

SALEM CONNECTION

May 2017



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Vacation Bible School

June 12-16, 2017 9:00 AM - NOON

For children age 3 through Grade 6

Register forms available at the church or online at: www.salemdwd.org



Vacation Bible School – June 12-16 “Maker Fun Factory – Created by GOD – Built for a Purpose” is the VBS theme. 9am-NOON, for 3 year olds – Grade 6. Suggested donation is \$15/child or \$30 per family. Register by May 31st to get a free WOW, GOD! button. Sound Wave Sing & Play CDs and DVDs will be available for early sales on May 14th.

Oodles of VOLUNTEERS are needed! Sign-up Sheets can be found on the Children’s Ministry table. SNACKS ingredients will be needed for the Snack Factory and the list will be posted by May 31st. If you choose to give a \$\$ donation rather than the food item, that is an option. VBS Orientation will be Tuesday, May 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

At Maker Fun Factory kids will discover that they are loving crafted by God! In this interactive adventure, curious kids become hands-on inventors and experience God – the ultimate Maker – in new and wildly creative ways. Kids will discover important truths – and dive right into the Bible, learning one important Bible Point each day. This Bible Point is reinforced through Bible Adventures, key Bible verses, songs, snacks, and hands-on explorations that help kids know they were created by God and built for a purpose! Like gears in a machine, every part of Maker Fun Factory VBS works together to produce an experience that really connects kids with Jesus.

“I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” – John 10:10b

I found myself at the front door of my future wife’s house on her 16th birthday, palms sweaty, legs trembling. Her father opened the door looking very stern. “Is Randy home?” I asked. Surprisingly, he let me inside and called her. She came to the door. I held out the flowers, said, “Happy bir...” Before I could get it out she’d already hugged me and given me a kiss on the cheek – a kiss I can still feel when I think about it.

I was there because we’d gone to a dance together about 2 months earlier, and roller skating maybe once since. I’d had no interest in flowers before that day, much less bought them and given them to somebody. But that day, I was so happy that I got to be the one to bring her flowers.

I like to think the abundant life Jesus gives is something like that.

A gentleman was talking to me one day about his job. I asked how he can do that every day? “Work really isn’t work to me,” he said. “I’m doing what I love to do. It still surprises me every 2 weeks that somebody pays me to do this!

I like to think the abundant life Jesus gives is something like that.

Four men climb into the pick-up truck breathing hard, even moaning a little, because the furniture was so heavy and the stairway was so narrow and steep. The driver starts up the truck and looks at the address of the next stop. While he’s looking through the paperwork one of the men says, “Did you see that? That woman had nothing. And her kids were sleeping on the floor.”

“She had tears in her eyes when she thanked us, another said. “I never get tired of that. People like her make it all worthwhile.” And the 4 weary men smiled and got ready for the next delivery.

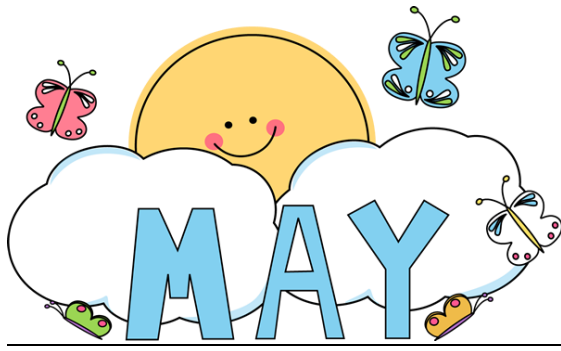
I like to think the abundant life Jesus gives is something like that too.

Our culture tempts us to think that the abundant life is all about accumulating an abundance of things. When I buy into that version of the abundant life my garage gets full to overflowing, but my life feels strangely empty.

I wonder if the abundant life Jesus is talking about isn’t found in something else. Following Jesus, we find life is abundant when we give our very best to a cause bigger than ourselves. Serving Jesus, we find our life is abundant, fuller, more meaningful when we share our abundance with somebody who needs it. Who would’ve guessed?

But you all know that, of course. You’ve been doing it for years! Thank you for your service, faithful followers of Jesus at Salem! And God bless you as we celebrate the 7 weeks of Easter with our risen Lord.

