

Salem Connection

April 2025

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How has your work of Lent been going? Sometimes it can be hard to get started. Just saying 'do something differently' can be too broad to be helpful. Too many options frequently overwhelm us and we end up doing nothing. I think that's why my Lent was off to a rocky start, but has become more life-giving as I settle into the practices of this special season. There are three intentional Lenten disciplines – pray, fast, and give.

Perhaps you chose to find ways to give this Lent, to give a compliment, give a smile, give a hug, give to an organization you've never given to before, give a little more to a church, give of your time as a volunteer. You can give something every day. Or once a week. Or twice during the whole 40 days.

Perhaps you chose the more foreign concept of fasting. It's not about sacrificing in order to feel miserable and guilty. It's about noticing our longing... like when you want a candy bar, but you're fasting from snacks after supper. It's a reminder of how we hunger, and how we might be satisfied. Do you long for as close a relationship with God as you have with a Kit Kat? How we delight in the smell, the layers, the chocolate, the snap as you break me off a piece of that Kit Kat bar! What can give you that same appreciation, pleasure, and satisfaction with God? The same can be true of what we consume in entertainment, or hobbies, or how we fill our time. What need are these things filling, and how can God fill that need instead?

Fasting is also a way of remembering how much you have, knowing if hunger really pulls at you, you're able to fill that need. Giving up a little helps us remember those who have little, and may lead us to the other disciplines of Lent---prayer and giving.

Or perhaps you chose prayer to be your practice this Lent, devoting yourself to pray for the people you've promised to pray for, or bringing your worries to God before bringing them to a friend or spouse, or trying to listen for God's voice and just be still in God's presence.

Lent is a season that leads us to the most incomprehensible moments in our faith – Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. We are who we are as people of God, now, today, because of those two events. These last few weeks of Lent are a time to particularly, intentionally remember how deeply God loves us, and calls us to live out that love for the sake of others.

God bless you, in your fast and in your abundance, in your giving and forgiving, and in all the ways you pray. May you be filled with the new life God offers this Easter / springtime season, and may the gift of Christ's resurrection fill you with hope.

Peace, and Happy Easter!
~Pastor Amanda



Worship Notes at Salem

Thank you to those serving in April:

READERS

6 _____

27 _____

USHERS

6 Mark & Cindy Larson, Curt & Sylvia Hoge. Axel Novak

13 Randy Holmwig, Herb and Barb Schoon, Mark Boike

27 Nory and Peggy Hunze, Chuck Lubowitz and
Karla Peterson

COMMUNION SERVERS

6 Craig & Kari Henningson, Andi Anderson

27 _____, _____, _____

OFFERING COUNTERS

2 Needed!

April Worship Schedule

6 8:00a.m. Praise Team Practice
9:00a.m. Worship
Volunteer Choir

13 8:00a.m. Praise Team Practice
9:00a.m. Worship
Choir

20 8:00a.m. Praise Team Practice
9:00a.m. Worship
Bell Choir

27 8:00a.m. Praise Team Practice
9:00a.m. Worship
Choir

Music Schedule:

Choir sings on the 2nd & 4th Sunday
practice Wednesdays at 6p.m.

Bells play on the 3rd Sunday
practice Wednesdays at 5p.m.

Hymn Sing before worship
2nd and 4th Sundays

Volunteer Choir
1st Sunday of each month

Check out the next page for Holy Week Sign-Up!

Holy Week Dates: April 13th-20th

Honduras Sunday! April 27th!

Join us in worship on April 27th as we hear the stories of those who are helping others in Honduras for 10 days at the beginning of this month! Interested in reading more about their trip and following along each day, check out page 8 for more information!

Heartwood Bible Study

The monthly Bible study at Heartwood will take place on April 14th at 1:00p.m.

Interested in reading for Sunday service, serving Communion or being an offering counter?

We are looking for members of the congregation to help with parts of Worship. Sign-ups for readers and Communion servers are both available on the kiosk in the Narthex.

Offering Counters switch at the beginning of each new month, we have counters for January but are looking for two individuals to sign-up for the upcoming months!



Faith and Coffee?

