

*Unto Us
a Child is Born*



**Salem Lutheran Church
Childcare and Preschool**

December 2021



Pastor's Page

Dear Family of God at Salem,

Thanksgiving and Christmas came to me all in one day on November 11 of this past month. That Thursday I had my Oral Exam to complete my Doctor of Ministry degree. I spent about 90 minutes discussing my paper on the Paradigm Shift of moving from a church-centered, family-supported way of raising children in the faith to a family-centered, church-supported way of raising children in the family. After completing the discussion and answering question from my readers, I was then informed that I passed my oral exam and my final Doctoral Paper. I will receive my degree at some point soon and then will participate in the commencement exercise at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis in May.

After a year of writing and researching, I am thankful that this project is done. One thing that I have mentioned already is that during the research, members of this congregation, told me that having more resources to help teach children the faith in the home is important and needed. One way to best accomplish this providing of resources will be through the newsletter.

We think about the season that we are now in: Advent and then before December is over, we will be celebrating Christmas. At Christmas we celebrate the birth of the best Christmas gift ever: the Word becoming flesh and dwelling among us in the person of Jesus Christ. There is no better resource to use in our homes than that of the Word of God, the Holy Scriptures. Here at Salem you have the opportunity to pick up the Advent Devotionals to help aid your faith-walk at home during this Advent and Christmas Season. Other ways to use the Word of God during the Advent and Christmas season is to read through the Christmas Story as a family. You can also use an Advent Wreath to help focus on the season as you journey from Advent to Christmas.

The Word of God is the greatest gift, the greatest tool that we must use in our homes. It's the resource that we have that all other resources for faith-building is built off. In the book of Deuteronomy Moses records these words:

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (Deut. 6:4–9)



Moses is explaining to the Children of Israel, that the parents are essential for the raising of their children in the faith. He explains that this is to be done in all aspects of life. Talking about them at home, on the road, in the morning and the evening. The Word of God should be in front of us each and every day.

As we begin a new Church Year and soon begin a new calendar year, there is no better time, then to start to use the greatest resource we have been given, the Bible, in our homes on a frequent basis.

Here is my suggestion besides reading the Christmas Story through the season, I would recommend that you read one chapter of the Gospel of Luke each day starting on December 1 and by Christmas Eve you will have read through the entire Gospel which will include the birth of Jesus, his ministry, and his Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

May God bless you as read God's Word in your homes during this Advent and Christmas Season.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Michael Nielsen



Council Meeting 11/09/2021

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

Pastor led us in devotional and prayer.

Secretary Report: Secretary Sarah Duncan read the meeting minutes from October 12, 2021. A motion was made by Paul Millerman to accept the minutes as read and seconded by Josh Millerman and motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Stan Koenig advised the October 2021 financial summary as follows: General Fund Balance (4101) as of October 1, 2021, is \$56495.68. October income is \$10819.80, Expenses \$11858.16, Net income \$1646.15. General Fund balance as of October 31, 2021 is \$58141.83. Checking account at Sterling Bank is \$35789.86. Savings account at Sterling Bank is \$17315.90. The LCEF: \$25867.49. Daycare checking account is \$19362.73. Missions \$283.00. Sunday School \$564.40. Building Fund \$202.00. The employee retention credit in the amount of \$6453.75 is coming in the form of a check in the near future. A motion was made by Josh Millerman to accept the report and seconded by Paul Millerman and motion carried.

Elder's Report: Paul Millerman advised that Hank & Judy Koehler transferred to Oklahoma. Mandy is the interim director for the Daycare/Preschool. Pastor saw most shut-ins. Nov 18-20 pastor will be gone. Discussed budget and pastor's wages. A motion was made by Stan Koenig to accept the report and seconded by John Steele and motion carried.

Trustee's Report: In an email read by Secretary Sarah Duncan, Tom Lipke advised that the new vacuum cleaner arrived and is working well. Sue Millerman repaired the existing vacuum so at this time we have 2 working machines. The furnaces are running well but we are still waiting to hear from Solutions on having them checked out for the heating season. Solutions is working on another quote for A/C units for the sanctuary because they feel they can do better on price. Sarah is ordering the

little green safety man for the parking lot. Church mutual does not have any fire detector programs. . A motion was made by Stan Koenig to accept the report and seconded by Josh Millerman and motion carried.

