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Happy Independence Day!

July 4th 2008

Salem Youth Mission Trip



Salem youth sitting in front of Wounded Knee visitor's center. L to R: Daniyon Rowland, Travis Wheeler, Sophia Gilsrud, Wapeah Rowland, Tina Digre, and Jordan Loren.

The Christian church in America has been a leader in the world, sending missionaries to the ends of the earth. That's great...but often we fail miserably in our attempts to build bridges of understanding to the Native Americans who live among us.

So we prayed about it and soon four young Salem missionaries, Tina Digre (17), Travis Wheeler (16), Sophia Gilsrud (15), and Jordan Loren (14) took action. They worked side-by-side with the respected Rowland family of the Lakota and Cherokee nations in a week-long mission trip to Wounded Knee, South Dakota. The Rowland family, led by the patriarch Garry Rowland, is trying to preserve the memory of 290 men, women and children who perished in the massacre of Wounded Knee in 1890 with the Wounded Knee Visitor Center.

Big Worth in Little Things

Pastor John Monson

“And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.”

(Matthew 10:30-31)

This spring a little sparrow built her nest in an artificial tree on our deck and raised a family of four. We had front row seats as we watched this wonder of nature unfold. From tiny blue eggs grew four fledgling birds warmed by their protective mother. When strong winds threatened to topple the tree, we anchored it to the deck so that this feathered family would remain safe. From our close vantage point we observed morning and evening feedings as the parents fed their little chicks. Just last week the young birds vacated the nest where they had been nurtured, fulfilling the purpose for which they were created. Now as we behold the magnificent bird life that surrounds us, we feel a certain unity with these tiny creations of almighty God. Jesus said that if God takes notice of each little sparrow, how much more God cares for each of us.

We may sometimes wonder when we see all the masses of people in cities or even at a summer turtle race or 4th of July celebration in Longville whether God can really know and care about each person. But Jesus says that God has no difficulty knowing not only each person, but all of the circumstances of each person's life. Ignorance on God's part is out of the question. God knows us better than we know ourselves. Neither is God indifferent. We're indifferent to that which does not interest us. Counting hairs implies interest!

In our baptism God said to us: “You are mine.” We have reason to believe in our own worth. People may have little “market value” in the economic outlook of a country.

But in God's sight everyone has value. The price has been set on us by God Himself.

Therefore, we hold other persons in the same high regard. Our Mission Statement reminds us that we are God's hands to reach out to others working for justice and peace, feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, never forgetting that every human being is created and redeemed for this same high station.

God cares for sparrows but God didn't create them in God's image as God's own children nor honor them with the care of the earth. God didn't commission them to care for one another. God didn't die to recover them or send them out to win the world for the sake of God's Son.

Every human being is of significant worth. God makes no distinctions between persons. God didn't specify one particular race or color or gender or religious stripe. Because God values persons like that, we ought to do the same. Everyone—every human being—is intended to be a prince or princess in God's royal house.

With God we are never lost in a crowd. It doesn't take a hundred thousand persons to get God's attention and interest. “Even the hairs of your head are all counted.” What the world regards as insignificant—a tiny sparrow, a field lily, the hairs of one's head—God regards as important. God knows and values each individual in the world as if he or she were the only one. That means that we have sufficient reason for valuing our own selves and more than adequate cause for valuing others, too.

Office Notes

SALEM'S

>NEW< WEBSITE

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



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.

PAMPLETS BROCHURES BOOKLETS

Please help yourself to any of these handouts located on the kiosk. If you have interest in any of these activities please contact the church office 363-2011.



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

Christ In Our Home DEVOTIONALS

July, 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!

Thank you for all the prayers and cards during my recent illness. I am on the road to recovery. Thank you!
 John Ellefson

USE OF CHURCH

Please remember to turn off ALL lights (check restrooms) and ALL doors before you leave. Thank you.

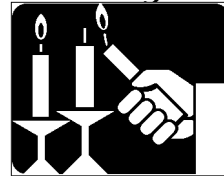


June 21, 2008
 Graveside Service for
 Lloyd & Evelyn Johnson

BUDGET REQUESTS

Please submit your budget requests for this next year before the July 9th council meeting. Thank you.

