

Salem Lutheran Church Childcare and Preschool



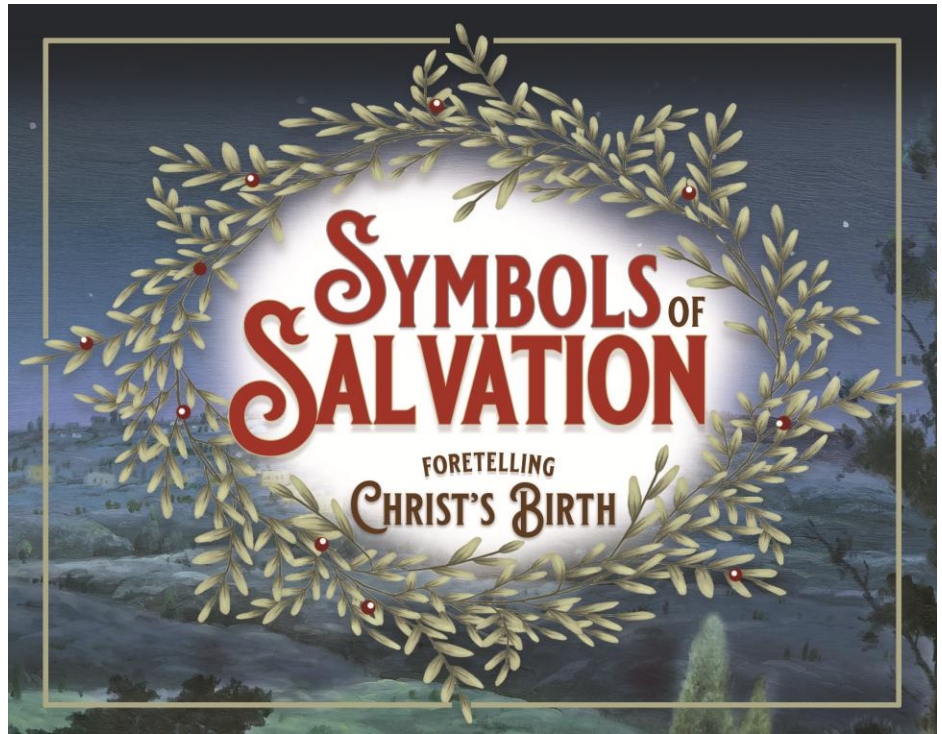
November 2021

Pastor's Page

SYMBOLS OF SALVATION: *FORETELLING CHRIST'S BIRTH*

Dear Saints at Salem,

I know in my previous letter in October I stated I would begin to share more from my doctoral paper about the family-centered, church-supported partnership in raising children in the faith. However, I wanted to share with you this month what are Midweek Advent Series will be so you can begin to prepare your hearts to receive once again this year the coming of the Christ Child in Bethlehem.



Our Series and Theme for our midweek services are Symbols of Salvation: *Foretelling Christ's Birth*.

Ordinarily, when we think of Old Testament prophecies of the birth of Christ, we have in mind specific verses such as, “The virgin shall conceive and bear a son” (Isaiah 7:14); “Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given” (Isaiah 9:6); and “From you [O Bethlehem] shall come forth for Me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days” (Micah 5:2). These direct prophecies point clearly to the coming of Jesus as the Savior Messiah.

But in addition to these wonderful verses, Jesus teaches us that, in fact, the entire Old Testament prophecies about Him—“And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, [Jesus] interpreted to them *in all the Scriptures* the things concerning *Himself*” (Luke 24:27, emphasis added). “For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, *because only through Christ is it taken away*” (2 Corinthians 3:14, emphasis added). “You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; *and it is they that bear witness about Me*” (John 5:39, emphasis added). All of the Bible is about Jesus. From the very beginning of creation, the ways God interacts with His people give us living symbols that foreshadow and foretell Jesus’ advent among us in the flesh. As the hymn puts it,

For deep in prophets’ sacred page,
And grand in poets’ winged word,
Slowly in type, from age to age
The nations saw their coming Lord. (*LSB* 810:2)

The various “types” in the Old Testament point to a complete fulfillment in Jesus. He is the perfect Israel and the culmination of its divinely given institutions. He is the embodiment of the Scriptures, for “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:14). The Old Testament is not just a historical record; it was and continues to be the active, Spirit-filled Word of God that proclaims Christ to us.

