

Salem Lutheran Church Childcare and Preschool



Blessed is 
the nation
whose God
is the LORD.

Psalm 33:12

July 2023

Pastor's Page

Dear Family of God,

Grace, mercy, and peace be yours from God our Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ. We are now in the dogdays of summer. As I mentioned in June this is by far one of my favorite seasons. What a blessing the summer season is. I can even do a few different things with my family, while taking some time to spend in the garden (and pray that it grows).

In the summer, I get a bit more time to think about where I might see Salem, but then as I'm doing that I think about these questions: Where does God see us? What can we accomplish with the power of the Holy Spirit and the Living Word of God? Salem is a congregation with great potential, we have many many talented people, with many great gifts that God has given. In fact you all have great gifts that God can use for the advancement of the gospel in many and unique ways. We just may not know how to use them.

That's the question that we need to answer, as I mentioned in June, at our leadership meeting we have been discussing how to follow-up from the Revitality survey that we took. We have begun to focus on developing a Strategic Ministry Plan.

What would this look like? First off, this would not be Pastor's Strategic Ministry Plan – this would be Salem's Strategic Ministry Plan. Second, Who is involved? Every member of Salem can and should be involved. Before we go into the developing process of the Strategic Ministry Plan, the congregation would first go through a Bible Study that would focus our attention to using our first article gifts for the benefit of God's Kingdom.

Why a bible study since the bible doesn't talk about this process? You are right, it doesn't. It does talk about what the purpose of God's church is and how we are to make good use of the gifts that the Lord has entrusted to us. The bible also shares with us how we are to work together as a body for the advancement of God's mission.

As we may enter into this Strategic Ministry Planning Process, we would surround ourselves with prayer and the Word of God, so that our Plan is grounded in Scripture and not on what we want, but what God wants and desires out of us.

That is just the first step in this process if you as Salem Lutheran Church, decide to jump into this process.

Now may God continue to bless you during this summer! See you in church (Yes, even during the summer).

In Christ,

Rev. Michael Nielsen

Council Meeting 6/20/2023

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

Absent: Vice President Josh Millerman

Secretary Report: Secretary Sarah Duncan read the meeting minutes from 5/9/23. A motion was made by Don Duncan to accept the minutes and seconded by Chris Severt and motion carried. Treasurer Report: MaryAnn Thompson advised the May 2023 financial summary as follows: General fund balance as of 4/30/2023: \$61770.80 Income: \$10984.43 Expenses: \$-14589.79 Net income: \$-3605.36. General Fund balance as of 5/30/2023: \$58165.44. Envelope Giving for February: General Fund Envelopes: \$9915 Missions: \$340 Building Fund: \$325 Gifts and memorials: \$206.16 Sunday School offering: \$0 YFM Sunday School Missions: \$10.55 Daycare income (envelopes) \$321 Air Conditioning: \$100 Vacation Bible School: \$0 Oil Well Schultz: \$98.50 Interest Income: \$46.45 Amazon Smile: \$0 Lutheran Hour: \$0 Cemetery Fund \$0 Thrivent Choice Dollars \$0 Current Bank Accounts: Salem Church Checking: \$39855.77 Savings: \$17335.07 Daycare Checking: \$45587.56 LCEF (Building Fund) Account: \$32798.54 Daycare Loan Balance: \$87195.64. Scott has gifts & memorials done and those will be printed in the August news-letter for the congregation. We need to use VBS gifts & memorials before we use budgeted amount. Workers compensation bill was a big expense this month. Church mutual sent a check for \$3000 due to an adjustment. A motion was made by Chris Severt to accept the report and seconded by Tom Lipke and motion carried.

Elder's Report: Don Duncan advised that there were no new transfers or releases. Discussed the elder's schedule. No word yet for the active shooter button. Looking at putting together an emergency plan. Paul made a motion to not close the church due to government mandates and the board of elders agreed. Pastor is going to give the elders a business card with his contact info on it. Discussed communion trays. A motion was made by Chris Severt to accept the report and seconded by Tom Lipke and motion carried. Trustee's Report: Tom Lipke advised that he got a quote for the altar guild roof. It will cost between \$5000-\$8000. We need to have a brief special voters meeting in order to approve the funds for the roof repair. This will be held on July 9 immediately following the service. Carpet cleaning day is July 6 at 9am and we still need some more carpet shampooers. Tom is getting quotes to fix the lower parking lot. Lawn mowing is going well and most of the weeks are filled with volunteers. Windows will be washed. Inside church cleaning will be sometime in late July. A motion was made by Don Duncan to accept the report and seconded by Chris Severt and motion carried.

Board Of Ed Report: Chris Severt advised that Melissa needs to do some further training in order to get approval for a food program. Daycare updated parent handbook. Hired 2 new employees. More bonuses given: Melissa \$400, Holly \$250, Janica \$250, Kaitlyn \$250, Denise \$250. Child care is purchasing Concordia preschool material. VBS was a huge success (thanks to Chris & Jolene for an excellent job done). A motion was made by MaryAnn Thompson to accept the report and seconded by Tom Lipke and motion carried.

Pastor's Report: We read together the mission: The Mission of Salem Lutheran Church is to be what God called us to be through faith in Jesus Christ, a body of believers engaged in building the Kingdom of God by discipling the Barron area with His Word and Sacrament ministry. Men's Bible Study Daniel. Thursday Bible study the book "Misquoted." Sunday Morning Bible Study is

studying various texts of the lectionary. CC Lutheran School: sign going up soon and meeting with 'School Choice' which will give the school government funding for students. Mission grants: think of things to apply for. Revitality – Strategic planning will start in September. Pastor getting a schedule together. Needs list: Lois Klug family request to purchase the office computer and the light for the organ. Arleigh Lutz 60th anniversary. A motion was made by Don Duncan to accept the report and seconded by Tom Lipke and motion carried.

