



The Church Bell

Salem Lutheran Church
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Worship
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PASTOR JOHN'S FAREWELL PARTY



September 22, 2011

GOOD NEWS!

By this time I hope all of you have received the letter announcing the Good News that we have an interim Pastor. Rev. Paul Svingen has accepted the position. He is one of the most experienced and qualified interim transitional specialist pastors in the whole ELCA. He has been committed to interim ministry and has been doing this kind of ministry for over 30 years. He has also taught interim ministry courses at Luther Seminary and presented workshops for other pastors.

He just completed an interim assignment in Nebraska and so became available this fall. He and his wife, Susan Baldwin, live in the area and had actually joined Salem last June, however, Paul was involved in the other interim assignment so has only been to Salem a few times. He will begin as our interim pastor in early November and his first Sunday will be Nov. 6th, All Saints Sunday.

It's a win-win for Salem to have someone this highly qualified already living in our community.

I appeal to you who may have stayed away for a time. Come back and help us discern the mission God is calling Salem to fulfill. I appeal to you who may be discouraged about Pastor John and Rebecca leaving. Come back. Pastor John and Rebecca would want the congregation to heal and thrive.

One of my favorite books in the Bible is the book of Hebrews. In chapter 10:24-25 the writer says this: "We should keep on encouraging each other to be thoughtful and to do helpful things. Some people have gotten out of the habit of meeting for worship, but we must do that. We should keep on encouraging each other, especially since you know that the day of the Lord's coming is closer." (The Poverty and Justice Bible). If you know members who are not coming, encourage them to come. If you have new neighbors invite them to Salem.

There have been some lapses in our youth and education programming this fall, but we hope to get things going as quickly as we can. Please have patience and pray that God will raise up the people we need to serve, especially in the area of Christian Education.

Thanks for the encouragement and support you have given me this fall. I am thankful that we now have an interim pastor and can look forward to moving ahead with Salem's mission.

Yours in Christ,
Larry Nelson

ELCA GOOD GIFTS CATALOG

The ELCA Good Gifts catalog offers more than 50 unique, meaningful opportunities to offer support to your favorite ELCA ministries and honor loved ones at the same time. For example, included among the new gifts is an Alpaca. For just \$175. This friendly creature can provide a family living in poverty with fleece to sell for a high price in the marketplace for 20 years or more. Or for \$50. You can buy a goat. Goats can survive hot temperatures, rocky terrain or drought. They can survive where it's tough to raise other animals. Goats can provide milk and milk products for children.

As goats multiply, families often share the offspring with neighbors in need helping lift entire communities out of hunger and poverty.

We will have some catalogs available at church, or you can go online to:
www.elca.org/goodgifts.

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 and to receive our monthly newsletter online or by email.

BAPTISM

Beckett Craig Riendeau
October 16, 2011

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Barbara Loren
October 21, 2011

WREATH SALE

As of now, no church group has stepped up to do this project. If you are interested, contact Sandy Strausser (682-2393) or the church office. This needs to begin immediately.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONALS

You may pick up your October, November, December 2011 devotionals from the stand by the entrance. Take one for a friend. We also have *Our Daily Bread* devotionals and *Cass County Maps*.

EXCITING NEWS!!

As of October 15, 2011 our church building is Debt Free. The final payment has been transmitted to Thrivent Financial. We will plan a mortgage burning event in the Spring of 2012 when all the snow-birds are back!! As of today, there is a little over \$3,000 in the Debt Retirement Fund, and those monies have to stay there until a Congregation vote is held to move them elsewhere. In the interim, please consider contributing to the General Fund and those dollars can be used where ever needed. Thank you all for a job well done.
Ardis Aagard, Treasurer

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

There will be a special observance on All Saints Sunday of those who have died this past year. We invite families of the deceased to be in attendance as we honor their loved ones. Pastor Paul Svingen, our new interim pastor, will be preaching.

SPECIAL GIFTS REQUEST

The church council has a much needed request for funds to maintain Salem Lutheran's Cemetery. In addition a permanent engraved marker would mark the site. Cost for the marker is \$6200. from Northland Monument. Any donation for the marker and/or maintenance would be greatly appreciated. Donations may be made through the office.
Thank you, Judy Owen,
Special Gifts Coordinator

THANKS TO RETIRED PASTORS

Thanks to the retired pastors who have filled in while we have been without a pastor. Thanks to James Limburg, Charles Colberg, Del Jacobson, and Larry Nelson. We are fortunate we have these people in the congregation.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Start up dates for Confirmation are pending until further notice.