Sunday morning fellowship is a perfect time to talk through what God brought to your attention in worship. Grab a cup, a treat, and finish this sentence,

"Today I noticed..."



Lent 2025

Wednesdays in Lent

5:15pm for a meal and 6:30pm for worship

"Questions God Asks Us"

based on a book by Trevor Hudson

April 2nd - "What are You Looking For?"

April 9th - "Who Do You Say That I Am?"

**Crosby/Deerwood Churches offer
Wednesday Midday Worship**

12:00p.m. Worship, 12:30p.m. Meal

April 2nd at Salem

April 9th at Cuyuna Lakes Community



Palm Sunday - April 13th

Communion: Peggy Blistain, Ron Sikkema, _____

9:00a.m. Scripture Reader: _____

Usher/ Greeter: Mark Boike, Randy Holmwig, Herb & Barb Schoon

Maundy Thursday - April 17th

Communion: Warren Balfany, Lynn Hansen, Julie Fritz

6:30p.m. Scripture Reader: Warren Balfany

Usher/ Greeter: _____, _____, _____, _____

Good Friday - April 18th

6:30p.m. Scripture Reader: _____

Usher/ Greeter: _____, _____, _____, _____

Easter Sunday - April 20th

Communion: Lynn Hansen, _____, _____

8:00a.m. Scripture Reader: Lynn Hansen

Usher/ Greeter: _____, _____, _____, _____

Communion: Shelly Skeim, Julie Fritz, _____

9:30a.m. Scripture Reader: _____

Usher/ Greeter: Clark & Joyce Marshall, _____, _____

Faith Formation!

Sunday School Schedule

Each Sunday at 9:50a.m.



Kids Club: April 16th 3:15-5:00p.m.

This month we will be focusing on prayer!

Those who are in grades 3-6 are welcome to join us on the third Wednesday of the month starting at 3:15p.m. as we celebrate how special friendship is!

Women's Bible Study, Wednesdays at 3:00p.m.

Men's Bible Study, Fridays at 8:00a.m.

Both of these are still taking place weekly!

If you are looking to join a Bible Study, there is always room for one more at the table!

Vacation Bible School 2025 - True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World!

Save the date for Vacation Bible School 2025!! Join us for True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World - our own Alaskan adventure here at Salem, July 14-17th! Registration forms are available in the church office, kiosk in the Narthex, and on our website.

If you are interested in volunteering at VBS this year please reach out to Marlene Prill (218-330-1731), Whitney Fischer (218-839-3807) or the church office for more information. We are currently recruiting "crew leaders" (adult leaders for a group of 4-5 kids) as well as activity leaders- who lead each crew through exploration stations, games, bible study, snacks, and more! There's something for everyone, kids and adults alike. The program is Monday-Thursday 8:30a.m.-12:00p.m.

Whether you've helped before, or never been to VBS, you are welcome and encouraged to join in the fun this year!



Pictured Above is the mighty crew from last year! We Hope You Join in on the Fun This Summer!

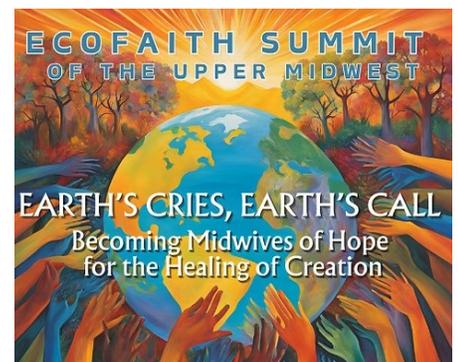
Mark Your Calendars!

2025 Women's Retreat October 3rd-5th! More Details to Come!

Mark Your Calendars! April 5th, 2025

EcoFaith Summit Course

Check Out More Information at www.ecofaithnetwork.org



Church Council News

Dear Salem family and friends,

It is wonderful to be part of a congregation that lives out its mission to Welcome people to Jesus Christ, Equip them with a faith that works in their lives, and Sends them into the world in Jesus' name. You have a team that will be in Honduras for 10 days building homes, distributing clothing, helping with meals at Home of Blessing, and welcoming groups of children to a day of VBS at Kids Ark and providing quilts to Freedom House. You have supplied clothing and quilts, provided money for the houses, and generously contributed the money for prosthetic legs for Dennis so that he can continue the mission to feed children and provide vocational training for them to break the cycle of poverty. There have been a variety of fundraisers over a few years to make this team's projects possible. You may remember that Salem Outreach received the Brainerd Lakes Area Community Foundation's 2024 Global Humanitarian honor for projects done in Honduras over the last 25 years. Members of this team are excited to return to continue to be Jesus' hands and feet in Honduras.