Board of Ed: MaryAnn Thompson advised that director Jen quit in the daycare/preschool and Mandi is the new interim director and she is doing well. A parent letter went out about changes in the daycare/preschool. Currently looking for a full-time teacher and an ad was put on Facebook. Mariah was hired as a part time employee. A decision was made to pay half daycare tuition to a full-time employee for their child. There are currently 17 children on the waiting list for the daycare. Pastor has reset passwords for the security system. A laptop was purchased for the daycare/preschool director so they can do work from home. Discussion on creating a program so a congregation member can help a struggling family pay for some daycare costs. Tom is putting up bulletin boards. Sunday school attendance is good. Sue is giving children's bulletins to daycare/preschool children. Youth group has 17 kids. Poinsettias have been ordered for altar guild. A motion was made by Josh Millerman to accept the report and seconded by Paul Millerman and motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor advised that his Doctor of Ministry oral exam is coming soon. Commencement ceremony for graduation is in May. Is not attending Doxology. Men's bible study-Isaiah. Thursday bible study-Christianity. Sunday morning bible study-Biblical basis and history of our hymns. Catechism classes are ongoing. Visits are ongoing although some nursing homes are shutting down periodically when Covid gets in the building. Funeral planning was Oct 17 & Nov 2 and went well. A motion was made by Josh Millerman to accept the report and seconded by Stan Koenig and motion carried.

Old Business:

Annual budget discussed
Garbage pick-up discussed
Bills for electric and gas have gone up
Annual meeting is Dec 5 with potluck

New Business:

None

A motion was made by Stan Koenig and seconded by Paul Millerman to adjourn the meeting and motion carried.

Closed with The Lord's Prayer

Minutes by Sarah Duncan

Men's Club Meeting November 2, 2021



- Tom Lipke called the meeting to order.
- Pastor Nielsen lead us in devotions.
- Secr. report was given by Don Duncan from 10-5-2021 meeting. Motion to accept minutes by John, seconded by Bud.
- Treasure report was given by Jim Thalacker by phone. motion to accept by Duffy, seconded by John.
- New Business: Big Buck contest. December 7th 2021 will be in person. 1st prize – \$30 2nd prize - \$20 3rd prize – \$10 smallest legal buck \$5. Everyone that harvest a deer gets a prize.
- We watched video – Lesson 2, How we got the Bible
- Motion by Duffy to adjourn, seconded by Jim.
- Closed with The Lord's Prayer

Minutes by Don Duncan, Secr.

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.

Salem Lutheran Church Advent Schedule

Theme: Symbols of Salvation

- December 1 – Old Testament Christmas
- December 8 – The Lord Sets His Tent Among Us
- December 15 – You Shall Defeat Them As One Man
- December 22 – Advent Readings and Carols

Services will be at 12:00 Noon and 6:30 PM

Childcare & Preschool News:

We have 21 children in our center. They have been very busy learning. They love to color and paint. The playground is a big hit. Here are the Bible stories we have had and the ones coming up!

November Bible Stories:

- Ten Commandments
- The Battle of Jericho
- David and Goliath
- Daniel and the Lions
- Jonah and the Big Fish

December:

- An Angel Visits Mary
- The Bright Stars and the Three Visitors
- Baby Jesus is Born
- Shepard's Visit

Miss Mandi Ritchie, Director



Salem Lutheran Church Christmas Schedule

December 24 – 6:30 PM

December 25 – Jesus, the Living Nativity 9:00 AM

November and December Children's Worship Practices :

- November 28: 11-12:15 PM
- December 4: 4 pm- 5:30pm (during Parent's night out)
- December 12 – 11-12:15 PM
- December 18: 10-11:30 AM