- Pastor Mike



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Christine Myers, Delylah Voller
- 2 Dan Goodwin
- 3 Jeanne Stangel
- 4 David Steinke
- 5 Nancy Schmidt
- 6 Kathy Minarich, Jim Rude
- 9 John Orr
- 11 Jackson Jones, Ken Schultz
- 12 Sean McGuire
- 13 Jason Holmwig, Rick Johnson
- 14 Daniel Stirewalt
- 15 Kevin Stensrud
- 16 Elaine Dahlquist, Ken Nystrom
- 17 Joey Serfling, Bruce Swanson
- 18 Dorinne Cole, Kathy Schultz, Jean Shermock
- 20 Elizabeth Gavin, Deb Selk
- 22 Ashley Meyer, Glenn Suess
- 24 Rick Shafer
- 25 Marian Erickson
- 27 Tim Coughlin
- 28 Wendy Christenson, Vi Klungness
- 30 Glen Knutson, Peter MacKay, Donna Sanderson
- 31 Raye Cragun, Nancy Johnson, Eldon Reeves

MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Gene & Barb Abelson (1954)
- 7 Chuck & Char Hausker (1988)
- 7 John & Amy Vukelich (1988)
- 8 Les & Shirley Taylor (1955)
- 10 Glenn Suess & Ruth Helgeson
- 17 Dick & Lois Hicks (1975)
- 20 Greg & Jena Reed (1994)
- 21 Ralph & Sally Carlson (1966)
- 25 DeMar & Arlys Wanstrom (1962)
- 28 Terry & Judy Fields (1960)
- 29 Claude & Renee Gilmer (1998)

Worship Attendance

March 26	174
April 2	158
April 9	206
April 16	401
April 23	164

USHERS

- 5/7 8:15 Ed & Sherri Godfrey, John & Margo Wojciak
- 10:00 John & Marlys Orr, Ken Schultz
- 5/14 8:15 Randy Holmwig, Helen Ryan, Herb & Barb Schoon
- 10:00 Ernie & Mary Erickson, Dean & Pat Sylvester
- 5/21 8:15 Ralph Carlson, Rich & Lynn Leino, Chuck Lubowitz, Karla Peterson
- 10:00 David Anderson, Lisa Slepica, Jay & Sue Stromberg
- 5/28 8:15 Ron & Sandy Kretlow, Clark & Joyce Marshall
- 10:00 Pat & Laura Guimont, Roger & Marlene Prill

READERS

- May 7 8:15 Polly Pfllepsen
- 10:00 Meg McGuire
- May 14 8:15 Terry Fields
- 10:00 Vi Klungness
- May 21 8:15 Mary Birtzer
- 10:00 Glenn Suess
- May 28 8:15 Bruce Falink
- 10:00 Lisa Slepica

COMMUNION

- 5/7 8:15 Steve & Joan Haglund, Jerry Pfllepsen
- 10:00 Meg McGuire, Al & Barb Schiffler
- 5/14 8:15 Terry Fields, Jerry & Shirley Huxford
- 10:00 Dale & Vi Klungness, Cleone McGillivray
- 5/21 8:15 Larry & Mary Birtzer, Mark Carlson
- 10:00 Nancy Johnson, Elsa Ray, Glenn Suess
- 5/28 8:15 Bruce & Sherie Falink, Shirley Taylor
- 10:00 Lisa Slepica, Bruce Swanson

TRANSFER OUT

Phil & Donna Turnquist

FIRST COMMUNION(Maundy Thursday)

Abigail Chileen
Elle Chileen
Ethan Kunz
Eian Myers

Deacon, Greg Meyer
greg@salemwd.org

A Word from Council President,
Lynn Hansen

Wow, what a month! We went from a destructive fire on Ash Wednesday to the hope of a bigger, better location for Salem West by Good Friday. We had meaningful worship experiences that took us through Lent, Holy Week, and celebrated the joyous miracle of Easter. Thank you Pastor Mike and the Worship and Music Team!

I continue to be amazed and awed by the generosity of time, energy, money, and household items that Salem West has received. Thank you all.

We have an exciting new worship opportunity, TGIW – Thank God It’s Wednesday! Some of our kids begin with Legos after school, then we can all join together for a \$3 supper, followed by interactive, intergenerational songs and worship. You do not even have to move from your table. If you have RDD – Rhythm Deficit Disorder like I do, following the song sheet, singing, and doing the actions at the same time proves very difficult. :) I’m sure that you will do much better! We have very talented musicians to lead and accompany the singing. TGIW is a wonderful opportunity to worship for those of us who have conflicts on Sunday morning with family events, guests, work, travel, fishing, Mother’s Day, graduations, etc. Be sure to check out this fun worship format at 6:30 PM.

On May 7th, we will be recognizing our high school graduates at the 10:00 service. New members will also be received that day so there is much to celebrate.

May 21st is the last day of Sunday School as well as a chance for Prayer Buddies to meet at the 10:00 service. Each of the children in our Sunday School have had a person praying for them this year. What a gift to share! Thank you to the Faith Formation Team organizing these activities.

1 Thessalonians 5:18, “¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” These words tasted pretty bitter on March 1, 2017. After experiencing 6 weeks of unending support, love and generosity; I now understand what God is trying to get me to hear. I now value the work that God is doing through all of you so much more; I had grown complacent and taken the ministry of Salem for granted. Clearly, many people and many organizations have not. I am far beyond humbled to see the love and concern that has been shown Salem Lutheran Church. This is a journey of faith, hope and resurrection. God is leading us into a new era of ministry, one that we did not choose, and on a path that we most likely would not have taken. But here we are. Hurting, mourning, laughing, grateful and in awe of a God who has taken us through the tragedy and bringing us to a new facility with stronger faith and commitment to serve God’s people.

