



The Church Bell

Salem Lutheran Church
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Pastor John Monson

May 2008

New T Shirt Ministry at Salem



Who are you wearing? Longville Salem Lutheran Youth begin T-shirt ministry. Check the back bulletin board for the articles from the Northland Press, Pilot Press & Pine River Journal.



Heidi Carlson and kids from Sugar Point. Adults Saving Kids & Prayer Project Lifesaver sponsored a talk April 28th at Salem about commercial sexual exploitation. Our kids are at risk! Thank you to all who attended.

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8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Memorial—Labor Day
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The Power of Presence

Pastor John Monson

“I will not leave you...” (John 14:18)

Musumdiwa (which means “unwanted child”) is a young boy who lives in Zimbabwe. When he was two weeks old his mother dumped him in a stack of old tires. The police found him and took him to his grandmother who returned him to his mother, only to have her wrap him in rags and leave him in a beer hall. When he ended up on the streets, Musumdiwa was rescued by *Love More House*, a caring community of people who provided him with shelter, food, school, and, most importantly, a loving “family.” “Someday,” said Musumdiwa, “I think that God will give me another name, Amon; it will mean ‘someone good.’”

It’s a basic human need to be known, valued and loved. We need to know that we matter to each other and that we will not be abandoned. At the end of Jesus’ earthly life, He found some private moments to reassure His disciples that He loved them (enough to die for them), and, although He would be departing from them, He would remain deeply involved in their daily lives through the personal presence of the Holy Spirit.

As a church that “celebrates Christ’s love through hearts that care and hands that share,” Salem places high priority on hospitality and community and walking alongside those who hunger for love. Heidi Carlson gave us a sobering reminder during her recent appearance at Salem, stating that if we don’t show that we

value and love our young, there are plenty of others with nefarious intentions who will.

In language full of relationship, Jesus said, “No longer do I call you servants...I am calling you friends.” Everyone *hears* what you say. Friends *listen* to what you say. Best friends listen to what you *don’t say*.

In the private moments I’ve been spending with students who are completing their 3rd year of confirmation and preparing for the transitional rite on May 18th, I am discovering, not only personalities that shine each in their own unique way, but also a measure of the Spirit of God as they articulate the ways in which they hear God calling them to live lives that make a difference. I hope that you may also take some private moments for conversation with Caity, Beth, Sophia, Sierra and Caity. Ask them about their faith, about what’s important to them. I think you’ll be duly impressed as I’ve been, and will value and appreciate them even more. That’s true also of the new members (John & Joanne Ellefson, James & Kathleen Joiner, and John Oberg) who will be joining our congregation on May 11th.

Our Lord calls us His treasured possessions, His friends whom He’s promised never to leave. Confirmation, church membership, graduation, birthdays, anniversaries, Memorial Day...are all opportunities to honor God’s presence in the lives of those we cherish, and to celebrate the gift of God in each other.





**Christ In Our Home
DEVOTIONALS**

The May/June 2008 devotional booklets are available and may be picked up on the table by the church entrance. Large print booklets are also available. Take one for a friend.



Mallary Kay Lewis
Born March 18, 2008
(Sean) & Shelby (Sandstrom) Lewis

**SALEM'S
NEW WEBSITE**

Check out our new website at:
<http://www.salemlongville.org>
Thank you Carole Houghton for setting up this new site. It has almost unlimited space.

**PASTOR
WILL BE GONE**

Pastor John will be gone May 2, 3, 4 for Synod Assembly and May 19-23 for a seminar, Festival of Homiletics in Minneapolis, MN.

If you need a pastor call the church office.

Evenings/weekends call Darold Daudt (363-2276) or Bob Alley (363-2770) for referral.

NEW MEMBERS

Salem welcomes people into our congregation as either associate or full members. The next New Member Recognition is Sunday, May 11th. Come and meet our new members at the brunch served after worship. Also let us know if you would like to be added to the newsletter mailing list.

**SYNOD
ASSEMBLY**

Duluth Entertainment Convention Center
May 2 — 4

*Living in God's Amazing Grace:
Faithful and Bold*

Featuring: ELCA Presiding Bishop
Mark S. Hanson

Election of new Synodical Bishop
World Hunger Emphasis

Thank you Garold & Joyce Digre for representing Salem this year.