Old Business:

- NONE

New Business:

- Special voters meeting - July 9th to vote on repair of the altar guild roof repair.
- A motion was made by Don Duncan and seconded by MaryAnn Thompson to adjourn the meeting and motion carried.

Closed with The Lord's Prayer

Minutes by Sarah Duncan



JULY 1: SCOTT & CATHY DAVIS

JULY 3: DUANE & KARI LONGMIRE

JULY 6: TOM & DEBBIE LIPKE

JULY 27: GAIL & ROXANN ESPESETH

Baptism Birthday

July 22: Logan Severt

July 24: Hannah Millerman

July 29: Wyatt Weise





July 1: Sue Church & Logan Severt

July 2: Riley Klimek

July 3: Jennifer Millerman

July 4: Tom Lipke & Mary Oscarson

July 8: Debbie Lipke, Tyler Schultz, Garrett Steele, & Naomi Neilsen

July 9: Payten Severt & Anne Fagerlin

July 14: Joan Church & James Starck

July 15: Carol Kuchera

July 16: John Ladwig

July 19: Mary Ann Thompson

July 21: Fred Riebe

July 23: James Dennis & Aaron Mickelson

July 25: Jordan Queiser

July 26: Tiffany Starck



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July/August

Marilynn Amundsen	715-637-8777
Don & Mona Duncan	715-637-5915
Nathan & Brianne Duncan	715-642-1638
Trevor & Sarah Duncan	715-296-7279
Gail & Roxann Espeseth	715-637-3949
Bud & Carol Bremer	715-925-2043
John Ladwig	608-640-8463
Richard & Marlene Snyder	715-637-9292
Dwayne and Dennis Stabenow	715-837-1857
Mary Ann Wheeler	715-205-1158
Linda Mullikin	715-637-5888

July Greeters

2 – Mickelson Family

9 – Rusty & Missy Wiese Family

16 – David & Cindy Steel Family

23 –

30 –

July Ushers

Rusty Wiese

Brady Mickelson

Zackary Mickelson

David Steel

William Wiese

July Elders

2 – Stan Koenig

9 – Don Duncan

16 – Tim Dennis

23 – Trevor Duncan

30 – Josh Miller

July Altar Guild: Kathy Shcuettpeiz

Coffee Schedule

2 – Koenig's

9 – YFM Root beer Floats


16 – Men's Club

23 – Nielsens

30 – Open for Volunteer



July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Pastor gone
2 Green 9:00 am Communion Worship 10:00 Coffee/Snacks 10:15 Bible Class Pastor gone	3 7:00 pm Elders	4 Office Closed  4th of July	5	6 9 am Carpet Cleaning Day 11 am Bible Class	7	8
9 Green 9:00 am Worship 10:00 Coffee/Snacks 10:15 Bible Class 10 am Special Voter's Meeting	10	11 7:30 am Bible Class 7:00 pm Council	12	13 11 am Bible Class	14	15
16 Green 9:00 am Communion Worship 10:00 Coffee/Snacks 10:15 Bible Class	17	18 7:30 am Bible Class	19	20 11 am Bible Class	21	22
23 Green 9:00 am Worship 10:00 Coffee/Snacks 10:15 Bible Class	24	25 7:30 am Bible Class	26	27 11 am Bible Class	28	29
30 9:00 am Worship 10:00 Coffee/Snacks 10:15 Bible Class	31					



VBS 2023 - "GOD'S Living Water"

I'd like to give a heartfelt "thank-you" to everyone that had a role in making VBS 2023 another fun event. What a fantastic week with a great group of kids and adults! We had a total of 22 children in attendance. The ladies provided and served us delicious, family meals each night. We served between a range of 55-70 folks each night.

For our VBS mission this year, we honored our fallen officers, Emily and Hunter. We dedicated our mission funds toward National Night Out, which is a law enforcement sponsored community event that promotes child safety, networking with schools and community partners, and gives out prizes to children in our communities. We collected \$800 toward this acclaimed event.

Below is a list of people and the areas in which they served during VBS Sunday kick-off and VBS week:

Decorating Committee: Severt family; Emily Steele, Cindy Wright.

Advertising: Pastor Nielsen; Mary Ann Thompson; Sue Millerman, Melissa Weinert; Trevor & Sarah Duncan.

Kitchen/Food Preparation/Serving/Clean-up: Sue Millerman; Deb Lipke; Laurie Hinrichs; Kathy Schuettgeltz ; Kari Longmire; Paula Dennis; Mary Ann Thomson; Melissa Weinert; Jen Anderson

Registrations/Photography: Melissa Weinert

Craft Leader: Emily Steele; Maddie & Payten Severt

Activity Leaders: Chris Severt, Garrett Steele, Matthew Millerman

Bible Story Tellers: Pastor Nielsen & Jen Millerman

Musicians: Laurie & Mikayla Hinrichs

Janitorial: Tom Lipke

Group Leaders: Jim Thalacker; Denise Stabenow; Alex Millerman, Karl Mueller, Brin Dalrymple

Clean-Up Crew: Don Duncan; Laurie & Mikayla Hinrichs; John & Emily Steele & family; Paul & Sue Millerman; Mary Ann Thomson; Cindy Wright; Pastor Nielsen; Chris & Jolene Severt.

Thank you again to each of you. It has been our honor and privilege to direct Salem's VBS for all these years! We are extremely grateful to have had an amazing team of people to work with and we thank you for this opportunity to have served in this capacity.

We give the utmost honor, glory and thanks to our Lord and Savior.

God's Blessings,

***Chris & Jolene Severt
VBS Directors***