Acolyte Schedule



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

Sunday, July 6

8:00 a.m. Traditions/Communion
 Beth Digre
 10:00 a.m. Jubilee/Communion
 Amber & Zach Nornberg

Sunday, July 13

8:00 a.m. Traditions
 Sierra Likens
 10:00 a.m. Jubilee
 Jacob Murtley

Sunday, July 20

8:00 a.m. Traditions/Communion
 Sophia & Gracie Gilsrud
 10:00 a.m. Jubilee/Communion
 Caity Daudt & Jordan Loren

Sunday, July 27

8:00 a.m. Traditions
 Brittney Nornberg
 10:00 a.m. Jubilee
 Gracie Gilsrud

(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.)

Pastor John will be away from Saturday, July 5th through Saturday, July 19th. If you need a pastor during this time, please call the church office 363-2011, or evenings, Darold Daudt (363-2276) or Bob Alley (363-2770) for referral.



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
June 11, 2008

Stewardship Team – The Council discussed pledging program from Salem. The Stewardship Team will continue to research this and report back to the full council.

Executive Committee – The Council asked the Executive Committee to review the policy of funds. Is there a way we can consolidate some of the present funds?

Treasurer’s Report – The Council accepted the treasurer’s report as written.

Membership/Evangelism Team – This team is considering different ways to contact the community at large and invite them to worship at Salem

Property Management Team – Trampe thanked all the people who turned out to help clean up the church grounds.

Barbara Anderson, Secretary

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)



This and That

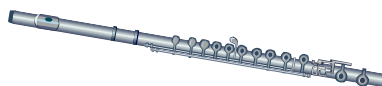
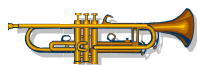
Our Awesome God

When our lives are focused on God, awe and wonder lead us to worship God, filling our inner being with a fullness we would never have thought possible. Awe prepares the way in us for the power of God to transform us, and this transformation of our inner attitudes can only take place when awe leads us in turn to wonder, admiration, reverence, surrender and obedience toward God. James Houston, *The Transforming Power of Prayer*

Summer is short...



Let's Go Fishing!



SALEM LUTHERAN BAND

Got a trombone or saxophone stashed away in your attic? Do you play an instrument in a school band? Please join us to try out a pilot project connected with the new hymnbook for the Lutheran church. We will rehearse from 9-10 a.m. Thursday, July 10th & July 17th at Salem, and then play for the 8:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, July 13th and 10:00 a.m. July 20th at the Traditions service. We have some new musical arrangements that are very simple, but will sound great! We welcome school musicians and also adults who would like to play one more time! Please call the church office at 363-2011 and tell the secretary what instrument you play, so that we can be sure to have parts for all. It will be a fun time! Jim Limburg

Treasurer's Report



Mortgage Update

General Fund	
Beginning Balance May 1, 08	(\$ 3,571.81)
Income for May	\$14,904.04
Expenses for May	17,242.72
Ending Balance May 31, 08	(\$ 4,258.69)

Beg. Mortgage Balance	\$ 77,226.88
May payments:	
Principal	\$ 1,290.56
Additional Principal	247.03
Interest	369.44
Mortgage Balance	\$ 75,689.29
May 31, 2008	

July's Special People



BIRTHDAYS!

- 1 Patty Herheim
- 1 Marilyn Jass
- 1 Nathan Lange
- 2 John Monson
- 2 Roberta Larson
- 2 Evelyn Burley
- 2 Geri Ulen
- 2 Phyllis Brooks
- 2 Kay Ferris
- 4 Rosemary Berg
- 5 Harold Thorvig
- 6 Mary Jacobson
- 6 David Simons
- 6 Julee Young
- 6 Jane Ekholm
- 7 Beth Holmdahl
- 7 Alicia Becker
- 8 Brenda Imholte
- 8 Dorothea Felton
- 9 Dennis Ford
- 9 James Ballenthin
- 9 Riley Welk
- 9 John Underwood
- 9 Connor Link
- 9 Micah Link
- 10 Robert Daudt
- 11 Rod Fedalen
- 12 Donald Edwards
- 12 Donna Zwart
- 12 Allan Pflugshaupt
- 12 Don Falls
- 12 Cheryl Crosby
- 12 Renate Henriksen
- 12 David Owen
- 14 Ron Tormondsen
- 14 Scarlet Wilberg
- 14 Eunice Benson
- 14 Marlene Olson
- 14 Jeff Hol
- 15 Grace Ann Parkhurst
- 16 John Oberg
- 17 Dianne Black