**SYNOD
LEARNING AND SHARING
DAY**

Duluth Entertainment Convention Center
Saturday, May 3rd

Acolyte Schedule



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

Sunday, May 4

9:00 a.m. Traditions/Communion
Sierra Likens & Amber Nornberg

Sunday, May 11

9:00 a.m. Traditions
Jacob Murtley & Beth Digre

Sunday, May 18

9:00 a.m. Jubilee/Communion
Jordan Loren & Amber Nornberg

Sunday, May 25

8:00 a.m. Traditions
Jacob Murtley
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.)

**Worship Time
Change**

Starting
Sunday, May 25th

8:00 a.m. Traditions Worship

9:15 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

10:00 a.m. Jubilee Worship

Communion:
1st & 3rd Sundays



We did not mail out 2008 Church Envelopes to those who went away for the winter. Many asked to have them kept here. Please pick up your envelopes when you return to Salem. Don Waldera, Financial Secretary

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
April 9, 2008

Synod Offering – The council approved a \$100.00 offering for the Synod Assembly.

Member Mailboxes– A committee will make recommendations how to correspond a mail box number with a name.

Youth/Family Ministry – Rebecca Waterhouse showed the three styles of t-shirts the youth developed. She told about the exciting things that are in the planning stages. What an exciting time to be a youth at Salem! Wait for the plans as they are finalized.

Membership – New membership orientation is scheduled for April 20th, 27th, and May 4th. New member Sunday will be held on May 11th. There will be a brunch to welcome the new members after the church service that morning.

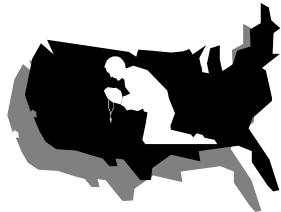
Gazebo - The council gave their approval for a gazebo to be built this spring. The placement will be determined after the snow melts.

Are you interested in supporting Salem youth by attending a school function, such as a track meet, school play, baseball game? We are thinking of going together as a group on a school bus. Let a council member know if you are interested in an opportunity like this.

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)



National Day of Prayer



National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 1st at 12:00 noon

at the

Longville Community Church

Community Invited!

Congratulations to the 2008 Confirmation Class

Sunday, May 18th

Caity Daudt
Beth Digre
Sierra Likens
Sophia Gilsrud
Brittney Nornberg



Treasurer's Report



General Fund

Beginning Balance March, 08	(\$ 2,379.17)
Income for March	17,934.59
Expenses for March	16,439.48
Ending Balance March 31, 08	(\$ 884.06)



Mortgage Update

Beg. Mortgage Balance	\$ 80,731.59
March payments:	
Principal	\$ 1,273.16
Additional Principal	
Interest	386.84
Mortgage Balance	\$ 79,458.43
Mar 31, 2008	

May's Special People



George & Dianne Black
(363-3126)



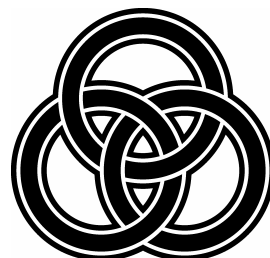
- 2 Bonnie Hockett
- 2 Christina Herheim
- 3 Terri Moes
- 3 Katie Daudt
- 6 Ken Zoller
- 7 Dwayne Waldera
- 8 Marilyn Lilyquist
- 8 Mary Schmid
- 8 Becky Nordstrom
- 10 Sharon Smitten
- 10 Alyson Wicks
- 11 Norris Krause
- 12 Jeffrey Case
- 12 Verda Scheele
- 12 Karlo Schultz
- 15 Robert Kopca
- 15 Shelly Raines
- 17 Sonja Foss
- 17 Vicki Poole
- 18 Jennette Lewis
- 18 JJ Welk
- 18 Vallory Wallman
- 19 Kristine Struck
- 20 Wanita Frazer
- 20 Arnie Ohnstad
- 20 Marlene Cook
- 20 Steve Ekholm
- 22 Francis Smith
- 22 Tayler Emerson
- 22 Lukas Emerson
- 23 Herb Krause
- 25 John Bogard
- 25 Boe Antonson
- 25 Beth Hardinger
- 26 Cindi Becker
- 26 Scott Raines
- 27 David Halver
- 28 Gloria Larson
- 31 Jean Westerman
- 31 Carol Zahn

- 5 Ron and Margit Tormondsen
- 6 Tim and Denise Wolter
- 8 JJ and Jill Welk
- 10 Steve and Jane Ekholm
- 12 Garold and Joyce Digre
- 16 Bill and Stacy Miller
- 16 Ken and Mary Jo Schleif
- 23 Ron and Jean Fladeboe
- 25 Wayne and Darlene Simons
- 25 Tim & Beth Hardinger
- 26 Omer and Hilma Oestreich
- 26 Rusty and Billie Jo Lilyquist
- 30 Robert and Mary Kopca



