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Welcome New Members



NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Sunday, October 5th
*(What Does Salem Do
To Remain Relevant?)*

All sessions begin at 10:15 a.m.
Everyone is welcome!

Sunday, October 12th
(Recognition Sunday)
at 9:00 a.m.

Full and Associate Members are welcome. If you are interested in joining Salem Lutheran please contact Pastor John or phone the church office for more information. Salem will be receiving New Members on Sunday, October 12th, followed by coffee and cake.

Council Representatives

Current Council Members for Remaining 1 Year Term

Darold Daudt	Joan Kickhafer
Ardis Aagard, Treasurer	David Trampe
Barbara Anderson	Barbara McCuskey

New Council Representatives Standing for 2 Year Term

1 Bob Alley	4 James Joiner
2 Sandre Strausser	5 Garold Digre
3 Chuck Ruebling	

Youth Representative (1 year) Tina Digre

Transition

Pastor John Monson

*“I’m about to do something brand-new. It’s bursting out! Don’t you see it?”
(Isaiah 43:19)*

This time of year is often met with some sadness as we leave behind the joys of summer. We meet with eager anticipation, however, the new fall season that unfolds before us. It is a season filled with activity as students make the transition back to school, business owners market new products, homeowners gather wood for the fire, squirrels scurry to gather nuts, flocks of geese head south, and Salem’s “snowbirds” join the migration. The cool air and the glorious colors remind us that we are in a time of change.

Recently our congregation celebrated this transition with a service of blessing and investiture. We blessed sports gear, backpacks, ice fishing equipment, family albums, and bibles...all symbolic of entrance into a new season. It is a wonderful time for reflection and celebration.

We see this transition as fall programs of learning begin at Salem—Sunday Church School for children and youth, Wednesday Night Live for confirmation students, and Peer Ministry for older youth. The “Book of Faith”

initiative is a program to engage every church member in becoming fluent in the first language of faith, the language of scripture. Programs such as “Come to the Manger: Reading the Bible with Luther” held at Grand Rapids, MN, and the Fall Theological Conference on the “Book of Faith” initiative invite us into a new discovery of the Bible and into an ongoing program of biblical learning in our churches.

We celebrate the new transition that follows our annual meeting with several newly elected council members, including new leadership for some of our teams and committees. These new leaders and the new members who join us this fall bring new energy and vitality to our ministry.

As a nation we anticipate a new transition of leadership in the highest offices of our Land. We pray for the election process and for the transition to greater stability in our world.

In all our comings and goings, our departures and arrivals, we can be prayerful, hopeful, and joyful that the God who created every season will bless every day and time.



When we receive the bread offered during Holy Communion, it’s the spiritual equivalent of receiving free bread. No matter how you slice it in terms of your own denominational tradition, the “real” bread and “real” drink connect us deeply and spiritually with God through Christ. We are nourished by the grace we receive, encouraged by the diverse crowd around us and strengthened to live life to the full. There’s no substitute for the love and life we experience when we break the Bread of Life. Like Peter we cry out, “Lord, to whom [else] shall we go? You have the words of eternal life” (John 6:68, NIV).

—Homiletics

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 newsletter.



Baptism

September 28, 2008
Aubrey Ann Johnson



Dawn (Waldera) &
Adam Hicok
September 27, 2008

Christ In Our Home DEVOTIONALS

The October, November, December daily devotional booklets are available and may be picked up from the rack by the church entrance. Take one for a friend.



OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, Oct. 26th in Albert Lea, MN
Senior Center 2:00-4:30 p.m.
for John & Sandy Roscoe
(no gifts please)
CONGRATULATIONS!

Acolyte Schedule



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

Sunday, October 5

9:00 a.m. Traditions/Communion
Amber Nornberg & Andrea Semmler

Sunday, October 12

9:00 a.m. Traditions
Jordan Loren & Felicia Murtley

Sunday, October 19

9:00 a.m. Jubilee/Communion
Gracie Gilsrud & Hayley Hol

Sunday, October 26

10:00 a.m. Traditions
Jacob Murtley & Evan Daudt

(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.)