The Salem Council is reading the book, *Unlocking Your Church's Invite Culture*. The 2023-2024 survey by the Pew Research Center that found that 62% of adults in the United States identify as Christians. Protestants are the largest sub-group with 40%. We want to make a difference in our community by increasing these percentages. In the second chapter, the author tells how the British Cycling Team spent 10 years of marginal gains and minor improvements in their process to advance the culture of winning. They improved their performance one small step at a time. In the context of the church, there are valuable lessons to be learned about improving our invite culture. By making small adjustments that can enhance our church's chances of attracting new visitors, we can achieve better results. The author illustrates the congregation on a bell curve. The Innovators (2.5%) are on the left, followed by the Early Adopters (13.5%), then the Early Majority (34%), by the Late Majority (34%) and at the right side the Laggards (16 %). These are brief descriptions of each category. Innovators think that as Christ followers, we should be inviting friends to be part of our congregation. Early Adopters are more interested in group norms and values than the Innovators. The Early Majority will invite others if those around them also do. The Late Majority are ultimately convinced to participate when they see their friends and family engage in a new behavior. The Laggards have a strong internal drive toward nonconformity. They go out of their way to drag their feet on new technology or a new idea. Where are you on this continuum (Innovator to Laggard)?

Five Ways of Increasing Invite Culture at Your Church are: 1. Shareable Weekend Teaching 2. Eventful Big Days 3. Captivating Online Conversations 4. Magnetic Community Service and 5. Appealing Volunteer Service. We will share more information in the next issues of the Salem Connection.

Questions to ponder: In what ways have you seen the aggregation of marginal gains improve things at your church in the past? What should you change next at your church to improve the invite culture?

If any of you are interested in forming a Book Group to read and discuss the same book that the Council is reading, please let us know.

The Council hopes that this Lenten season is providing opportunities for spiritual growth and contemplation. We all look forward to sharing the joy of Easter together. (This would be an Eventful Big Day to invite others to share with you!)

Lynn Hansen

Salem Church Council President

Special Celebrations in April



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

1	Laura Newton	12	Warren Balfany
3	Nancy Reek	13	Elsa Ray
	Mike Shermock		Glenn Swanson Jr.
5	Samuel Coughlin	14	Jamie Bodle
	Easton DeCent		Joan Johnson
	Nate Novak	15	Shelly Skeim
6	Sandy Archibald	16	Jena Reed
	Paul Hein		Karen Savick
8	Carol Bobich	17	Tina Royer
	John Christenson	19	Jane Stromberg
	Beth Lavan	20	Heidi Mitchell
9	Laura Hann	21	Abigail Chileen
	Linda Shephardson	25	Colin Barnett
10	Joan Haglund	29	Roger Prill
	Bev Kunz		John Davies
11	Clark Marshall		Gretchen Nelson
	Conor Zender		



5	John & Nancy Pelant
18	Warren Balfany & Lynn Hansen
	Nathan & Jayme VanRisseghem
25	Rob & Kris Schmidt
26	John & Raye Cragun



Looking to strengthen your connection with fellow members of the congregation? Send a Birthday or Anniversary card and celebrate another year with them!

Financial Updates

A Message from Thriven Financial!

Congratulations Salem Lutheran Church!

In 2024 you received \$2,193.00 in Thrivent Choice Dollars Grant Funding!
We're proud to help support the important work you do and hope we can accomplish even more together in 2025.

