


Salem Lutheran Church

*Sunday**Monday**Tuesday**Wednesday**Thursday**Friday**Saturday*

		<p>1 8:00 a.m. Women's Renewal at Salem 9:00 a.m. (co-ed) Bone Building 6:30 p.m. Community Choir</p>	<p>2 8:00 a.m. Men's Renewal 1:30-4:30 p.m. Longville Lakes Clinic Diabetic Class 5-7:00 p.m. Joseph Practice 6:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 9:00 a.m. (co-ed) Bone Building 6:30 p.m. Community Choir Dress Rehearsal</p>	<p>5 9-12:00 noon Joseph Practice</p>
<p>6 <i>St. Nicholas Day</i> 9:00 a.m. Traditions Communion Worship 9:20 a.m. Early Dismissal Time (Pre-school-6th) 10:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 2:00 p.m. Community Choir Christmas Concert 4:00 p.m. Community Choir Christmas Concert</p>	<p>7 9:30 a.m. Education Team 1:00 p.m. Busy Needles</p>	<p>8 8:00 a.m. Women's Renewal at Salem 9:00 a.m. (co-ed) Bone Building 4:00 p.m. PMLT 6:00 p.m. Membership/Evang. Committee</p>	<p>9 8:00 a.m. Men's Renewal 9:30 a.m. Women's Christmas Meeting 5-6:30 p.m. Joseph Practice 6:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m. Council</p>	<p>10 1:00 p.m. Ruth Circle (bring cookies)</p>	<p>11 9:00 a.m. (co-ed) Bone Building 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Child/Teen Check up</p>	<p>12 9:00 a.m. Swedish Pancake Breakfast & Craft Sale</p>
<p>13 <i>Christmas Program</i> 9:00 a.m. Traditions Worship 9:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship</p>	<p>14 9:30 a.m. Music Planning 1:00 p.m. Busy Needles</p>	<p>15 8:00 a.m. Women's Renewal at Salem 9:00 a.m. (co-ed) Bone Building</p>	<p>16 8:00 a.m. Men's Renewal 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p>17 9:00 a.m. Caring Community</p>	<p>18 9:00 a.m. (co-ed) Bone Building</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 <i>Wendy Jay Mellema Baptism</i> 9:00 a.m. Praise Connection Communion Worship 10:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship</p>	<p>21 1:00 p.m. Busy Needles</p>	<p>22 8:00 a.m. Women's Renewal at Salem 9:00 a.m. (co-ed) Bone Building</p>	<p>23 8:00 a.m. Men's Renewal 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p>24 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service 9:00 p.m. Candlelight/ Communion Worship</p>	<p>25 OFFICE CLOSED <i>Merry Christmas</i></p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 9:00 a.m. Traditions Worship 10:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship</p>	<p>28 1:00 p.m. Busy Needles</p>	<p>29 8:00 a.m. Women's Renewal at Salem 9:00 a.m. (co-ed) Bone Building</p>	<p>30 8:00 a.m. Men's Renewal 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p>31</p>		

Pastor's Vacation December 27 thru January 19

What Happens in Heaven?

I dreamed that I went to Heaven and an angel was showing me around. We walked side-by-side inside a large workroom filled with angels. My angel guide stopped in front of the first section and said, “This is the Receiving Section. Here, all petitions to God said in prayer are received.”

I looked around in this area, and it was terribly busy with so many angels sorting out petitions written on voluminous paper sheet and scraps from people all over the world.

Then we moved on down a long corridor until we reached the second section.

The angel then said to me, “this is the Packaging and Delivery Section. Here, the graces and blessings the people asked for are processed and delivered to the living person who asked them.” I noticed again how busy it was there. There were many angels working hard at that station, since so many blessings had been requested and were being packaged for delivery to Earth.

Finally at the farthest end of the long corridor we stopped at the door of a very small station. To my great surprise, only one angel was seated there, idly doing nothing. “This is the Acknowledgment Section,” my angel friend quietly admitted to me. He seemed embarrassed “How is it that there is no work going on here?” I asked.

“So sad,” the angel sighed. “After people receive the blessing that they asked for, very few send back acknowledgment.”

“How does one acknowledge God’s blessings?” I asked. “Simple,” the angel answered. “Just say, Thank you, Lord.”

What blessing should they acknowledge?” I asked. “If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep you are richer than 75% of this world. If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish, you are among the top 8% of the world’s wealthy.”

“And if you get your own computer, you are part of the 1% in the world who has that opportunity.”

“If you woke up this morning with more health than illness...you are more blessed than the many who will not even survive this day.”

“If you have never experienced the fear in battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation...you are ahead of 700 million people in this world.”

“If you can attend a church without the fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death you are envied by, and more blessing than, three billion people in this world.”

“If your parents are still alive and still married...you are very rare.”

“If you can hold your head up and smile, you are not the norm, you’re unique to all those in doubt and despair.”

“Ok, what now? How can I start?”

If you can read this message, you just received a double blessing and you are more blessed than over two billion people in this world who cannot read at all.

Have a good day, count your blessing, and remember how blessed we all are.

ATTENTION:

Acknowledgment Dept: “Thank you Lord for everything, especially all my family and friends!”