool that you can use in your homes to teach your children the story of Jesus' Passion Week. You can use the Resurrection Eggs – just google them – and you will see the story

of Jesus' Passion in a precise way. You've seen me use these in Children's Messages and I will again on Easter morning.

See you in Church,

*Pastor Nielsen*



## **Council Meeting 03/08/2022**

**Present:** Pastor Michael Nielsen, Vice President Josh Millerman, Head Elder Paul Millerman, Secretary Sarah Duncan, Treasurer MaryAnn Thompson, President John Steele, Trustee Tom Lipke, Board of Education Chris Severt

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

**Secretary Report:** Secretary Sarah Duncan read the meeting minutes from the 02/08/2022. A motion was made by Paul Millerman to accept the minutes and seconded by Chris Severt and motion carried.

**Treasurer Report:** MaryAnn Thompson advised the February 2022 financial summary as follows: General fund balance as of 02/01/2022: \$64803.09 Income: \$11242.34 Expenses: \$10713.65 Net income: \$528.69. General Fund balance as of 02/28/2022: \$65331.78. Envelope Giving for February: Missions: \$514 Building Fund: \$437 Gifts and memorials: \$1681 Sunday School offering: \$106.50 Daycare income (envelopes) \$270 Air Conditioning: \$550 Vacation Bible School: \$94 Oil Well Schultz: \$87.81 Lutheran Hour: \$100 Cemetery Fund \$228 Thrivent Choice Dollars \$134 Current Bank Accounts: Salem Church Checking: \$40899.99 Savings: \$17319.88 Daycare Checking: \$25686.34 LCEF Account: \$27010.64. MaryAnn is still working with the accountants to get the gifts and memorials report organized. February Daycare/preschool grant dollars are \$279.18 & \$4020.00. A motion was made by Chris Severt to accept the minutes and seconded by Josh Millerman and motion carried.

**Elder's Report:** Paul Millerman advised that a letter is being sent to all congregation members to invite them back to church and alert them of upcoming events leading up to Easter. Elders acknowledge that they need to do a better job of welcoming visitors. Elders need to consider three major things to concentrate on. They approved cutting down a few pews to make our sanctuary more handicap accessible and getting new signage for restrooms. Pastor saw all the shut-ins and the meals were appreciated. Elders and pastor would like to do an 'adopt a Chaplin' program. They discussed chapter 5

of their book and closed with the Lord's Prayer. A motion was made by Tom Lipke to accept the minutes and seconded by Chris Severt and motion carried.

**Trustee's Report:** Tom Lipke advised that general maintenance is ongoing. Trying to keep bathrooms clean. Quote from Solutions is \$5000 to replace furnace at the parsonage-Not going to replace at this time. A motion was made by Paul Millerman to accept the minutes and seconded by Chris Severt and motion carried.

**Board of Education:** Chris Severt advised that there will be discussion on the daycare/preschool specifics at the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. One employee gave her notice. Board is updating policies. Board is going to start doing exit interviews. One position is open. Staffing discussed. Laura no longer works at the daycare. Grant spending discussed. The grants are 9-month programs, and a reapplication needs to be done every time one expires. A 'buzz in' door is coming on March 25 to enhance security. Food program has been applied for. A motion was made by Paul Millerman to accept the minutes and seconded by Josh Millerman and motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor advised that going forward, we will read together Salem's mission statement at the start of every board meeting. Discussed steering committee for a Lutheran school in the area. Pastor Paul from St Matthews in Almena would like to share with us before our worship service and then the steering committee would like to share a presentation after the meeting. May 1 at 3pm at St Paul in Cumberland, Rev. John Miels would like to have an organizational meeting to discuss a new disaster relief program. It will be like a 'Lutheran Red Cross'. People with any and all capabilities are invited to join. District convention is June 5-6. Pastors conference is May 2-3. Men's bible study: Jeremiah. Thursday bible study: Basics of Biblical Interpretation. Sunday Morning Bible Study: Christians in a WOKE world. Empowering parents has been rescheduled to March 13. Discussed adopt a Chaplain. Discussed Barron chamber of commerce meeting. A motion was made by Chris Severt to accept the minutes and seconded by Josh Millerman and motion carried.

**Old Business:** NONE

**New Business:**

Discussion on Lutheran school and how to get SEED money.

Set date for Spring meeting on April 24 immediately following the church service with a potluck.

Board needs to set 3 bullet points and bring to the next meeting to discuss. We need to support each other and support the committees that govern Salem to achieve their goals.

