

# Salem Lutheran Church Bell

November 2025

Rooted in Christ to love, grow & serve

## Socktober - Sockvember

Donate NEW WARM ADULT-SIZED SOCKS, or MONEY (and we will purchase socks for you), for people in our area experiencing homelessness. Help us reach our goal of 200 pairs of socks! (memo: Sock Drive)

**Donation Deadline: December 14**

## Volunteer Backup Church Accountant Help Needed

Salem is looking for a backup church accountant (no experience necessary) in case of emergency. Salem's new church accountant, Chris Ricketts will provide training and this important work can be done remotely as long as you have a computer and internet access.

The training can also be done remotely. If you'd like more information about what the position entails, Chris can fill you in. Contact the church office at salem@arvig.net or 218-363-2011 for contact with Chris directly.

## Lutheran World Relief School Kit Assembly Date

**Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> following worship.**

Due to your very generous donations, we have reached our goal to collect school kit supplies for 100 school kits.

We are inviting the whole congregation to help us assemble the kits This is a fun event with a wonderful purpose, and everyone is invited to help!

## Salem Community Meal

**Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> | 5pm - 6pm**

No Cost | Donations Appreciated

Menu: Veterans' Supper

*Please call the church office to sign up for this particular meal. It is super helpful to know how many to expect.*

Please note: **Everyone is welcome!**

## Confirmation / Youth Group Day & Time Change

**Beginning Sunday November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

We will meet Sundays from 4pm - 6pm instead of Wednesdays.

All 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students Welcome

## Sunday School

**Sunday, November 9 from 11am - 1:30pm**

This month's Bible Story & Lesson: Joseph  
All preschool - 6<sup>th</sup> grade students welcome.  
Volunteers are always needed preparing and serving lunch (12pm). Please call the church office to sign up for a specific month.

## Food Shelf

The U.S. Department of Agriculture confirmed that SNAP funds, WIC and free school lunch programs, will not be funded as of Nov. 1 due to the government shut down. Federal employees are also without a paycheck. In addition, increased food prices, growing inflation rates, and slowing wage growth have put a significant financial strain on Minnesotans. Which means many of our neighbors need our help.

**The Food Shelf is in need of FUNDS and YOUR HELP to serve people experiencing food insecurity and hunger.** If you can contribute physically, we invite you to join us Wednesdays from 9a to 3p - or whatever time you can give. To contribute financially, you can give directly to the Longville Area Food Shelf: P.O. Box 308, Longville, MN 56655, or designate your donation through Salem, memo: LAFS.

## Snow Birds

Thinking about throwing away food items before heading south? Remember the Longville Area Food Shelf gladly accepts your non-perishable, non-expired food donations. Put your items in the grocery cart at Salem or you can drop them off at Tossed and Found.



# November Worship Volunteers

## November 2 | All Saints Sunday

Ushers/Greeters	Greg & Diane Peters
Lay Reader	Garny Gaffey
Bread Servers	Pastor Trish, Beth Tobiason
Wine/Grape Juice	Jo Gaffey, Laura Flohaug
Communion Care	Barb McCuskey
Sound Technician	Egon Overgaard
Video Technicians	Bob & Nan Ladehoff
Money Counters	Jim Fladmoe, Greg Peters
Fellowship Servers	Wruckes, Peters & Nelson's

## November 9 | 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers/Greeters	Doug & Janna Williams
Lay Reader	Jan Stadtherr
Bread Servers	Pastor Trish, Mitch Jorgenson
Wine/Grape Juice	Jan Stadtherr, Diane Peters
Communion Care	Jo Gaffey
Sound Technician	Bob Vaughn
Video Technicians	Doug Williams, Nan Ladehoff
Money Counters	Bob Ladehoff, Don Falls
Fellowship Servers & Treats	Doris S & Bonnie H

## November 16 | 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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

## November 23 | 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers/Greeters	Scott & Allison Magnus
Lay Reader	Cris Smith
Bread Servers	Pastor Trish, Janna Williams
Wine/Grape Juice	Laura Flohaug, Beth Tobiason
Communion Care	Allison Magnus
Sound Technician	Pat Wrucke
Video Technicians	Ron Stadtherr, Mark Wrucke
Money Counters	Mike Meagher, Mark Wrucke
Fellowship Servers & Treats	Jorgenson/Overgaard

