



Salem Lutheran Church

3 things will last forever
- faith, hope, *& love*-
& the greatest of these is
love.

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February 2021

Pastor's Page

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are over a year since the first Covid-19 virus was discovered in Wuhan China and over a year since it was discovered in the United States in the state of Washington. We've struggled through this Pandemic and the many restrictions placed upon us as well as the continued mandates and recommendations from federal, state, and local leaders as well as Public Health officials. Many of you have been away from the physical gathering of believers for close to a year. You've been worshipping with us online and even over the phone. I understand why. I have told many of you that there was a time earlier on that if I was not the pastor I would not have been back in the physical building. 2020 not only brought us Covid-19 but it was also an exceedingly difficult year in the political world, probably more so than any other election cycle.

We have struggled with 2020. We have been wanting 2021 to come and the year does not seem to be starting much better. There is still turmoil. There is still a struggle. There is still this struggle since you and I are sinners. Let us make 2021 better and the way we can make 2021 better is by looking inside of ourselves, seeing ourselves as sinners and repent of our sin. When you repent you receive God's grace, you receive his forgiveness!

Fellow redeemed, Ash Wednesday is February 17. This Lent we are going to be looking at the theme "Return to the Lord."

In the Book of Joel, the prophet paints a vivid picture of the coming judgment of God, the Day of the Lord. The imagery is bold and terrifying: hordes of locusts swarming over the land and decimating everything. Joel's prophecy has teeth even today as wars rage, natural disasters threaten and destroy, and our culture seems to be unraveling. But right in the middle of this frightening portent, we find a tender invitation from the Lord: **"Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster"** (Joel 2:13). God's invitation and promise finds its fullness in Jesus Christ, who personifies and accomplishes all that God declares. During this season of



Lent, we will consider the theme “Return to the Lord” and examine how the call to return played out in practical ways for the people who walked alongside Christ as He demonstrated and carried out God’s grace and mercy on our behalf, taking God’s wrath upon Himself, setting the stage for God to “turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him” (Joel 2:14).

Each sermon in this series focuses on a particular event in the Passion, with a special focus on the people involved in the event. Studying the events and people helps to connect the hearers with their own sinful nature, to emphasize how we have turned away from the Lord, and to reinforce and rejoice in God’s call for us to return to Him with all our heart.

As we gather in whatever means possible, it is time to return to the Lord. It is time to repent. It is time to receive God’s grace. As we focus on returning to the Lord, I will be offering a Sunday Bible Study via zoom and live at 10:30 AM. We will be looking at the themes from the preceding Wednesday.

I would also encourage you to come to the Lord’s House and see me to receive the Lord’s Supper if you are still uncomfortable coming amongst a group of people. This is important for you to receive. For through his Body and Blood you again receive God’s grace, his forgiveness of sins.

It is time to Return to the Lord!

See you in Church or Lord willing soon,

Pastor Nielsen

P.S.

Here are the themes for the Midweek Services.

February 17 – Return to Prayer

February 24 – Return from Betrayal

March 3 – Return from False Witness

March 10 – Return from Denial

March 17 – Return to the Kingdom of God

April 1 (Maundy Thursday) – Return to the Table

April 2 (Good Friday) – Return to Truth

April 3 (Easter Vigil) – via Facebook Live – Return to the Church

April 4 (Easter) – Return and See

Council Meeting: 01/12/2021

Present: Trustee Tom Lipke, Treasurer Stan Koenig, Vice President Josh Millerman, Pastor Michael Nielsen, Secretary Sarah Duncan, Board of Ed MaryAnn Thompson, President John Steele.

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

Secretary Report: Secretary Sarah Duncan read the council meeting minutes from December 8, 2020. A motion was made by Josh Millerman and Stan Koenig to accept the minutes as read and motion carried .

Treasurer's Report: Stan Koenig advised the December 2020 financial summary as follows: General Fund (4101) income for January to December as \$. General Fund (4101) for December is \$2581.53. Checking account at Sterling Bank is \$42997.01. Savings account at Sterling Bank is \$14203.15. The LCEF: \$22773.36. Missions \$542. Sunday School \$140. Building Fund \$242. Tom Lipke and Josh Millerman made a motion to accept the report and motion carried.

