



The Church Bell

Salem Lutheran Church
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AUCTION

Salem Lutheran Church

August 10, 2008

Upholstered Furniture	Televisions
Clothes Washers/Dryers	Golf Clubs
Hexagon Screen House	Stoves
Window Air Conditioner	Refrigerators
100+ Barbie Dolls	Snowmobiles

Many more items coming until the day of sale.
(Donations are always appreciated)

Great Food & Refreshments All Day

(Salem Youth Fundraiser)

& Entertainment by the Jubilee Team

HELP NEEDED

- * Set up Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m.
- * During auction—distribute items purchased to buyer
- * After auction clean up

FUN-WILL-BE-HAD-BY-ALL

Faith and Finances

Pastor John Monson

“The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller. The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped.”

(Proverbs 11:24-25/

Message)

Recent summertime visitors at Salem who have attended services here in the summer for many decades said to me at coffee time, “This church is so much fun to visit because the people here are so vibrant.” Through the years that trait has endured. Such vibrancy is closely linked to a spirit of generosity.

A man was asked which was worse, ignorance or apathy. He replied, “I don’t know and I don’t care.” Salem’s vision for reaching the community with the good news of the Gospel is mirrored in its financial support—not only to general support which pays for staff salaries, programs and facility, but to a variety of special projects and benevolence gifts.

A woman wrote to Horace Greeley, telling him that her church was going bankrupt. She explained that they had tried fairs, festivals, suppers, mock weddings and socials, but none had generated enough money to keep the church afloat. “Do you have any suggestions of what else we could do?” she asked. Greeley wrote back, “Why not try faith?” The Biblical standard for financial stewardship is

through “first fruits” giving, which is giving that comes off the top rather than giving from what happens to be left over at the end of the month. What the generous discover is that when they give extravagantly, somehow they always still have plenty for their own use. It is impossible to out-give God.

Recently I attended the annual meeting of our Lakes Association. After hearing about water quality, fish populations, healthy lakes programs, and preservation, I was extremely grateful for the marvelous creation that surrounds me, but also keenly aware that as a part of that creation I make a huge impact on how well it thrives. None of us has come to where we are by ourselves. We follow those who went before and who taught us about stewardship. What is the legacy we leave behind us?

As long as the church is alive, it will cost money. And the more alive a church is, the more money it will cost. When there is no longer a need for ministry, the financial campaigns will cease. But as long as the church is alive and growing and serving, the call to give will continue.

Where the church is alive, there’s a need for money. And where faith is alive, giving is more than a duty or a responsibility, but a great joy.

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Office Notes



Salem welcomes people into our congregation as either associate or full members. Please contact the church office for more information. Please notify us also if you would like to be added to our "friends" list.

BAPTISM

Jack Leonard Day
July 27, 2008

WEDDINGS

Nathan Crosby & Kathyne Rowell
July 26, 2008
at Pine River Riding Stables



ANNUAL REPORT

Please get your committee report submitted to the office by Sunday, August 17th to be included in the 2008 Annual Report. Thank you.

Committee Reports

Christ In Our Home DEVOTIONALS

August, September daily devotional booklets are available and may be picked up from the rack by the church entrance. Take one for a friend.

THANK YOU!

I cannot find words to express my gratitude to all of you for the prayers, cards and food I have received. It must have been the great food which got me eating again. It's a miracle.

Mary Jacobson



SUMMER SOUND TECHS NEEDED

If you are interested in being a sound tech, we could use more help in the summer, please contact Craig Anderson 363-2649. Good training available.

SALEM'S

>NEW< WEBSITE

Check out our new website at:
<http://www.salemlongville.org>
(It has almost unlimited space.)

THANK YOU

Thank you Salem congregation & friends for your prayers and concerns during my recent procedure at Abbott NW Hospital. Don Eide

Acolyte Schedule



"We light these candles to remind us that in worship Jesus is present with His light and life."

Sunday, August 3

8:00 a.m. Jubilee/Communion
Jordan Loren

10:00 a.m. Traditions/Communion
Beth Digre

Sunday, August 10

8:00 a.m. Jubilee
Amber Nornberg

10:00 a.m. Traditions
Sierra Likens

Sunday, August 17

8:00 a.m. Jubilee/Communion
Jacob Murtley

10:00 a.m. Traditions/Communion
Sophia Gilsrud

Sunday, August 24

8:00 a.m. Jubilee
Caity Daudt

10:00 a.m. Traditions
Brittney Nornberg

Sunday, August 31

8:00 a.m. Jubilee
Gracie Gilsrud

10:00 a.m. Traditions
Jordan Loren

(At "Jubilee Services" acolytes will NOT be wearing albs. On communion Sundays acolytes have the added duty of assisting the servers at each table with the pottery grape juice chalice. If you have any conflicts with any of these assignments, please substitute with someone else, and notify the church office.)



SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING Coming next month

Sunday, September 14th after Worship
Please plan to attend!

Keep In Your Prayers

On August 20th, Katie, Matt, Even, Tyler & Lori Daudt are leaving for Ethiopia to bring back their new baby girl/sister/granddaughter. Please keep them in your prayers for safe travel and God's care while in Ethiopia.

Council Highlights

Salem Council Highlights

“Seeking Clarity in Mission and Ministry”

Our Mission Statement:

“Celebrating Christ’s Love Through Hearts That Care and Hands That Share”
A Shared Vision for the Future to Which God Is Calling Us

Salem Council Highlights
July 9, 2008

Treasurer’s Report – The Council moved to send a benevolence payment to the Synod of \$3,400.

Fellowship Team–The Birthday Coffee was a lot of fun. The Church Council has volunteered to serve coffee the fourth Sunday of each month. The Church Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 14th at noon. The picnic will follow the Annual Meeting.

Property Management Team – Volunteers are needed to mow the churchyard each week. It takes two people about two hours.

Stewardship Team – The Church Council voted to send \$500 out of local benevolence to BiCap (a Cass County Agency) to help fill school backpacks.

Stewardship Team – This year the Covenant Letter will be replaced with Walk of Jesus, and ELCA giving program. The congregation will be hearing more about it in coming weeks.

Other Business - The Council voted to sponsor a hole in the Northland Scholarship Golf Tournament. The cost is \$350.

Cross Placement - The Council took a walking tour of the church grounds to look at possible placement for the new cross. The Council decided it would be placed next to the church sign on County Road 5.

Gazebo Placement - Several families have given money for a gazebo. This gazebo can be used for outdoor church services, weddings, concerts, family picnics and the list goes on. During the walking tour the council looked for placement of this gazebo. The Council decided that the gazebo will be placed on the left side between the parking lot and the garage.

Office Equipment Reserve Fund - The Council decided to cap this fund at \$5,000. If and when monies are used from this fund \$200 per month will be placed in the fund until the balance is \$5,000.

We always look forward to feedback from you –
Your council members will be *happy to talk to you* –
Come to the council meetings on the second Wednesday of each month.
Executive Committee, Darold Daudt, President (363-2276)

Amendment to the Constitution

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

At the Annual Meeting on September 14, 2008, a proposal to amend Section 10.04 of the Constitution (quorum requirement for congregation meeting) will be considered. Section 10.04 currently provides 10.04: One-fourth of the voting members shall constitute a quorum. The proposed amendment, which Council recommends for adoption, is:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that Section 10.04 of the Salem Lutheran Church Constitution shall be and hereby is amended in its entirety to provide as follows: 10.04 Sixty-five (65) voting members shall constitute a quorum.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this amendment shall be effective immediately following ratification at the Annual Meeting in 2009, subject to the synod approval provisions of Section 18.03.

Council Positions Open

Going off council:

Sandy Strausser	Bob Alley
Jim Ballenthin	Cheryl Crosby
Jordan Loren	Avis Savre

Financial Secretary up for re-election:

Don Waldera

Nominating Committee: Garold Digre, Cheryl Crosby & Jim Ballenthin (plus 2 nominees).

Treasurer's Report



Mortgage Update

General Fund	
Beginning Balance June 1, 08	(\$ 4,258.69)
Income for June	\$24,659.47
Expenses for June	14,157.13
Ending Balance June 30, 08	\$ 6,243.65

Beg. Mortgage Balance	\$ 75,689.29
June payments:	
Principal	\$ 1,297.16
Additional Principal	1,085.13
Interest	362.84
Mortgage Balance	\$73,307.00
June 30, 2008	

