



Salem Lutheran Church

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August, 2023

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Greetings!

As we wrap up the summer and work our way further into the second half of the year, I figured it would be a good time to remind people about our Shalom Community Assistance Fund. I'm thankful for all the folks who volunteer their time at the Shalom Shop in Cambridge under Salem and Siloa's name and help to earn funds to help give back in our communities. They have worked hard, month in and month out, and we have a substantial fund built up at this point to help folks with their basic needs.

I'm not sure whether to be pleased that we haven't received many applications for assistance, or feel disappointed by that fact because I know there are so many people who are struggling with their daily living expenses and could be helped by this fund. I mention in conversations when I can to keep ears and eyes open for people who could benefit from this program and encourage them to apply.

We all live in different parts of the county and have different social groups we associate with, there should be a large reach and we could bless so many people who are struggling. A few months ago I sent out a letter to many of our Dalbo neighbors and did receive some applications in return, and we were able to assist those folks with some really important bills and expenses. I would rather see the funds be used rather than sitting in the bank account!

I also encourage members of our congregations to apply as necessary as well - this fund is to help ANYONE who is residing in Isanti County who needs assistance with funding their living expenses. I would love to support our members who are in need as well. Some examples of how we have given back to our community include food and gas gift cards, paying toward monthly rent or mortgage payment, paying on a medical bill, purchasing propane so tanks can be filled in the winter, as well as gift cards for clothing and school supplies.

There may also be other ways that we can use these funds within our county to support people that we haven't thought of yet. Organizations or non-profits that help to feed and house residents of Isanti County. If you know of any of these opportunities, let me know as well! Worst case scenario is our committee meets and says no, that particular request doesn't fit in the parameters of what the fund is used for. Who knows what sort of ways that we can continue to be a blessing in our communities!

I pray you have been having a wonderful summer - I had a refreshing vacation up north with my family and I have been so blessed by all the folks who have come on our county park walks this summer! They have truly been multi-generational events and we've had double digit attendance at every walk so far, which is simply amazing. I love seeing members from each church not only getting to know one another more, but also that they are inviting friends to come on the walks too - the more the merrier!

If you have been traveling a lot during these summer months, know that we have missed you and can't wait for you to get back to your normal schedule and join us in worship once again. Before we know it school will be back in session, which will mean Sunday School, Confirmation, Sparks, and Youth Group ramping back up again. So if you have kids in one of those age groups, stay tuned for more information about when those particular events will be starting!

Pr Mary

Let's Talk!

We lift up in prayer:



We hold up Todd Boser, Luther Carlson and Beverly Ramey in special prayers this month.

Finance Information

Month	Month Budgeted	Giving	Monthly Difference	Year to Date	COMMENTS: The summer dip/drop in giving shows this month. Please consider mailing your donations or sign up for electronic giving through Vanco. (Authorization forms available in the file outside of the office door.)
	1st Quarter			+ \$1,901	
April	\$8,663	\$8,572	-91	+\$1,810	
May	\$8,663	\$12,548	\$3,885	\$5,695	
June	\$8,663	\$6,902	-\$1,761	\$3,934	



August 1—**Swamp Dogs** vs. South Isanti Baptist at Sandquist Field #1

Souls vs. **Salem Saints** at Salem

August 8—**Swamp Dogs** vs. First Baptist Church of Cambridge @ Sandquist Field 2

North Isanti Baptist Church vs. **Salem Saints @ Salem**

Year end tournament weekend is August 11-13

At the time of this printing the Swamp Dogs were number 1 in Division #2 and the Saints were number 1 in Division #3

August 3rd-Springvale County Park

August 17th-Becklin Homestead County Park



Worship MINISTRY

DATE	GREETERS & USHERS	LAY READER	COMMUNION ASST	ALTAR GUILD
Aug 6	TBD	Bev Ramey	Bev Ramey	Alaina Norby
Aug 13	TBD	Keith Engstrom	Keith Engstrom	Shirley Illg
Aug 20	TBD	Suzanne Hulett	David Lundin	Annie Johnson
Aug 27	TBD	Jesse Johnson	Jesse Johnson	Annie Johnson