Council Minit-Highlights

October 12, 2011

“Seeking Clarity in Mission and Ministry”

Our Mission Statement:

“Celebrating Christ’s Love Through Hearts That Care and Hands That Share”

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with President, Larry Nelson giving devotions. James 3:17-18.

Members Present: Nelson, K Daudt, E Daudt, Aagard, Fischer, Waldera, Sjodin, Johnson, Osmundson.

Members Excused Absent: T Daudt, Limburg, Strausser.

Introduction of Guests: Rev. Vicky Taylor, Harold Burley, Ron Wiehle, Dave Trampe, & Jim Ballenthin (Nelson asked Jim to come to give any parliamentary services that may be needed.)

Guests to address council first: Rev. Vicky Taylor from the synod office submitted three (3) names of prospective interims. She gave a short description of each, and profiles were given to each council member. She said that compensation is negotiable but should be same as what was given to Pastor Monson. The interim is not involved in the call process.

Harold Burley & Ron Wiehle, Sextons of Salem Lutheran Cemetery informed us that 1) money was needed to care for the cemetery. The only income is from the sale of plots. Also they suggested 2) a new sign be made as it was in poor condition. A new granite sign with engraving would cost about \$6200. They asked if a fund raiser could be done. K Daudt would contact Judy Owen, Special Gifts Coordinator about this. Fischer agreed to help. Also 3) bring the church burial records up to date. Nothing has been done since 1990.

Dave Trampe suggested 1) that the church consider purchasing the pink house on the corner lot in front of the church. Aagard added that 1 ½ years ago the church negotiated a “first right to purchase” as the owners didn’t want to sell at that time. Also 2) consider building a “Columbarium”. He showed pictures from Lynn Nelson of one in Hackensack, Niswaw, and Walker. He would like to help if and when this might be pursued.

Secretary Minutes/Acting Sec. Strausser: Meeting Sept. 14th. Corrections to be made 1) Trampe was present, 2) add Aagard as Treasurer, 3) Johnson asked that we add his amendment concerning the serving of a 5th year term on council. Fischer reported that Strausser has served on council since September of 2007 (annual report) and will indeed be serving 5 years on council. Johnson suggested we write synod for their input. Nelson spoke to Rev. Taylor before the meeting about this and she stated that it was not something the synod needed to rule on. Motion to accept minutes as amended, Aagard/Sjodin/Passed. Motion to make an exception to allow Strausser to serve her 5th year on council K Daudt/Fischer/ Passed with one exception.

Treasurer Report/Aagard: 1)The mortgage has been paid off. Plan a mortgage burning this next spring. 2)Aagard suggested we make another payment to synod benevolence. We are not in a spending freeze so Aagard will pay as monies are available. 3) Skype is not costly so we should look into using it for council members who are out of the area. 4) Need to trade the computer in pastors office for the finance computer as it has crashed a couple of times. Motion to accept report Johnson/Osmundson/Passed.

Finance Secretary’s Report/Waldera: 1)Reported what had been given to what was pledged. Amount given is always short. 2)He will order about the same number of envelopes for next year. Motion to accept report Johnson/Sjodin/Passed.

Membership/Sjodin: Dick Loeffler passed out Pictorial Directories; those left were put in boxes. There are 20 extras so John Oberg will find out the cost of ordering 50+ more.

Council Highlights Cont.

Property/T Daudt: Absent, light fixture was fixed in fellowship hall.

Worship/Osmundson: 1)Purchasing another piano cover. 2)Will ask T Daudt to remove cigarette containers in front of church. 3)Ron Wiehle & Craig Anderson put a microphone by bell so it would be heard inside church. It will ring at 8:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. 4)Volunteer sign-up sheets will be posted on an easel again instead of passing during the service.

Stewardship/Strausser: Absent.

Fellowship/Aagard: Council decided to keep serving coffee the 4th Sunday of the month.

Youth/Education/K Daudt: 1)Will find out if anyone is interested in going to the Youth Convention in New Orleans held July 18-22, 2012. 2)Curriculum needs to be ordered. 3)Bibles will be ordered to give to students on Oct. 30th or Nov. 6th. 4)Mid-School Retreat will be held at Cragun's Nov. 18-19 or 19-20. Registrations need to be in by Oct.20.

Old Business: Nelson has material from Scott Jacobs on visioning. Will look at it at another meeting.

