



Salem Lutheran Church Childcare and Preschool

Happy Mother's Day

"She is clothed with strength and
dignity; she can laugh at the days
to come. She speaks with wisdom,
and faithful instruction is on her
tongue." PROVERBS 31:25-26



May 2022

Pastor's Page

Dear Family of God,

Over the last number of months, I have shared with you over the last number of months, the very real Word of Truth that Scripture shows that parents are to be the primary faith-educators and disciplers in their children's lives. What does this look like though as the Church partners with the parents? This month I will be sharing with on the Doctrine of Vocation, most notably the Parental Vocation and the Vocation of the Pastor when it comes to educating the youth.

First, "a vocation is a station which is by nature helpful to others if it be followed." St. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 7:20, "Each one should remain in the condition in which he is called." Your vocations are those callings from God that benefits the neighbor.

There are numerous vocations that called each of us to and for many of us one of those vocation is that of a parent. Dr. Gene Veith in a book he wrote with his daughter Mary Moerbe, shares how helpful this vocation is:



The vocation of parenthood is very physical. It begins with our flesh and results in another mouth to feed and a body to protect. It means holding the child, soothing the child, and meeting the needs of the child. Caring for a child can be dirty, exhausting, and stressful. Changing diapers, potty training, keeping the child fed, buying clothes, tending the child through sickness, getting the child educated, driving the child to one activity after another—it is all loving and serving.¹

The vocation of parent is one of loving and serving. One of the most important parts of the parenting vocation is that of education—certainly, all aspects of education, but the most important type is faith education.

Martin Luther in the Large Catechism states on the parenting vocation, "Therefore, let everyone know that it is his chief duty." (LC 1:174) The "it" refers to faith education. Gene Veith comments, "above all, parents must educate their children to fear and know God." (Veith, 152).

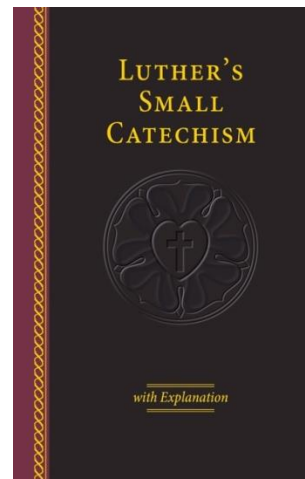
One of greatest aspects of faith education in the family is that the Christian family be a place that teaches and practices forgiveness. Part of the parental vocation is to protect their child, not just against physical dangers, but also against spiritual danger. Parents are to train their children morally "in the pursuit of wisdom so that when parents are not around enforcing their rules, they will, of their own free will, with God's grace, do what is right." (Veith 149). Veith also goes on to say, "'Moral instruction is no longer just a matter of forcing children to comply with arbitrary-seeming rules; it becomes cultivating in them an internally motivated response to God's grace.'" (Veith 151).

¹ Gene Edward Veith, Jr. and Mary J. Moerbe, *Family Vocation: God's Calling in Marriage, Parenting, and Childhood* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2012), 116.

There is another significant vocation when it comes to raising children in the faith, which is the Office of the Holy Ministry. Here is an important question: “What is the place of the pastor and the congregation in providing faith education for the children?”

St. Paul writes to the Church in Ephesus about the vocation of pastor. Part of the pastoral vocation is “to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ” (Eph. 4:12). This shows that part of the pastoral vocation is to teach the children, and also equipping the parents to teach. Luther also reminds pastors in the preface to the Large Catechism, “They should always teach the catechism.” In the preface to the Small Catechism Luther writes:

Therefore, I beg you all for God’s sake, my dear sirs and brethren, who are pastors or preachers to devote yourselves heartily to your office. Have pity on the people who are entrusted to you and help us teach the catechism to the people, and especially to the young. And let those who of you who cannot do better take these tables and forms and impress them, word for word, on the people.²



Luther is clear (as well as Scripture) that pastors need to be involved in educating the young, but also these sources make it clear as well that it is the Parent’s Chief Duty. Martin Luther in another of his writings shows one example on how parents and pastors can work together in faith formation:

This instruction or catechization I cannot put better or more plainly than has been done from the beginning of Christendom and retained till now, i.e., in these three parts, the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Our Father. These three plainly and chiefly contain exactly everything that the Christian needs to know. This instruction must be given, as long as there is no special congregation, from the pulpit at stated times or daily *as may be needed and repeated or read aloud evenings and mornings in the homes for the children and servants, in order to train them as Christians.*³

The church and the home go together in training children to be Christians. What the child learns at church needs to be reinforced in the home. The faith education needs to be reinforced in the home because the parents are with their children far more than the children are at the church.