Via de Cristo Weekends

The Men's cursillo weekend is
Thursday, Oct. 9—12
at Gethsemane Lutheran, Virginia
Women's cursillo weekend is
Thursday, Oct 16—19



November 1st at 12:00 midnight



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
September 10, 2008

Treasurer’s Report – The Council moved to send a benevolence payment to the Synod of \$2,000. In addition the Council moved to send \$1,000 to the Family Center for families in need fund and \$1,000 to the Food Shelf for food.

Youth & Family Ministry – Rebecca Waterhouse reported that Caity Daudt, Jordan Loren and herself will be attending the ELCA Youth gathering in New Orleans next July. There will be special events each month—watch the bulletins. On September 21st during worship will be a Blessing of New School Year for the young theologians combined with Blessing of the Change of Seasons for older theologians.

Education Team – The Education Team has planned the year’s events for the 2008-2009 school year.

Fellowship Team - The team is planning the Annual Congregation Picnic for Sunday, September 14th after the annual meeting.

Stewardship Team – The stewardship commitment Sunday was held August 17th.

Other Business –

Daudt received a petition signed by several members asking for one service in the summer. The Council discussed this at great length. It is such an important topic that the Council decided it needs more study and input from the whole congregation. A committee will be formed to research this topic and report back to the council and then call a special congregational meeting as needed.

The council decided to spend the 2009 Auction Monies as follows: 1/3 will be given to the three local camps, 1/3 will go to support the new staff position, and 1/3 will be held in reserve for emergencies. Note: This is the third year of a three-year commitment to put 1/3 of the auction monies toward the new staff position.

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)



Council Bios

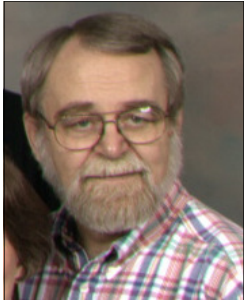


JAMES JOINER

Kathy and I have had our home on Woman Lake for 32 years. We retired here a year ago. I graduated from St. Cloud State with a degree in Engineering Technology. I was president of my fraternity there. I traded grain world-wide for 25 years for my own company. We farmed north of Anoka for 28 years, raised cattle and crops. I was president of the Buelingo Cattle Association.

My church work includes working on church budgets, setting up a non-denominational Bible study in Anoka and various other special projects. I enjoy golf, hunting and fishing. I feel honored to have been asked to run for church council.

GAROLD DIGRE



I have been in this community for some time now. I built on Big Boy Lake, the fall of 1965. The area has changed since then. Back then it was just a bunch of good old boys; now, its "name brand shirts" and \$30,000 bass boats.

During the period of time between then and now I've seen this country. I worked as a mechanical designer for the likes of Lockheed, Sperry Univac and many others in Georgia, Ohio, Oklahoma, Iowa, Texas, and Minnesota. Our last adventure was to own and operate a resort on Blackwater Lake. It was a great place to raise our children.

I was on the Salem Church Council shortly after the new church building was built. I have been active in Via de Cristo for the past 10 years. Counting the weekend this October I will have worked on 12 teams. As for our church family, I believe its not about me and my pet projects, its about all of us working together to evangelize to our community and to the world. I did not seek this position; but I will serve.