New Business: 1)Nelson will call interims Bowman & Svingen for Tuesday, October 18th, one at 10:00 a.m. and the other at 8:00 p.m. All council members should try to make the meeting. 2)Final negotiating will be done by the Executive Committee. 3)E Daudt will look into Skype. 4) Matters of the Heart gathering at Hope Lutheran, Walker on October 25th. Council members encouraged to go. 5)Luther Seminary is offering a preview for young people considering the ministry. 6)Pastor Nelson preaching Oct. 23rd. 7)Pastor Jacobson preaching Oct. 30th. 8) Johnson will look into parliamentary rules of order.

Motion to Adjourn: Johnson/Osmundson/Passed. Meeting ended with the Lords Prayer at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Fischer, Secretary

BREAD FOR THE WORLD OFFERING OF LETTERS

Thanks to the people who participated in the offering of letters Sunday, Oct. 23. A total of thirty-eight letters were sent to Senators Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken and to our representative Chip Cravaack. We joined with thousands of others across our country in remembering those who live in hunger and poverty. We urged our legislators to put a "circle of protection" around programs that benefit the poor and hungry. Previous offerings of letters have encouraged our government to reform the way it delivers foreign aid. In 2009, as a result of the work of Bread for the World members, bipartisan bills were introduced in the House and the Senate to begin the process of reforming the Foreign Assistance Act. In addition, President Obama and the State Department ordered reviews to better coordinate how the United States delivers foreign assistance. The Foreign Assistance Act had not been reformed since 1961. Foreign Aid is less than 1% of the Federal Budget so it is important that the way aid is delivered is focused on where it is really needed and will do the most good in ending and preventing hunger.

Bread for the World seeks to end hunger in our time. Keep the poor and hungry of this world in your prayers.

Treasurer's Report 9-1-11 to 9-30-11

General Fund

Amount Pledged Y-T-D 2011 \$125,890 .
 Amount Pledges Received to 9-30 86,996.
Difference-arrears \$(38,894).

Total 2011 Pledges \$167,854.

Beginning Balance 9-1-11 \$ 3,219.
 Contributions Rec'd - September \$ 16,065.
 Expenses - September \$(17,411).
Gen Fund Bal. 9-30 \$ 1,873.

Debt Retirement

Beginning Balance 9-1-11 \$ 5,204.
 Contributions Received - September \$ 1,501.
 Expenses - September \$(1660).
Debt Ret. Bal 9-30 \$ 5,045.

GENERAL FUND	EXPENSES		2011 ANNUAL BUDGET	
	SEPT	YTD	APPROVED	REMAINING
Staff Expense	\$10,824	\$ 98,244	\$154,924	\$ 56,680
Church Bldg Expense	1,751	20,019	30,950	10,931
Worship Expense	1,340	11,689	15,850	4,161
Growth in Faith Expense	1,043	5,077	12,715	7,638
Fellowship Expense	478	1,900	2,200	300
Administration Expense	1,201	8,712	14,000	5,288
Total Regular Expenses	\$16,637	\$145,641	\$230,639	\$ 84,998
Local Ben & World Hunger Exp	774	4,673	8,519	3,846
Benevolence Expense	0	1,337	17,038	15,701
Total all General Fund Exp	\$17,411	\$151,651	\$256,196	\$104,545

DEBT RETIREMENT FUND	PAYMENTS		LOAN BAL 9/30/11
	AUG	YTD	
	\$1660.	\$14,940.	\$1,944.87

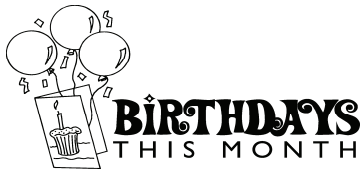
This final balance due was paid 10/15/2011!!!

In God's name,
 Ardis Aagard, Treasurer



Mortgage Update	
Beg. Mortgage Balance	\$ 3,587.68
Sept. payments:	
Principal	\$ 1,642.81
Interest	17.19
Mortgage Balance 9-30-11	\$ 1,944.87

November's Special People



1	Cherrie Madsen
2	Bill Miller
2	Sarah Moore
2	Michelle Cribb
2	Marilyn Bliss
4	Ginger Minske
6	Clarence Sjodin
6	Don Meyer
6	Darryl Nelson
7	Joan Falls
8	Pat McKee
11	Judy Johnson
11	Tarique Daudt
12	Morgan Welk
12	Paul Sifford
12	Cody Lucas Lilyquist
14	Nicholas Burgers
14	Bill Hansen
15	Charlene Olson
15	Robert Raines
17	Jordice Powell
17	Kyle Schwartz
17	Trevor Lucas Lilyquist
19	Rolf Andreassen-Neumann
21	Mary Jo Schleif
23	Carol Fox
24	Wayne Simons
24	Austin Dehn
25	Jill Welk
25	Brandon Wheeler
26	Rita Fedalen
29	Erik Hol
30	Dale Daudt
30	Donna Johnson