May

Marilyn Sjodin, Chair
Stacy Miller, Evelyn Burley,
Judy Johnson, Karen Nelson,
Margit Tormondsen



CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

Three Interwoven Circles

Each circle in this symbol represents one of the Persons of the Holy Trinity—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The circles, having no beginning and no end, signify the Trinity's eternal nature. The circles' interlacing symbolizes unity. In the center is a triangle, an ancient symbol of the Trinity.



RED HAT SOCIETY

Ladies

The Red Hat Society (fun) luncheon will be held on Tuesday, May 13th at 12:30 p.m. at Piney Ridge. (Go out 1 from Pine River, turn right on 15 and then left on Wildemere. Cost is \$12.00 (includes tax & tip).

We need a final count by Friday, May 9th.

Menu: Pan Fried Walleye or Chicken Kiev. Both will be served with salad, rice pilaf, fresh veggie, roll and a brownie.

Call Ginger Davis 218-947-4985, she has an answering machine or email mvdavis@uslink.net or Karen Johnson 218-547-0870.

Faith In Action

Faith In Action for Cass County will be sponsoring a community clean-up day on Saturday, **May 17** (weather permitting). There are a number of people in your community who need their lawns raked, but are unable to do it themselves. Faith in Action has a list of those in need of assistance, and we hope to gather enough volunteers to complete this mission.

If your family, church group, civic group or business would care to help out those in need, it will only take a day out of your life, and it will bring joy to those you help. Please call Faith in Action for Cass County at 218- 675-5435 or 1-866-675-5632.

Central MN Council on Aging (CMCOA) is pleased to announce a new venture and partnership with Faith In Action. An advocate for face-to-face assistance for the residents of Cass County is available. Cass County residents have had access to information and referral services through the Senior LinkAge Line toll free number (1-800-333-2433) for many years and may call to schedule an appointment.”

SALEM AUCTION

Sunday, August 10th at 12:00 noon
Mark your calendar!

It's time to start thinking about our auction. Please save any good usable items you may have to donate to the auction. If you have large items and need help call Harold Burley at 682-3052.



Thank You

Special Thanks to our dear friends at Salem. We sent a sincere thank you for many beautiful cards, notes of sympathy, phone calls, memorials and prayers on our behalf since Bernie's recent untimely death, Dec. 6th. See Bulletin Board. Joyce Halver

Thank You

To our friends at Salem: Thank you so much for your prayers as my dear sister, Arlene battles her cancer. All of your prayers have been deeply felt and so appreciated! God loves you and so do we. Dianne & George Black

Money Counters

May 4	Hans Aagard	682-3386
	Bob Smitten	363-2062
May 11	Dennis Johnson	889 -2376
	Barbara Anderson	363-2649
May 18	Bob Kohanek	363-2880
	Connor Galvin	363-2115
May 25	Dick Olsen	566-1546
	Ron Wiehle	363-3070

Bone Building/Yoga/Line Dancing

We meet every Tuesday and Friday at Salem.

Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. Bone Building &
10:00 a.m. Yoga

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

Everyone Welcome!



Women's Convention

June 6—7 Duluth

Registrations must be sent in by May 2nd. All women who want to attend call Ginger Minske at 363-3175 or email at vrm@arvig.net Convention fees will be paid for those attending.

I went last year and everywhere I went I could feel the love of the women. I now realize the importance of the Women of the ELCA in all they do. Sharon Fischer, Secretary

Martha Circle/Bible Study


Wednesday, May 2nd at 7:15 p.m.
Hostess & Leader:

Ruth Circle/Bible Study

Meets Thursday, May 10th
at 1:00 p.m. at Salem
Hostess: Hilma Oestreich

Rebekah Circle/Bible Study

May, June, July, August
No Meeting!

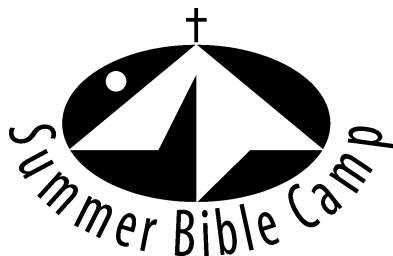


Salem Quilters

Busy making quilts from January to March sewing:

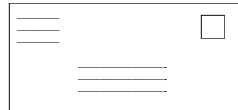
2	Quilts for the Auction
<u>182</u>	Quilts for Missions
Total:	184 Quilts

Thanks to all who worked so hard on sewing. See you next year.



