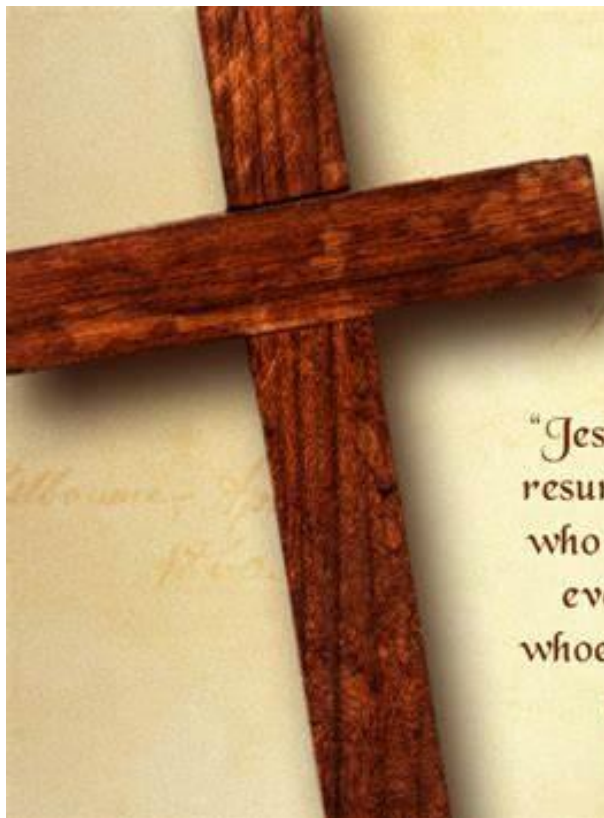




Salem Lutheran Church



John
11:25-26 (niv)

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.'"

A wooden cross is positioned on the left side of a parchment background. The text is written in a classic serif font.

April 2021



Pastor's Page

Dear Saints of God,

What a beautiful month of March we have had! Sunny days, warmer weather, and melting snow. As the calendar moves from March to April, we also move from the season of Lent to the season of Easter. As we join together in person this year for Easter, we celebrate the fact that our Lord is alive. We will once again this year speak the Easter Acclamation together. What a joy this will be! What a joy it is to celebrate the fact that Jesus is Alive! He is our hope even in these challenging days.

As we celebrate our Lord's Resurrection once again this year, we are also moving forward with the Childcare Ministry here at Salem. What a joy this is! The building deconstruction has started, and who knows, by the time you all read this there might very well be some new walls up in the old Bible Study area. The Board of Education has been searching for a director as well, both locally, and through the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, who are eligible for a Call. News on who the Board of Education is coming quickly and may have already been shared by the time you read the Newsletter!

Exciting things are happening at Salem and more people are starting to come back to church as we feel more comfortable with the vaccines and nicer weather. God is good all the time, even during challenging times.



I am confident that we will come through Covid relatively unscathed. Yes, we will have our worries, we have had our differences in the time of Covid response we would like to see. Even with the worries and the differences, God is still good, He is still in control over all of creation and to that we say, "Thank you God." He has been in control over all of this and continues to be! As we move forward in faith, let us keep our eyes focused on Jesus, let us move forward as we put our complete trust in the Lord Almighty!

One more exciting thing at least for me personally, is that I am half-way through my doctoral project writing.

Check out what my doctorate is going to look like in the pages to follow in the newsletter. I am excited to talk about Parents and the Church and their relationship to Educating our Children in the faith.

As we move into this Easter season and quickly into summer, keep your family of faith at Salem in your prayers. I am sure that there will be some growing pains in the coming months, but the Lord will guide us through these days, and we will only grow in faith, and grow together as a family once again!

Serving the Good Shepherd,
Pastor Michael Nielsen



Family-Centered, Church-Supported: A Paradigm Shift Bible Study Series

Coming April/May 2021



Coming Soon: A Bible Study Series on what it means to be a Family-Centered, Church-Supported Congregation. My passion for the family developed back when I worked at Camp Luther and was able to interact with young children and their parents during Kindercamp. One of my goals while working at Camp was to become the Family Camp program assistant. That goal never panned out, but God in his infinite wisdom led me to Pastoral Office, where I have the opportunity to equip families for faithful living. In many of our families today, we struggle. We struggle with time and priorities. We struggle with where to put our energy. By and large, we as families today are tired and burnt out. We are constantly on the go and we soon run out of gas. We spend extraordinarily little time together actually in our family unit (at least that is what I observe from the culture). I have seen this over a decade in ministry. Our families are hurting, and I believe our families are looking for something meaningful to rest on. After all, families are looking to schools, sports, careers, friends, and even extended family to give them that meaning. Oftentimes, the church is the last place to look for meaning. The Church just seems to be looking to take more of our time. The Church seems to be just one more event to put on our calendar. Families are exhausted.