## November 30 | First Sunday of Advent

Ushers/Greeters	Barb Mccuskey, Laura Flohaug
Lay Reader	Greg Peters
Bread Servers	Pastor, Mike Carlson
Wine/Grape Juice	Doug & Janna Williams
Communion Care	Laura Flohaug
Sound Technician	Craig Anderson
Video Technicians	TBD
Money Counters	Garny Gaffey, Roger Bechtold
Fellowship Servers & Treats	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>

# November Birthdays

1	Cherrie Madsen
1	Jan Stadtherr
4	Ginger Minske
6	Darryl Nelson
6	Ryan Hanson
6	Mike Olson
7	Joan Falls
7	Ron Stadtherr
11	Judy Johnson
11	Tarique Daudt
12	Cody Lucas Lilyquist
13	Patricia Bjornson
14	Roy Flohaug
15	Charlene Olson
15	Robert Raines
17	Kyle Schwartz
17	Trevor Lucas Lilyquist
21	Mary Jo Schleif
23	Carol Fox
23	Deb Dodds
25	Brandon Wheeler
25	Teegan Duval
26	John Varner
26	Rita Fedalen
28	Chris Ricketts
29	Erik HoL

# November Anniversaries

4	Roger and Linda Bechtold
7	Dale and Marlys Kriesel
9	Phil and Melanie Mix
10	Tom and Kathy Dollins
12	Randy and Jane Swanson
18	Don & Gail Stein
20	Neil and Beth Tobiason
23	Rosalie and Dennis Letson
24	Mike and Judy Czeck
27	Michael Carlson and Tammy Devine



# NOVEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 8am Bread Ministry Baking
2 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 4pm - 6pm Confirmation & Youth Group	3 9am Church Yard Fall Clean-Up 1pm Busy Needles  <i>Pastor Trish Day Off</i>	4 9am Bone Builders 9:30am Text Study 4pm Faith Formation	5 10am Learning Ministry Team (LMT) 10:30am Community Choir Meeting 6pm Choir Rehearsal	6 3pm Executive Mang. Team (EMT)	7 9am Bone Builders	8   <i>Pastor Trish Day Off</i>
9 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 11am - 1:30pm Sunday School 4pm - 6pm Confirmation & Youth Group	10 9:30am Men's Bible Sharing 1pm Busy Needles  <i>Pastor Trish Day Off</i>	11 9am Bone Builders 9:30am Text Study 4pm Faith Formation  <i>Veterans Day</i>	12 5pm Community Meal - Veterans' Supper 6pm Choir Rehearsal	13 9:30am Worship Ministry Team (WMT) 3pm Finance Team	14 9am Bone Builders	15 1pm Avis Savre Celebration of Life
16 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 4pm - 6pm Confirmation & Youth Group	17 1pm Busy Needles  <i>Pastor Trish Day Off</i>	18 9am Bone Builders 9:30am Text Study 4pm Faith Formation	19 6pm Choir Rehearsal	20 4pm Servant Leadership Council (SLC)	21 9am Bone Builders	22   <i>Pastor Trish Day Off</i>
23 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 4pm - 6pm Confirmation & Youth Group	24 9:30am Men's Bible Sharing 1pm Busy Needles	25 9am Bone Builders 9:30am Text Study 4pm Faith Formation	26	27 HAPPY THANKSGIVING  <i>Office Closed</i>	28   <i>Office Closed Pastor Trish Day Off</i>	29   <i>Pastor Trish Day Off</i>
30 9am Worship 10am Fellowship  <i>Pastor Trish Vacation</i>						



## Salem Women Funds Raised and Given!

The Salem Women met and distributed \$9,064 at their September meeting. They voted to contribute \$1,000 to the Pastor's Catch-Up fund. The remaining \$8,064 was sent to Missionary Dara Hillstrom Vanden Bosch, Lutheran World Relief, World Vision, School Assistance, Longville Food Shelf, Adult/Teen Challenge, Lutheran Social Services, Faith in Action, ARCC Emergency Shelter (Domestic Violence), Longville Park Accessibility Improvements, Longville Library, Music in the Park, Stronger Together, Camp Scholarships, Endowment, Caring Ministry, Salem Facility Use, Pastor Catch-Up Fund, and Socktober-Sockvember Ministry.

### 1<sup>st</sup> 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! October's total was \$81.02.

## Honoring our Loved Ones

At this time of the year, we often look for ways to honor our loved ones, and the Salem Endowment Fund is a great way to remember people who are important to us. It is literally a gift that keeps on giving. You can support these funds by writing a check to Salem, memo: Endowment Legacy Fund or Education Scholarship Fund. Thank you for your generosity!