- 20 Ernest Cook
- 21 Lynn Daudt
- 21 Greg Gilsrud
- 21 Margit Tormondsen
- 21 Ed Scheele
- 22 Nathan Crosby
- 24 Martha Limburg
- 24 Bob Smitten
- 25 Owen Higgins
- 27 Doriene Smith
- 27 Linda Ferwerda
- 29 Andy Becker
- 30 Evelyn Adler
- 30 Doug Sandstrom
- 31 Gloria White
- 31 Felicia Murtley
- 31 Skip Rosen



- 5 Greg and Dawn Gilsrud
- 6 Ed and Grace Ann Parkhurst
- 11 Bob and Avis Savre
- 19 Bob and Cherrie Madsen
- 20 Ron and Belva Lund
- 20 Allan and Carol Zahn
- 27 Michael and Rozanne Plotnik
- 27 Gerald Ramsay & Vi Crooker
- 31 Tom and Norma Jansen



Cross on the rock

The rock is often used as a symbol of the Lord. The cross rising from the rock echoes many Bible verses that proclaim Christ as the rock of salvation; for example, "He alone is my rock and my salvation..." (Psalm 62:2, NIV)

USHERS

8:00 a.m. Chuck & Jackie Senst
(566-3289)

10:00 a.m. David Wodrich
(363-2771)



July

Ruth Lerom, Chair
Shari Pretzer, Joyce Halver,
Ginger Minske, Judith Olson,
and Avis Savre



Cut Flowers

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



RED HAT SOCIETY

Ladies

The Red Hat Society (fun) luncheon will be held on Tuesday, June 8th at 12:30 p.m. (come early for cocktails) at the Fireside Restaurant on Hwy 200.

Menu: Chicken oriental salad with sesame dressing, coffee, dessert, tax & tip for \$12.00.

Call: Bev Egan at 363-2686 or Mary Jane Lewis at 363-2591 or email mjl@eot.com

We need a final count by Saturday, July 5th.

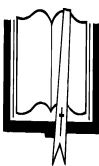
*Remember if you do not cancel your reservation you are responsible for payment.



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.

STUDY  GROUP

Living the Questions 2.0

Mondays in July at 6:30 p.m.

Each session will be a 20 minute DVD presentation followed by a 30-40 minute discussion. The sessions are open to all members of the greater Longville community. Come and bring a friend.

The series will not provide answers, but will create an environment where participants can interact with one another in exploring the mysteries of faith and life.

Make-up sessions after worship Sunday mornings. To preview session samples, check out: www.youtube.com/livingthequestions

Money Counters

July 6	Hans Aagard	682-3386
	Bob Smitten	363-2062
July 13	Dennis Johnson	889 -2376
	Barbara Anderson	363-2649
July 20	Bob Kohanek	363-2880
	Connor Galvin	363-2115
July 27	Dick Olsen	566-1546
	Ron Wiehle	363-3070

**>>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 July & August Smorgasbords and/or sign up to bring food. The June group had a great time & was joined by summer attendees looking to meet the year-round church-goers. We served 224 people, up 42 from last June. Thanks to all you wonderful people who helped by working, making food and attending. *Kay Ferris*

FREEDOM

Each one of us is born free
And we alone can choose
To do what God would have us do,
To use what God would use.

Or, we are also free to seek
The proud and selfish way -
A life where other gods come first
To reign and hold full sway.

