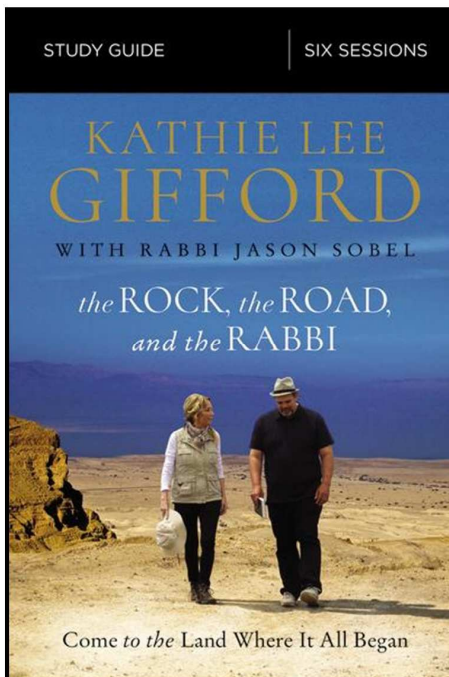


# Salem Lutheran Church

## THE CHURCH BELL

January 2022

Rooted in Christ, to Love, Grow & Serve



### WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

IN PERSON - BEGINS JANUARY 5TH  
AT 4:00PM

THE ROCK, THE ROAD, AND THE RABBI STUDY GUIDE:  
COME TO THE LAND WHERE IT ALL BEGAN  
(6 SESSIONS)  
Kathie Lee Gifford | Rabbi Jason Sobel

Study Guides are \$12.00 each  
Please call the church office  
to order Study Guide & Sign Up for Class

Kathie Lee Gifford always believed the Bible held the answers to every question a person could ask. Her problem was, *how could she be sure of what the Bible was really saying, when we are so separated from the ancient Jewish culture in which it was written?* It wasn't until she began studying the biblical texts in their original Hebrew and Greek — along with actually hiking the ancient paths of Israel with Rabbi Jason Sobel, a messianic Jewish rabbi — that she gained a deeper knowledge of God Himself.

### AARP TAX AIDE

FREE TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE

AARP TAX AIDES will be available  
at Salem on  
**Thursdays Beginning  
Feb 3rd**

Hours: 8:30am - 12:15pm  
to help prepare your tax returns for  
Longville area residents.  
**By Appointment only - No walk-ins**  
For appointments call  
Ron at 218-675-6532

## Happy New Year 2022

### Salem Faith Formation Friends

*Life-long learners, seeking friendship and growth in  
faith, through continued learning, discussion, and  
self-awareness.*

**Tuesdays at 4pm**  
*Via Video Conference*

Please join us for our next adventure as we  
read and discuss Dr. Kristin Neff's book  
"Self-Compassion".

You may acquire a book on your own or contact  
the church office by January 9th (Cost: \$13).  
Sign up to receive email invite for video  
conference by January 16th.

Discussion begins January 18, 2022

"A TRANSFORMATIVE READ." —BRENE BROWN

THE PROVEN  
POWER OF BEING KIND  
TO YOURSELF

## Self- Compassion

KRISTIN NEFF, PH.D.

### RUTH CIRCLE

(Women's Bible Study)  
**Thursday, January 13th 1pm**  
All Women are Welcome!

Inclement  
Weather  
Policy



Emergency  
Church & Church  
Office Closings  
Due to Weather

**Worship Cancellations** tune to:  
KLIZ 107.5 (Brainerd)  
KTIG 102.7 (Pequot Lakes)  
KBLB 93.3 (Brainerd)

**Office/Church Closings:**  
Check our website - [salemlongville.org](http://salemlongville.org)  
Or call Pastor Trish (320-248-9479)

"When it snows you have two choices:  
shovel or make snow angels"  
- Anonymous

## THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Our Thrivent Financial Team: Doris Schmidt, Eileen Higgins, Linda Bechtold and Deb Halver recently met to disperse our Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2021 that you designated to Salem Church. Monies were dispersed to the following:

Flowers for our 100th Centennial Celebration  
Squeegee Boys (washing windows)  
Pregnancy Support Center  
Cass County Vets (transportation)  
Faith in Action  
Domestic Violence (ARCC)  
Wreaths for the Fallen  
New love seat and chair for pastor's office

Adult and Teen Challenge  
Music in the Park  
Columbarium  
Stronger Together  
Longville Skating Rink  
Stille Haven Hus  
Two new office chairs

THRIVENT CHOICE is a charitable grant program from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans that allows eligible members to help choose where Thrivent Financial distributes a portion of its charitable funds each year based on your insurance premiums. Your choice dollars can be directed to Lutheran organizations nationwide, including our Salem Lutheran Church in Longville by calling 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted say 'Thrivent Choice' or by visiting [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice). You have until March 31, 2022, to designate your 2021 dollars. Thank you!!

## FOOD SHELF VOLUNTEERS

You are invited to volunteer at the Longville Area Food Shelf  
Wednesdays January, April, July, & October,  
10:30am to 3pm.

Interested in learning more?

Contact: Linda Bechtold or Andrea Richard.  
Come any Wednesday in January, and we will be happy to show you the ropes.  
It's a fun way to meet new people and serve our community.



## FOOD TRUCK UNLOADING HELP NEEDED

Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am

## Salem Lutheran Church: "As Of" Financial Statement

*Year End & Monthly financial books balanced/closed by the 15th of the next month.*

Congregation Approved 2021 General Fund Budget	\$249,915.00
General Fund 2021 Beginning Balance	\$26,227.54
General Fund Income <u>as of</u> November 30, 2021	\$188,196.05
General Fund Expenses <u>as of</u> November 30, 2021	-\$180,821.21
<b>General Fund Balance as of November 30, 2021</b>	<b>\$ 33,602.38</b>



## SALEM MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT!

According to the most recent reports on hunger it is estimated that:

- 821 million people around the world - more than 1 in 10 - can't access the food they need to live active, healthy lives.
- 736 million people (10% of the world's population) live in extreme poverty on less than \$1.90 per day.
- As of 2017 (most recent report available) 40 million people in the United States were unsure where their next meal might come from.

This past year has been filled with uncertainty, loss, and frustration. Yet, in the midst of a continuing pandemic, inflation and atmosphere of toxicity...we gave more generously than ever before. The dollars seem a bit detached from us and those whose lives will be changed forever for the better, but let there be no doubt...we responded to God's call with open and brave hearts. Part of the large dollar amount was from a Large Undesignated Gift, but we still made the decision to give a large portion of that gift to ELCA World Hunger and our leadership still has a portion to give in benevolence as well. On behalf of those who are being given your gifts of love..."Thank You!"

**In 2021, Salem gave \$19,833.81 to God's work through  
ELCA World Hunger - Thanks be to God!**



- 1 Jackie Senst
- 3 Donna Kohanek
- 3 Alyssa Semmler
- 3 Irene Schires
- 3 Hannah Hardinger
- 4 Harland Johnson
- 5 Phil Mix
- 5 Tia Lucas Lilyquist
- 6 Dawn Hicok
- 6 Tim Wolter
- 6 Ken Schleif
- 7 Melanie Mix
- 7 Stuart Rath
- 8 Sharon Galvin
- 9 Mike Meagher
- 10 Zachary Nornberg
- 11 Justin Wicks
- 11 Adam Hicok
- 12 Logan Gross
- 13 Lori Daudt
- 15 Ellie Wheeler
- 16 Connie Olsen
- 17 Doris Schmidt
- 17 Carole Houghton
- 24 Grace Gilsrud
- 25 Troy Loren
- 28 Ardis Aagard
- 31 Darlene Konrad



- 1 Connor and Sharon Galvin
- 5 Greg and Deb Kramer
- 11 Dennis and Elsie Hagen

**QUILTING PARTY**  
 Thursdays from 9:00am - 12:00pm  
 January, February & March

ALL women are invited! No experience necessary!