Salem Lutheran Church

Profit & Loss

February 2025

	100 Church	150 Building	TOTAL
Income			
4000 · Offerings	31,322.35	0.00	31,322.35
4100 · Building Fund	0.00	7,062.81	7,062.81
4900 · Other Income	355.99	114.60	470.59
Total Income	31,678.34	7,177.41	38,855.75
Expense	36,378.37	10,024.15	46,402.52
Net Income	(4,700.03)	(2,846.74)	(7,546.77)

Benevolences for December

\$1,506.83 Synod ELCA
\$240.10 YAGM Support
\$240.10 Voyagers Lutheran Ministry
\$1,987.03 Total

Information Provided by Aimee Watson,
Financial Manager at Salem Lutheran Church

Thank you for the continuous generosity!

Camping Invitation

Dear Salem Family,

It is that time of Year to be making summer plans. We who camp are very excited to get together once again. We have reserved several sites at "Trails RV", four miles north of Walker.

Dates are Sunday, June 15th to Wednesday, June 18th Check In 2:00p.m., Check out 1:00p.m.

We do what we want with our days! Trails RV has a pool, playground, walking paths, connection to the bike trails and close access for fishing. A 9 hole golf course nearby. Some of our members bring their boats. In the evening, we gather together for a campfire and devotion and one night we share a pot luck meal. There is a wonderful gathering place for games and an enclosed meeting place if weather is questionable. They also have cable access at each site. (Internet at the office area too)

We would **LOVE** to have some younger camper families.

Tenting can be close with power and access to bath houses and bathrooms.

Please contact me if you have any questions. We would love to have you join us. I will be canceling extra sites in May!

Becky Guida, cell: (218) 556-1463 or bguida@charter.net



Lunch Bunch 2025

Nourishing Our Community: The Summer Lunch Bunch Feeding Program

The Summer Lunch Bunch Program is back this year, working to ensure that no child in our community goes hungry during the school break. Designed to fill the gap left by school meal programs, this initiative provides free, nutritious meals to children and teens under 18. Meal sites in Crosby, Ironton, and Deerwood are easily accessible, offering not just food, but also connection and hope to families in need.

This program relies heavily on community support to meet growing needs. Donations of specific food items, such as peanut butter, jelly, hamburger buns, chips, granola bars, and snacks, are crucial to keeping the initiative running. Donations can be dropped off in the cart located in the church narthex. In past years, Salem has received \$1,500 in federal funding through the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP). Unfortunately, these funds are unavailable this year, increasing the importance of local contributions to sustain the program.

Volunteering is another powerful way to support this cause. By helping to prepare meals on Friday mornings, volunteers ensure that each meal is ready to nourish a child and bring comfort to a family. Every effort, no matter how small, helps strengthen our community.

The Summer Lunch Bunch Program is a testament to the power of collective action. Together, through donations, volunteering, and spreading the word, we can fight food insecurity and provide much-needed nourishment and care. Let's come together this summer to make a meaningful impact and create a season of hope for every child in our community.



Author Darrell J. Pedersen Lake Country Speaking Tour

Local Author is making his way around the Lakes Country Area! Interested in hearing more about his stories or reading one of his wonderful published books? He will be in Aitkin on April 26th, 2025 at the Aitkin Public Library at 10:30a.m. His books discuss growing up in the 50s and 60s on a remote lake in Minnesota's North Woods! During his tour of local area libraries he will be reading excerpts from two of his books titled, "Campfire in the Basement" and "Who Will Carry the Fire." Enjoy listening to these excerpts and just general stories about growing up in this beautiful area many of us call home year round!

April 26th, 2025 10:30a.m.
Aitkin Public Library
110 1st Ave NE, Aitkin, MN 56431

Connect with Darrell!
Email: darrellj.pedersen@gmail.com
Website: darrelljpedersen.com

Honduras Mission Trip April 2-12, 2025

Please pray for Salem members Doug & Gay Calkins, Lynn Hansen, Julie Fritz, Marianne Reiniger, Don Hales & Debra Flam, and Cecil Schmidt, Greg Meyer, and Pete & Nora Ribbins as they serve in Honduras!