The day that we lost Salem WEST, I heard many times that we will be stronger and better down the road. Now that we are down the road a few blocks, I am starting to feel that. It has been a tough, sad and painful journey. A Lenten journey that I will not soon forget. Salem WEST burned on Ash Wednesday and on Easter Sunday we announced the signed purchase agreement on a new facility, already we see that the stone is rolled away and our wonderful ministry will have a home.....we can’t say rise again, because the fire did not stop the ministry, even for one day. Thank you to everyone.....I have said thank you so many times, but I mean it from the deepest part of my heart. Our volunteers, the community, our funders, our partner agencies, our congregation.....and our God are all amazing.

I cannot say enough about the wonderful job that Dennis Peterson and Dee Dee Frahm have done, their lives have been deeply impacted by the fire and they have given 1000%. Deb Selk and Sandy Archibald have given their all to deal with the overflow of items with our lack of storage. They have worked hard to bring the sales back up where they belong after the fire burned their stock. We have had amazing volunteers, working day after day. The SOC has stepped up in every sense of the word, to help, plan and move forward with a

facility. Bev Kunz has been our insurance angel. God put together the perfect team to deal with what life has thrown at us.

Another wonderful aspect is that everyone has been working hard to keep other ministry going as well. Serving at the soup kitchen, Habitat for Humanity, speaking at community groups, Cause of the Month, Food Shelf and other activities have all continued. With the huge workload and trying to keep our energy and our attitudes positive has been a challenge, and everyone has risen to the occasion.

All in all, this is an amazing process that has gone quite well. It is very excited to see more folks coming back from the south, as well as new volunteers, the extra energy is very welcome. As we move forward, March 1, 2017 will always have a place in our ministries' history, but more than the fire, we will remember how faithful our God has been and continues to be to us. Enjoy the wonders of Spring. New life. New beginnings. One Awesome God.

EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have questions about any of the following, please feel free to call the Salem office. We will do our best to answer your questions or find someone who can. Please refer to the calendar printed in this issue for a complete schedule of events.

LEGO CLUB – this activity group for children in grades K-6 will be held on the following Wednesdays in May: 3, 10, 17, 3:30-4:45 p.m.

PIECEMAKERS quilt group meets in the fellowship hall on Tuesdays at 9:00 am to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief, missions, baptisms and miscellaneous gifts.

IN STITCHES knitting/crocheting group meets on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.

THANK GOD IT'S WEDNESDAY! TGIW nights May 3, 10, and 17. TGIW is an experiment in playing, learning, and worshipping together for those whose weekends are full and for anybody who needs a midweek pick-me-up. TGIW begins with **Lego Club at 3:30. A "3 Buck Supper" is served from 5:00-6:15, followed by Camp Style/FINK Worship from 6:30-7:10 and FINK Small**

Groups from 7:10-7:45. Come for all or part of it. EVERYBODY'S INVITED!

FINK NITES: May 3 & 17 at 6:30 p.m. as part of "Thank God It's Wednesday!" worship.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

- † Wednesdays, 6:30 a.m. in the library
- † Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. in the conference room

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – All men are welcome Friday morning at 8:00 a.m. in the conference room.

LESSONS FOR LIFE BIBLE STUDY will meet in the Education Unit on Tuesday evenings in at 6:30 p.m. in the Education Unit. ALL adults are welcome!

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

- **Quilting at Heartwood:** Thursday, May 4, 6:30 p.m.
- **Festival of the Heart Team:** Monday, May 8, 12:00 p.m.
- **Worship & Music Team** – Tuesday, May 2, 5:30 p.m.
- **Welcome Team** – Thursday, May 4, 5:30 p.m.
- **Diaper Ministry:** Wednesday, May 10, 9:00 a.m.
- **Combined Women's Circle** – Thursday, May 11, 9:30 a.m.
- **Salem Outreach Committee** – Thursday, May 11, 1:00 p.m.
- **Girls Night Out:** Tuesday, May 9, 5:30 p.m. at Coach's Corner in Deerwood.
- **Church Council Meeting:** Thursday, May 18, 6:00 p.m.
- **Library Team** – Tuesday, May 16, 3:00 p.m.
- **Faith Formation Team** – Tuesday, May 16, 6:30 p.m.

LUTHERAN LOUNGE ACT

Save Saturday, August 26 for a Salem Variety Show. We need YOU! Looking for participants and an audience. Can you read, dance, act, sing, play an instrument, twirl a baton? Or do you have some other talent? Call Bruce Falink, 763-213-2249, and reserve a spot in our show. A free will offering will go to the kids in Honduras.