7	Dale and Marlys Kriesel
8	John and Sandy Roscoe
9	Phil and Melanie Mix
10	Tom and Kathy Dollins
16	Dave and Michelle Cribb
23	Rosalie and Dennis Letson
24	Nordy and Bettye Nelson
24	Dick and Jill Loeffler
27	Mike & Judy Czeck



Altar Guild

Diane Wiehle, Co-Chair
Barb McCuskey, Co-Chair
Joan Falls, Louise Daudt,
Jackie Lorensen,
Ginger Minske

Ushers

Ron Wiehle (363-3070)

Martha Circle

Wednesday, November 2nd
9:30 a.m. at Salem
Hostess: Carol Fox

Ruth Circle

Thursday, November 10th
1:00 p.m. at Salem
Hostess: Diane Wiehle



CORNUCOPIA

Cornucopia, a Greek word meaning “horn of plenty,” has origins in Greek mythology. But the cornucopia became a religious symbol and was even stamped on Jewish coins. Overflowing horns, now common as Thanksgiving centerpieces, came to symbolize abundance and blessings.



WOMEN'S FALL EVENTS

REMEMBER THESE DATES

November 30th at 9:30 a.m.

December 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

There **will not** be a Swedish Pancake Breakfast this year, but there will still be a Craft and Bake Sale. This will be held on Saturday, December 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

You may donate baked goods, crafts, or items to put into Gift Baskets. We could use more baskets, so if you have any that you would care to donate, they would be appreciated. These can be dropped off at the church anytime up to November 30th.

November 30th at 9:30 a.m., we will assemble the baskets, fill Goody Bags, and fill Cookie Plates. We were short of cookies last year, so if you have time to bake a dozen or so, it would also be appreciated. We will also need things to put into the Goody Bags. The items needed are anything that is single or double servings - pudding, oatmeal, fruit cups, candy, etc. We will enjoy a Potluck Lunch when we are through working.

This is a good Stewardship project, and I think you would enjoy the fellowship.



Christmas CONCERT

LONGVILLE AREA COMMUNITY CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Longville Area Community Choir, directed by Eunice Benson, presents their annual Christmas concert on Sunday, December 4, 4:00 p.m. at Salem. This year's concert, REFLECTIONS OF CHRISTMAS, will include several selections that have been favorites from previous concerts. We look forward to celebrating the beginning of the Holiday season with you!

GIVING THANKS FOR ALL THINGS

It's easy to list the blessings in life: good health, family, a satisfying career, a comfortable home. We might even be thankful for things others take for granted, such as freedom, clean drinking water, reliable transportation and food enough to eat. Then there are the little things, such as gardens, sunrises, pets and coffee.

What about life's storms or unanswered prayers? Should we be thankful for these? Loss and hardship remind us of our dependence on God. He uses trials to draw us closer to him, to show us that he is our rock and refuge. In misfortune and grief, we discover God's comfort and strength. Should we not, then, be thankful for storms, too?



Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is an easy missions project that every member and family can

participate in by bringing a gift-filled shoe box to church in the next few weeks. Return to church by Nov. 14th.

Complete details are outlined in the Operation Christmas Child brochure located on the table in the back of the church.

Fill your shoebox with a variety of gifts: **Toys:** small cars, dolls, stuffed animals, plastic kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, small Etch A Sketch, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky, etc. **School supplies:** pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, coloring books, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, etc. **Hygiene items:** toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, comb, washcloth, etc. **Other:** hard candy, lollipops, mints, gum, sunglasses, flashlights with extra batteries, ball caps, socks, T-shirts, toy jewelry sets, hair clips, watches, small picture books, etc.

Information call Bonnie Hockett 947-3930.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



could just as easily sit back and enjoy a hamburger or a pork sandwich.”

“I have never understood why anyone would roast the turkey and shuck the clams and crisp the croutons and shell the peas and candy the sweet potatoes and comote the cranberries and bake the pies and clear the table and wash the dishes and fall into bed exhausted when they

— The Turkey

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live
So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

—Psalm 103:2-5, NRSV

HOW TO OBSERVE THANKSGIVING

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
Count your gains instead of your losses.
Count your joys instead of your woes;
Count your friends instead of your foes.
Count your smiles instead of your tears;
Count your courage instead of your fears.
Count your full years instead of your lean;
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.
Count your health instead of your wealth;
Count on God instead of yourself.