A motion was made by Josh Millerman and seconded by Chris Severt to adjourn the meeting and motion carried.

Closed with The Lord's Prayer

Minutes by Sarah Duncan

## Men's Club - March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

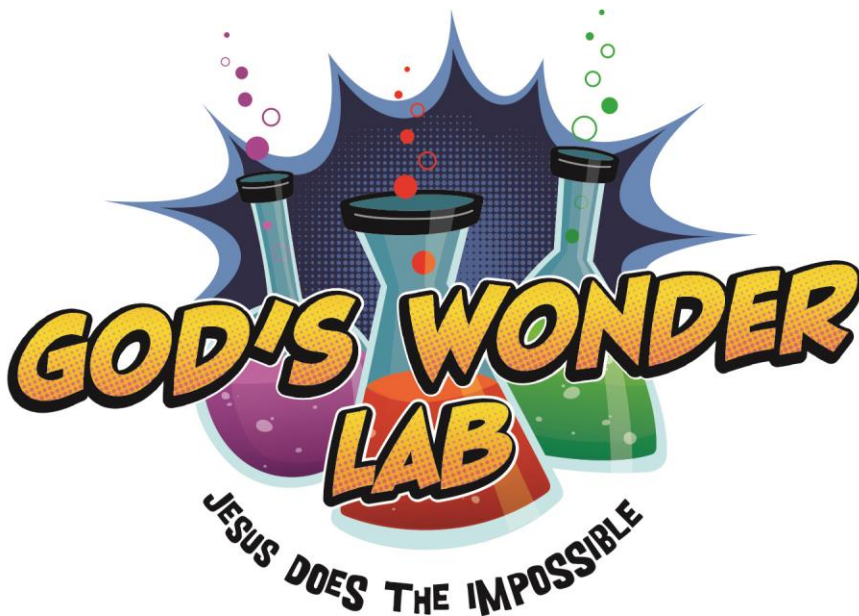


- President Tom Lipke called the meeting to order.
- Pastor Nielsen lead us in prayer
- Don Duncan gave the secretary's report from 2/1/2022 meeting. Motion by Jim to approve minutes 2nd by John.
- Treasure's report was given by Jim Thalacker. Bud made a motion to approve treasure's report, 2nd by John.
- Old Business: Talked about the Easter Brunch, Men's club will serve after Sunrise Service on Easter morning.
- New Business: Was thinking of having a fish fry again this year. Proceeds going to pay on the Childcare loan. Also talked about helping with another Garage sale at Salem.
- Election of officers: Motion by Bud to keep the offers same as last year for another term. 2nd by John

President – Tom Lipke  
VP- Jim Thalacker  
Secretary – Don Duncan  
Treasurer – Jim Thalaker

- Watched lesson 3 on How we got the Bible.
- Jim made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Duffy

Minutes by Don Duncan, Secretar



## VBS

For VBS this year, we are working with God's Wonder Lab. Therefore, we are in need of:

**Microscopes, glass beakers, periodic tables, old science lab test kits, lab coats, magnifying glasses, pool noodles.**

## 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.**



**April 16: Jamey and Kathy Dennis**

**April 21: Paul and Sue Millerman**

**April 24: Mike and Debbie Kuhrt**

## **Baptism Birthday**

**April 15: Kailynn Duncan**

**April 26: Zackary Mickelson**

**April 29: Maddie Severt**





**April 1:** Shirley Fields

**April 2:** Maddie Severt

**April 3:** John Steele

**April 5:** Andrew Bryan

**April 7:** Taylor Severt & Emily Steele

**April 8:** Ryan Hanson & Ryley Hanson

**April 10:** Brady Mickelson

**April 11:** Alexander Millerman

**April 13:** Michael Kuhrt & Wendy Starch Noha

**April 15:** Kimberly Hanson

**April 17:** Joyce Kaseno

**April 20:** Lori Crawford & Cody Vought

**April 22:** Christopher Severt

**April 23:** Allison Seeman

**April 25:** Amy Dennis

Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

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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>

## March/April Work Groups

Duffy and Janee Anderson	715-537-9218
Jeanne Perala	715-986-2335
Will and Kathy Schuettpelz	715-418-3637
Randy and Sue Church	715-537-5901
Roger and Ann Fagerlin	715-458-4096
Mary Hammann	715-205-3455
Stan and Nancy Koenig	715-651-8751
Mike and Debbie Kuhrt	715-637-5906
David & Cindy Steel	715-418-0202
Marilyn Otto	715-537-3678
Bernie Pedersen	715-458-3304