The Advent sermons in this series focus on three particular Old Testament narratives that serve as symbols of Jesus’ coming to share in our humanity: the burning bush, the cloud in the tabernacle, and the call of Gideon. The Christmas sermon then focuses on how the narrative of Jesus’ birth is no fairy tale but a true story that also foretells the purpose of Jesus’ incarnation. Jesus takes on our flesh so that He might die in the flesh for our sins and be raised bodily for our justification (Romans 4:25). All of Scripture finds its culmination and fulfillment in

Him. May God the Father, by the power of the Holy Spirit, bless our meditation this season on Him who is the Word made flesh!

As we look to Advent and looking at the Symbols of Salvation. I encourage you as a family to pick up the Devotional that goes with the series. I am also providing you with an additional resource which our church body has put together on their theme of *Behold!* Please use these two resources to aid in your faith walk during this upcoming Advent Season.

Advent officially begins on Sunday, November 28! Our midweek services will begin on December 1. Our final midweek Advent Service will be December 22 and we will sing through Advent and hear the Gospel readings again for each Sunday in event and a brief meditation in each movement of the service.

May God bless you as move through the final Sunday's in the Church Year as we transition to a new Church Year.

May God Bless you now and always!

In Christ's Service,
Rev. Michael Nielsen

Council Meeting 10/12/2021

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

Pastor led us in devotional and prayer.

Secretary Report: Secretary Sarah Duncan read the meeting minutes from September 14, 2021. A motion was made by Tom Lipke to accept the minutes as read and seconded by MaryAnn Thompson and motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Stan Koenig advised the September 2021 financial summary as follows: General Fund Balance (4101) as of September 1, 2021, is \$58623.51. September income is \$9730.33, Expenses \$11858.16, Net income \$-2127.83. General Fund balance as of September 30, 2021 is 56495.68. Checking account at Sterling Bank is \$34199.20. Savings account at Sterling Bank is \$17314.87. The LCEF: \$25488.49. Daycare checking account is \$21004.22. Missions \$479.00. Sunday School \$24.07. Building Fund \$379.00. To date, there has been \$104108.33 spent on remodeling for the daycare/preschool. A motion was made by Tom Lipke to accept the report and seconded by Tim Dennis and motion carried.



Elder's Report: Tim Dennis advised that they discussed the treasurer's replacement. Shelter has been cleaned out. Stan brought up a government tax credit for the church. Pastor saw most shut ins. Funeral planning Oct 17. Approval was made to send pastor to doxology. A motion was made by MaryAnn Thompson to accept the report and seconded by Stan Koenig and motion carried.

Trustee Report: Tom Lipke advised that the shelter has been cleaned out. Back door is now operable in the shelter. Plugged up drains again at parsonage-Kenway was called and they cleaned out all the pipes. The little plastic green safety man for parking lot safety was destroyed. A motion was made by Sarah Duncan to purchase another, and Stan Koenig seconded the motion and motion was carried (Sarah will purchase). Heating and Cooling is coming to service the furnace system. Dalco vacuum rep came to demo a vacuum for the church. A motion was made by Tom to use the money left over from the shelter repairs to purchase the vacuum. MaryAnn Thompson moved to approve the purchase and Tim Dennis seconded and motion carried. No fire detectors in the church (grandfathered in) except for in the daycare and preschool. Tom is going to contact Church Mutual to see if there are any programs to help with the system. A motion was made by Stan Koenig to accept the report and seconded by Tim Dennis and motion carried.

Board of Ed: MaryAnn Thompson advised that Melissa Weinert will be directing the Christmas program-it will be on Dec 19th. Daycare currently has 8 infants, 5 toddlers, 9 preschoolers, and a waiting list. A sub list has been put together. Director Jen is struggling in the daycare-BOE is helping to get her back on track. BOE would like to put up a bulletin board in the fellowship area to showcase artwork made by the daycare/preschool. A motion was made by Sarah Duncan to hang up the boards and seconded by Tim Dennis and motion carried. YFM is working on College/Military packages. A motion was made by Tim Dennis to accept the minutes and seconded by Tom Lipke and motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor advised that his Doctor of Ministry final draft was sent to the director of the D. Min. program at the seminary, and he will send it off to the Dissertation Secretary. Winkel met at Turtle Lake. LWML Rally is Oct 23 in Almena-theme 'education'. Pastor's conference was Sept 27-28 and several topics were discussed. Doxology is Nov 12-14. 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 is upcoming Sunday. Pastor will be starting chapel services with the daycare/preschool children on Thursdays. A motion was made by Tom Lipke to accept the report and seconded by Stan Koenig and motion carried.