SIGN OF THANKFULNESS

Create this festive sign, which will serve as a yearlong reminder to be grateful.

What you need:

- Hole punch
- Large piece of cardboard or cardstock
- Twine
- Twigs
- Glue
- Acorns, leaves (real or silk) and raffia

What you do:

1. Punch two holes in the top of the cardboard.
2. Thread twine through the holes and tie it in a knot (for hanging).
3. Using twigs, spell out "Be Thankful," "Thank God" or a similar phrase about gratitude. Glue the twigs onto the cardboard.
4. Decorate the sign by gluing on acorns, leaves and raffia.
5. Hang up your sign. Whenever you see it, think of something for which you're grateful to God.



Give Praise

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.

Directions: In each group, underline the word that doesn't belong. Then write the underlined words on the lines below.

1. Give Take Grab	2. peanut praise pear	3. temple house LORD	4. proclaim past present	5. name boy lad	6. ruin destroy make
7. pine acorn known	8. train nations bus	9. done donut muffin	10. Sing Sleep Yawn	11. she him girl	12. sun praise moon
13. tell fast slow	14. red all blue	15. horrible dreadful wonderful	16. acts sisters aunts		

" _____ to the _____, _____ his _____ ;
 _____ among the _____ what he has _____ .
 _____ to _____, sing _____ to him; _____ of _____ his
 _____ . " PSALM 105:1-2, NIV

Answers: 1. Give, 2. praise, 3. LORD, 4. proclaim, 5. name, 6. make, 7. known, 8. nations, 9. done, 10. Sing, 11. him, 12. praise, 13. tell, 14. all, 15. wonderful, 16. acts.
 Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. (Psalm 105:1-2, NIV)

A TIME TO SHARE

"Whenever you get a blessing from God, give it back to him as a love gift. ... Offer the blessing back to him in a deliberate act of worship. If you hoard a thing for yourself, it will turn into a spiritual dry rot, as the manna did when it was hoarded. God will never let you hold a spiritual thing for yourself; it has to be given back to him that he may make it a blessing to others."

—Oswald Chambers

Sunday

Monday






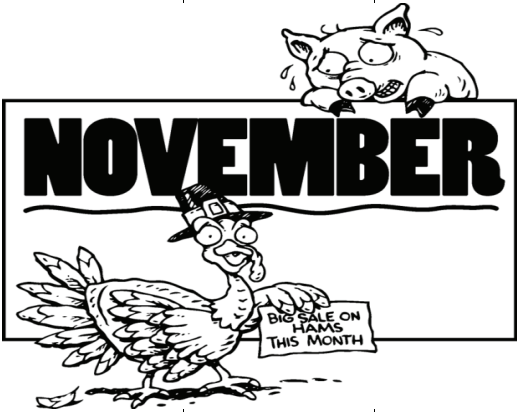
Tuesday

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Thursday

Friday

Saturday

		<p>1 9:00 a.m. (co-ed) Bone Building 4:00 p.m. PMLT 6:30 p.m. Longville Community Choir Rehearsal <i>All Saints' Day</i></p>	<p>2 8:00 a.m. Men's Renewal 9:30 a.m. Martha Circle 6:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 9:00 a.m. (co-ed) Bone Building</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6 <i>Paul Svingen</i> <i>All Saints Sunday</i> 9:00 a.m. Communion Worship 10:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship</p>  <p><i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i></p>	<p>7 1:00 p.m. Busy Needles</p>	<p>8 9:00 a.m. (co-ed) Bone Building 6:00 p.m. Membership Team 6:30 p.m. Longville Community Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>9 8:00 a.m. Men's Renewal 6:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m. Council</p>	<p>10 1:00 p.m. Ruth Circle</p>	<p>11 9:00 a.m. (co-ed) Bone Building</p> 	<p>12</p>
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<p>20 9:00 a.m. Communion Worship 10:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 4:00 p.m. Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Longville Community Church</p> 	<p>21 1:00 p.m. Busy Needles</p>	<p>22 9:00 a.m. (co-ed) Bone Building 6:30 p.m. Longville Community Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>23 8:00 a.m. Men's Renewal</p>	<p>24 Office Closed Thanksgiving DAY</p> 	<p>25 9:00 a.m. (co-ed) Bone Building</p>	<p>26</p>
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Sunday, November 20th
at 4:00 p.m.

Longville Community Church

Preacher:

Musical selections by the
Longville Community Choir



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