I have a passion for families. I want to see our families be better equipped for the challenges of life. I want to see our families equipped for passing the faith on to the next generation. I do not just want people to think that this is “Pastor’s job” to teach our kids the faith or the Sunday School teachers or even the VBS leaders. I want families, especially parents to see that they are the primary faith educators in their child’s life. I want families to be aware that they are the ones where they spend the most critical moments of life and where they can impact faith the most.

During this Covid Pandemic we were forced to worship in our homes with our families. Sunday School was done at home and so was Confirmation, along with pretty much everything else. Maybe Covid even taught us something about the family unit and how important these faith conversations are.

So with all that being said, I am nearing the end of my Doctor of Ministry program, and my final project is entitled: *A Bible Study Series: The Family-Centered, Church-Supported Paradigm Shift of Raising Children in the Faith at Salem Lutheran Church*. I am inviting you the leaders, parents, grandparents, and other adult members of Salem Lutheran Church to this Bible Study Series on what it means to be a congregation that is Family-Centered, Church-Supported in raising children in the faith.

When you are in attendance you will be asked to take two surveys, one before and one after the series. You may be asked to participate in an interview so that I, as your pastor and researcher, will be able to further understand the impact of faith in your homes. In order to be interviewed you need to be:

- A person who can attend the Bible Study Series/Seminar held at Salem Lutheran Church
- You are willing to attend all parts of the bible study series in either successive weeks or watch the recorded version online.
- You are willing to be interviewed after the final session to share your thoughts on the family-centered, church-supported paradigm.
- You are willing to have your anonymous responses to the interview questions to be included in the final Major Applied Project (MAP)/Dissertation.
- You are over 18 years of age.
- You have a child in 4th grade or younger.

In order to sign-up for this series you can contact me at 1-218-280-0999 or 1-715-537-5949 or you can email me at: nielsenm@cs.l.edu. Please when it comes to my project email me at my school account.

A Five Part Program Shift

- 1) Old Testament Basis for the Shift
- 2) New Testament Basis for the Shift
- 3) Evidence in Christian Doctrine
- 4) Evidence in Literature for the Shift
- 5) Tools for the Shift!



Council Meeting 03/09/2021

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

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 February 9, 2021. A motion was made by Paul Millerman to accept the minutes as read and seconded by Tom Lipke and motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Stan Koenig advised the February 2021 financial summary as follows: General Fund Balance (4101) as of February 28, 2021 is \$1153.27. Checking account at Sterling Bank is \$36483.30. Savings account at Sterling Bank is \$14204.75. The LCEF: \$23285.36. Missions \$454. Sunday School \$0. Building Fund \$252. Choice Dollars \$393. Shelter \$2515.32. Daycare \$1515.00. A motion was made by Paul Millerman to accept the report and seconded by MaryAnn Thompson and motion carried.

Elders Report: Paul Millerman advised that the loan has been pushed back to May 1st. Facebook is going well but working on sound issues. Confirmation will be on May 23 at the 9:15 service. Pastor will be on vacation June 26-July 3 and in May for a funeral. Bible studies are going well. Shut ins are starting to be visited. Monroe Manor may open to visitors soon. Pastor visited Prairie Farm. Going back to the rail for communion on Easter. Spraying will stop once the windows can be opened during services. The ropes will be removed in the back half of the worship area so people can distance if they want to. Pastor will send email to confirmation families to let them know what is happening. Discussed the book 'Built on the Rock'. Next chapter will be read next month. Next elders meeting April 12. Closed with the Lord's Prayer. A motion was made by Tom Lipke to accept the report and seconded by MaryAnn Thompson and motion carried.

Trustee Report: Tom Lipke advised that he is continuing general maintenance and repair. Shelter estimate is \$3000. Meyer electric coming to give a solid quote on Wednesday March 10th. When the frost is out, the shelter project will begin. A motion was made by Stan Koenig to accept the minutes and seconded by Paul Millerman.