Old Business:

Parking Lot safety discussed

QuickBooks online prices discussed

We are going to table old playground discussion until spring

Annual budget discussed

A motion was made by Stan Koenig to move the **annual meeting to December 5** with a potluck and seconded by MaryAnn Thompson and motion carried.

New Business:

Stan Koenig advised that we are eligible for the employee retention credit. A motion was made by MaryAnn Thompson to apply for the credit and seconded by Tom and motion carried.

Pastor Paul from St Matthews in Almena would like our congregation to be aware that there is a CCLE accredited Lutheran school coming to our area in the fall of 2023. John Steele from our congregation is on the board.

A motion was made by Stan Koenig and seconded by Tim Dennis to adjourn the meeting and motion carried.

Closed with The Lord's Prayer

Minutes by Sarah Duncan

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

Vacuum Cleaner - \$700

Carpet Cleaner

Slow Children Sign - \$80

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.

Faith Alive Bibles \$26/book

Additional Hymnals \$27/book

Baptism Frames \$4/frame

Convex Mirror \$50 - \$200

Music Stands \$50 - \$200

**Men's Club Meeting
October 5, 2021**



- President Tom Lipke called the meeting to order.
- Pastor Nielsen lead us in prayer.
- Secretary report was given by Don from 9/7/2121 Meeting
- Treasure report was given by Jim, by phone.
- Made \$1300.00 from Pancake Supper. Thank you to everyone that helped setup, serve and clean up after serving. We served 88 Dine in and 42 carry outs. Served more Buttermilk pancake compared to potato.
- New Business: Men's club will serve snacks after Reformation Church service. Talked about the menu.
- Big Buck contest will be December 7, 2021
- Watched video, How we got the Bible, Lesson 1
- Don made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by john
- Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Minutes by Don Duncan, Secretary



**November 6:
Summer Hammann
November 13:
Waylon Steele**



November 3: Kayla Dennis

November 5: Ione Kern

November 10: Andy Schuettpelz & Martin Luther

November 14: Loretta Becker, Eli Bisonette, & Jacob Duncan

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

7 – Christopher Mueller Family
14 – Mary Ann Thompson
21 – Rick & Kelly Cornelius
28 – Darlene McGiffin

November Ushers

Randy Forehand
Rick Cornelius
Christopher Mueller
Hunter Mueller
Carl Mueller
Matt Thompson

November/December Work Groups

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
Stacey Bisonette	715-642-2415
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



November Altar Guild: Denise Stabenow

November Elders







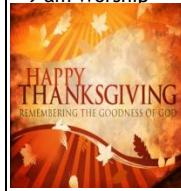



7 – Stan Koenig
14 – Trevor Duncan
21 – Paul Millerman
25 – Paul Millerman
28 – Josh Millerman

Coffee Schedule

7 – Rusty & Melissa Weise
14 – Stan & Nancy Koenig
21 – Jim & Lori Crawford
28 – Chris & Kelly Mueller



November 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	4 11 am Bible Class	5	6
7 Green 9:00 am Communion Worship 10:00 Coffee/Snacks 10:15 am SS/Bible Class 11:15 BOE meeting 	8	9 7:30 am Bible Class 7:00pm Council	10 4-5pm Confirmation	11 11 am Bible Class	12	13
14 Green 9:00 am Communion Worship 10:00 Coffee/Snacks 10:15 am SS/Bible Class	15	16 7:30 am Bible Class 4:15 pm YFM meeting	17 4-5pm Confirmation	18 11 am Bible Class	19	20 
21 White 9:00 am Worship 10:00 Coffee/Snacks 10:15 am SS/Bible Class 	22 	23 7:30 am Bible Class 	24 4-5pm Confirmation 	25 9 am Worship 	26 	27 
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