Follow their plans for the trip and learn more about these missions:

April 3 with Home of Blessing, led by Dennys and Yolanda

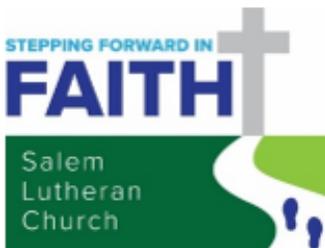
Website: homeofblessing.org

April 4-6 with CAMINO Central American Ministry Outreach building homes with Walker

Website: caminohonduras.com/

April 7-11 with Kids Ark International and Freedom House with Randy Herring

Website: kidsarkintl.org



Capital Appeal 2024 – 2027 Update

We received many commitments to the 2024-2027 Stepping Forward in Faith Capital Appeal towards reducing Salem's mortgage. Thank you to those who pledged and/or gave!

Members were asked for a three-year capital appeal commitment in October. The appeal officially began last December. Each quarter, we will be updating the numbers in the newsletter with a thermometer to share our progress on total raised in pledges and how much has been collected. The number in the green represent the change since our last update in December.

We are still working to reach our goal of \$390,000 over the next three years. If you have not made a commitment, please do so. Gifts of all sizes are appreciated.





SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH SILENT AUCTION SATURDAY AUGUST 9, 2025 DURING DEERWOOD DAYS

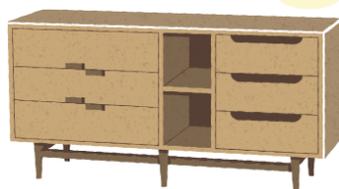
The Salem Lutheran Church Council has decided to have a silent auction fundraiser during Deerwood Days 2025.

- We are asking the church family and public to consider donating to this auction.
- We are accepting new or used items, large and small. When you are spring cleaning, consider donating that gently used item you no longer need.
- We are also accepting donations of gift cards and items for auction baskets.
- If you want to donate your own auction basket, that would be great! Be creative and make a themed basket such as Movie Night, Kids Games, Reading. Sewing, etc.
- Large items can be delivered to Salem West or make arrangements for pick up. Small items can be left at the church.

Please contact:

Don Hales by email at baylakepapa@gmail.com or phone at 320-267-7770 or

Mark Boike at mgboike59@gmail.com or by phone at 218-349-2234



Salem Lutheran Church Council

February 27, 2025

We exist with God's help, to provide Leadership for Salem Lutheran Church.

MSC=The motion was seconded and carried.

Call to Order

Members Present: Pastor Amanda Kempthorne, Lynn Hansen, Don Hales online, Nate Van Risseghem, Tina Royer online, Julie Fritz

Members Absent: Mark Boike, Sherri Godfrey, Alan Niemann, Sylvia Hoge

Opening Prayer: Pastor Amanda

SOS announcement: None

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve the February 27th agenda. MSC

Discussion questions for Chapter 1 of Unlocking Your Church's Invite Culture (not more than 15 min.)

Approval of minutes:

Motion to approve January 23, 2025, meeting minutes. MSC

Motion to approve February 13, 2025, meeting minutes. MSC

Approval of Financials:

Motion to approve the January 2025 financial report. MSC

Pastor's Report – Pastor Amanda:

*Lent worship planning:

- o Lent Wednesdays – Vespers Worship, no rotating pastors this year. Theme: Questions God asks us
- o Crosby Ministerial – Noon Lent Worship, Salem on April 2

*Catching up on visits, creating a better schedule during the year

*Home Communion Visitors – final logistics for reporting (not completed). Need to get the people together who are interested. 5 people interested. Meet in March and be ready for the Easter Season.

*Exploring Worship opportunity: creating accessible worship for those with

intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD) (discussion later in the agenda)

*January/February- 5 sessions of "Faith Questions" class, 10-20 attendees at each

*Notification to Contemporary Co-chairs of alternating worship starting June

* First Communion on Sunday April 6 due to Maundy Thursday conflicts.

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Outreach Report:

Distributed money for Honduras. \$ 7200 will be sent ahead to Central American Ministry Outreach (CAMINO) for building of 4 houses. \$5000 will be sent ahead to Kids Ark International for a building project and for the day camp. At the next meeting, they will see how much money there is in total and distribute it to Home of Blessing to buy food.