Elders Report: Josh Millerman is reading Head Elder Paul Millerman's minutes for the 01/04/2021 elder meeting. Bud Bremer's membership has been moved from Christ in Chetek. Loan papers are ready, pushing back until after March 1st. Discussion on plans for if Pastor Nielsen gets sick. Solid plans have been made by the elders so services, bible studies, and catechism can continue. Pastor would like to do an Elders study. He is looking at books to best suit the group. Pastor might be able to visit nursing home soon. Tuesday and Thursday morning bible studies going well. It was moved and approved to have an extra communion service at the noon service during Lent. Pastor would like to start 'Families of the week.' Discussion on how we can keep our church together during the pandemic and then get them back once its over. Elders want to know if there is anything they can do to help families that are sick and/or hungry. Elders will start putting numbers back up on the board for people watching on Facebook. Closed with The Lord's Prayer. Stan Koenig and Tom Lipke made a motion to accept the report and motion carried.

Trustee's Report: Tom Lipke advised that a bookshelf has been built for Cindy upstairs and a lock was also put on her closet. Rooms in back are 100% cleaned out and ready for construction. Parsonage is having draining issues. Bank deposit box is all set up. Stan Koenig and Josh Millerman made a motion to accept the report and motion carried.

Board of Education: MaryAnn Thompson advised that the Sunday school program went very well. Many thanks to Jolene and Sue for their hard work on it. Sue is sending SS packets to the children that are not attending. YFM tree burning is Jan 15 at 5:30 pm. Bring a dish to pass. BOE is discussing a timeline on hiring a daycare director. February/March there will be an ad put on INDEED. Josh Millerman met with the inspector in January. The daycare policy committee is working on updating the handbook and parent policy. Stan Koenig and Josh Millerman made a motion to accept the report and motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Nielsen advised that he is writing his project for his Doctor of Ministry. He attended Winkel via zoom on 01/12/2021. There is a chance district and synod convention might be pushed back each year. We need to schedule a brief voter meeting before February 15. Pastor will be attending a Doxology in Green Lake from January 27th to 29th. Bible studies going well and are studying the Christian difference and Scientology. Sunday morning bible studies on hold for now. Confirmation classes going well. They have done some 'hybrid' classes on Zoom when the students cannot attend. Shut ins are still being called on the telephone. Lent 2021 will be Return to the Lord. Daycare remodel will be starting shortly and building committee will be gathering soon. Barron Area Clergy Association have not been meeting. Pastor wants to thank for the quick response when it comes to issues with the parsonage. Tom Lipke and Josh Millerman made a motion to accept the report and motion carried.

New Business: Treasurer Stan Koenig will be working with Johnson/Agan to make sure things are getting put in the right categories for accounting purposes. Should we be setting up new accounts for day care/shelter? North WI district website states that there is a 2nd round of payroll protection available. Application needs to be received by March 31.

A motion was made by MaryAnn Thompson and seconded by Josh Millerman and motion carried to approved taking out \$35000 from the Klein Estate in the Trust Fund so we can be ready to start making payments for the day care construction.

The phone system needs to be removed. Working with Mosaic on this. CWS security is meeting with Pastor to discuss door access and security. Pastor purchased 3 months of Zoom. It would be nice to do a full Zoom membership so the meetings can go as long as needed and can have as many participants as possible to accommodate our church needs. The cost is \$149 per year. Stan Koenig made a motion to purchase 1 year of Zoom and MaryAnn Thompson seconded and the motion was carried. A motion was made by Josh Millerman and seconded by Tom Lipke and motion carried to schedule the voters meeting has been scheduled for January 31 to talk about special convention resolution immediately following the church service.

A motion was made by Stan Koenig and seconded by Josh Millerman to adjourn and motion carried.

Closed with The Lord's Prayer.
Minutes by Sarah Duncan

Men's Club Meeting January 6, 2021

- Pres Tom Lipke called the meeting to order.
- Pastor lead us in devotions.
- Secretary's report was read from 12-4-2020 meeting.
- Treasurer's report was given.
- Men's club will donate for Portals of Prayers to help offset their cost.
- Big Buck contest: 1st Prize Aaron Mickelson, 2nd Trevor Duncan, 3rd Chris Severt, Smallest legal buck Payten Severt. Other successful hunters Kailynn Duncan, Hannah Millerman, Isaac Mickelson, Zack Mickelson, Jolene Severt, Josh Millerman, Matthew Millerman, Collin Duncan.
- Motion by Duffy to Adjourn
- Closed with The Lord's Prayer



Salem is excited to offer some upcoming zoom activities. We will be holding bingo, church meetings, and youth activities over zoom. We would love for all of you to be able to participate, so we are offering one-on-one training for anyone who would like to learn how to use zoom. Please contact the church office to set up a zoom instructional meeting or to have some instructions sent to you. Stay tuned for upcoming virtual activities!



