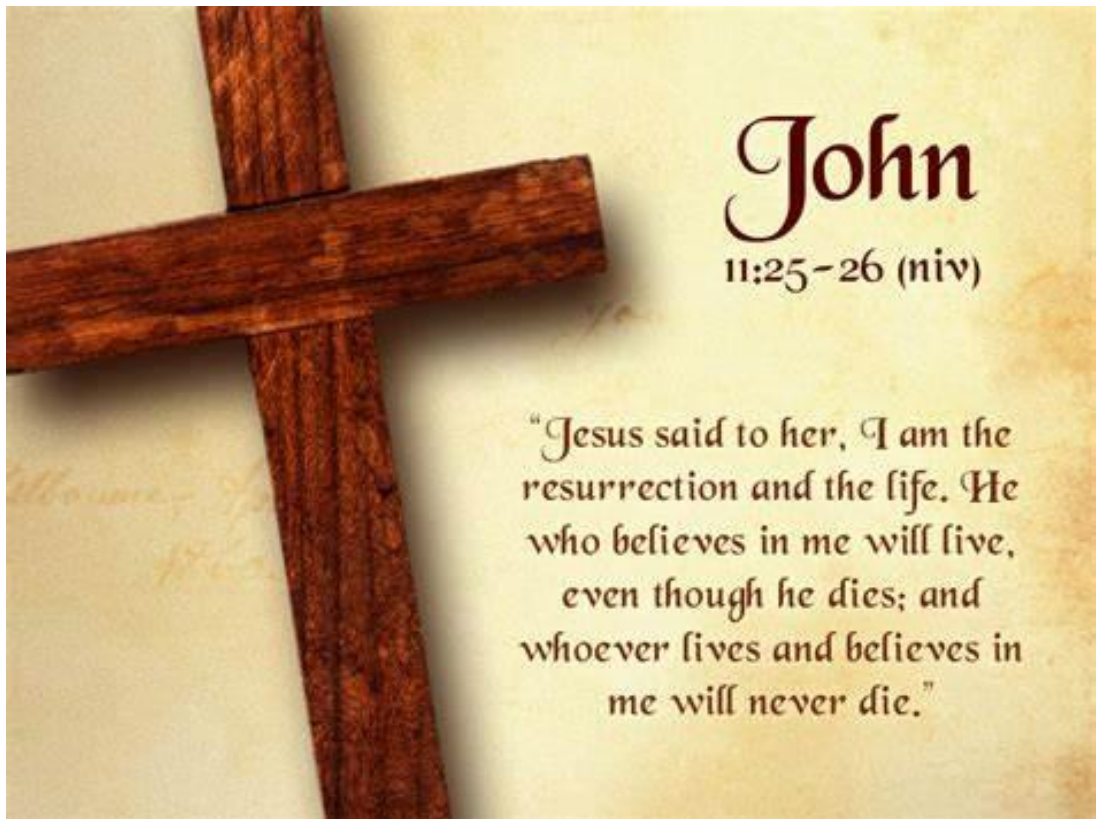




# **Salem Lutheran Church Childcare and Preschool**



**April 2023**



# Pastor's Page

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

What a blessing it is to proclaim those words to one another. Easter for a long time has been my favorite holiday, especially as a pastor. Yes, I love proclaiming Christ's Birth on Christmas. Proclaiming Christ's Resurrection is my favorite Sunday all year...frankly, it's my favorite service all year long. You may wonder why I say that.

You see, we are Easter People. We are people of the resurrection. You and I have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection. We are living with the promise of life eternal. We are living with the promise that Christ is with us always. We are living with so many promises and blessings that stem from Christ's death and resurrection.

When Christ rose from the dead on that first Resurrection Day, everything changed. Sin overturned, death defeated, and Satan was overthrown. Everything changes on this side of Easter. Christ continued to teach and speak for 40 days after His Resurrection. HE proclaimed life to Peter, changed the doubt of Thomas, and gave comfort to many. He also continued to promise that a helper was coming. That Helper is the Holy Spirit. He came to each of us in our individual baptisms, and He continues to come to us each and every day through His Word, and each and every time we gather on the Lord's Day to receive the gifts of Christ in Word and Sacrament.