POTTED PLANTS

are needed for the Columbarium Memorial Garden at Salem! (no hanging baskets, please)

You may bring potted plants to the church by May 20th. If you would like the cost of

the plant to be on your giving record, please bring receipts – remember to include your name – to the church office. Volunteers have come forward to plant the wall planters in that area, so the potted plants will be used to fill other areas of the Memorial Garden.

HOSPITALITY HAPPENINGS!!!

Please check your church mailbox, pick up your Hospitality Host Hotline, and check out which monthly group you are a part of and who your Leaders are. Every member of the church belongs to one of the Monthly Hosting Groups. We know that not everyone can contribute their time and talents in the same ways. Even if you may have challenges on how you can contribute to this mission of service, we will get in touch with you and will welcome your help whatever you can do. THANK GOD ITS WEDNESDAY suppers served before the Wednesday Evening Services will be keeping some Hospitality Host Groups members busy helping on May 3rd, 10th, and 17th. Each monthly group takes a turn supplying bars, and help with set up and clean up for these lite meals, just as they do for other all church events. Even if you are not planning to attend Wednesday Services, please say, “Yes” when you are called to help your fellow members with this exciting new venture at Salem.



Are you interested in membership at Salem? If so, you are invited to join Pastor Mike for NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION – Thursday, May 4, 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. You may call the church

office to register, or just come if it works for you!

THANK YOU

Thanks to Pastor Mike and my church family for the prayers, visits, cards and texts during my hospital stay in early March. I am better – thanks to the support of The Great Physician and you!

Carla Barker

Dear Salem,

On behalf of my sister, Karen, we want to thank you for all of your prayers while she was going through all of the testing to find out why her heart was becoming so much weaker. Because of your continued prayers the sarcoidosis in her heart appears to be dormant at this time. The congenital heart defect is also stable. We ask for your continued prayers.

My Aunt Caryl Young and I also want to thank you for your prayers. Her recent bone marrow biopsy shows her leukemia to be in remission. Praise God! It did show something new which will require her to receive blood transfusions twice a week. We also ask for your continued prayers.

All of us cannot thank you enough for ALL of your prayers and concern. God is good!

In Christ,

Linda Stebbins

Thank you for the Easter lily and beautiful card from “Sam” in the Sunday School. It was so nice to be remembered.

Jerry & Donna Sanderson

Dear Salem,

Thank you so very much for the lovely plant. I’m enjoying it very much. I enjoyed your art work, Charlie. Keep up the good work. Thank you, Carol, for bringing me the plant. I really enjoyed your visit.

Arlene Stromberg

Thank you for your donation to Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen. Your generous gift of money helps pay for 60-80 meals/day, Monday through Saturday at 5:30 p.m. in our facility located at 923 Oak Street, Brainerd.

With Gratitude,

Glen Gustafson, Treasurer

*Dear Salem Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your gift to ELCA World Hunger.
Thank you for walking with neighbors and
strangers in need and responding to the life-giving
miracle of the resurrection in giving to this
signature ministry of our church.*

*Daniel Rift,
Director, ELCA World Hunger & Disaster Appeal*

*Thanks once again for letting the Great River
Strings use the church to present its Spring Concert.
It was indeed an exciting evening.*

*Sincerely,
Lynn Foote,
GRS Co-Executive Director*

LIBRARY NEWS

“Miracles from Heaven,” a movie starring Jennifer Garner was released in 2016. If you missed this special film in the theatre, we now have the DVD in Salem’s library. The movie is based on a true story of 10-year-old Anna Beam who has a rare, incurable disease. After Anna has a freak accident, an extraordinary miracle unfolds that leaves medical specialists mystified, her family restored and their community inspired. You will find the DVD in the “new books” basket.

Along with Mothers’ Day and Minnesota’s fishing opener, the month of May celebrates several patriotic days including V-E Day (1945) marking the end of World War II in Europe; Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day. All days to remember and give thanks to our veterans and military personnel for their service and for the freedom we enjoy. Our next library team meeting is Tuesday, May 16 at 3 p.m. We are always looking for new members.

THE MUSTARD SEED

Deb Selk, Manager mustardseed@salemdwd.org

I want to welcome the Snowbirds back. We can use your help in all areas. I would also like to invite everyone to the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Monday, May 22nd, at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall. We have a lot to be thankful for and would love to see you all there.

The Spring bake sale went over very well. Thank you to all that provided baked goods for it. We took in close to \$1,000.00. We did move it up a week this year so we could utilize the full week. I think this helped out a lot.

The Cause of the Month for April is Lakes Area Habitat for Humanity. The Cause for May Will be Breath of Life. We have been so blessed with all the wonderful donations. The store looks awesome each week. If you didn’t know you can go on our Facebook page each week and look at the store pictures that are posted and see what items we have in for that week. They usually get posted on Wednesday of each week. It seems like we can redo the window area at least 3 times on a Thursday morning.