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 6th 2023

Prayer of the Day

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 55:1-5 | Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 | Romans 9:1-5 | Matthew 14:13-21

Prayers of Intercession

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

You gather your church together by the Holy Spirit. Inspire all the baptized to proclaim your abundant love throughout the world. Guide us in the mission of the gospel through word and deed. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You cherish your creation, from the smallest microbe to the largest mountain. Protect fragile ecosystems, send favorable weather, supply food and water to nourish creatures, and raise us up to care for all you have created. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You desire peace and justice in the world. Instill within all political leaders your desire, support the work of international peace organizations, and provide relief for those in war-torn areas. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You comfort those who are hurting. Accompany those who are alone, heal those who are sick, provide for all who hunger or thirst, console the bereaved, bring joy to the sorrowful, and attend to all who call on you...especially...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You place us within communities for mutual support and love. Reveal yourself to us in worship, fellowship, and ministry with our neighbors. Provide for feeding ministries and food banks in our area, that we share your abundance with all who hunger. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You have placed before us examples of faithful living who have witnessed to your promises throughout time and space. Rouse us by their lives of service and dedication to be your hands and feet in this world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 13th, 2023

Prayer of the Day

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair; deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Readings

1 Kings 19:9-18 | Psalm 85:8-13 | Romans 10:5-15 | Matthew 14:22-33

Prayers of Intercession

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

God of grace and faith, your faithfulness is never-ending, and your righteousness becomes ours through Christ Jesus. Send the church to proclaim the gospel both near and far, in church buildings and on street corners, in person and through digital means. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of sky and sea, the plants, animals, mountains, and plains proclaim your glory. Prosper the work of ecologists as they teach us new ways to care for the environment. Bring relief to areas recovering from natural disasters. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of peace and justice, you call us to live as your beloved community throughout the world. Instill in local, regional, national, and global political and civic leaders a desire to work for the well-being of all people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of care and compassion, you bring assurance when we are afraid. Bring calm to any who are anxious or fearful. Bless the work of therapists, nurses, and other health care providers. Comfort all who grieve and soothe any who are sick...especially...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of wonder, you accompany us in both joys and sorrow. We pray for children and teachers preparing for a new school year. Make your presence known in our work and play, in lively conversation and in quiet rest. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of new life, you send people to renew both church and society. We give you thanks for their lives of faithful service as examples of following your call. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 20th, 2023

Prayer of the Day

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 | Psalm 67 | Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 | Matthew 15:21-28

Prayers of Intercession

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

O God, your Spirit gathers the church. Shepherd those who are newly baptized and newly ordained in the proclamation of the gospel, breath life into ecumenical and inter-religious endeavors, and support missionaries throughout the globe. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You created the earth and all its inhabitants and declared it good. Clean polluted skies, seas, and soil, provide nourishment to plants and animals, and make us aware of our impact on the environment. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You call leaders to bridge differences and practice generosity. Inspire all in authority to protect people in harm's way, deliver those in bondage, support fair elections, provide care for military personnel and veterans, and show mercy to those for whom they have the responsibility. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You provide for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Embrace people who have been rejected because of difference, heal trauma caused by racism or prejudice, shield any who are persecuted, console the dying, and heal the sick....especially...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

O God, you journey with us in all of life's transitions. Guide those preparing for baptism, marriage, and retirement. Guide our church council and committees in their visioning and ministry. Safeguard those who travel. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give you thanks for those who now rest from their labors. Motivated us by their lives of dedication to the gospel, until that day when we join with them in our eternal home. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 27th, 2023

Prayer of the Day

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 51:1-6 | Psalm 138 | Romans 12:1-8 | Matthew 16:13-20

Prayers of Intercession

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

God of Sarah and Abraham, inspire your church to pursue righteousness in its ministry. Equip us to share your compassion that unites us as one family of faith. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Remind us that from the beginning of creation, you knit together a world meant for harmony. Protect and restore the wasted places to joy and gladness. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Stir the leaders of nations and towns, militaries and courts, to respond to your teachings. Let your call for justice reach all people and bring deliverance where there is oppression. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Show your steadfast love and faithfulness to those in despair. Increase their strength, care for all who feel low, keep safe any in the midst of trouble, and protect vulnerable people from harm...especially...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Encourage those who offer their gifts and talents in service to your church. Energize this congregation's rostered and lay leaders, musicians, teachers, greeters, and administrators so they may be transformed in sharing your grace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all the saints, death is overcome in Christ's resurrection. We rejoice with the faithful departed. Sustain us in hope until we come at last to our heavenly home. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**



Ruby's Panty is for EVERYONE!