Board of Ed: Snowtubing was a huge success with 92 tubers. Bingo will be Sunday March 14 after service. Outside Easter egg hunt on April 3 (if bad weather, there will be a drive thru). Garage sale fundraiser for the daycare is April 22 & 23rd. Donations are being accepted now. The last day of Sunday school will be May 16. There is a sign-up sheet for fellowship coffee in the back of the church. Chris Queiser joined Board of Ed. Pastor, Chris, and Jen are scheduling interviews for director of the daycare. A motion was made by Paul Millerman to accept the minutes and seconded by Tom Lipke and motion carried.

Pastor Report: Doctor of Ministry Chapter 3 is close to being done and then the teaching portion of the project will begin in April/May. Pastor would like a variety of members to be present (more to come on this). Winkel was held as Zoom. Board training on hold. Men's bible study is working through Proverbs and will be moving to Isaiah in a few weeks. Confirmation classes are going well. Questioning May 16 and Confirmation May 23. Starting to visit shut-ins in person and still calling others. Interviewing candidates soon for the daycare director. BACA has not met recently. A motion was made by Stan Koenig to accept the minutes and seconded by MaryAnn Thompson and motion carried.

Old Business: Phone system-put a call in to Spectrum-never heard back. Emailed with neighboring church that uses Vonage for business. This is a good possibility. Cost is \$100 per month. Checking account can be opened at any time for the building project.

New Business: Working on Facebook live quality.

Will be looking forward to seeking help from the congregation as the building project begins.

Need washer, dryer, and refrigerator for the daycare. Looking for ideas of where we could purchase.

A motion was made by MaryAnn Thompson 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 - March 2nd, 2021



- Pres. Tom Lipke called the meeting to order
- Pastor Nielsen lead us in prayer.
- Secretary Report: minutes read from last meeting of 2-2-2021, motion to approved by Jim Thalacker, second by Esten Pederson
- Treasure report: Ken Harbaugh gave the treasure report, motion by Jim to accept, second by Esten Pederson
- Old Business: Talked about the fish fry with money raised to go to the Daycare. Tentative date April 30th
- Jim made motion to adjourn, second by Esten
- Closed with The Lord's Prayer

Minutes by Don Duncan, Secretary

VBS

For VBS this year, we are working with a Jungle Theme. Therefore, we are in need of gazebos, monkeys, parrots, and green plants (fake). Stay tuned for future items.

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 an accident: Rusty Weise, Grant Stabenow

Those with ongoing health issues:

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

Those who lead our nation:

Joe Biden, Kamala Harris, Tony Evers, Ron Fladten

Those who serve in our military:

Ryan Graf and Ethan Kobernick

Our Childcare Initiative and the search for a Director.

Families of the Week:

Sharon Hammann, Scot & Becky Hammann (Brooke, Summer, Brody, and Shyanne), Mary Hammann, Dean & Kin Hanson (Rachel, ryan, and Ryley), Kenneth Harbaugh.

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.



April 16: Jamey and Kathy Dennis

April 17: Leonard and Elsie Splett

April 21: Paul and Sue Millerman

April 24: Mike and Debbie Kuhrt

Baptism Birthday

April 15: Kailynn Duncan

April 26: Zackary Mickelson

April 29: Maddie Severt



Sunday School

Our lessons for April:

Solomon Prays for Wisdom
Solomon Builds the Temple
God Provides for Elijah
Elijah and the Prophets of Baal

Come join us Sunday at 10:30!

New Address

Wilma Fink 952-898-4455
The Fountains at Hosanna
Apt #232
9850 163rd St. W
Lakeville, MN 55044



April 1: Shirley Fields

April 2: Maddie Severt

April 3: John Steele

April 5: Andrew Bryan

April 7: Taylor Severt & Emily Steele

April 8: Ryan Hanson & Ryley Hanson

April 10: Brady Mickelson

April 11: Louise Bartlett & Alexander Millerman

April 13: Michael Kuhrt & Wendy Starch Hoha

April 15: Kimberly Hanson

April 17: Joyce Kaseno

April 20: Lori Crawford & Cody Vought

April 22: Christopher Severt

April 23: Allison Seeman

April 25: Amy Dennis

April 27: Bernie Jaeger

Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

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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>