Pastors and those that assist the pastor (including Sunday School Teachers) are critical for building up the faith of children, but no one is as critical as the parents.

Later in the newsletter, I will give my review on one of the resources I used later in this book entitled *Family Wellness*.

As we head into May and quickly into summer, please remember that we are still here even in the summer and that the Church here is to help and support in raising children in the faith.

See you all in Church,

Pastor Michael Nielsen

² SC Preface 6 in McCain, 313.

³ Martin Luther, *Liturgy and Hymns*, ed. Ulrich Leupold and Helmut Lehmann, vol. 53, *Luther’s Works* (Philadelphia: Fortress, 1965), 64. (emphasis added)

Council Meeting 4/12/2022

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

President John Steele called the meeting to order. The Salem mission statement was read together as a group and Pastor led us in devotional and prayer.

Secretary Report: Sarah read the council meeting minutes from 03/08/2022. A motion was made by Josh Millerman to accept the minutes and seconded by Chris Severt and motion carried.

Treasurer Report: MaryAnn advised the March 2022 financial summary as follows: General fund balance as of 03/01/2022: \$65331.78 Income: 13103.06 Expenses: \$17636.90 Net Income: -\$4553.84. General Fund balance as of 03/31/2022 \$60777.94. Envelope giving for March: Missions: \$455.00 Building fund: \$305.00 Gifts and Memorials: \$445.00 Sunday school offering: \$6.00 Air conditioning: \$100.00 Amazon Smile: \$13.46 Oil Well Schutz: \$192.32 Lutheran Hour: \$25.00 Thrivent Choice Dollars: \$878.00. Current bank accounts: Salem Checking: \$21616.35 Salem Savings: \$17320.91 Daycare Checking: \$30559.60 LCEF: \$27013.51. MaryAnn will be meeting with our hired accountant after April 18. We would like Thrivent Choice Dollars to go to VBS. Discussion on congregational giving being down and what has contributed to that. Discussed what to report at upcoming congregation meeting. A motion was made by Paul Millerman to accept the report and seconded by Chris Severt and motion carried.

Elder's Report: Paul Millerman advised that there were no transfers or releases. Stan is looking for a new light for the front of the church and plans are still in the works to cut down pews. Leonard's family would like to replace the trays for the individual cups. Pastor is going to talk to Sue about having Liz make new linens for the communion ware. We need to get the confirmands envelopes if they want them. Pastor reported about his upcoming events. Bud Bremmer would like to go with Pastor to visit the shut-ins. Looked over chapter 6 of Built on the Rock. Closed with the Lord's prayer. A motion was made by Tom Lipke to accept the report and seconded by Chris Severt and motion carried.

Trustee's Report: Tom Lipke advised that general maintenance is ongoing. Church clean up is going to be in May. Tom needs 6-7 people to help shampoo carpets once church cleaning is done. There will be a sign-up sheet. Pastor will be putting out a lawn mowing schedule. The lawn mower was serviced. A motion was made by Josh Millerman to accept the report and seconded by Paul Millerman and motion carried.

Board of Education Report: Chris Severt advised that Mandi put in her resignation as director and is going to go back to being a lead teacher. MaryAnn and Sue are taking responsibilities to fill in that position for now. An ad is going out soon for the director job. Board updated tuition terms. There will be a preschool open house May 3-5 from 9-11am. Board of Education voted on target goals. 1. Support all education 2. Create a mission statement 3. Uphold policies. The board also voted on targets for the childcare/preschool 1. Being good stewards 2. Intentional focus on recruiting 3. Christ centered. The board has put together a parent & staff survey and a staff exit interview. Jen M wants to do spot inspections in childcare center. Sue is looking for baby monitors for communication. CPR training was set up for daycare/childcare staff on 4/28/22 from 5:30-9:30pm. A decision was made to offer a sign on bonus for assistant teachers for recruiting. A motion was made by Tom Lipke to accept the report and seconded by MaryAnn Thompson and motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Nielsen advised that there will be a Lutheran school presentation before service on 5/22/22 and Q&A after service. The proposed school has already had donations and they are looking for \$50K in the first year. May 1st Lutheran response team info meeting in Cumberland. Winkel was at Immanuel in Cedar Lake. District convention June 5-6. Pastor's conference May 2-3. Pastor came up with 3 targets from board training 1. Continue to keep our focus on the mission of Salem on every activity that we do. 2. Increase support for families in raising their children in the faith. 3. Continue to grow in ways of being a Christian community that is a welcoming towards the community without bending our Biblical beliefs. Men's bible study: Jeremiah. Thursday bible study: Basics of biblical interpretation. Sunday bible study: Christians in a woke world. Catechism classes will be ending on May 11. Looking at a shoe fundraiser. BACA pastor will be moving to the chairperson. Pastor is going to join the Chamber of Commerce board. Discussion about UW Extension church partnership in trying to do more family centered activities in the community. IRS money came in today. A motion was made by Chris Severt to accept the report and seconded by Josh Millerman and motion carried.