We can always use more volunteers, so if you’re interested or know someone send them in. We would love to add them to the list.

Blessings, Deb

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

Connie Lou Swanson
connielou@salemdwd.org

WHIRL Sunday School – THANK YOU to the following women for faithfully sharing their time and love with our children on Sunday mornings: Marlene Prill, Jacklin Steege, Raye Cragun, Nancy Meyer, Laura Guimont, Hannah Schmidt and Jasmine Siliznoff. I would also like to thank Becky Guimont for being a substitute teacher this spring. A Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Dinner will be held at Salem on Tuesday, May 16th at 6:00 pm. *Faith Formation TEAM members are encouraged to come early (before our normally scheduled meeting time of 6:30 pm) and share a meal and your appreciation with our teachers!*

The last day of Sunday School will be May 21st. Children will meet with Prayer Buddies in the double classroom for muffins and kazoo band practice! The Make a Joyful Noise Band will share a song at the 10:00 am worship service that day! We hope you all can be there! I believe your prayers and expressions of care and concern have brightened many days for our kids. We may never know the full impact your prayers have had on the children you have prayed for, this year! My rough

calculations are you have prayed for 210 days!
WOW! THANK YOU!

Lego Club– We will meet May 3 and May 10 and then resume in the fall! Thank you to all who have shared Legos with us this year! We have had a great year, learning Bible stories and creating Lego builds reflecting some aspect of the story. I also want to thank all the volunteers who have helped make this program so successful: Mary Erickson, Karla Peterson, Di Hein, Carol Malek, Jill Erickson, Nancy Johnson, Laura Newton and Hannah Schmidt.

Faith to Go Boxes – We are offering something new this summer for our families who are so busy going here and going there! Faith to Go Boxes will be available for you to use when you are on the go! The boxes will have a Creation theme and each month will be a different topic. *June will be Water Stories, July will be Plant & Food Stories and August will be Animal Stories.* Each unit has 4 lessons. All stories are based in the Bible and include a paraphrase of the scripture passage, some imagining (discussion) questions, a coloring page, story cards to color and use in a retelling of the story, family activities to do together and a closing prayer. **Please contact Connie Lou Swanson by May 14 if you would like to make use of the Faith to Go Boxes! Boxes will be available May 21st!** There will also be a signup sheet on the Children’s Ministry table.

LUNCH BUNCH – Salem will participate again this summer, serving lunches on Fridays, beginning June 9th. The purpose of LUNCH BUNCH is to provide meals for kids who receive free or reduced lunches during the school year, to continue good nutrition and a balanced meal each week day. Thanks to our partnership with St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Cascade United Methodist Church, Immanuel Lutheran Church and Cuyuna Regional Medical Center hungry kids are fed Monday – Friday, all summer long!

Lunch Preparation starts at 9:00 am Fridays and deliver is as follows:

- 11:00 am – Veterans Park in Deerwood
- 11:30 am – Cuyuna Fire Station parking



- 12:00 pm – Crosby Food Shelf
 - 12:30 pm – Grandpa’s Park in Ironton
- Monetary contributions are needed for purchasing supplies. You may drop off donations in the church office. If you would like to help make lunches there is Sign-up Sheet on the Children’s Ministry table. Last year over 4,000 sack lunches were served on the Cuyuna Range! As many as 100 per day!

Salem Lutheran Youth (SLY)
Dee Dee Frahm, Youth Director
218-839-3961

Where did Lent go? Easter was almost a week ago and May is right around the corner. I think the Lenten meals were very successful and the youth did an excellent job and worked well together. Thank you, again, to all who provided meals. The youth involvement was a fundraiser for the canoe trip this June and the National Gathering next summer.

Speaking of the Gathering, I received the information/registration packet for Houston and will be attending a workshop this coming Sunday afternoon to learn more about the Synod Journey. The Synod Journey is a powerful event that transforms the faith life of youth as we journey together in the year leading up to the event...and then live in community, working side by side, worshipping together as a synod on our way to the ELCA Youth Gathering. While the Gathering in Houston is 4 days, the Synod Journey also includes 4 days in Galveston, where we will stay at Texas A&M University. I will have more to share next month – and the months to come, as the youth become more involved in this journey.

VOYAGEURS LUTHERAN MINISTRY NEWS

TWO WAYS TO RECEIVE \$\$ for VLM Camp experiences: Salem’s Memorial Committee offers “Camperships” to members. Application forms are available in the narthex and must be turned into the church office by **Monday, May 1.**

VLM also offers campership dollars that come from donations that they receive from individuals and grants. To learn more, go to www.VLMcamps.org.