BIBLE CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS: Campers are registered for summer sessions. Help with scholarships would be greatly appreciated. Make checks payable to Salem with "Bible Camp Scholarships" on the memo line. Thank you!

Please Save Your Stamps



Did you receive a letter or card today? Did it have a regular postage stamp on it? Did you know it is valuable?

STAMPS FOR A LIVING, c/o United Church, Washington, DC. Thanks for the philatelic material you sent October 12, 2007. We are very pleased that you thought of us and are willing to take the time to collect and send it. We hope you can continue to do so. All material is welcomed. We certainly want to carry on our work with *Stamps for a Living* at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, and with the handicapped people who benefit from the efforts of the Deaf/REACH program. Both programs are aided by the sale of your donations. With your help, we should be able to do so for many years to come. Bless you! Sincerely, June Heinz,, Stamp Collection Volunteer.

Carefully tear, or cut, the stamp from the envelope leaving about 1/4 to 1/2 inch (at least) and place them in the collection pail on the shelf in the narthex. This spring 8 pounds were sent out for which we received a thank you.

Come one and all at Salem, let's fill that pail often. Thank You!! Dorothea Felton, Coordinator

This and That

Ascension Day

Forty days after each Easter, many Christians around the world celebrate the Ascension. It's the day when the resurrected Jesus was raised up from the earth into heaven. The Ascension is the prelude to Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came upon a gathering of people, including the apostles, in Jerusalem.

The Ascension is more important than many Christians realize. In his human body, Christ could be in only one place at a time. The risen Christ, however, can be spiritually present in any place at any time.

Relay For Life

The Burley Bunch will be taking part in "Relay For Life" at the Pine River/Backus High School Track. This is an Event to celebrate Survivorship and to Honor those who have died.

Our money is used for Research, Education, and Service. There is a 24 hour access to the American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345, and www.cancer.org Your donation will make a difference. We are winning the fight. Donations should be made out to the American Cancer Society. Sincerely, Sandy Roscoe and Evelyn Burley



Invitation to *Living the Questions* at Salem

You are invited to view and discuss *Living the Questions 2.0*, a DVD series beginning on Monday, June 2 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.

Living the Questions is a small group exploration of progressive Christianity for people of faith who wish to explore what's next for Christianity. *Living the Questions* seeks not to provide all the answers, but to create an environment where participants can interact with one another in exploring the mysteries of faith and life. The video segments include conversations with leading voices of faith, sermon, and lecture clips, digital stories illustrating aspects of an evolving faith, and concrete spiritual practices and disciplines.

Last year a group discussed *Living the Questions 1.0* following Sunday services. This year we will hold the discussion on Monday evening to provide more time together. The *LtQ2* series has three sequences of seven units each: Invitation to Journey, Reclaiming the World, and Call to Covenant. We will begin with the first seven-week sequence and then decide how to proceed with the other units.

There are weekly readings and discussion questions that will be available for those who plan to attend the series. For persons who cannot attend all sessions, there will be opportunities to review the DVD segments for missed sessions.

If you have any questions or suggestions about the sessions, please contact Pastor John or Ed Olson (363-3292).

This and That

Mission Trip to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, South Dakota

June 28—July 3

The Salem Youth Program is planning a Mission Trip to South Dakota. We will go with a Catholic group from Little Falls.

We are selling our 4:20 God's Got Your Back T-shirts to fund this ministry! See a youth to order.

You Are Invited to celebrate our 50th Anniversary (was February 22nd)

Sunday, May 25th

John & Charlene Olson

Coffee and cake will be served after each Worship Service by their family.
All are welcome!

Little Collection Jars

At the Spring meeting of the Women of Salem someone asked the question, "What are all these little collections about?", referring to the cans and jars on the tables in Soderberg Hall. Hopefully this will answer that question.

First of all, the CANS with the gold and brown paper are for A.S.K. Most of you know that is, Adults Saving Kids, an educational program targeting young people on the dangers of sexual exploitation and of which Prayer Project Lifesaver is just one part. (Every one of the children in this congregation has an adult who is praying specifically for him or her from the time they are born.)

