

Salem Lutheran Church Bell October 2025

Rooted in Christ to love, grow & serve

Meet Our 2025- 2026 Servant Leadership Council Members



Pastor - Trish Jorgenson
President - Dave Olson
Vice-President - Bob Vaughn
Secretary - Colleen Moravek
Treasurer - Linda Bechtold
Mike Meagher
Doug Williams
Chris Ricketts
Gwen Conklin
Garny Gaffey

Salem Fall Church Yard Clean-Up

Tuesday, October 28th | 9am

The Property Team is asking for additional volunteer help from Salem's membership to get this accomplished. Please bring extra rakes, wheelbarrows, and backpack blowers if you have available. All help is appreciated. Alternate date in case of rain will be Wed., Oct. 29, 2025 at 9am.

Lutheran World Relief School Kit Campaign

September through October, we are gathering School Kit supplies. We are hoping to take advantage of the school sales taking place right now. Pick up the listing in the Narthex and bring in what you can. Can't get out shopping, let us shop for you. Checks made to Salem with School Kits in the memo section will be used to purchase school kit supplies. **400 Notebooks have been purchased with Thrivent Action Team dollars. This is enough for 100 kits. Can we match the rest of the school supplies needed?**

Sponsored by Salem Women

Confirmation/ Youth Group Day & Time Change

Beginning Sunday November 2nd

Due to conflict with school schedules, we will meet Sundays from 4pm - 6pm instead of Wednesdays.

All 7th - 12th Grade Students Welcome

Adult volunteers welcome to join as well!

Sunday School

Sunday, October 12 from 11am - 1:30pm

This month's Bible Story & Lesson: Noah

All preschool - 6th grade students welcome.

Volunteers are always needed but especially for preparing and serving lunch (12pm).

Please call the church office to sign up for a specific month.

Salem Sunday Supper

October 26th | 5pm

Join us for a Dutch-style meal at a local restaurant.

Everyone is welcome but please call the church office to sign up so we know how many to tell the restaurant to prepare for.

Statement Regarding Hymnwriter David Haas

In 2020, dozens of women accused Catholic hymnwriter, David Haas ("Blest Are They," "You Are Mine," "We Are Called"), of sexual misconduct, and he issued a public apology for his harmful behavior.

As a consequence, leaders in diverse church traditions have requested local communities to remove hymns composed by Haas from use. His hymns have been removed from subscription services and from recent editions of major hymnal collections.

At Salem's September Worship Ministry Team meeting, a motion was made and passed unanimously to stand with the victims of his abuse and no longer utilize hymns written by David Haas.

Our SLC (Council) also supports the decision made by the WMT.

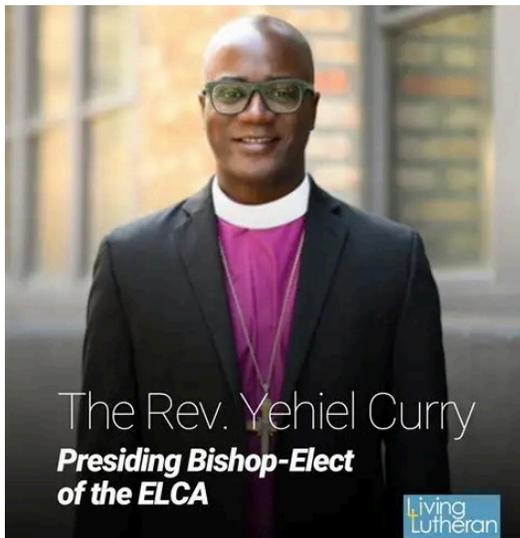
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sunday November 2nd 9:00am Worship

Join us as we remember those who have died or been baptized since last All Saints Sunday. We will light candles in honor of the faithful departed: Daryl Nelson, Rev. Erika Foss, Blake Wheeler Herman, Bev Bixby, Dave Saxerud, Jim Ballenthin, Marcus Siewert, Barb Olson, Louise Daudt, Lois Allen, Ilean Moore, Don Waldera and the newly baptized: Camden Nihart, Dixie Rice, Aubrey Murray, Kai Kolars, and Eslynn Fogle. All will have opportunity to light a candle for any of our loved ones we continue to remember - All the Saints in Christ!