Bu\$iness

Salem Lutheran Church Operating Fund

Financial Results for March

	Adopted Annual Budget	Mar Actual 2017	Mar Prior Year 2016
Income	\$434,082	\$ 30,809	\$ 30,019
Expense	\$447,780	\$ 34,754	\$ 36,784
Net	(\$13,698)	(\$ 3,945)	(\$ 6,765)

Financial Results Jan – Mar (YTD)

	Adopted Annual Budget	YTD Actual 2017	YTD Prior Year 2016
Income	\$434,082	\$ 101,014	\$ 94,255
Expense	\$447,780	\$ 105,217	\$ 104,041
Net	(\$ 13,698)	(\$ 4,203)	(\$ 9,786)

Overview of Mortgage & Building Fund

Salem Lutheran Church

March 2017

Mortgage

Original Mortgage Amount	\$2,379,965.00
Principal Balance	\$1,704,484.92
Monthly Mortgage Payment (Principal & Interest)	\$ 12,133.54
Additional Principal Payment	\$ 3,274.46

Building Fund

Beginning Balance 03/01/17	\$294,676.27
Income Mar 2017	
Gifts	\$ 9,057.33
Interest	\$ 79.31
Memorials	\$ 45.00
Expense Mar 2017	
Mortgage Payment	(\$12,133.54)
Additional Principal	(\$ 3,274.46)
Ending Balance 03/31/17	\$ 288,449.91

(The ending building balance is what we have in savings accounts dedicated to the building fund. \$79,700 of this is in a special account which is set aside for any unexpected large building expense or need)

Note that complete financials are available by contacting Sandy Beyer at the church office. Any questions can be directed to either Council Treasurer Paul Tesdahl or Financial Manager Sandy Beyer.

SPECIAL THANKS to those who donated Easter lilies and other plants:

- Keith & Dorinne Cole, in memory of their daughter, Jean
- Robert & Kay Cooper, in memory of their mothers, Mrs. Al Austin and Mrs. Ida Funk
- John & Kris Davis, in memory of Harlan Hilk, Jack & Joanne Davis, Brenda Leino and grandparents
- Bruce & Sherie Falink, in memory of Eileen Gallagher and Robert Falink
- Steve & Joan Haglund, in memory of Arnie & Dorothy Haglund and Durand & Charlotte Rotzel
- Ruth Hansen, in memory of Curt Hansen
- Randy & Lori Holmviig, in memory of Stan & LaVerne Holmviig and David & Audrey Hall
- Joel & Mary Huntley, in memory of their daughter, Lori Dorff
- Wayne & Joyce Kohonen, in memory of their parents
- Dale & Vi Klungness, in memory of family members
- Ron & Sandy Kretlow, in memory of their parents: Elvin & Rosella Kretlow and Edner & Stella Borreson
- Bev Kunz, in memory of Dick Kunz
- Myrna Nelson, in memory of Jim Nelson
- Ken & Carole Nystrom, in memory of their son, Scott
- Clark & Joyce Marshall, in memory of their parents and Joyce's brothers, Gerald and Robert
- Rod & Laurie Ogard, in memory of their son, David
- Archie & Deanna Olson, in memory of their parents
- Donovan & Darlene Olson, in honor of their grandkids and in memory of Joan Ganseveld
- Meriellen Pisarek, in memory of Jay Hermes
- Elsa Ray and Carol Gerber, in memory of Martin & LaFern Linberg
- Elsa Ray, Lance Ray, Shelly Brown and families in memory of Doug Ray
- Deb Selk, in honor of her grandchildren: Ashlyn, Jakob, Isaiah, Brady, Connor, Emma, Charlie, Easton
- Mike & Jean Shermock, in memory of parents and siblings
- Dean & Pat Sylvester, in honor of their family
- Les & Shirley Taylor, in memory of their parents, Les & Daisy Taylor and Fred & Mary Beach

Salem Outreach Committee April 13, 2017

Present were: Don Hales, Sandy Kretlow, Greg Meyer, Bev Kunz, Joyce Kohnen, Noreen Steinbrecher, Pastor Mike, Paul and Kristy Tesdahl, Debra Flam.

MSC: Motion, Seconded, and Carried

Greg led the meeting with devotions.

Don Hales called the meeting to order.

Secretary's Report was sent to each one. Last meeting was in February. MSC to approve

Financial Report:

The fire fund has a little over \$50,000 of which we could use as we see fit.

We have had several bids on what things would cost to fix the Lumber Yard. Total bills run around \$86,000.00. We have \$330,000.00 plus available from the insurance company and other funds.

A motion was made by Cecil to counter the offer that we received from the Lumber Yard, which was \$199,000.00 plus closing cost. Our offer we sent back was \$195,000. We will have an inspection to make sure we haven't missed anything. We had a unanimous decision by the Outreach Committee to send this offer. MSC (They accepted shortly after our meeting.) The next steps are an inspection of the property, council approval, special meeting of the congregation to approve purchase of the former lumber yard for Salem WEST ministries. If all goes well the hope is a closing as close to June 1 as possible.