Easter changes people. The gift of the Holy Spirit changes people. We are living with such great news to spread. That's what the disciples ended up doing. They spread the good news to people near and far. The New Testament Church spread quickly after the Resurrection and after the Coming of the Holy Spirit. Many were brought to faith through the Word of God in the very simple news that God sent Jesus to this earth to live a perfect life, to die for them and forgive their sins, to rise from the dead to grant everlasting life. It's a simple message that we are called to proclaim to a world that is living without hope and darkness all around.

It's the light of Easter that you and I, and everyone needs to be told. The Easter message never grows old to preach and to share.

Easter changes people! Easter brings life! Easter brings a joy to people and a smile to people's faces.

On Easter Sunday, I look forward to greeting you with "Alleluia! Christ is Risen!" And hearing the proclamation said back to me, "He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!" It's a message with sharing. It's a message worth living. **Since Easter is a such a joyous time, I have a challenge for you. If you are reading this and haven't been to church for quite some time, for whatever reason – come this Easter, here the news that Christ lives for you. For those of you that come regularly, I also have a challenge for you, think about someone in your life that needs to hear the Easter message and invite them to church. Invite them to come and hear the message that truly does change lives.**

May God Bless you as we are nearing the end of Lent and heading towards the Easter Season. Jesus Lives for you!

In Christ's Humble Service,  
*Pastor Michael Nielsen*



## **Council Meeting 3/14/2023**

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

**Secretary Report:** Secretary Sarah Duncan read the meeting minutes from 2/14/23. A motion was made by Josh Millerman to accept the minutes and seconded by Chris Severt and motion carried.

**Treasurer Report:** MaryAnn Thompson advised the February 2023 financial summary as follows: General fund balance as of 1/31/2022: \$60756.06 Income: \$12151.66 Expenses: \$-11436.75 Net income: \$714.91. General Fund balance as of 2/28/2023: \$61470.97. Envelope Giving for February: General Fund Envelopes: \$9455 Missions: \$371 Building Fund: \$321 Gifts and memorials: \$1485 Sunday School offering: \$0 YFM Sunday School Missions: \$17.86 Daycare income (envelopes) \$250 Air Conditioning: \$100 Vacation Bible School: \$0 Oil Well Schultz: \$98.25 Interest Income: \$15.85 Amazon Smile: \$0 Lutheran Hour: \$0 Cemetery Fund \$0 Thrivent Choice Dollars \$0 Current Bank Accounts: Salem Church Checking: \$41207 Savings: \$17332.01 Daycare Checking: \$41136.41 LCEF Account: \$31857.99. MaryAnn will be adding the LCEF loan balance onto the summary. A motion was made by Chris Severt to accept the minutes and seconded by Tom Lipke and motion carried.

**Elder's Report:** Don Duncan advised that there were no new transfers or releases. Don called JN to follow up on his release. Center rail being out seems to be working. Mental health and screen time workshop April 19. Stan brought a gifted for more research kit for \$129 similar to our time talents and treasures survey we did a long time ago. Everyone should watch Jesus Revolution. St Paul's had threat on Pastor Mills. We should make an evacuation plan. Speaker should be working. A motion was made by Chris Severt to accept the minutes and seconded by Josh Millerman and motion carried.

**Trustee's Report:** Tom Lipke advised that landscaping and tree work will begin at the parsonage when show is done. Church Mutual came to the church and had a very positive visit. A motion was made by Josh Millerman to accept the minutes and seconded by Chris Severt and motion carried.

**Board of Education:** Chris Severt advised that there is still an ad on Indeed for an employment opening at the daycare. There was a good turn out for the pie and chili contest. Easter Egg hunt is coming up on April 8. A motion was made by Josh Millerman to accept the minutes and seconded by Don Duncan 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. Winkel was at First Lutheran in Rice Lake. Discussed LCFS and Yours Mine and Ours thrift store. There is a need for volunteers. Creation speaker at St Paul's in Cumberland April 26-27. Pastor's conference May 8-9. LERT at St Paul's Manawa April 15. Disaster response at St Paul's Sunday April 30. Men's Bible Study Ezekiel. Thursday Bible study the book "Misquoted." Sunday Morning Bible Study Amos. April 19 – Parent's night – topic: Screens and Mental Health. Lay led mid-week bible study for working members is being discussed. Revitality survey-taking time to digest the information. We had 42 filled out. The synod's goal with our size of congregation. Discussion on a leadership/planning retreat. Barron Chamber's new website is done. A motion was made by Chris Severt to accept the minutes and seconded by Don Duncan and motion carried.

