



Salem Lutheran Church

An Irish Prayer

May God give you...
For every storm, a rainbow,
For every tear, a smile,
For every care, a promise,
And a blessing in each trial.
For every problem life sends,
A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, a sweet song,
And an answer for each prayer.



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Pastor's Page

Dear Saints of God,

We are now in the midst of Lent 2021 as we focus on Returning...Returning to the Lord. It has been quite the year, hasn't it? I do not have to recap the last year for you, you know where we have been. You know the struggles and the real issues that we have all had. I do not want to dwell on the past year. I want to look forward. It is hard to look forward after what we have experienced, but there are some awesome opportunities that we have as a congregation!

Our Childcare process is moving along. The Board of Education will be interviewing Candidates for our director very soon. Construction will start at some point soon...be patient along with me. I personally am looking forward to having little ones in the building, meeting new families, and even getting into the classrooms and sharing Jesus with the little ones that God sends our way.



This is an exciting time for us as a congregation. The last year has humbled us, been a bump in the road. The devil was and is active. He is always active in the life of the church, for we are sinners. As we have experienced some bumps here at Salem over the last year, as we have heard from the Scriptures trials and sufferings through faith can only bring us together stronger. The devil is not the only one living and active in the life of a group of believers, so is Jesus. Jesus is living and active among us. He along with the Holy Spirit and the Father continue to work in our lives.

As I also think about our Childcare Ministry, I also recall a verse from Esther 4. Now Esther a Jew became Queen of the Persian people. Being a Jew in Persia at the time could have had her killed, but her relative Mordecai gave the queen some great advice, and I believe its advice that we can take to heart.

¹⁴ For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" ¹

Now the queen was to speak about her people the Jews and the plot against them. The question that Mordecai had for her, "Who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for a such a time as this?" I think to where we are at as the people of God here at Salem and I have thought about this verse many times. Everyone in the community knows that we have a childcare shortage. Everyone in the congregation (or at least I hope everyone knows) that we are called to make disciples. We are called to bring Jesus to people.

¹ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#). (2016). (Es 4:14). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

Who know whether we have come to this point in a time like this, where people are hurting and in need of hope and in our own unique ways, we can bring Jesus and some hope?

We are in odd times, but in every time, people need Jesus. This is the time that we are in, a time where people need Jesus: believers and unbelievers alike. Let us bring Jesus to these people – parents, children, and yes potentially our staff members.

So I pray, and I ask that you pray this hymn verse that comes from Martin Franzmann:

“O Spirit, who didst once restore
Thy Church that it might be again
The bringer of Good News to Men
Breather on Thy Cloven Church once more
That in these gray and latter days
There may be those whose life is praise,
Each life a high doxology
To Father, Son, and Unto Thee.” (LSB 834 stanza 4).

In Christ’s Humble Service,
Pastor Michael Nielsen



Special Voters Meeting 01/31/2020

President John Steele called the meeting to order.

25 Voters in attendance (sign-up sheet attached)

Topic #1:

Trust Fund Nominees-2 open spots

Stan Koenig nominated Scott Quiser and Sara Forehand to fill the 2 open spots on the Trust Fund Committee. Paul Millerman seconded the nomination. Motion carried.

Topic #2:

Proposal to add an extra year to the 2019-2022 Triennium (see attached letter)

Voters unanimously voted to push the convention back to 2023. Jim Thalacker made the motion to accept the unanimous vote and Stan Koenig seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Stan Koenig made a motion to adjourn the special voters meeting and Jim Thalacker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Meeting 02/09/2021

Present: Trustee Tom Lipke, Treasurer Stan Koenig, Vice President Josh Millerman, 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 January 12, 2021. Correction that Bud and Carol Bremer's membership has been moved from Christ in Chetek to Salem. A motion was made by Stan Koenig to accept the minutes as read with the correction and seconded by Josh Millerman and motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Stan Koenig advised the January 2021 financial summary as follows: General Fund Balance (4101) as of January 1, 2021 is \$2581.53. General Fund Balance (4101) as of January 31, 2021 is \$646.07. Checking account at Sterling Bank is \$36540.05. Savings account at Sterling Bank is \$14203.99. The LCEF: \$23137.36. Missions \$389. Sunday School \$0. Building Fund \$148. Shelter \$2225.32. Daycare \$1100.00. Ended 2020 \$2581.53 to the good. January giving has started slow. Paul Millerman and Tom Lipke made a motion to accept the report and motion carried.

Elders Report: Paul Millerman advised that loan papers are ready, pushing back until after April 1st. Pastor is doing an Elders study. He picked the book Built on the Rock and each elder is responsible for paying \$17 per book. Sunday Bible study may start back up during Lent via Zoom. Other Bible studies are going well. Pastor might be able to start visiting Prairie Farm nursing home soon and will be calling shut ins to see if he can start doing in person visits. Pastor may be interested in doing a small devotion weekly or daily over his phone or the internet. Pastor is going to start announcing Sunday school. Attendance was discussed and what should be done to ease back into things. Possibly going back to the rail for communion. Hymnals will be put back at the start of Lent. Discussion was had about the sound system and tweaks will be made to it for better sound quality online and in the sanctuary. We need to begin 'new member Sunday' to welcome them into the church. Closed with The Lord's Prayer. Josh Millerman and Tom Lipke made a motion to accept the report and motion carried.

Trustees Report: Tom Lipke advised that three weeks ago, Tom cleaned out a back corner cabinet and decided to keep the shelving for any future needs. Cindy mentioned to Tom that she needed a cabinet built so Tom and Roger Fagerlin re-assembled it in her office area. Drainage at the parsonage is fixed and there have been no problems since Josh and Tom did the repairs. Paul Millerman and Josh Millerman made a motion to accept the report and motion carried.