Treasurer's Report



Mortgage Update

General Fund	
Beginning Balance Aug. 1, 08	\$ 9,423.80
Income for August	\$19,948.31
Expenses for August	18,882.83
Ending Balance Aug. 31, 08	\$10,489.28

Beg. Mortgage Balance	\$ 71,027.55
August payments:	
Principal	\$ 1,319.81
Additional Principal	97.68
Interest	340.19
Mortgage Balance August 31, 2008	\$69,610.06

October's Special People

Happy Birthdays



- 1 Dale Hillstrom
- 1 Jerry Lerom
- 1 Cheryl Britton
- 2 Garold Digre
- 2 Jack Slagle
- 2 Kathy Joiner
- 3 Dale Foss
- 5 Sara Johnson
- 5 Clinton Lilyquist
- 5 Chuck Senst
- 6 Kelly Johnson
- 7 Kay Ekberg
- 7 Sandy Weins
- 8 Wally Pretzer
- 8 Billy Jo Lilyquist
- 9 Darlene Sandstrom
- 9 Lynn Schmid
- 9 George Black
- 10 Dee Hillstrom
- 11 Kari Daudt
- 11 Kenn Wheeler
- 12 Marilyn Sjodin
- 12 Karen Nelson
- 14 Caitlin Daudt
- 14 Don McCuskey
- 15 Judy Ginder
- 15 Shannon Wilberg
- 16 Bill McKee
- 17 Jacob Murtley
- 18 Patricia Felton
- 18 Joan Reinke
- 19 Vi Crooker
- 20 Mary Underwood
- 21 Kylee Sandstrom
- 21 Toni Mix
- 22 Barbara Anderson
- 22 Brittney Wolter
- 24 Darold Daudt
- 24 Nancy Johnson
- 25 Ken Kostial
- 25 Jim Hager
- 25 Bailey Nornberg
- 29 Marcus Siewert
- 31 Rosalie Letson



October

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

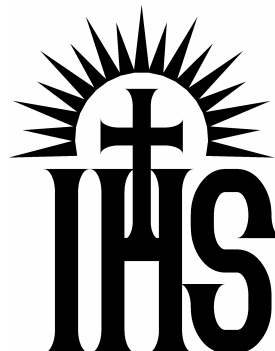


- 1 Todd and Laura Wheeler
- 1 John and Mary Underwood
- 2 Rod and Harriet Mouw
- 2 Ernest and Marlene Cook
- 3 Judy and Tony Jordan
- 6 Roger and Roberta Larson
- 9 Chuck and Dot Waterhouse
- 14 Chuck and Jackie Senst
- 16 Arland and Eunice Benson
- 17 Scott and Traci Wicks
- 21 Harold and Evelyn Burley
- 22 Steve Reiter and Margie Ryan
- 23 Robert and Jordice Powell
- 24 Gerald and Darlene Konrad
- 26 Donny and Pamela Edwards
- 27 Don and Lois Meyer
- 28 Elmer and Pat Schwerin

Usher



Bob Kohanek
 (363-2880)



IHS

This sacred monogram originally appeared as "IHC," the first three letters of "IHCOYC," the Greek word for Jesus. Over time the Greek "C" was replaced by the Latin "S" to become "IHS." There are many interpretations given to the letters "IHS," including the Latin "Iesus Hominum Salvator" (Jesus, Savior of Men) and the English "I (Christ) Have Suffered."



RED HAT MOMMAS

Ladies

The Red Hat Society (fun) luncheon will be held on Tuesday, October 14th at Up North Café in Hackensack at 12:30 p.m.

Menu: Choice of: 6 oz. Prime Rib Sandwich, with fries or cup of soup of the day

(or)

4 oz Grilled Chicken covering a Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo sauce and noodles, served with veggie of the day. All meals will include a salad before meal, beverage and desert after meal for \$10. Doesn't include a tip.

Call by Oct. 8th: Diane Wannow 947-3854 or Linda Olson 947-4731 or email leso@tds.net

Carpool: Meet at Salem at 12:00 noon

Thank You

To my friends at Salem: Thank you for the great Birthday Party and especially the surprise! Thank you for the two dozen roses, the beautiful red plate, and the nice things you all had to say. Jan & Char: the song was special. A special thank you to the youth who presented me with the pink roses, candy, and birthday banner. I can't name you all but a special thank you to Pastor John, Margaret & Ardis. I love you all!!!
Dorothea Felton

Thank You's

Thank you to all the coffee servers, all the coffee donors, all the birthday cake bakers, and everyone who helped me (Fellowship Committee) during the past two years. A big thank you also to Barb McCuskey and Jackie Senst.