Old Business: NONE

New Business: Congregation meeting April 24 with potluck.

A motion was made by Chris Severt and seconded by MaryAnn Thompson to adjourn the meeting.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes by Sarah Duncan

Men's Club – April 5, 2022



- Pres. Tom Lipke called the meeting to order
- Pastor lead us in prayer
- Sec report was read from last meeting of 3/1/2022, Duffy motion to approve minutes as read, Seconded by Jim
- Treasurers report was given by Jim, Bud made a motion to approve, Seconded by Duffy
- Old Business: Easter Brunch will share serving with YFM will have buns, pork sausage, cheese, hard boiled eggs, fruit, milk, juice & coffee
- Fish Fry: Tom has fish reserved a KJs market plus veg oil for cooking. also need to get 1 more bag of batter and 1 gallon tarter sauce. Proceeds will go to VBS and Daycare. Will need help serving and a clean up crew.
- New Business: Lawn cleanup. May 3rd 2022 5:00 PM will have a pot Luck meal after clean up. Could use help serving as some will be outside cleaning up the grounds. Will need rakes, shovels, wheel barrows.
- will not meet in June or July meet back in Aug.
- Closed with the Lord's Prayer
- Watched video on How we got the Bible Lesson 4

Minutes by Don Duncan Sec

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.



VBS

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

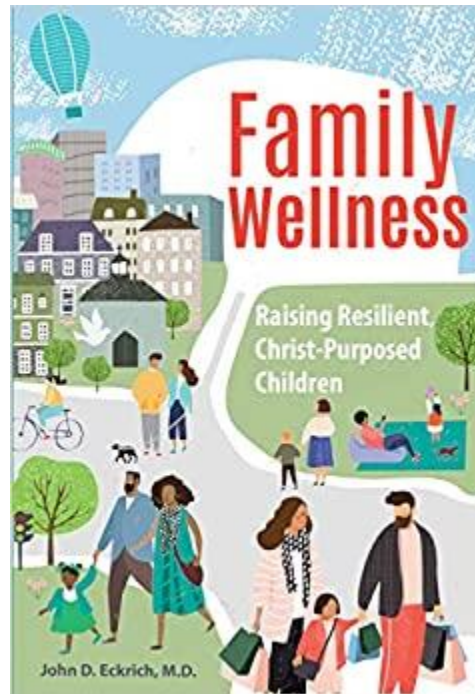
Microscopes, glass beakers, periodic tables, old science lab test kits, lab coats, magnifying glasses, pool noodles.

Book Review on Eckrich, Dr. John D. *Family Wellness: Raising Resilient Christ-Purposed Children*. St. Louis, MO: Concordia, 2020.

Dr. John Eckrich, who is a Medical Doctor certified as internist and as a gastroenterologist, in his book *Family Wellness* does a phenomenal job in assisting parents in their loving leadership to their children. On the back of the book you get a brief synopsis of the book. “*Family Wellness: Raising Resilient Christ-Purposed Children* provides you with parenting strategies to use at all ages and stages of your family’s development—strategies that are founded on God’s Holy Word and framed by core character values centered on God’s will and wellness lifestyle choice.”

This book that Dr. Eckrich provides the Church and her families with a loving approach of raising children in the faith in full health aspect. He has a large number of pages written on the nutritional and physical health of raising children which is important in the full wellness and health of the child. He does not forget what is most important, “Parents’ primary role is to love and care for their children, provide for their physical needs, and teach them about God’s love and continuous care for them.” (23) This is critical and Eckrich recognizes it. He also recognizes the importance of having the Church supporting parents in discipling children: “Faith leaders, along with parents, have the responsibility to teach their children to fear God ...who unconditionally loves them and created them in His image.” (24). Eckrich sees the full-bodied and souled approach to raising children and touches on each of these areas.

I would recommend this book to any parent to assist them on their journey on raising their children in the Christian faith and also making sure they are healthy in their body and mind as well.



Baptism Birthday

May 6: Alex Millerman

May 7: Brady Mickelson





May 6: Mark Garrett

May 9: Lucille Wood

May 11: David Steele

May 14: Kristina Dennis & Albert Starck

May 19: Holly Johnson

May 23: Brayden Weinert

May 24: Stacey Bisnotte & Owen Metz

May 25: Richard Snyder

May 30: Pastor Mueller

May 1: Jim & Gwen Metcalf

May 5: Herb & Deloris Zabel

May 6: Daniel & Lisa Dennis

May 9: Stan & Nancy Koenig

May 16: Tim & Paula Dennis

May 20: Terry & Marlene Kirkman

May 22: Mark & Jeanette Garrett

May 27: Trevor & Sarah Duncan



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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.