Changes at Salem to Come

Our Servant Leadership Council voted at our September 2025 Meeting, to adopt changes in our current Treasurer, Bookkeeper, and Office Administrator Job Descriptions. The changes are available upon request but the most significant is to move forward with the plan to change the current Office Administrator position to a Ministry Coordinator position. Shortly, we will begin advertising the Ministry Coordinator job description publicly. Our current Office Administrator has been aware of the coming change, and we have made the job description available to her preemptively. Any questions, please talk with any of our council members.



The Rev. Yehiel Curry
Presiding Bishop-Elect
of the ELCA

October Worship at Salem

October 5th | 17th Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Leaders: Acoustic Group

October 12th | 18th Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Leaders: Mark & Amy Adams Westin

October 19th | 19th Sunday after Pentecost
Pianist: Mary Hagelie
Guest Pastor: Rev. Dave Smith

October 26th | Reformation Sunday
Organist: Tammy Devine

The Rev. Yehiel Curry was elected July 30 to serve a six-year term as presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The election took place during the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly being held July 28–Aug. 2 at the Phoenix (Ariz.) Convention Center. Curry was elected on the fifth ballot. There were 799 votes cast, with 400 votes needed for an election. Curry received 562 votes, and the Rev. Kevin Strickland, bishop of the ELCA Southeastern Synod, received 237 votes. Curry is the first Black presiding bishop of the ELCA. Speaking to the assembly after his election, Curry reflected on his membership at Shekinah Chapel in Riverdale, Ill., where he eventually became a lay mission developer while he participated in the Theological Education for Emerging Ministries program, which prepares individuals for ordained ministry in the ELCA, with a focus on emerging ministry contexts like ethnic-specific, multicultural, rural and inner-city settings. He spoke to the assembly about his initial hesitation in accepting that first ministry role. “Perhaps I’m out there in one of you,” Curry said. “I never saw myself as good enough, so for two years, I said no. I finally said yes. When I said yes, your support, this church’s support, of that ministry meant everything. So if you want to know what your benevolence dollars look like, it looks like me, and I want to say thank you. Thank you for your investment.”

Curry has served as bishop of the ELCA Metropolitan Chicago Synod since 2019. He previously served as mission developer (2009-2012) and pastor (2012-2019) of Shekinah. He received a Bachelor of Arts from Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill., in 1995 and a Master of Divinity from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC) in 2013. LSTC is one of seven ELCA seminaries.

O C T O B E R 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 1pm Columbarium Meeting 6:30pm Confirmation & Youth Group	2	3 9am Bone Builders	4 8am Bread Ministry Baking
5 9am Worship Fellowship	6 1pm Busy Needles	7 9am Bone Builders Text Study 9:30am Text Study 4pm Faith Formation	8 5pm Community Meal 6pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Confirmation & Youth Group	9 9:30am Worship Ministry Team (WMT) 3pm Finance Team 4pm Exec. Mang. Team (EMT)	10 9am Bone Builders	11
12 9am Worship Fellowship 10am Fellowship 11am - 1:30pm Sunday School	13 9:30am Men's Bible Sharing 1pm Busy Needles	14 8am Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Turtle Town Cafe) 9am Bone Builders 9:30am Text Study 4pm Faith Formation	15 6pm Choir Rehearsal	16 3pm Servant Leadership Council (SLC)	17 9am Bone Builders	18 11am Gwen Workman Celebration of Life
19 9am Worship Fellowship	20 1pm Busy Needles	21 9am Bone Builders Text Study 9:30am Text Study 4pm Faith Formation 6pm Sunday School Planning Meeting	22 6pm Choir Rehearsal	23 Trish Vacation - October 15 - 21	24 9am Bone Builders	25
26 9am Worship Fellowship 10am Fellowship 5pm Salem Sunday Supper	27 9:30am Men's Bible Sharing 1pm Busy Needles	28 9am Bone Builders Church Yard Fall Clean Up 9:30am Text Study 4pm Faith Formation	29 6pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Confirmation & Youth Group	30	31 Pr. Trish Day Off	Pr. Trish Day Off