#### **Old Business:**

- Many new ideas were brought for a new needs list for Salem. The list will be discussed at the congregation spring meeting.
- Hoff Financial talking with leadership after tax time about budget.
- Lutheran school making progress.

#### **New Business:**

- Simplify the budget discussion.
- Next steps involving the Revitalization survey – we need a leader to lead this process.
- Spring congregational meeting is scheduled for April 16 immediately following service with a potluck.

A motion was made by Chris Severt and seconded by Josh Millerman to adjourn the meeting and motion carried.

Closed with The Lord's Prayer  
Minutes by Sarah Duncan



# Pie & Chili Judges



## Pie Winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Matthew Millerman**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kailynn Duncan**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Paul Millerman**

## Chili Winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Chris Severt**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Trevor Duncan**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place tie between Stan & Owen Koenig**

## Men's Club - March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

- President Tom Lipke called the meeting to order.
- Present: Tom, Pastor, Duffy, Jim, Don, Bud, John, Jeff
- Pastor lead us in prayer
- Secretary's report was given by Don from 2/6/2023 meeting
- Treasurer's report: Jim was able to get in to the account for an update
- Old Business: Landscaping at parsonage this spring and the cleanup of the brush on the north side of the yard. Garage sale and also will have a bake sale and light lunch available. Easter brunch 7:45 after Sunrise Service. Some men's club member will bring in hard boiled eggs, some will bring in bars. Roof on altar guild room will be repaired after Bill Balts can get in to look it over and give us a firm bid. Decided to stay with men's club meeting at 8:30am first Tuesday morning of the month as most members are here for Bible study. Next meeting to decide time for church yard clean up.
- Motion by Jim to adjourn, 2nd by Bud

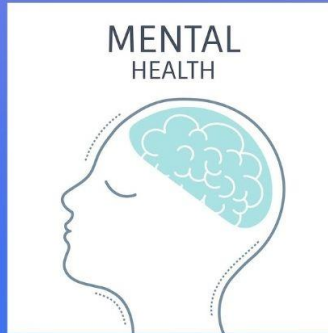


Minutes by Don Duncan, Secr.





# MENTAL HEALTH AND SCREEN USAGE IN CHILDREN



School Resource Officer  
Christian Mental Health Counselor  
Pastor Michael Nielsen  
Jolene Severt, Mental Health  
Coordinator



## Parent Seminar

April 19, 2023 - 5:00-7:30 PM

Dinner 5-5:30 PM (Program is 5:30-7:30 PM)

Childcare will be provided

RSVP by April 11, 2023 for dinner and childcare



Happy Anniversary



Love bears all things, believes all things,  
hopes all things, endures all things

(Corinthians 13:4-8)

**April 16: Jamey and Kathy Dennis**

**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**





**April 1:** Bud Bremer

**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:** Alexander Millerman

**April 13:** Michael Kuhrt & Wendy Stark Noha

**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 29:** Bob Harbaugh

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>

## March/April Leaders

Duffy and Janee Anderson	715-537-9218
Jeanne Perala	715-986-2335
Will and Kathy Schuettepelz	715-418-3637
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	715-637-1771
David & Cindy Steel	715-418-0233