Salem West old lot:

We have received any offer to buy the lot. We are also talking to the Habitat for Humanity to build a home on the site. A decision will be made soon. Our mission is to help and improve the community.

Mustard Seed:

Easter bake sale was a success. We made just about \$1000.00.

The new furnace and AC has been installed at the Mustard Seed garage, the main boiler still needs to be replaced some time before fall.

Meeting adjourned.

Pastor Mike closed with prayer.

Next meeting May 11, 2017 at 1:00 pm

Submitted by,
Sandy Kretlow

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Meeting

March 16, 2017

Council Mission Statement: “We exist, with God’s help, to provide leadership for the Salem Lutheran Church Congregation.”

Present: Pastor Mike Briggs, Lynn Hansen, Randy Holmvig, Sherri Godfrey, Ken Stebbins(skype), Meriellen Pisarek, Cecil Schmidt (conference call), Di Hien

Absent: Kris Schmidt, Paul Tesdahl

The meeting was called to order, by president Lynn Hansen.

Pastor Mike opened a devotion from *Embracing Stewardship*. Discussion of “generosity.”

SECRETARY’S REPORT

- **MOTION:** to approve the minutes from council meeting, February 16 ,2017. MSC

TREASURER’S REPORT

(Information presented by Pastor Mike in Paul Tesdahl’s absence)

- We are in better shape financially this year than we were in 2016.
- Capital Appeal: Review and discussion. **MOTION:** to recommend Mark Davy and Associates if we get added to the contract that we have the same consultant (Michael and Whitney Davy) throughout the three years of pledging AND the follow up information mailed to Paul, “Follow up activities for Salem Lutheran Church” is included in the contract. MSC.
- **MOTION:** to decline feasibility study costing \$5000.00. Discussion- Motion fails.
- **MOTION:** to include the feasibility study. MSC.
- **MOTION:** to approve the treasurer’s report. MSC.

PASTOR’S REPORT

- There are 4 students in 1st communion class.
- There are 8 youth and adults providing skits for evening Lent services.
- 5 people have signed up to be a part of the Welcome team.
- The Heartwood Koffee Klatch met for first get together on Feb. 24.

STAFF REPORTS

- Accepted from Greg Meyer.
- Volunteers are making everything work in Connie Lou’s absence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Technology update
- Facilities: April 29 will be cleanup day. Creating “wish list.” Provided outline of expected maintenance expenditures for future.
- Social Outreach: Requested approval of Dee Dee Frahm to full time position. **MOTION:** to move

Dee Dee Frahm to permanent full time position MSC.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Fireworks: Tabled
- Cecil prepared a standard paragraph to be used in regular meeting minutes to document any “Action by Written Consent.”

NEW BUSINESS:

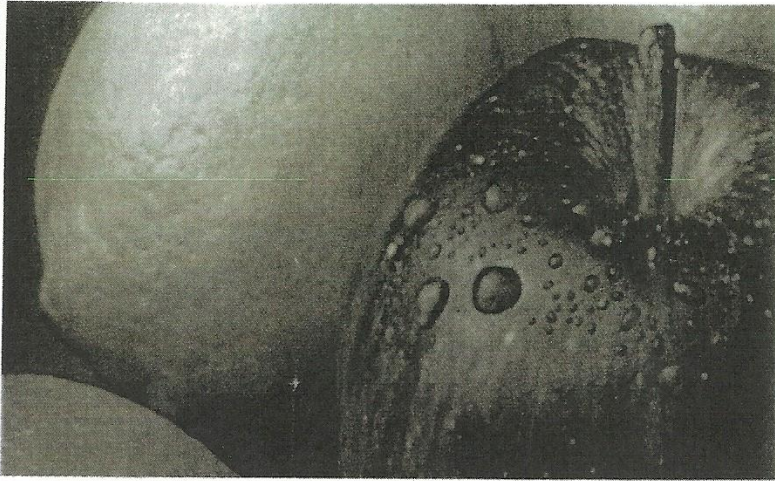
- Mortgage Refinance: **MOTION:** to buy down to 5 year ARM at a cost of \$8,500.00. Discussion. Note will come due ½ way through next capital appeal period, this will need to be discussed at time of future capital appeal. MSC.
- Festival of the Heart Fundraiser: **MOTION:** to allow bake sale fundraiser in addition to quilt raffle. MSC
- Committee meeting night: Suggestion by Pastor Mike to have a “meeting night” where all committees meet in one evening. Discussion, suggestion to have meeting week where all committee meetings occur the same week, possibly the 2nd week of the month.
- Financial Manager Hours- There is increasing demand for Sandy’s time, additional needs with the fire. Will request a volunteer to coordinate, recruit and schedule “counters”.
- Fire Update: Outreach committee has set up a team to work on all insurance related issues regarding the fire. Clean up is complete, holding in dumpsters. The insurance company is suggesting that we look for an existing building as opposed to building new.
-**MOTION:** that Greg Meyer and Pastor Mike Briggs can make settlement for any and all insurance claims related to the fire. MSC.
-**MOTION:** to allow Salem Outreach Committee to explore alternative sites and negotiate and make offers on any property with final approval contingent on council approval. MSC
- Mission Fair: Discussed possible options. Bring to committees to find out if there is interest.