A huge thank you to Clarence and Marilyn Sjodin, Jackie Senst, and all the rain soaked helpers at the congregational picnic. The set up and clean up crews were super! Barb McCuskey and Avis Savre

Buddy Walk
Angels Up North
Down Syndrome Group
 (*date change*) Saturday,
 November 8th, 2008

Food Shelf

For the month of October we ask for donations of flour and sugar. (We never get these items.)
 Thanks! Stacy Miller

>>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!

Special Gifts

Dear Salem Organizations,
 Committees, Circles, Guilds & Teams:

If you are wishing for some items
 or projects to be funded
 please contact **Judy Owen at 363-2447.**

We will meet October 1st
 to put the wish book together.



Women's Proposed 2009 Budget on page 10

Fall Gathering
 Women of the ELCA
 Fall Meeting
 Friday, October 3rd

at Zion Lutheran Church
 Grand Rapids, MN
(Meet at Salem at 7:30 a.m. to carpool.)

**ATTENTION
 LADIES OF SALEM**

*Suggested list of things to bring
 for the Christmas Baskets*

1. small cups of fruit
2. Jello
3. pudding
4. small packs of cookies
5. nutritious bars
6. cheese & crackers
7. small amount of candy
8. thank you notes

Martha Circle/Bible Study

Changed Meeting Time
 Wednesday, Oct. 1st
 at 9:00 a.m. at Salem
 Hostess: Sharon Galvin

We INVITE all women to join us.

CHICKEN NOODLE DINNER

>>CANCELLED<<

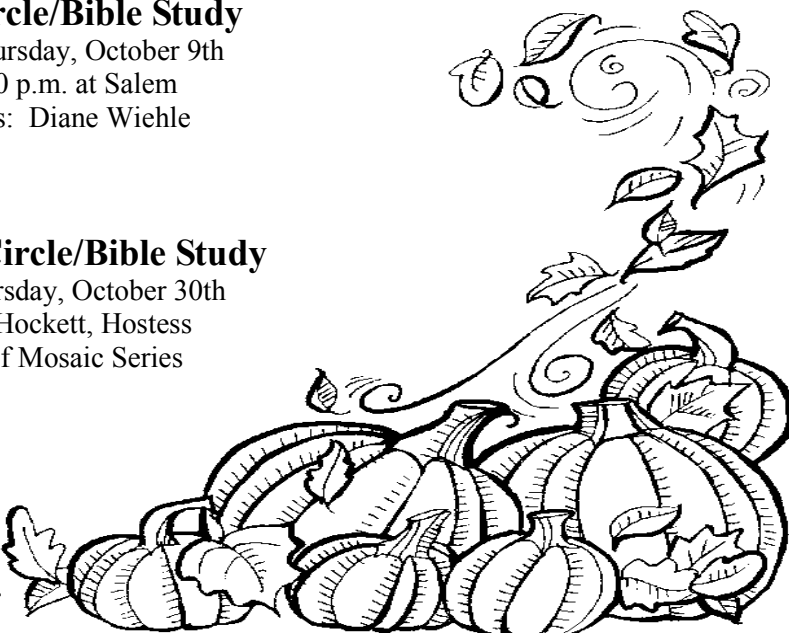
Due to NO coordinator.

Ruth Circle/Bible Study

Meets Thursday, October 9th
 at 1:00 p.m. at Salem
 Hostess: Diane Wiehle

Rebekah Circle/Bible Study

Meets Thursday, October 30th
 Bonnie Hockett, Hostess
 Study of Mosaic Series



This and That

Is Your Marriage Due For a Tune-up?