August's Special People



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|----|--------------------|----|------------------------------|
| 1 | Jean Thomas | 2 | Dale and Dee Hillstrom |
| 3 | Sharon Fischer | 2 | Norma and Frank Stephenson |
| 4 | Nancy Loren | 3 | Jim and Martha Limburg |
| 5 | Tim Marr | 3 | Eugene and Vallery Wallman |
| 5 | Michaela Malkovits | 4 | Paul and Joan Sifford |
| 10 | Joan Alley | 7 | Doug and Alicia Burgers |
| 11 | Tom Eggert | 7 | Gary and Judy Ginder |
| 11 | Zachary Semmler | 9 | Robert and Rosemary Berg |
| 14 | Virgil Pofahl | 11 | John and Judy Bogard |
| 14 | James Stewart | 13 | Glen and Joan Reinke |
| 14 | Jamey Gross | 15 | Doug and Cheryl Crosby |
| 15 | Pat Schwerin | 16 | Stephen and Renate Henriksen |
| 16 | Sandre Strausser | 17 | Mark and Barb Nordstrom |
| 17 | Traci Wicks | 19 | Dan and Sara Holmdahl |
| 18 | Ralph Schmidt | 20 | Chev and Diane Krall |
| 19 | Barb McCuskey | 24 | James and Laurie Daudt |
| 20 | Tina Digre | 26 | John and Thea Monson |
| 20 | Toni Monson | 26 | Jamey and Rachel Gross |
| 20 | Joy Mills | 28 | Wally and Shari Pretzer |
| 21 | Grant Frazee | 28 | Craig and Amy Johnson |
| 21 | Mary Kay Googins | | |
| 23 | Todd Wheeler | | |
| 23 | Robert Helling | | |
| 25 | Gary Hockett | | |
| 28 | Diane Krall | | |
| 28 | John Weins | | |
| 28 | Doris Nelson | | |
| 29 | Katie Daudt | | |
| 29 | Robert Herheim | | |
| 29 | Jerry Westermann | | |
| 30 | Chad Frazee | | |
| 30 | Todd Elison | | |
| 31 | Nichole Dehn | | |
| 31 | Bob Kohanek | | |



August

Eileen Higgins, Chair
 Idelle Eide, Doris Schmidt,
 Norma Jansen, Marilyn Jass
 and Evelyn Pflugshaupt



Cut Flowers

The Altar Guild welcomes
 cut garden flowers for the altar
 Sunday mornings.

USHERS

8:00 a.m. Chuck Waterhouse
 (566-2110)

10:00 a.m. Karen Nelson
 (363-3456)



Lamp

In ancient times, the lamp was more than a light for darkness. It was a symbol of learning, knowledge, wisdom and enlightenment. Today the lamp still represents those attributes, but more specifically it represents the Word of God. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105, NRSV).



RED HAT SOCIETY

Day change!

Ladies

The Red Hat Society (fun) luncheon will be held on Wednesday, August 13th at Charlie's Up North Restaurant at the Y in Walker at 12:30 p.m.. It will be off the menu. Call Doris Knott 587-3641 if you are coming.

and

Woodtick Theater performance at 3:00 p.m. Send your check for \$14.50 to Pat Brundidge, PO Box 88, Longville, MN 56655 by Friday, Aug. 8th. to reserve your ticket.

Carpool: Meet at Salem at 11:30 a.m.

AMY & ADAMS

At Salem on August 10th, 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 10th, Amy & Adams will provide special music at both services. They are a professional duo from St. Paul's eastside area. In the summer they vacation at Deer Trail Resort on Long Lake.

Buddy Walk

Angles Up North Down Syndrome Group

Saturday, October 11, 2008

Registration 10:30—Walk at 12:00 noon
Northland Arboretum/Paul Bunyan Trail, Brainerd

Join our team: Beth Hardinger & Lauren (LoLo)
and/or Make a tax-deductible contribution to:

Angles Up North Down Syndrome Group
Contact: Beth Hardinger, 705 Fox Rd #1, Baxter, MN 56425; phone 218-251-3577; email angelsupnorth@yahoo.com



There is a garden of the Soul,
Where God plants loving seeds
That faith and grace will nourish
Into blooms of loving deeds.

Within this Garden of the Soul
Fruits of the Spirit grow;
And they produce new seeds of love
Which you and I can sow.

Peggy Ferrell, Prayers and Poems

Money Counters

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|---------|------------------|-----------|
| Aug. 3 | Hans Aagard | 682-3386 |
| | Bob Smitten | 363-2062 |
| Aug. 10 | Dennis Johnson | 889 -2376 |
| | Barbara Anderson | 363-2649 |
| Aug. 17 | Bob Kohanek | 363-2880 |
| | Connor Galvin | 363-2115 |
| Aug. 24 | Dick Olsen | 566-1546 |
| | Ron Wiehle | 363-3070 |
| Aug. 31 | Connor Galvin | 363-2115 |
| | Bob Kohanek | 363-2880 |

**>>Co-Educational<<
Bone Building/Beg. Line Dancing**

We meet every Tuesday and Friday at Salem.

Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. Bone Building
10:00 Beginning Line Dancing
and

Fridays 9:00 a.m. Bone Building &
10:00 a.m. Beginning Line Dancing

Everyone Welcome!

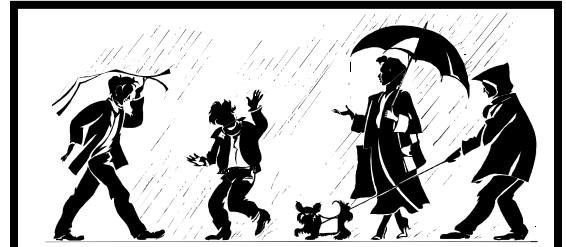


**Women of the
ELCA
NE Synod**

Smorgasbord A Success

Do you want to have fun and visit with others at church? Volunteer to help with the August Smorgasbord and/or sign up to bring food. The July group had a great time. We served 238 people, up from last July.

Many thanks to all you wonderful people who helped by working, making food and attending. *Kay Ferris*



Longville Area Community Choir

Summer Concert

Saturday, August 2nd at 7:00 p.m.
at Salem Lutheran Church

In The Good Old Summertime

Ten Commandments for right living

1. Thou shalt not worry, for by doing so thou shalt suffer the same disaster many times.
2. Thou shalt not try to dominate or possess others, for each person is responsible to God.
3. Thou shalt not desire after fame, for the burdens of greatness are an affliction unto the spirit.
4. Thou shalt not desire after great wealth, for great wealth of itself does not bring peace.
5. Thou shalt relax, for great tension is an abomination unto the flesh.
6. Thou shalt have a sense of humor or thy years will seem much longer and more painful.
7. Thou shalt love the beautiful and serve the good, for this is according to the will of heaven.
8. Thou shalt harm no other person by word, thought or deed, regardless of cause; for to do so is to perpetuate the sorrows of this world.
9. Thou shalt not be angry at any other person for any reason, for anger injures most the one who is angry.
10. Thou shalt remember that God is Creator and that you are a unique and important part of his created order, unlike any person who has ever lived.

Smorgasbord Time

Wednesday, August 20th at 5:00 p.m.
Sign-up sheets to help or bring a dish
are by the fellowship hall.
Thanks for helping! *Kay Ferris*

? Fall Luncheon ?

Salem Women of the ELCA
General Meeting

Plans are still being made.
Keep checking for more information.

Martha Circle/Bible Study

August 6th at 7:15 p.m.
Hostess: Jackie Senst
Leader: Group

Ruth Circle/Bible Study

Meets Thursday, August 10th
at 1:00 p.m. at
Hostess: Jean Thomas

Rebekah Circle/Bible Study

May, June, July, August
No Meeting!

Walk with *Jesus*

Every day is a walk with Jesus. We Christians believe life is spent in the presence of our Lord. Therefore, we can talk about every day as a day during which we walk with Jesus. Some days we feel Jesus' presence. Some days we feel quite a distance from Jesus. We boldly proclaim that, regardless of how we feel, Jesus is there. Jesus walks with us every day.

As we who are Salem Lutheran Church consider our financial stewardship over the next few weeks, you will be asked to think about your use of money and possessions as a part of your walk with Jesus. This is most appropriate, because when Jesus walked this earth with his disciples, he often talked about money and possessions. If money was a part of Jesus' first walk on this earth, it should be a part of our walk with Jesus today.

We believe that everything we have is a trust from God, given to us to care for and manage. What we do with our money is very much a part of our relationship with our Lord. This will be our focus in the coming weeks.

For consecutive Sundays we will read a bulletin insert and hear a talk in worship. We will each receive other information from the congregation. All of these will focus on our walk with Jesus, and how money plays an important part in this walk.

Then, on Sunday, August 10, Pastor John will talk to us about our stewardship walk with Jesus, and on Sunday, August 17, each member of Salem will have the opportunity to complete an estimate of giving card. On this card, each of us will indicate our plan for giving for the coming year. This will not only be a plan for giving to Salem Lutheran Church, it will also be a plan for how we will walk with Jesus in the coming year.