October Worship

Volunteers

October 5th | 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers/Greeters	Laura Flohaug, Beth Tobiason
Lay Reader	Keith Lorensen
Bread Servers	Pastor Trish, Barb Anderson
Wine/Grape Juice	Jan Stadtherr, Diane Peters
Communion Care	Barb McCuskey
Sound Technician	Egon Overgaard
Video Technicians	Mitch Jorgenson, Doug Williams
Money Counters	Jim Fladmoe, Greg Peters
Fellowship Servers	HELP NEEDED

October 12 | 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers/Greeters	Doug & Janna Williams
Lay Reader	Dennis Zuelke
Bread Servers	Pastor Trish, Allison Magnus
Wine/Grape Juice	Laura Flohaug, Deb Halver
Communion Care	Laura Flohaug
Sound Technician	Bob Vaughn
Video Technicians	Bob & Nan Ladehoff
Money Counters	Bob Ladehoff, Don Falls
Fellowship Servers & Treats	Dennis & Elsie Hagen

October 19 | 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers/Greeters	Blair & Gwen Conklin
Lay Reader	Garny Gaffey
Bread Servers	Pastor Trish, Fred Smith
Wine/Grape Juice	Cris Smith, Jo Gaffey
Communion Care	Jo Gaffey
Sound Technician	Jim Fladmoe
Video Technicians	Mike & Hope Olson
Money Counters	Judy Saxerud, Randy Swanson
Fellowship Servers & Treats	Men's Fellowship

October 26 | Reformation Sunday

Ushers/Greeters	Barb Anderson, Barb McCuskey
Lay Reader	Colleen Moravek
Bread Servers	Pastor Trish, Mitch Jorgenson
Wine/Grape Juice	Doug & Janna Williams
Communion Care	Diane Peters
Sound Technician	Pat Wrucke
Video Technicians	Ron Stadtherr, Mark Wrucke
Money Counters	Mike Meagher, Mark Wrucke
Fellowship Servers & Treats	Jorgenson/Overgaard

Thank You

October Birthdays

1	Dale Hillstrom
2	Steve Thompson
2	Kathy Joiner
5	Sara Johnson
5	Chuck Senst
5	Dale Kriesel
7	Sandy Weins
8	Billy Jo Lilyquist
9	Darlene Sandstrom
10	Dee Hillstrom
10	Sandy Phillips
11	Clara Wheeler
12	Karen Nelson
13	Judy Ginder
15	Craig Riendeau
16	Michelle Nornberg
17	Jacob Murtley
18	Joan Reinke
21	Tom Staley
22	Barbara Anderson
22	Brittney Wolter
22	Quinn Riendeau
24	Deb Noecker
25	Bailey Nornberg
28	Mary Steffen
31	Rosalie Letson

October Anniversaries

1	Todd and Laura Wheeler
1	Mike and Andrea Richard
2	Rod and Harriet Mouw
8	Tim and Pam Klosner
14	Chuck and Jackie Senst
17	Scott and Traci Wicks
18	Dan & Pam Obey
21	Jim and Sandy Boring
22	David and Sara Felton
26	Don and Pamela Edwards
30	Roy and Laura Flohaug

Beloved, let us love one another...because God is love.

1 John 4:7, 8b





Salem Women

The Salem Women have been busy again this year making quilts, prayer shawls, hosting suppers, a craft and bake sale, and many other wonderful fundraising and ministry opportunities. At their meeting on Thursday, September 25, the Salem Women reported raising \$10,202.13 this year. Disbursement decisions are being completed, with more details to come in November and as always, all Salem Women are invited to share in the joy created and received with the ministry God calls us to.

Thank you to our Salem Women for all they do, and to everyone who supports their various ministries and fundraising opportunities.

1st Sunday of the Month

ELCA World Hunger Noisy Offering

Bring or give whatever change you have in your pockets, purse, or piggy bank and throw it in the buckets during the welcome at worship! September's total was \$144.14.

Endowment Legacy Fund Giving

Since January the Endowment Legacy Fund has been blessed to receive 3 donations In Memory of Dave Saxerud, Anne Broshar, and Don Waldera. We are grateful for such gifts that allow not only their memory to live on, but in such a way that continues to give back to others. You can support Salem's Endowment Legacy Fund or Education Scholarship Fund by designating your gifts toward either fund. Thank you for your generosity!