There was a late request for money for one of the men who runs a mission who needs new artificial legs. Outreach voted no because we are 501c3 and should not give to one person, but to a community. Discussed whether there was another way to provide support.

- The Council made a motion to encourage church members to support the purchase of prosthetic limbs for a person in Honduras by allowing individuals to contribute directly to the manufacturer with individual donations.
MSC.

Looking at garage sales this summer and hoping that board members will step up and take the lead. Need to have volunteers provide most support for the garage sales rather than pay staff to do the work.

Committee Reports

Capital Appeal – Lynn: Last campaign did not reach goal. Second letters were sent out to members and none came back. The church needs to change what we pay monthly. We were paying \$1372 above the minimum payment for the first three months of the year.

- There was a motion to change the monthly mortgage payment to the minimum monthly payment of \$8628.
MSC.

Meeting again in May

Columbarium- Don, Alan- no update

Facilities-Nate- Next meeting March 2

Faith Formation- Sylvia- no meeting. Camp Sunday on March 16

Memorial-Don- Meeting in March

Technology- Julie- no update

Spiritual Gifts- Alan no meeting

Welcome -Tina- Meeting in April and will plan for new member orientation and new member Sunday. Will also have a dinner for new members as a follow up to orientation.

Worship and Music- Julie- Lent planning

Old Business:

Audit Report: The company cannot do an audit. They found many journal entries to move money but could not find any correlating reason. There are 7 things we need to fix in our system, and all are fixed with the new software. Perhaps we will give them our 2025 books and see if we are using the software correctly and try again for the audit.

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Furnace quotes: We have two quotes. We made it through the cold weather so it is not imminent that we make a decision, but we need to make a decision before summer. We also need to find where the money will come from.

- We decided to send the quotes off to Facilities and they can look more closely at quotes and come back to Council with recommendations

Parents Night Off- Tuesday March 11 6pm-8pm Julie and Lynn. Will have : Movie, Games, Lemonade and Popcorn, Hot Chocolate.

Deerwood Days: Don, Julie and Paul met to get started on acquiring donations from businesses.

- Motion to add the sale of ice cream sundaes(brownies) and cookies to the sale of Meat Balls and Lefsa during Deerwood Days. MSC

New Business:

Easter Worship - 8 AM & 9:30 AM Decided at Exec. Feb 18. No Treats: Let Care and Share know. There will probably be some coffee available.

Summerfest/ Deerwood Days funds distribution: Tabled until next meeting. Will ask Outreach to discuss at their next meeting whether they want some of the money from the fundraiser to go to Outreach, or do they want to designate it back to the church.

Membership - Inactive Update. Discussed members who seem to be inactive. It was decided that Pastor Amanda will send an invitation letter to inactive members.

Alternative Worship - Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Pastor Amanda

Pastor Amanda has been approached by a person who is interested in funding and piloting church services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It would be a safe place for these people to worship – perhaps with their family and not have to worry about making noise or disrupting services if they act out. Pastor Amanda and the Bishop are interested in starting something like this and including other churches in our area. It will take some work on Pastor Amanda's part as well as any volunteers who would like to help. Pastor Amanda is asking if the Council is in favor of this.

- The Council decided to table this until more members are present. This will give more time to think about this and discuss it in more depth.

Announcements:

Executive Team Meeting: March 18, 3pm

Next Council Meeting: March 27, 6:30pm. We will discuss Chapter 2 of the book Unlocking Your Church's Invite Culture.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:05.

Closed in Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Fritz

Salem Outreach Governing Board – February 18th, 2025

Present were: Pastor Amanda Kempthorne, Jason Kempthorne, Nancy Tighe, Cathy Aykens and Linda Sudman.

Guest: Julie Fritz, Don Hales, Jake Walker, Amiee Watson

Absent – Randy Sykes, Kay Bendorf, and Mark Boike

MSC: Motion was made, seconded, motion carried to start meeting.

Opened with a prayer by Pastor Amanda

Secretary report was emailed to board members. Approval of minutes was made by Cathy Aykens and seconded by Nancy Tighe.

Financial report was approved. MSC. Motion of approval was made by Jason Kempthorne and seconded by Cathy Aykens.