Board of Education: Mary Ann Thompson advised that Emily Steele will be joining the BOE. They have also reached out to three other members to see if they have interest in joining. Snowtubing has been rescheduled for February 27 10am to noon (\$5 per person). Sue Millerman sent out an email to all Sunday school families reminding of Sunday school and she will send materials to families as needed. A spring garage sale is being planned to fund raise for the daycare/preschool. Daycare committee has started a calendar of tasks to prepare for opening. Job posting went out this week on indeed and five resumes have already been received. A poster will soon be going up for the needs of the daycare. Stan Koenig and Paul Millerman made a motion to accept the minutes and motion carried.

Pastors Report: Pastor Michael Nielsen advised that he will be off June 26 to July 3 at camp. He is on Chapter 3 on his Doctor of Ministry. Winkel was held at Salem and there are no critical updates. We need to find ways to support Camp Luther. The Doxology retreat was very rewarding. It helped Pastor in many ways. Men's bible study is working through Proverbs. Sunday morning bible study is starting up on February 21. Confirmation class is going well. Changes are being made for Bible handouts starting next year. Faith Alive Bible will be used through 8th grade. 7th grade will be given a hymnal. Study Bible will be given on the first day of Confirmation. Shut ins are being called. Return to the Lord is the Lent topic. Daycare/Preschool remodeling

will soon be starting. Building committee meeting soon. Stan Koenig and Josh Millerman made a motion to accept the report and motion carried.

Old Business: Once we get the loan for the daycare/preschool, we will have to open an account to filter the money through to keep it separate. Stan will talk to Sterling Bank about options. No need for a separate account for the shelter. Phone system needs to be removed and cannot be reused. Mosaic options: #1. Mytel system-similar to current system \$7000. #2. Voice Over Internet system-\$2700 and monthly bill goes up by \$220 per month. #3. We could ask around to see if any other services are offered in our area. We would like to take ideas from members.

New Business: Daycare is a great outreach for a healthy congregation. Are we still healthy? What can we do to have people come back so we can have the support we need to make this project work? Should we come up with back up ideas to generate income? We need many more volunteers to get the project rolling. We need to ask congregation members (attending or not) if they will use their talents to help the project.

Working on the sound system. We want congregation feedback on the quality of Facebook live and the phone system.

A motion was made by Stan Koenig and seconded by Tom Lipke to adjourn and motion carried.

Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Minutes by Sarah Duncan

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 surgery: Mona Duncan, Steve Amdall

Those recovering from an accident: Rusty Weise

Those with ongoing health issues:

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

Those who lead our nation:

Joe Biden, Kamala Harris, Tony Evers, Ron Fladten

Those who serve in our military:

Ryan Graf and Ethan Kobernick

Families of the Week:

Men's Club - February 2, 2021



- Pres. Tom Lipke called the meeting to order at 7:05pm
- Pastor Neilsen lead us in Devotions
- Secr. Don Duncan read minutes from last meeting of Jan 5,2021
- Treas. Ken Harbaugh gave treasure report.
- Tom mention we need to elect officers again. Don made a motion to have officers as is. Seconded by Duffy Anderson.

Pres. Tom Lipke

VP Jim Thalacker

Sec Don Duncan

Treas Ken Harbaugh

- Old Business: All prizes from Big Buck Contest have been picked up. Nice pictures of the Lucky Hunters in the monthly Newsletter.
- New Business: An idea of a fish fry for a fund raiser came up. Sometime about late April. Will have more discussion next month.
- Motion by Jim to adjourn. Seconded by Duffy
- Closed with The Lord's Prayer

Minutes by, Don Duncan Secretary

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.

Happy Birthday

March 1: Samuel Beckendorf, Zachary Beckendorf, Shawn Dennis, Mary Hammann, Stan Koenig

March 8: Luke McGowan

March 9: Logan Crawford & Rusty Weise

March 15: Mary Ann Wheeler

March 16: Piper Millerman

March 17: Megan Kuhrt & Amy Beckendorf

March 18: Jolene Severt

March 19: Darlene Ann McGiffin

March 22: Scot Hammann, Marty Schipull, & Herbert Zabel

March 24: Rebekah Bryan

March 26: Jim Metcalf & Adam Wheeler

March 29: Kailynn Duncan



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March Alter Guild: Mary Ann Thompson

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 715-434-8742

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 Schuettpezl 715-418-3637

March Elders

3 – 12:00 Don Duncan 6:30 Paul Millerman

7 – 7:45 Trevor Duncan 9:15 Tim Dennis

10– 12:00 Don Duncan 6:30 Stan Koenig

14 – 7:45 Don Duncan 9:15 Josh Millerman

17 – 12:00 Don Duncan 6:30 Josh Millerman

21 – 7:45 Trevor Duncan 9:15 Paul Millerman

24 – 12:00 Don Duncan 6:30 Stan Koenig

28 – 7:45 Don Duncan 9:15 Stan Koenig



Coffee Schedule

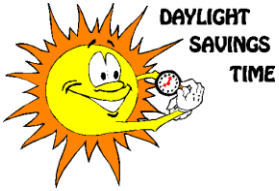


7 – Chris & Jolene Severt


14 – Millerman's

21 – Chris & Jolene Severt

28 – Millerman's

March 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 Purple Noon: Lenten Service 4-5pm Confirmation 5:30 pm Supper 6:30 Lenten Service 7:30 BOE	4 11 am Bible Class	5 Pastor's Day Off	6
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*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