A very special THANK YOU to everyone who sponsored a child by filling a virtual heart, donating money or house hold goods, donating hats and mittens or volunteering your time for Gift From the Heart program!

Because of your generosity we were able to help 61 total families and their 164 children either with coats, snow pants, hats and mittens or by making their Christmas a little brighter with gifts of toys and clothes!

Each family that received toys and gifts also received a wonderful foodbox, a bag of household goods and a bag of books!

Thank you for being a part of this program. May you be blessed in return for your thoughtfulness and generosity!

Thank you,
Gift From the Heart Committee



SNOW TUBING



February 14th

5pm-7pm

Cost is: \$5.00 per person

Salem will provide food.

Please sign up to let us know how many will be attending

Prayer Requests for:

Those in the nursing home:

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

Those Shut-in at home:

Char, Gail and Roxanne, Joan, Joyce, Loretta, Wilma

Those recovering from surgery: Mona Duncan, Steve Amdall

Those recovering from an accident: Rusty Weise

Those with ongoing health issues:

Agnes, Harrison, Jeanne, Ken, Kim, Marlene, Wyatt, Owen, Esther, Keith, Dorie, Kathy, Scott

Those who lead our nation:

Joe Biden, Kamala Harris, Tony Evers, Ron Fladten

Those who serve in our military:

Ryan Graf and Ethan Kobernick

Families of the Week:

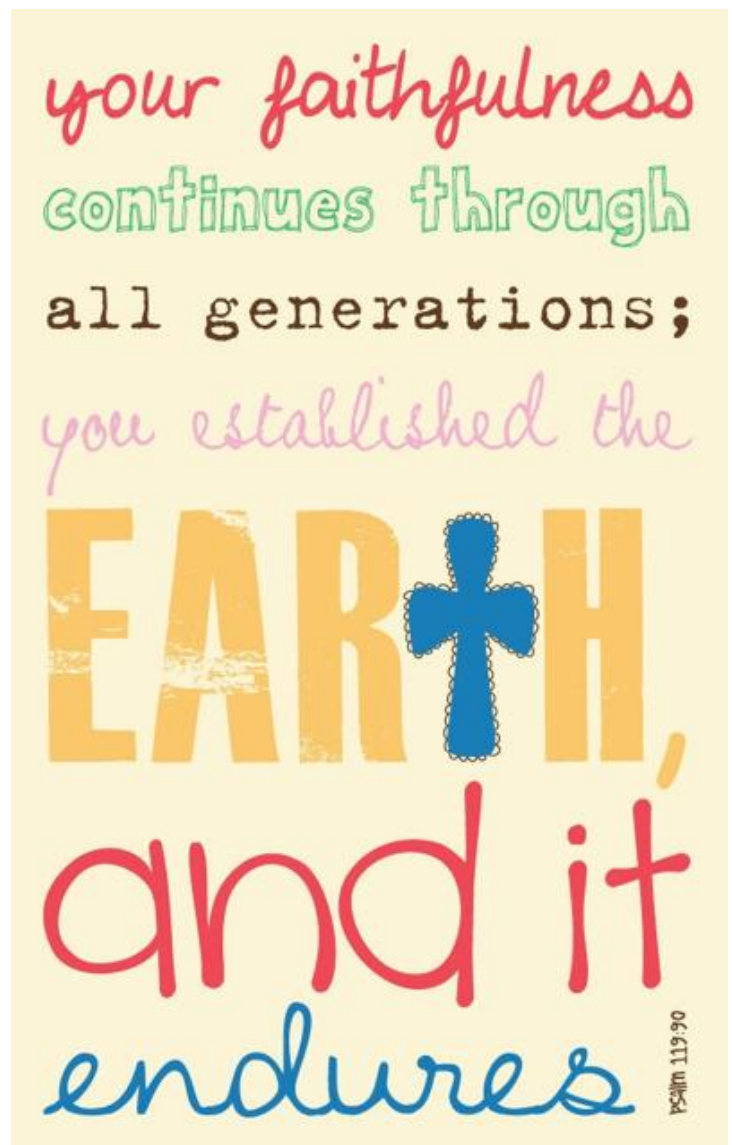
Aaron and Amy Beckendorf, Zach and Sam, Loretta Becker, Stacey (Martin) Bisonette, Owen and Aiyanna, Sarah (Bryan) Bisonette, Eli, Ike, Bud and Carolyn Bremer

We are creating an area in the newsletter for memories. They can be memories from Salem or from any church you attended. They could also be memories of an event or something significant that happened over the years. If you have a memory to submit we'd love to hear from you. Please email (salemmos@chibardun.net) or call the church office to have your memory submitted. If you would like it to stay anonymous you can request that as well. We look forward to hearing from years past from all of our church families!