## Salem's Financial Update

Salem Members adopted a 2025 General Fund budget of \$254,166. As of September 30, 2025, our General Fund giving should be at a year-to-date total of \$190,625. However, as of September 30, 2025, our year-to-date actual General Fund giving is \$184,116, which is \$6,509 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) and setting up electronic giving to ensure your support will be here 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 (a copy of which is attached) as one aspect of our discipleship and life together, as we grow more fully in our identity as baptized children of God.**

## Online or Electronic Giving

Give online at [salemlongville.org/donations/9022](http://salemlongville.org/donations/9022)  
or

see the attached electronic giving applications, fill them out, follow the directions, and ensure your support is here even if you can't be.

Thank you in advance for supporting the ministry God has called us to through Salem - our beloved community in Christ.

## 2025 End of Year Giving

## Financial Statements via Email

In January, Salem's Financial Secretary prepares our yearly giving statements. Each year we spend monies on envelopes, paper, ink and stamps to mail each statement. With rising costs, we are hoping to email those statements to anyone who has an email address. **Please send your current email to [salem@arvig.net](mailto:salem@arvig.net), include your name, physical address, and email address in the text body.**

## October Announcements

### Celebration of Life

October 18, 2025  
Gwendolyn E. (Welk)  
Workman  
9/9/1940 - 8/22/25  
Salem Lutheran Church,  
Longville



## November Worship

Join us Sundays at 9:00am

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>** - All Saints Sunday

*Remembering those who have died or been baptized since last All Saints Sunday. We will light candles in honor of: Darryl 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, Gwen Workman, Avis Savre, 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 loved ones in addition to those listed above.*

**November 9<sup>th</sup>** - Worship Leaders: Acoustic Group

**November 16<sup>th</sup>** - LWR School Kit Blessing & Assembly

**November 24<sup>th</sup>** - Thanksgiving Worship and Char Olson Retirement Party

**November 30<sup>th</sup>** - First Sunday of Advent

## Ministry Coordinator Job Posting

We have begun the search for a part time Ministry Coordinator. This position will replace our current Office Administrator position and will better equip our community to do the ministry God is calling us to. This will also help alleviate some of the duties currently being done by and allow our pastor to focus more on being called to Word and Sacrament. Ministry Coordinator Job Descriptions and Applications will be available in the church office beginning November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## New Office Hours Beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>

Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 2:00pm  
Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm

Pastor Trish will continue to work various hours and if you want or need access to church or Pastor Trish, please call and schedule at 320-248-9479 (PT cell) or 218-363-2011 (Church Office).

## Music in the Park

After another wonderful season of Music organized and hosted by Music in the Park, we say "Thank You" to the amazing, dedicated members of the Music in the Park Team. They are looking for new members on their team as some have decided to try their hand at different ministry opportunities. Please let the church office know if you might be interested in talking with any of the MITP Team members about this fun opportunity.

## Worship Volunteers Needed

We are in need of Usher & Greeters, Lay Readers, Bread Servers, Wine/Grape Juice Servers, Communion Care, and Fellowship Servers & Treat Bringers. Please call the church office to sign up and help keep our worship services and hospitality a gift we all share.

## Year End Giving

Making year-end decisions about how to use the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA? Did you know that gifting RMD funds directly from your IRA to a charitable organization offers you a tax advantage?\* Please consider Salem's General Fund as a possible recipient if you are still making these decisions and do good things for yourself and for Salem.

*\*Consult your tax advisor about how to maximize this benefit.*



## Char Olson Retirement Party

**Sunday November 23<sup>rd</sup>** following worship, please join us for Char Olson's retirement party. After 31 years of service as Salem's Choir Director, Char made the decision to retire.

We are forever grateful for her years of experience, dedication, gift of music and direction with our choir, and love. Char has been an incredible blessing to us, and it is time for us to bless her.



## Salem Accounts and Password Information Needed

If you have knowledge of accounts and/or passwords that Salem has or should have, please contact the church office. A password vault is being secured in order to maintain all accounts, usernames, and passwords for Salem subscriptions, devices, etc.

## Living Lutheran Magazine

Is Back in Print with four issues per year, packed with engaging stories and moving seasonal reflections as well as meaningful ministries happening in the ELCA's congregations and individual's lives of faith and grace.

Visit: [www.livinglutheran.org/subscribe/](http://www.livinglutheran.org/subscribe/) or stop in the office and ask for help (a credit card is needed to subscribe online).