Mustard Seed: Mustard Seed Sales for January 2025, \$35,290

Salem West Impact Report for the month of January, we had 52 referrals and completed 44 orders. A total of 115 individuals were helped. Total volunteer hours for January 1146.

There has been \$42,125 in goods delivered to the community.

The In Kind impact report for January 2025 is \$82,361.93.

New Business:

Summer garage sales was discussed. Looking for more volunteers in order to make the garage sales more profitable. We need to put some dates on the calendar for the garage sales. We will keep this on as new business.

Repair & Maintenance issues (summer punch list). We need to recruit more Volunteers. We will keep this on as new business. We ran out of time to discuss.

Amiee Watson went over the new software she will be using and explained the new financial spread sheets.

Old Business:

Teen Challenge Pancake Breakfast will be moved to the fall.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – Council will work with Sherri Godfrey and set a date for this.

Honduras Trip:

Honduras Funds Distributions: Honduras mission trip leader Don Hales requested the release of the Honduras funds.

A motion was made by Jason Kempthorne - 2818- Honduras Trip Deposit in the amount of \$3,400 to cover housing deposit on credit card. Cathy Aykens Seconded the motion.

A motion was made by Jason Kempthorne -2805 Honduras gifts Housing Deposit on credit card, Cathy Aykens seconded the motion. House of Blessings out of account 2805 up to a \$1000.

A motion was made by Jason Kempthorne to write a check for \$5000 from acct 2805 to Kids Ark International. Linda Sudman seconded.

A motion was made by Jason Kempthorne to write a check for \$7200 from 2805 to Central America Ministry Outreach (CAMINO). Nancy Tighe seconded.

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A motion was made by Jason Kempthorne to move funds from 2806 (Honduras Gifts/Special) and 2807 (Habitat for Humanity Honduras) to 2805 to help support the Honduras Ministry. Linda Sudman seconded the motion.

The Mustard Seed round up at register for February will continue to go to the Honduras mission. We expect another \$250 approximately from this source. That will be deposited into 2818.

A verbal request was made for \$3200 matching funds to purchase prosthetic legs for an individual. Asked for a written proposal and will work with OGB over email for decision.

Next OGB Meeting will be March 18, 2025

Closing Prayer by Pastor Amanda

Adjourn



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:00am Praise Singers Rehearsal 9:00am Worship 9:50am Sunday School	31	1 9:00am Piecemakers 5:00pm Worship and Music Meeting 6:00pm Faith Formation	2 12:00pm Mid-Day Lenten Worship 12:30pm Simple Meal 3:00pm Women's Bible Study 5:00pm Bell Practice 5:15pm Lent Evening Meal 5:30pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Lent Evening Worship	3 11:30am Catholic Charities Meal Distribution	4 8:00am Men's Bible Study	5 1:00pm Funeral Service for Renee Gilmer
6 8:00am Praise Singers Rehearsal 9:00am Worship 9:50am Sunday School	7	8 9:00am Piecemakers	9 3:00pm Women's Bible Study 5:00pm Bell Practice 5:15pm Lent Evening Meal 5:30pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Lent Evening Worship	10	11 8:00am Men's Bible Study	12 8:30am Serpent Lake Association Meeting
13 Palm Sunday 8:00am Praise Singers Rehearsal 9:00am Worship 9:50am Sunday School	14 1:00pm Bible Study at Heartwood	15 9:00am Piecemakers 3:00pm Executive Team Meeting	16 3:00pm Women's Bible Study 5:00pm Bell Practice 5:30pm Choir Practice	17 Maundy Thursday Meals on Wheels Delivery 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Worship	18 Good Friday Office Closed 8:00am Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Good Friday Worship	19
20 Easter Sunday 8:00am Worship 9:30am Worship	21 Office Closed	22 9:00am Piecemakers 1:00pm Outreach Governing Board Meeting 4:00pm Drum Group Practice	23 3:00pm Women's Bible Study 5:00pm Bell Practice 5:30pm Choir Practice 6:00pm Confirmation	24 6:30pm Council Meeting	25 8:00am Men's Bible Study	26
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