I remember when....

We use to attend Sunday School on Saturday mornings. It wasn't 45 minutes after church on Sundays; we use to have to go from 9-11am every Saturday morning. This is a fond memory that sticks out in my mind as a child.
Mary Ann Thompson

I remember when we had a mother/daughter night and were served a meal by the men's club. It was a wonderful meal followed by music from our own Dave Brown. A very special night and a memory that I will never forget.





February 2: Joshua Millerman

February 3: Joann Jaeger & Madelyn Weinert

February 5: Henry Kaehler & Deloris Zabel

February 6: Sharon Hammann & Don Duncan

February 7: Leonard Splett

February 9: Kathryn Miller & Linda Mullikin

February 10: Tessa (Church)Traynor

February 11: Marlene Amdall & Sue Weise & Chris Queiser

February 13: Paula Dennis

February 14: Diane Knoepke & Etta Weise

February 18: Randy Forehand

February 19: Hannah Nielsen

February 20: Denise Stebenow

February 22: James Thalacker

February 24: Gwen Metcalf

February 25: Zackary Mickelson

February 28: Bonnie Brown

February 29: Cindy Mickelson & Melissa Weise





February Anniversaries

February 2: Dale and Becky Bryan

February 7: Randy and Sarah Forehand

February 14: Pastor and Emily Nielsen

February 15: Jeremy and Michele Millerman



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.

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Click on enter the following link and follow the prompts to support Salem.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-6137330>



January Altar Guild: Mary Ann Thompson

January/February Leaders

Rick and Kelly Cornelius 715-837-1698

Paul and Sue Millerman 715-234-4410

Sarah Bisonette 715-236-7868

Scott and Cathy Davis 715-637-5514

Mark and Jeannette Garrett 715-537-5838

Rita Herrman 715-637-3646

Joyce Kaseno 715-537-5955

Terry and Marlene Kirkman 715-637-3968

Mahlon and Barb Maas 715-537-5211

Jeremy and Michele Millerman 715-205-2615

John and Emily Steele 715-441-5169

Cindy Wright 715-357-3411



February Elders

7 – 7:45 Don Duncan

9:15 Stan Koenig

14 – 7:45 Trevor Duncan

9:15 Josh Millerman

17 – Noon Don Duncan

6:30 Stan Koenig

21 – 7:45 Don Duncan

9:15 Tim Dennis

24 – Noon Don Duncan

6:30 Josh Millerman

28 – 7:45 Trevor Duncan

9:15 Josh Millerman

Coffee Schedule

7 – Paul & Sue Millerman

14 – Chris & Jolene Severt

21 – Jeremy & Michele Millerman & Josh & Jennifer Millerman

28 – Chris & Kelly Mueller & Nathan & Brianne Duncan



February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 pm Elders	2 7:30 am Bible Class 7:00 pm Men's Club	3 4-5pm Confirmation 7 pm BOE Meeting	4 11 am Bible Class	5	6
7 Green 7:45 am Communion Worship 9:15 am Communion Worship 10:00 Coffee/Snacks 10:15 am SS/Bible Class	8	9 7:30 am Bible Class 7:00pm Council	10 4-5pm Confirmation 7 pm YFM meeting	11 11 am Bible Class	12	13
14 Green 7:45 am Worship 9:15 am Worship 10:00 Coffee/Snacks 10:15 am SS/Bible Class 5-7 pm SNOW TUBING!!! 	15	16 7:30 am Bible Class	17 4-5pm Confirmation Noon Ash Wednesday Service 6:30 Ash Wednesday Service 	18 11 am Bible Class	19	20
21 Purple 7:45 am Communion Worship 9:15 am Communion Worship 10:00 Coffee/Snacks 10:15 am SS/Bible Class	22	23 7:30 am Bible Class	24 Noon Lenten Service 4-5pm Confirmation 6:30 Lenten Service	25 11 am Bible Class	26	27
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