## ELCA World Hunger Good Gifts Christmas Shopping

Soon our annual Good Gifts Tree will be up and loaded with options for your Christmas shopping needs. To purchase chicks, bees, goats, or pigs simply follow the instructions found near the tree, pick the appropriate ornament or card and know that you are giving a gift that gives life and hope to those experiencing hunger and poverty around the world and in our own backyard.

According to Bread for the World, nearly one in ten people around the world goes to bed hungry at night. One in four children under age five is severely malnourished.

**But it doesn't have to be that way.**

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 \_\_\_\_\_



First National Bank North  
P.O. Box 520  
Walker, MN 56484

## Authorization Agreement for ACH/Transfer Transactions

### Form for First National Customers

I (we) hereby authorize First National Bank North to initiate **debit/credit** entries to my (our) account(s) held at First National Bank North, and **debit/credit** the account at the financial institution indicated below. I (we) further authorize adjusting entries (reversals) to correct errors, if any. I (we) agree that I (we) shall indemnify and hold harmless First National Bank North from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, causes of action, and liability from this authorization. This authority will remain in effect until I (or either of us) notify the bank in writing at least **5 banking days** prior to the next settlement date. I (we) acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my (our) account must comply with the provisions of U.S. law. I (we) agree to be bound by NACHA Operating Rules. I (we) acknowledge First National Bank North has the right to audit my compliance with NACHA Operating Rules and terminate or suspend this agreement for breach of NACHA Operating Rules.

**New Transfer**     **Change to an existing ACH/Transfer**

Fill Out

FNBN Account Holder Information	
Customer Name	Individual ID Number
Account Number	
Personal or Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Account <input type="checkbox"/> Business Account
Account Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Checking <input type="checkbox"/> Savings <input type="checkbox"/> Loan
Debit/Credit	<input type="checkbox"/> Debit <input type="checkbox"/> Credit

Fill Out

Account Holder Information ACH/Transfer going to/coming from		
Customer Name	Financial Institution	Individual ID Number
Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church	Church, Non-Profit	
Routing Number	Account Number	
091209755	Account Ending 5051	
Personal or Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Account <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business Account    Non-Profit	
Account Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Checking <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Savings	
Debit/Credit	<input type="checkbox"/> Debit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Credit	

Sign & Date

Transfer Information		
Amount	Frequency of Transfer	Start Date/Day of Transfer
If this date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or bank holiday, this transfer will automatically be made on the following business day. First National Bank North will make every effort to complete this transfer unless circumstances beyond our control prevent the transfer, despite reasonable precautions that we have taken. All terms and conditions of your account agreement apply to this agreement.		

Treasurer Sign

Customer Authorization		
SIGNATURE OF FNBN CUSTOMER	PRINTED NAME	DATE
TWO PARTY TRANSFER		
SIGNATURE OF 2 <sup>ND</sup> PARTY	PRINTED NAME	DATE
Employee Name	Date Form Received	

TERMINATE			
SIGNATURE	DATE	PRINTED NAME	EFFECTIVE DATE

When Complete, Please turn into Salem Church Office



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**New Transfer**     **Change to an existing ACH/Transfer**

FNBN Account Holder Information			
Customer Name Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church		Individual ID Number	
Account Number Account Ending 5051      Routing 091209755			
Personal or Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Account	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business Account	
Account Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Checking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Savings	<input type="checkbox"/> Loan
Debit/Credit	<input type="checkbox"/> Debit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Credit	
Account Holder Information ACH/Transfer going to/coming from			
Customer Name		Financial Institution	Individual ID Number
Routing Number		Account Number	
Personal or Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Account	<input type="checkbox"/> Business Account	
Account Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Checking	<input type="checkbox"/> Savings	
Debit/Credit	<input type="checkbox"/> Debit	<input type="checkbox"/> Credit	
Transfer Information			
Amount	Frequency of Transfer		Start Date/Day of Transfer
If this date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or bank holiday, this transfer will automatically be made on the following business day. First National Bank North will make every effort to complete this transfer unless circumstances beyond our control prevent the transfer, despite reasonable precautions that we have taken. All terms and conditions of your account agreement apply to this agreement.			
Customer Authorization			
SIGNATURE OF FNBN CUSTOMER		PRINTED NAME	DATE
TWO PARTY TRANSFER			
SIGNATURE OF 2 <sup>ND</sup> PARTY		PRINTED NAME	DATE
Employee Name		Date Form Received	
TERMINATE			
SIGNATURE	DATE	PRINTED NAME	EFFECTIVE DATE

Fill Out

Treasurer Sign | Sign & Date