Is your timing off? Does your marriage lack spark? Attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend makes your marriage run like new. Through practical exercises and presentations in a relaxed atmosphere, you'll have meaningful conversations and gain a deeper understanding of yourself and your spouse. Couples spend two nights in a comfortable hotel and enjoy five delicious meals from Friday at 7:00 p.m. to Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Four presenting couples, including a Lutheran clergy couple, offer a series of presentations followed by questions the couples discuss in the privacy of their hotel room. It's great for couples who already have a good marriage and want to enrich their marriage, but it also does wonders for those marriages that have lost their luster through years of child rearing and work obligations.

The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends in Minnesota are October 24-26 in Duluth and November 21-23 in Brooklyn Center. It's best to register one month in advance. For more information, contact Dick & Judy Dehnel at 952-432-3105, Pete & Phyllis McMahon at 763-651-1575 or visit www.godlovesmarriage.org

The Paradoxes of Life

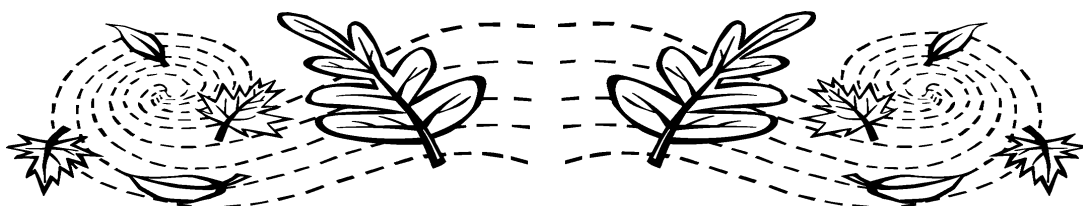
- When I spend myself—body, soul and strength—I find replenishment within.
- When I extend kindness freely, I find kindness growing abundantly within.
- When I give abundantly to God and charity, I find my resources increasing instead of diminishing.
- When I give or serve or share or provide, I receive or am served or shared with or provided for in return.
- When I offer peace of mind to another, I discover it growing within myself.
- When I feel at peace with God, I discover I am at peace with the world.

Charles Ferrell

Everyone Can Serve

Look for opportunities to serve; don't wait to be asked! Remember: You can serve without being a part of an "official" ministry. We all can:

- 1) Extend the word of welcome, whether or not we are official greeters;
- 2) Be listening, caring friends, whether or not we are official lay counselors;
- 3) Be ready to give reason for the hope that is in us, whether or not we are on the evangelism team;
- 4) Be enthusiastic participants and ready to give a hand, whether or not we are on the planning or cleanup committees.



Salem Youth Ministry

Rebecca Waterhouse
 Phone: 566-1403
 Cell: 218-349-8228
 Email: rlwaterhouse@hotmail.com

Wednesdays Oct 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 6-7:30 p.m.
 Sundays Oct 5, 12, 19, 26 10-10:30 a.m.

SPECIAL DATES:

Sunday Oct 5 Rebecca at Brainerd for ELCA youth gathering training.
 Oct 6-13 Rebecca out of office. Can be reached via email.
 Sunday Oct 28 Peer Ministry 6:00 p.m.
 Thursday Oct 30 Rebecca at Aitkin for Youth Synod presentation.
 Friday Oct 31 Salem Youth help at Camp Olson.

Women's Proposed 2009 Budget

ASK	\$1,000
Bible Camp	250
Convention	1,500
Family Center (Sno Boots & Pants)	500
General Missions	1,000
(Undetermined at this time)	
Janitorial	400
KTIG	300
Longville Food Shelf	500
Love Offering	200
Mission Kits	300
Operating Expense	500
Scholarships (400 each)	1,600
WELCA Dues	500
Wheeler Gift Certificate	400
Brainerd Teen Challenge	200
Wounded Knee	100
Let's Go Fishing	100
TOTAL	\$9,350



Home Tour

Saturday, December 13th

It's that time of year again where homes are needed for the Christmas Home Tour. I need three more homes, so if you would be willing to open

your home or know of someone who is new to the area and would like to get acquainted with others, please let me know. Karen Nelson 363-3456.