April Ushers

Chris Severt

Jim Crawford

Jim Metcalf

Mahlon Maas

April Alter Guild: Denise Stabenow

April Elders

1 – Noon Don Duncan	6:30 Stan Koenig
2 – Noon Don Duncan	6:30 Josh Millerman
4 – 6:30 Don Duncan	9:15 Tim Dennis
11 – 7:45 Don Duncan	9:15 Trevor Duncan
18 – 7:45 Don Duncan	9:15 Stan Koenig
25 – 7:45 Don Duncan	9:15 Josh Millerman

April Greeters

4 – Chris Severt Family
11 – Jim Crawford Family
18 – Joyce Kaseno
25 – Mahlon & Barb Maas

March/April Leaders

Duffy and Janee Anderson	715-537-9218
Jeanne Perala	715-986-2335

Aaron and Amy Beckendorf	715-537-1099
Randy and Sue Church	715-537-5901
Roger and Ann Fagerlin	715-458-4096
Mary Hammann	715-205-3455
Stan and Nancy Koenig	715-651-8751
Mike and Debbie Kuhrt	715-637-5906
Darlene Ann McGiffin	715-736-1677
David Steel	715-418-0202
Cindy Mickelson	715-418-0233
Marilyn Otto	715-537-3678
Esten and Bernie Pedersen	715-458-3304
Will and Kathy Schuettpeiz	715-418-3637

HE IS RISEN

Forgiven

For God so Loved the World

LAMB ^{of} God

love

He is Risen Indeed

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

HALLELUJAH

Eternal Life

Redeemer



my savior


Coffee Schedule

4 – Mary Ann Thompson
11 – Josh & Jen Millerman
18 – Mary Ann Thompson
25 – Emily & John Steele



April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Purple Maundy Thursday Noon Service 6:30 pm Service	2 Black Good Friday Noon: Service 6:30 pm Service	3 10 am to 11 am Easter Egg Hunt Easter Vigil Via Facebook Live Return to the Church 7PM
4 7:45 Easter Communion Service 9:15 Easter Communion Service 10:00 Coffee/Snacks 10:30 SS/Bible Class 	5 Office closed	6 7:30 am Bible Class 7:00 pm Men's Club	7 4-5pm Confirmation 7pm BOE meeting	8 11 am Bible Class	9	10
11 7:45 am Worship 9:15 am Worship 10:00 Coffee/Snacks 10:30 am SS/Bible Class 	12 7:00 pm Elders	13 7:30 am Bible Class 7:00 pm Council	14 4-5pm Confirmation 7pm YFM meeting	15 11 am Bible Class	16	17
18 White 7:45 am Communion Worship 9:15 am Communion Worship 10:00 Coffee/Snacks 10:30 am SS/Bible Class	19	20 7:30 am Bible Class	21 4-5pm Confirmation	22 11 am Bible Class 10 am to 6 pm Garage Sale	23 10 am to 6 pm Garage Sale	24
25 White 7:45 am Worship 9:15 am Worship 10:00 Coffee/Snacks 10:30 am SS/Bible Class	26	27 7:30 am Bible Class	28 4-5pm Confirmation	29 11 am Bible Class	30 Drive Thru Fish Fry 4pm-7pm	



*Start your Spring
Cleaning soon!!*

Daycare Fund Raiser

YFM/BOE will be having a Church Garage Sale on Thursday April 22 and Friday April 23 (weather permitting)

10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Garage Sale will be held in the parking lot and shelter area

Anyone wishing to donate items for the garage sale can bring them on Sunday's during church hours or items can be dropped off Monday – Wednesday between 9 – noon

DEADLINE for dropping items off will be April 11th

Anything that does not sell will be donated to the Cupboard & Closet



Salem Lutheran Daycare Wish List

Item	Approximate Cost	Number Needed
Crib	\$50	8
Crib Sheets	\$5	16
Cots	\$25	30
Cot Sheets	\$9	30
Refrigerator	\$1000	1
Washer	\$1000	1
Dryer	\$1000	1
Toys	\$500	
Rocking Chair	\$150	2
Feeding Chair	\$50	4
Changing Table	\$300	1
Stroller	\$400	2

BINGO





Sunday, June 20st

9:00 Worship Service

10:00 Brunch

VBS Activities 10:30-Noon

Mon–Thur: June 21-24

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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