Weekly Giving Guide

ANNUAL INCOME	MONTHLY INCOME	WEEKLY INCOME	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	15%
16,000	1,333	308	6.00	12.00	18.00	25.00	31.00	46.00
20,000	1,667	385	8.00	15.00	23.00	31.00	39.00	58.00
25,000	2,083	481	10.00	19.00	29.00	38.00	48.00	72.00
30,000	2,500	577	12.00	23.00	35.00	46.00	58.00	87.00
35,000	2,917	673	13.00	27.00	40.00	54.00	67.00	101.00
40,000	3,333	769	15.00	31.00	46.00	62.00	77.00	115.00
45,000	3,750	865	17.00	35.00	52.00	69.00	87.00	130.00
50,000	4,167	962	19.00	38.00	58.00	77.00	96.00	144.00
60,000	5,000	1,154	23.00	46.00	69.00	92.00	115.00	173.00
75,000	6,250	1,442	29.00	58.00	87.00	115.00	144.00	216.00
100,000	8,333	1,923	38.00	77.00	115.00	154.00	192.00	288.00
125,000	10,417	2,404	48.00	96.00	144.00	192.00	240.00	361.00
150,000	12,500	2,885	58.00	115.00	173.00	231.00	289.00	433.00
200,000	16,667	3,846	77.00	154.00	231.00	308.00	385.00	577.00



Calling all children
 in and around Longville!
 At Rainforest Adventure
 you'll hear
 stories about Jesus
 make cool crafts
 learn rainforest tunes
 play super fun games
 do some skits
 and make
 lots of new friends!



Vacation Bible School



Monday thru Friday
August 4th—8th
9:00-12:00 noon



Help Needed!
 If you can
 help
 a day or so
 please call
 Rebecca
 at 566-1403.



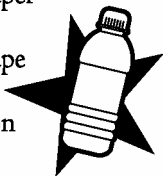
**Registration
 Forms**
 Are on the
 table by the
 office.

REFRESHING ★ SUMMER ★ ACTIVITY

Try this activity with your Sunday school. It's a fun way to give people more than just a cold drink. It helps them learn about the Bible and your church.

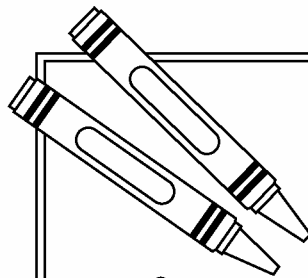
What you need:

- Bottled water
- Tubs or ice chest filled with ice
- Printed labels or cut pieces of paper the same size as the existing water-bottle label
- Permanent markers (if you're not using preprinted labels)
- Clear contact paper
- Scissors
- Clear packing tape
- Poster board
- Adult supervision



What to do:

1. On labels or pieces of paper, write a verse about the living water Jesus gives us (for example, John 4:13-14; John 6:35; Revelation 22:17). Also include your church's name and contact information, as well as an invitation to worship or to an activity.
2. Either laminate the new labels or cover them in clear contact paper (to keep them from getting soggy).
3. Tape the labels to the back of the bottles.
4. Make a "FREE Water!" poster.
5. Find a park, local festival or corner where people pass by needing a cold drink. Be sure to have adult supervision.



Just for KIDS

The Water of Life

To beat the summer heat, we're often refreshed by a cold drink. Complete the puzzle below for a reminder of what Jesus offers us when we thirst.

KEY:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

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Revelation 22:17, NIV

Answer: "Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life." Revelation 22:17, NIV

God's Yearly Gift

Economic times are tough, and everything keeps getting more expensive. But God thoughtfully gives all of us a free yearly trip around the sun. Enjoy the ride!



Smorgasbord

Wednesday, August 20th
Starting at 5:00 p.m.

Please come
and bring your friends!

Adults \$9.00
Children (4-10) \$4.00
Under 3 - Free

*Watch for the sign-up sheets to bring
food & to help.



All Congregation Barbeque

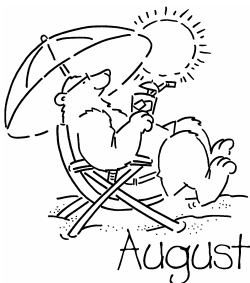
12:00 noon
(after annual meeting)

Please put Sunday, Sept. 14th on
your calendars. We are having
another great barbeque. Clarence
Sjodin will cook his marvelous
meats. You won't go away
hungry!



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