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May Greeters

1 – Steve Amdall

8 –

15 – Holly Johnson & Hunter Nelson

22 – Hanson Family

29 – Bud & Carol Bremer

May Ushers

Steve Amdall

Ryan Hanson

Ryley Hanson

Hunter Nelson

Bud Bremer



Coffee Schedule

1 – Michelle Thompson & Chris & Amanda Queiser

8 – Mark & Amy Dennis

15 – Stan & Nancy Koenig

22 – Melissa Weinert

29 – John & Emily Steele

May/June Leaders

Carol Shearer 715-822-4375

Lucille Wood 715-637-6606

Steve Amdall 715-637-7758

Daniel Dennis 715-637-4604

Shawn Dennis 715-205-1807

Tim & Paula Dennis 715-837-1708

Mary Oscarson 612-790-5464

Holly Johnson 715-637-7758

Sue Weise 715-837-1555

Chris & Amber Queiser 715-641-1054

Tom & Debbie Lipke 715-458-4712

Scott Queiser 715-837-1371

Melissa Miller 715-641-0263

Earl & Aimee Starck 715-637-3482

Debbie Church 715-637-4744

May Altar Guild: Mary Ann Thompson & Mary Hammann

May Elders

1 – 9:00 Stan Koenig

8 – 9:00 Trevor Duncan

15 – 9:00 Tim Dennis




22 – 9:00 Josh Miller

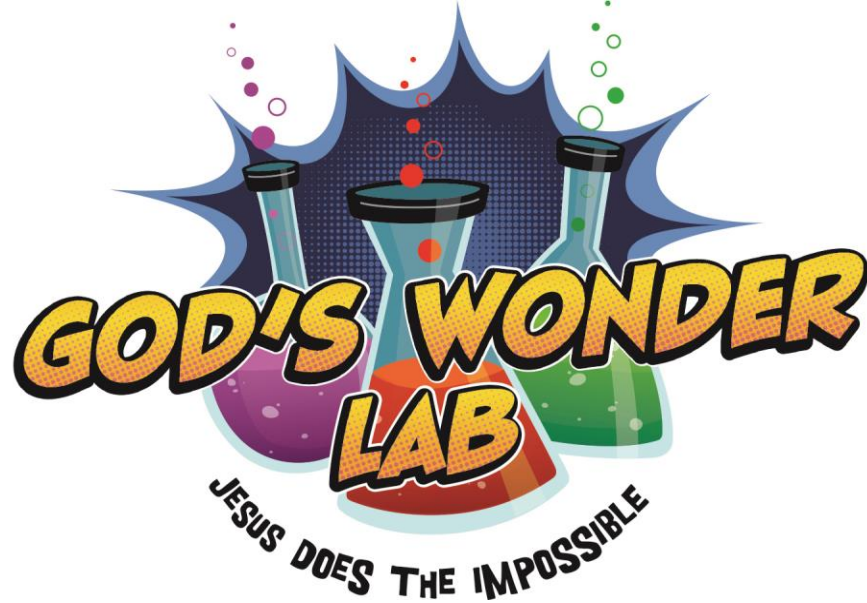
29 – 9:00 Don Duncan





May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 White 9:00 am Communion Worship 10:00 Coffee/Snacks 10:15 am SS/Bible Class	2 7:00 pm Elders	3 7:30 am Bible Class 5 pm Lawn Clean-up with Potluck following 7:00 pm Men's Club 	4 4-5pm Confirmation	5 11 am Bible Class	6	7 Women's Retreat 
8 White 9:00 am Worship 10:00 Coffee/Snacks 10:15 am SS/Bible Class Mother's Day	9	10 7:30 am Bible Class 7:00 pm Council	11	12 11 am Bible Class	13	14
15 White 9:00 am Communion Worship 10:00 Coffee/Snacks 10:15 am SS/Bible Class 10:30 Teacher Appreciation Brunch 	16	17 7:30 am Bible Class	18 Pastor gone -----	19 -----	20 -----	21 -----
22 White 9:00 am Worship 10:00 Coffee/Snacks 10:15 am School Presentation -----	23 -----	24 -----	25	26 11 am Bible Class	27	28
29 White 9:00 am Worship 10:00 Coffee/Snacks 10:15 am SS/Bible Class	30 Memorial Day	31 7:30 am Bible Class				



Sunday, June 19th

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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questions**