### April Ushers

Chris Severt

Jim Crawford

Jim Metcalf

Mahlon Maas

April Alter Guild: Nancy & Marcia

### April Elders

3 – Stan Koenig

6 – Noon Don Duncan 6:30 Paul Millerman

10 – Josh Millerman

14 – Noon Don Duncan 6:30 Stan Koenig

15 – Noon Don Duncan 6:30 Josh Millerman

17 – Tim Dennis

24 – Trevor Duncan

HE IS RISEN

Forgiven

For God so Loved the World

LAMB of God

love

He is Risen Indeed

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

HALLELUJAH

Eternal Life

Redeemer

my savior



### April Greeters

3 – Chris Severt Family

10 – Jim Crawford Family

17 – Joyce Kaseno

24 – Mahlon & Barb Maas

### Coffee Schedule

3 – Pastor & Emily Nielsen

10 – Mark & Amy Dennis & Chris & Kelly Mueller

17 – Easter Brunch/Men's Club & YFM

24 – Rusty & Melissa Weise & Nate & Breanne Duncan



# April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3 Purple</b> 9:00 am Communion Worship 10:00 Coffee/Snacks 10:15 am SS/Bible Class 11:05 am BOE Meeting	4 7:00 am Elders	5 7:30 am Bible Class 7:00 pm Men's Club	6 4-5pm Confirmation	7 11 am Bible Class	8	9
<b>10 Red - Palm Sunday</b> 9:00 am Worship 10:00 Coffee/Snacks 10:15 am SS/Bible Class	11	12 7:30 am Bible Class 7:00 pm Council	13 No Confirmation	<b>14 Purple</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 12:00 Service 5:00 Seder Meal <b>6:30 pm Service</b>	<b>15 Black</b> <b>Good Friday</b> <b>Noon: Service</b> <b>6:30 pm Service</b>	16 10 am to noon Easter Egg Hunt
<b>17 White - Easter</b> 7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service 8:00 Easter Breakfast 9:00 Easter Communion Service 10:00 Coffee/Snacks 	18	19 7:30 am Bible Class	20 4-5pm Confirmation	21 11 am Bible Class	22	23
<b>24 White</b> 9:00 am Worship 10:15 Potluck and Congregational Meeting. 	25	26 7:30 am Bible Class	27 4-5pm Confirmation	28 11 am Bible Class	29	30

## **Introducing Salem's Adopted Chaplain through Operation Barnabas – the LCMS's Ministry to the Armed Forces.**

Chaplain Pon Chanthaphon, (jon-ta-pon) LCDR, CHC, USN has been serving as LCMS commissioned chaplain in the U.S. Navy since 2009. He is married to Amy (nee Bressler) and has two children: Jonathon, 13, and Sophia, 5.

Currently, Chaplain Chanthaphon is serving as the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) Chaplain at Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, NC. His family is staying in Florida where his children enjoy attending church and school at Grace Lutheran Church and School in Jacksonville, FL. Jonathon will confirm and graduate from middle school this spring.



Chaplain Chanthaphon just completed his deployment in 2021 to 6th and 5th Fleets with his unit which ended the two decades war in Afghanistan with a Non-Combat Evacuation Operation (NEO) last fall. It was his second deployment in 4 years.

Prior to joining the Navy in 2009, Chaplain Pon served as the sole pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Stockton, CA. He was an alumnus of Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, MO in the Class of 2006. He met his wife at Concordia University, Saint Paul, MN.



In 1991, Pon's family was sponsored by a Lutheran family and church in Des Moines, Iowa to come to the United States after spending almost a year at two different refugee camps in Thailand. His family was a refugee family of Vietnam War which severely impacted his home country of Laos.

Prior to escaping Laos to Thailand with his family in 1990, Pon was a Buddhist monk for almost 4 years. He grew up in various communist concentration camps in the northern part of Laos until his father was released from those camps after his father serving the sentence for 9 ½ years. His father was a Green Beret and parachutist school director in the French Foreign Legion during the Vietnam War.

**We will be to lift up Pon up in prayer as well as send him notes for encouragements.**



**Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 Worship Service**

**10:00 Brunch**

**VBS Activities 10:30-Noon**

**Mon–Thur: June 20-23**

**Family Suppers 5:00-5:30**

**VBS Activities 5:30-7:30**

**Welcome to all Ages 3 – 6th Grade**

**Call Jolene Severt at (715) 296-0339**



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