Get Ready for the Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, December 13th

Ladies—start preparing for the craft sale held along with the Swedish Pancake Breakfast and Home Tour

A Volunteer's Prayer

I thank thee, Lord, as a volunteer:
 For the chance to serve again this year;
 To give of myself in some small way
 To those not blessed as I each day.

My thanks for health of mind and soul
 To aid me ever toward my goal;
 For eyes to see the good in all,
 A hand to extend before a fall.

For legs to go where the need is great
 Learning to love—forgetting to hate;
 For ears to hear and heart to care
 When someone's cross is hard to bear.

A smile to show my affection true,
 With energy plenty the task to do;
 And all I ask, dear Lord, if I may,
 Is to serve you better, day by day.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

As Jesus tells us in the Parable of the Good Samaritan, all people are our neighbors. You can make a difference for others, beginning in your own neighborhood. Make and share this craft so people know you care and are thankful for your community.

What you need:

- Clear, disposable, non-powdered, non-latex gloves
- Craft paint
- Paintbrush
- Popped popcorn (about 3 cups per glove)
- Rubber bands
- Ribbon or raffia
- Construction paper or cardstock
- Markers or crayons
- Hole punch



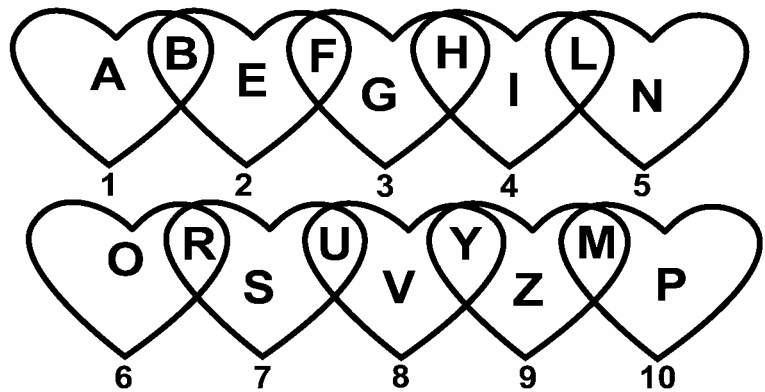
What you do:

1. Paint one side of the glove's fingertips to look like fingernails.
2. Fill the fingertips, then the rest of the glove, with cooled popcorn.
3. Wrap a rubber band around the wrist of the glove.
4. Tie ribbon or raffia around the rubber band.
5. Make a card. Ideas include "Welcome to the neighborhood," "Thanks for being such nice neighbors," "Here's how we'd like to serve you," etc.
6. Punch a hole in the corner of your card and tie it to the glove.
7. With an adult, pass out your "neighborly" gifts.



THE SECOND GREAT Commandment

In the Gospels, Jesus tells us that the greatest commandment is to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37, NIV). Do you remember what the second great commandment is? Use the code below to discover it.



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 4,5 6 8 2 8,9 6 7,8 6,7
 5 2 4 3 3,4 1,2 6 6,7
 1 7
 8,9 6 7,8 6,7 7 2 4,5 2,3 ”

Matthew 22:39, NIV

Answer: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

“A child’s life is like a piece of paper on
 which every person leaves a mark”
 Unknown

Salem Smorgasbord Cookbook

We have had so many requests for the smorgasbord recipes that we think it is time to publish a "Salem Lutheran Church Smorgasbord Cook Book"
We need all your favorite recipes, but please indicate recipes used for the smorgasbords. The recipes can be brought to the church or emailed to:

Carol Neuenfeldt at 363-2862 (neuey@uslink.net) or
Jill Loeffler (rjloeffler@arvig.net) or
Kathy Callies (rkcallies@arvig.net) or
Office (saalem@arvig.net)

Please reference **cookbook** in the subject line of your email. Please identify yourself on your recipes.



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