Snow Birds

Have extra unopened non-perishable food as you prepare to head south for the winter? Remember the Longville Area Food Shelf gladly accepts your donations. A grocery cart is located in the church lobby to deposit your items or you can drop them off at Tossed and Found.

Our Financial Situation

Salem Members adopted a 2025 General Fund budget of \$254,166. **As of August 31, 2025, our General Fund giving should be at a year-to-date total of \$169,444. However, as of August 31, 2025, our year-to-date actual General Fund giving is \$163,829, which is \$5,615 short of our goal.**

Help us meet the commitment we made together at last year's annual meeting by prayerfully considering: tithing (keeping 90% of your income while giving 10% of your income to the ministry God does through Salem), setting up electronic giving to ensure your support will be here even if you are gone, or evaluate what extras in your spending you might "freeze" and give that amount in your Sunday offering. **Also please consider filling out the 2026 Pledge Card as one aspect of our discipleship and life together, as we grow more fully in our identity as baptized children of God.**

(See next page)

Salem Community Meal

Wednesday, October 8th | 5pm - 6pm

No Cost | Donations Appreciated

Menu: Lasagna, Salad, Homemade Bread, & Dessert **Everyone is welcome**

Salem Announcements

Celebration of Life

September 20, 2025

Donald Arthur Waldera

3/26/1938 - 9/6/2025

Salem Lutheran Church, Longville



Baptism

Eslyn Jeanette Fogle

Born 7/23/25

Baptized 9/21/2025

Parents are Robert & McKenna Fogle

Welcome New Members

Joined during worship on September 12, 2025

Chris Ricketts - Full Member

Jim Moravek - Associate Member

Meet our New Church Accountant

(A new position formerly Salem's Bookkeeper)

Chris Ricketts, is a wife, mother, grandmother, & sister of Dave Olson.

She resides in Lakeville, MN and volunteered her experience this past Spring when she learned of our struggles sorting through our

finances. She comes to us with 40 years of experience in public accounting and corporate tax departments. She holds an undergraduate degree in Accounting and Master of Business Taxation. Chris has a generous faith-filled heart, and we are blessed to have her as a member and Church Accountant.



Salem Lutheran Church, Longville MN
2026 Pledge Card Opportunity

Pledge Card commitments can be a helpful tool for organizations, whose operating expenses and staffing of events and activities, are dependent solely on the generous donations of members' time, talent, & resources.

A.J. Thomas of the Joyful Giving Group states that, "giving has nothing to do with the financial needs of the church...but is a spiritual discipline and an aspect of our relationship with God...we do not give to the Church, but rather to God through the Church."

We recognize that Pledge Cards may not be your 'thing' and that is ok. Yet, others may see this as way to help their relationship with God grow in a new or fuller way. Please:

- Prayerfully consider whether or not this is something God is nudging you toward.
- Prayerfully consider what dollar amount you pledge to give to Salem's General Fund (Operating Expenses) in 2026.
- Prayerfully consider Electronic Giving as an option to ensure that regardless of worship attendance, your financial support is faithfully given.
- Prayerfully consider how you will give of your time, experience, and talents to the ministry God calls us to through Salem.

Between September 14, 2025 and December 31, 2025, please fill out the Pledge Card, cut along the dotted line and place the bottom portion in the designated box on the usher's table. As part of our Stewardship growth and focus we will celebrate God's amazing generosity in our lives and our box full of promises (pledges) at a stewardship celebration called

Winter's Promise - Sunday January 25, 2026 (Worship & Potluck Fellowship).

If necessary pledge cards will be opened by Salem's Financial Secretary and as always, kept in the strictest confidence and presented anonymously. We know pledge card commitments are not always a reliable source of projected income and our commitments are between you and God.



2026 Pledge Card Opportunity

Name (Please print) _____

Pledge \$ _____ and will give per (circle one) Year | Month | Week.

Pledge to begin Electronic Giving as of January 2026.____

Pledge to continue Electronic Giving as of January 2026 but increase this giving to \$ _____ and will give per (circle one) Year | Month | Week.

Pledge to give of my time, experience, or talents to the ministry God calls us to through Salem.

Signature _____ Date _____