SOS:

- Received one. Read and discussed.

Meeting adjourned and closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Godfrey



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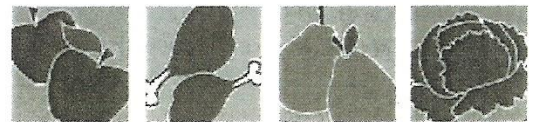
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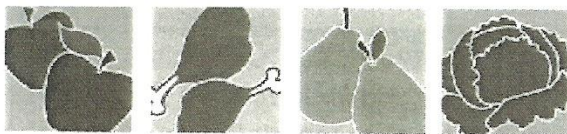
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Watch for our Holiday Packs in November and December!

MAY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 12:00 PM Women's Club Luncheon 5:45 PM Capital Appeal Team Meeting 7:00 PM Salem Ringers Rehearsal	2 9:00 AM Piecemakers 1:00 PM In Stitches 5:30 PM Worship & Music Team Meeting 6:30 PM Lessons for Life	3 6:30 AM Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 3:30 PM Lego Club 5:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 5:00-6:15 PM 3 Buck Supper 5:45 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM TGIW Worship/FINK	4 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study 5:30 PM Welcome Team Meeting 6:30 PM New Member Orientation 6:30 PM Quilting at Heartwood	5 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study	6
	7 8:15 AM Traditional Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Contemporary Worship/Graduate Blessing 7:00 PM HS Graduate Worship (Immanuel in Crosby)	8 9:00 AM Unlimited Learning Meeting 12:00 PM Festival of the Heart Team Mtg 7:00 PM Salem Ringers Rehearsal	9 9:00 AM Piecemakers 1:00 PM In Stitches 5:30 PM Girls Night Out 6:30 PM Lessons for Life	10 6:30 AM Women's Bible Study 9:00 AM Diaper Ministry 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 3:30 PM Lego Club (last event until fall) 5:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 5:00-6:15 PM 3 Buck Supper 5:45 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM TGIW Worship	11 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Women's Circle 1:00 PM Outreach Committee Mtg 6:00 PM Executive Team Meeting	12 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
14 MOTHER'S DAY 8:15 AM Traditional Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Contemporary Worship	15	16 9:00 AM Piecemakers 1:00 PM In Stitches 3:00 PM Library Team Meeting 6:00 PM SS Teacher Appreciation Dinner 6:30 PM Faith Formation Team Mtg 6:30 PM Lessons for Life	17 6:30 AM Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal Meeting 5:00-6:15 PM 3 Buck Supper 5:45 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM TGIW Worship/FINK	18 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM Council Meeting	19 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study	20
21 8:15 AM Traditional Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School & Donuts with Prayer Buddies (last day of SS) 9:15-10:00 AM Festival of the Heart Bake Sale 10:00 AM Contemporary Worship 1:30 PM Salem Hosts Care Center Worship	22 5:00 PM Outreach Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	23 9:00 AM Piecemakers 1:00 PM In Stitches 6:30 PM Lessons for Life 6:30 PM VBS Orientation	24 6:30 AM Women's Bible Study 5:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 PM Private Piano Recital	25 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study 11:15 AM Salem Serves Meals on Wheels	26 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study	27
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**Salem Office Hours Memorial Day – Labor Day
7:00 AM—Noon; 1:00 PM—4:00 PM**

SALEM STAFF

Pastor – Mike Briggs
Deacon – Greg Meyer
Office Manager – Deborah Carlson
Financial Manager – Sandra Beyer
Coordinator of Children's Ministry – Connie Lou Swanson
Facilities Coordinator – Glen Helm
Organist/Pianist – Becky Klingelhofer
Choir Director – Scott Ruffing
Handbell Choir Director – Kevin Edstrom
Praise Team Directors – Becky Klingelhofer/Noreen Steinbrecher
Salem Outreach Facilitator – Dee Dee Frahm
Salem West Manager – Dennis Peterson
Mustard Seed Manager – Deb Selk
Mustard Seed Program Assistant – Sandy Archibald
Kitchen Coordinator – Kathy Schultz

MINISTRY COORDINATORS

Wedding Coordinators – Kim Coughlin, Sherri Godfrey
Cradle Roll – Jessica Jones
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Salem Lutheran Church Website – Meriellen Pisarek
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