Quilts are donated to  
 Lutheran World Relief,  
 Salem's High School Seniors  
 & others as needs arise.

## Salem Lutheran Church Worship Volunteer Schedule

### Sunday, January 2, 2021

Usher/Greeters	Roger & Linda Bechtold
Lay Reader	Mitch Jorgenson
Bread Server	Linda Bechtold
Wine/Grape Juice	Beth Tobiason, Laura Flohaug
Communion Set up & Clean up	Mitch Jorgenson
Money Counters	Linda Bechtold, Judy Saxerud
Fellowship	<i>Suspended</i>

### Sunday, January 9, 2021

Usher/Greeters	Barb McCuskey, Beth Tobiason
Lay Reader	Jan Stadtherr
Bread Server	Beth Tobiason
Wine/Grape Juice	Bob & Diane Vaughn
Communion Set up & Clean up	Barb McCuskey
Money Counters	Bob Ladehoff, Don Falls
Fellowship	<i>Suspended</i>

### Sunday, January 16, 2021

Usher/Greeters	Dave & Judy Saxerud
Lay Reader	Linda Ferwerda
Bread Server	Fred Smith
Wine/Grape Juice	Cris Smith, Mitch Jorgenson
Communion Set up & Clean up	Mitch Jorgenson
Money Counters	Mike Olson, Mike Meagher
Fellowship	<i>Suspended</i>

### Sunday, January 23

Usher/Greeters	Scott, Allison & Carter Magnus
Lay Reader	Garny Gaffey
Bread Server	Allison Magnus
Wine/Grape Juice	Jo Gaffey, Laura Flohaug
Communion Set up & Clean up	Jo Gaffey
Money Counters	Dave Saxerud, Randy Swanson
Fellowship	<i>Suspended</i>

### Sunday, January 30, 2021

Usher/Greeters	Roger & Linda Bechtold
Lay Reader	Linda Bechtold
Bread Server	Cris Smith
Wine/Grape Juice	Fred Smith, Barb McCuskey
Communion Set up & Clean up	Barb McCuskey
Money Counters	Bob Vaughn, Roger Bechtold
Fellowship	<i>Suspended</i>



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Bread Ministry Baking
<b>2</b> 9am Worship	<b>3</b> 1pm Busy Needles	<b>4</b> 9am Bone Builders 4pm Faith Formation (Video)	<b>5</b> 11am Text Study (video) 4pm Adult Bible Study (In Person)	<b>6</b> 9am - Noon Quilting Party 9:30am Property Team   <b>Epiphany</b>	<b>7</b> 9am Bone Builders	<b>8</b> 9:30am Learning Ministry Team (LMT)
<b>9</b> 9am Worship	<b>10</b> 9:30am Men's Bible Study 1pm Busy Needles	<b>11</b> 9am Bone Builders 4pm Faith Formation (Video)	<b>12</b> 11am Text Study (video) 4pm Adult Bible Study (In Person) 6:30pm Confirmation	<b>13</b> 9am - Noon Quilting Party 1pm Ruth Circle	<b>14</b> 9am Bone Builders 10am Finance Team 11am Executive Management Team (EMT)	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9am Worship	<b>17</b> 1pm Busy Needles  	<b>18</b> 9am Bone Builders 4pm Faith Formation (Video)	<b>19</b> 11am Text Study (video) 4pm Adult Bible Study (In Person) 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Sunday School	<b>20</b> 9am - Noon Quilting Party 9am Endowment Team 9:30am (WMT) 4pm Servant Leadership Council (SLC) Meeting	<b>21</b> 9am Bone Builders	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9am Worship  <hr/> <b>30</b> 9am Worship	<b>24</b> 9:30am Men's Bible Study 1pm Busy Needles	<b>25</b> 9am Bone Builders 4pm Faith Formation (Video)	<b>26</b> 11am Text Study (video) 4pm Adult Bible Study (In Person) 6:30pm Confirmation	<b>27</b> 9am - Noon Quilting Party	<b>28</b> 9am Bone Builders	<b>29</b>