The JARS on the tables are for the Living Waters Women of the ELCA Penny Offering. The recipient for the Penny Offering is chosen by the Host church of the Spring Gathering, so all the churches in the Living Waters Conference will be contributing to that cause for one year. This year's Spring Gathering was held at Bethany in Remer, therefore, the Remer Area Food Shelf was chosen to be the recipient of the Penny Offering for 2008 to April 2009.

Someone at our Salem meeting also asked why the men can't do something....trust me, men, you CAN contribute to these causes!!! (so can the children).

In the past we have had Thankoffering boxes (or labels to put on frosting cans). This little offering is something to have at home to drop your change into whenever you choose to. The Women's Thankoffering Service, usually Christ the King Sunday in November, is the time to bring those boxes and empty them for a special collection that goes to ELCA' Global Missions, World Hunger and much more. Watch for a special display in the near future where you may pick up your Thankoffering box or label.

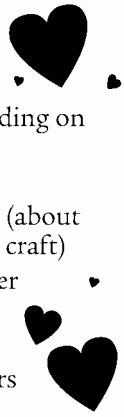
Another thing that may interest you: ALL women and girls of Salem, once you are confirmed, are members of the Women of Salem and Women of the ELCA. We invite you and WANT you to become involved! We work hard; give lots of love; and have fun doing it all...so when you see that a Circle is meeting monthly; the mission kits are being packed; the church is being cleaned; our month for the food shelf is coming. COME! JOIN IN THE FUN AND FEEL THE LOVE! If you have questions, ask a friend or please call me. Thank you!
Mary Schmid 363-3327.

A HEART FOR Mom

Show Mom how much you appreciate all she does for you with this "heartfelt" craft. Give it to her on Mother's Day.

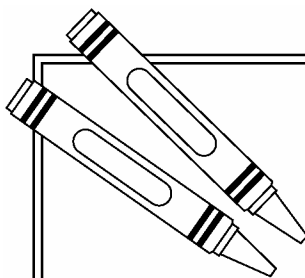
What you need:

- Floral stem wire
- Dried cranberries (about 100, depending on the wire's length)
- Pliers
- Decorative ribbon (about 12 inches for each craft)
- Construction paper or cardstock
- Hole punch
- Crayons or markers



What you do:

1. With an adult's help, thread cranberries, one at a time with no space between them, onto the straight wire.
2. Bend the wire into a heart shape.
3. With pliers, twist the wire together at the top of the heart.
4. Tie ribbon to make a loop atop the heart (so your mom can hang it up).
5. Fold the paper into a card, and write a message of love and gratitude to your mom. You might want to add a verse from Proverbs 31 that best describes her.
6. Punch a hole in the card. Attach it to the ribbon that's tied to the heart.



Just for KIDS

A Mother of Noble Character

In Proverbs 31 (NIV), God provides the best example of a godly woman. Write the number of the sentence in the space next to the character quality it best describes.

- 1** "A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies" (v. 10).
- 2** "She brings [her husband] good, not harm, all the days of her life" (v. 12).
- 3** "She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands" (v. 13).
- 4** "She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks" (v. 17).
- 5** "She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy" (v. 20).
- 6** "When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet" (v. 21).
- 7** "Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised" (v. 30).

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|-----------------|------------|---------------|
| ___ Caring | ___ Godly | ___ Prepared |
| ___ Hardworking | ___ Hearty | ___ Priceless |
| | ___ Kind | |

Answers: 1. priceless, 2. kind, 3. hardworking, 4. hearty, 5. caring, 6. prepared, 7. godly

The "M" Word

During a science lesson, a second-grade teacher demonstrated how a magnet can pick up metal objects such as nails and screws.

Afterwards, she said, "My name begins with the letter 'm.' I pick up things with my power. What am I?"

A boy quickly answered, "You're a mother!" *Happy Mother's Day—May 11th!*



MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 26th

Remember those who gave their
lives to keep us a free nation.

Do you need help? Can you volunteer?

*“Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota expresses the
love of Christ for all people through acts of service.”*

- LSS Caregiver Support & Respite Services
800-488-4146
bridget.allen@lssmn.org
- Care Coordination & Financial Services
218-529-2241
beth.mathews@lssmn.org
- LSS Foster Grandparent & Senior Companion
Programs
877-612-6243 or 888-205-3770
marcia.ferris@lssmn.org
- LSS Senior Nutrition
- Senior Dining and Meals on Wheels
800-488-4146
darcey.larsen@lssmn.org
- For more information call Julee Young 682-3057.



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