## April Ushers

**Chris Severt**

Logan Severt

Jim Crawford

Logan Crawford

Mahlon Maas

Jim Metcalf

**April Alter Guild: Nancy Koenig and Marcia Elliott**

## April Elders

2 – Tim Dennis

6 – Noon Don Duncan      6:30 Paul Millerman

7 – Noon Don Duncan      6:30 Stan Koenig

9 – 7 am Paul Millerman      9 am Don Duncan

16 – Stan Koenig

23 – Trevor Duncan

30 – Josh Millerman

HE IS RISEN

Forgiven

For God so Loved the World

LAMB <sup>of God</sup>

love

He is Risen Indeed

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

HALLELUJAH

Eternal Life

Redeemer

my savior

## April Greeters

2 – Chris Severt Family

9 – Jim Crawford Family

16 – Joyce Kaseno

23 – Mahlon & Barb Maas

30 –

## Coffee Schedule

2 – Trevor & Sarah Duncan Family

9 – Men's Club – Easter Brunch

16 – Mary Ann Thompson

23 – Jim & Lori Crawford Family

30 – Mark & Amy /Fred & Linda



# April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2 Red - Palm Sunday</b> 9:00 am Communion Worship 10:00 Coffee/Snacks 10:15 am SS/Bible Class	3 7:00 am Elders	4 7:30 am Bible Class 8:30 am Men's Club	5	<b>6 Purple Maundy Thursday</b> 12 pm Service 6:30 pm Service	<b>7 Black Good Friday</b> Noon: Service 6:30 pm Service	8 10 am to Noon Easter Egg Hunt
<b>9 White - Easter</b> 7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service 8:00 am Easter Breakfast 9:00 Easter Communion Service 10:00 Coffee/Snacks 10:15 SS/Bible Class 	10	11 7:30 am Bible Class 7:00 pm Council	12 4-5pm Confirmation 4:30 PM YFM	13 Noon to 6 pm 	14 8 am to 5 pm 	15 8 am to Noon 
16 9:00 am Communion Worship 10:15 Potluck and Congregational Meeting. 	17	18 7:30 am Bible Class	19 4-5pm Confirmation 5-7:30 pm 	20 11 am Bible Class	21	22
<b>23 White</b> 9:00 am Worship 10:00 Coffee/Snacks 10:15 am SS/Bible Class	24	25 7:30 am Bible Class	26 4-5pm Confirmation 6:30 pm BOE Meeting	27 10 am Bible Class	28	29
30 9:00 am Worship Confirmation Questioning 10:00 Coffee/Snacks 10:15 am SS/Bible Class						



**Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 Worship Service**

**10:00 Brunch**

**Vacation Bible School Activities 10:30-Noon**

**Mon–Thur: June 12-15**

**Family Suppers 5:00-5:30**

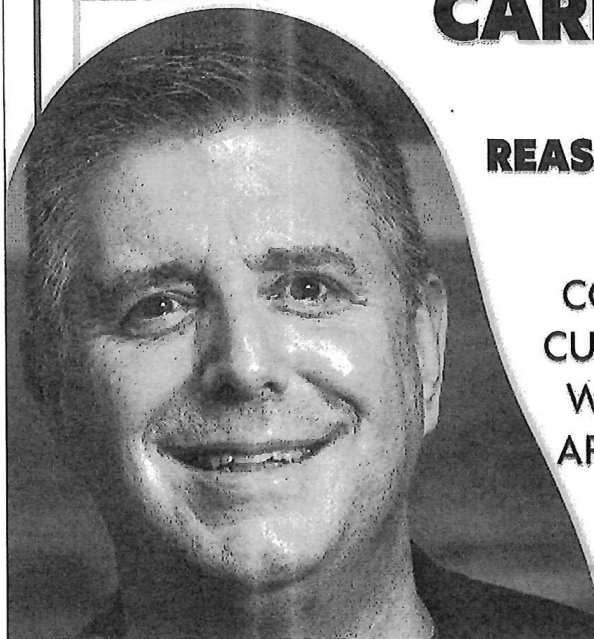
**Vacation Bible School Activities 5:30-7:30**

**Welcome to all Ages 3 – 6th Grade**  
**Call Jolene Severt at (715) 296-0339**



**Salem Lutheran Church**  
**Vacation Bible School**  
**1360 E. LaSalle Ave., Barron**





# **CARL KERBY**

**FOUNDER OF  
REASONS FOR HOPE**

**COMING TO  
CUMBERLAND,  
WISCONSIN  
APRIL 26TH &  
27TH**

**CARL KERBY IS AN APOLOGETICS SPEAKER WHOSE GOAL  
IS TO HELP PEOPLE THINK CRITICALLY AND EVALUATE  
ARGUMENTS TO SEE GOD'S TRUTH.**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26TH**

**"There is No Truth...Debunked!"**

**"Evangelism 101: 10 Things you Can Learn on  
Evangelism from an Atheist"**

**3:30PM-5:30PM**

**St. Paul Lutheran Cumberland, WI  
(geared towards middle school)**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26TH**

**"You Can Get Something From  
Nothing...Debunked!"**

**7:15PM-8:30PM**

**St. Paul Lutheran Cumberland, WI  
(geared towards high school)**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27TH**

**"Answering Skeptics...Bill Nye!"**

**12:00PM-1:00PM**

**Nezzy's Theater Cumberland, WI  
(open to all)**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27TH**

**"Fossils Prove Evolution...Debunked!"  
&**

**"Human Evolution is a Fact...  
Debunked!"**

**6:00PM-8:00PM**

**Das Lach Haus Cumberland, WI  
(open to all)**