But when we follow where Christ leads,
We find that freedom's place
Is really in God's Will for us,
And we have chosen GRACE!
Peggy Ferrell, Prayers and Poems

FOOD SHELF

We at the Food Shelf are trying to save your donated dollars for food, and so for the month of July we are asking you to donate toothpaste **and/or** toothbrushes. Personal items are more expensive at Second Harvest. In the entry way is a box for your donation. Thank you for all your help. Stacy Miller

Martha Circle/Bible Study

July
No Meeting!

Ruth Circle/Bible Study

Meets Thursday, July 10th
at 1:00 p.m. at Salem
Hostess: Vi Anderson

Rebekah Circle/Bible Study

May, June, July, August
No Meeting!

From the Convention

In Kind Response to World Need

Items donated by the Women of the ELCA, NE Synod 2007-2008:

4,646 Quilts to LWR
2,489 Quilts to Special Projects
1,107 Health Kits
2,245 School Kits
902 Layettees
514 Mid Wife Kits
83 Aid/Hospice Kits
853 lbs. of Soap
218 lbs. of Rolled Bandages
5,343 T Shirt Diapers to Synod House/Deerwood

\$650+ 120 Items to Seafarers

Also collected over 1,000 beanie babies for the children in Honduras.

Gave \$8,664 to LWR shipping for Project Comfort and

\$ 565 to Global Health for shipping

NE Synod Conference Penny Offering Report — \$8,604.38.

Ginger Minske, Mission Action

Smorgasbord Time

Wednesday, July 16th at 5:00 p.m.
Sign-up sheets to help or bring a dish
are by the fellowship hall.

Thanks for helping! Kay Ferris

This and That



Via de Cristo

First Lutheran, Brainerd
424 S 8th Street

Men's Weekend July 17 — 20
Women's Weekend July 24 — 27



Where is Jean Westermann?

Jean started preaching in Boy River the middle of May and will continue through the second week of September.

HOW WOULD YOU FEEL...

If God gave us the same amount of time and attention that we devote to him?

If God put as many things ahead of us as we put ahead of him?

If God offered as many excuses as we do and if the excuses were not more justifiable than ours?

If God's promises were no more certain than ours?

If God withheld his blessings from us as we withhold our offerings to him?



Salem's Auction

Coming... Sunday, August 10th
12:00 noon

*Proceeds go to numerous local organizations
and other community and individual needs.*

**Auctioneering & Clerking
donated by Daudt Auction Service**

* Call Harold Burley (682-3052) if you need to have something picked up for the auction.

Salem Youth Mission Trip Cont.

Mr. Rowland will not charge admission to the center because he believes it would denigrate the memory of those who perished, and considers it sacred ground. But reality is, the Visitor Center needed some obvious basic repairs or few would want to stop by to feed the much-needed donation box. By selling their 4:20 T-shirts, the young Salem missionaries were able to purchase supplies and together with their new Lakota friends, painted the entire exterior of the visitor center, installed a badly-needed window, fixed and repainted the welcome sign and planted shrubs.

Mr. Rowland gave our youth a history lesson that no history texts cover in any detail, and we know first hand why all of his hand-made souvenirs have two dates on them, 1890 and 1973. Mr. Garry Rowland and his family welcomed our group as family. They are a strong family who believes in the potential of the Lakotas, not the plight. They participated fully with us as we worked.

When we returned home, Garry wrote us:

“I thank Tina, Travis, Sophie, Jordan and Rebecca for your help...for your beautiful T shirt creation...your genuine love and caring...giving back to the Native People. Your efforts will go on for eternity.” Sincerely,
Garry Rowland

We thank our Salem prayer warriors, all who donated to our trip, and our parents. God was all over this mission trip. He blessed us every step of the way.



Daniyon Rowland, on his beloved pony. Note how victoriously he wears the 4:20 T shirt!



Smorgasbord

Wednesday, July 16th
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.

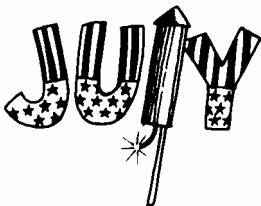
Wise Words

- No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.
—Aesop
- Praise is the means by which God reveals himself to his people.
—C.S. Lewis
- It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.
—Mother Teresa



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