**December 5:
Austin Stabenow**

**December 7:
Adam Steele
Brody Hammann**

**December 14:
Ike Bisonette
Krew Kirkman**



happy marriage anniversary

QuotesPics.net

DECEMBER 2: DAVID & JANE ANDERSON

DECEMBER 11: JOSHUA & JENNIFER MILLERMAN

DECEMBER 22: JIM & LORI CRAWFORD

DECEMBER 31: RICK & JUDY CHURCH &

RYAN & ERIN (HAMMANN) GRAF

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 1: Sarah Duncan

December 2: Dean Hanson

December 3: Caroly Dawson, Randi Lee Dennis, & Sue Millerman

December 4: Collin Duncan

December 5: Kendra Dennis & Harvey Germanson

December 11: Scott Davis & Trevor Duncan

December 19: William Ray Weise

December 21: Amber Queiser & Emmitt Queiser

December 22: Karen Smith

December 30: Brooke Hammann & Michelle Thompson

December 31: Roger Fagerlin



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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/December

Randy & Sarah Forehand	715-637-1300
Mary Ann Thompson	715-296-8751
Dale & Becky Bryan	715-637-8341
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
Aaron Mickelson	715-418-0234
Jim & Gwen Metcalf	715-642-0527
Chris & Jolene Severt	715-458-4970
Melissa Weinert	715-418-1222
Christopher & Kelly Mueller	715-418-2311
Hunter Mueller	715-558-6862

December Altar Guild: Mary Ann Thompson

December Greeters

5 – Tom & Debbie Lipke
12 – John Steele Family
19 – Shawn Dennis
26 – Don & Mona Duncan & Pastor & Emily Nielsen Family

December Ushers

Tom Lipke
John Steele
Robert Haubaugh
Don Duncan
Shawn Dennis





Coffee Schedule

5 – Melissa Weinert
12 – Nate & Brianne Duncan
19 – Christmas Program/Workgroups
26 – Open for volunteer

December Elders

1 – 12:00 Don Duncan
6:30 Paul Millerman
5 – 9:00 Tim Dennis
8 – 12:00 Don Duncan
6:30 Trevor Duncan
12 – 9:00 Stan Koenig
15 – 12:00 Don Duncan
6:30 Josh Millerman
19 – 9:00 Josh Millerman
24 – 6:30 Stan Koenig
25 – 9:00 Paul Millerman
26 – 9:00 Trevor Duncan
31 – 6:30 Stan Koenig

December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Noon Advent Service 4-5pm Confirmation 5:30 Supper 6:30pm Advent Service	2 11 am Bible Class	3	4 11am Marlene Amdall's Funeral Parent's Night Out 4:00-8:30pm 4-5:30 pm Christmas Program Practice
5 Blue 9:00 am Communion Worship 11:15 am Congregational Meeting with Pot Luck 	6 7:00 pm Elders	7 11am Darlene McGiffin Funeral 7:30 am Bible Class 7:00 pm Big Buck Contest 	8 Noon Advent Service 4-5pm Confirmation 5:30 Supper 6:30pm Advent Service	9 11 am Bible Class	10	11 9am – 2pm Craft/Vendor Show
12 Blue 9:00 am Worship 10:00 Coffee/Snacks 10:15 am SS/Bible Class 11-12:15 Christmas Program Practice	13	14 7:30 am Bible Class 7:00pm Council	15 Noon Advent Service 4-5pm Confirmation 5:30 Supper 6:30pm Advent Service	16 11 am Bible Class	17	18 10-11:30 Christmas Program Practice
19 Blue 9:00 am Children's Christmas Worship Program  10:00 Coffee/Snacks 10:15 am Bible Class	20	21 7:30am Bible Class	22 Noon Advent Service 5:30 Supper 6:30pm Advent Service	23 11 am Bible Class	24 White 6:30pm Christmas Eve Service	25 White 9:00 am Christmas Service MERRY CHRISTMAS 
26 White 9:00 am Worship 10:00 Coffee/Snacks 10:15 am SS/Bible Class	27	28 7:30am Bible Class	29	30 11 am Bible Class	31 White 6:30pm New Years Eve Service Youth Lock-In	



All Ages

PARENTS Night Out

December 4th

4pm-8:30pm

Drop kids off anytime after
4pm. Pick up by 8:30. Enjoy a
night out

Supper, Crafts, Games

Sponsored by Salem Lutheran
Church YFM & Youth Group

Any Questions Contact Jen Millerman or YFM