Do you love to eat great food — then what are you waiting for? For only \$25 contribution you will receive an abundance of food. Simply line up as directed, open your trunk and the food is placed right in your vehicle! You may pickup food bundles at more than one location each month.

OUR MISSION

To activate people in being alert to the needs of others and to be proactive in encouraging faith, showing friendship and meeting tangible needs of neighbors, friends and strangers regardless of race, religion or ethnicity.

WHAT IS RUBY'S PANTRY?

As hundreds of people gather in churches or other locations, they have one thing in common. They are gathering to get food at a Ruby's Pop-Up Pantry.

Ruth's Pantry is for ANYONE that eats! **There is no income or residency requirement and Ruby's Pantry is for anyone looking to extend their monthly grocery budget.** Each guest donates at \$25 donation and receives an abundance of grocery items. Ruby's Pantry is not government funded and is a 501.3 C3. Each donation is used to cover operational costs like trucking, gas, and warehouse staff. All of the food is donated by corporate food donors making it possible to reach more families each month at locations across Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota and Iowa.

There are MANY distribution sites in Minnesota and Wisconsin! Locally, we have one in Isanti and North Branch.

ISANTI, MN

Next Pop-Up Panty is Saturday August 19, 2023

114 Dahlin Avenue NE, Isanti, MN

DAYS AND HOURS

3rd Saturday of the Month

Registration begins at 7:30 AM. Food bundles available 9:00-11:00 AM

Hosted by New Hope Community Church

NORTH BRANCH, MN

Next Pop-Up Panty is Saturday August 12, 2023

4359 392nd St, North Branch, MN

DAYS AND HOURS

2nd Saturday of the Month

Registration begins at 9:30 AM. Food bundles available 10:00-11:30 AM

Hosted by Access Church

Rather than registering in person at the above times prior to the distribution of the food bundles you can setup an account on which you will schedule your pickup time and make an on-line payment. There is a \$1 charge for doing this. **Simply go to www.rubyspantry.org**

**Salem Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes - Unapproved
June 14, 2023**

I. CALL TO ORDER
Suzanne Hulett called the meeting to order @ 6:05 pm

II. OPENING PRAYER
Keith led the council in an opening prayer.

III. ROLL CALL
The following persons were present: Executive Committee – Suzanne Hulett, Keith Engstrom, and Beverly Ramey. Council Members - Pastor Mary Fiel, Wendy Linder, David Lundin, Wanda Johnson, Don Erickson, Jesse Johnson and Roseanna Kollman **. Brenna Johnson was absent.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING
SECRETARY REPORT
i. Secretary's report was passed out. Motion to accept the report with correction of 150th dinner with date to be decided, by David and second by Don. Minutes approved.

TREASURE/FINANCIAL REPORT
ii. Motion to accept the Treasure/Financial Report as written. Motion by Bev and second by Wendy. Financial report approved.
iii. Shalom Financial report – Pastor Mary received one request for gas card this month.

PASTOR REPORT
iv. 8 Sunday worship services
v. 0 baptism, 0 weddings, 2 funerals/memorials, 1 confirmation
vi. 7 Pastoral care visits

V. OLD BUSINESS:
Monitor recycling
i. Monitor was turned in for Dalbo Township recycling on June 3
2023 Congregation/Pastor Priorities – we will review monthly
June Semi-Annual Meeting
i. 3 council positions open. Wanda concludes 2nd term; Suzanne will continue for her 2nd term.
ii. David starts a 3-year term this year. One position still open

VI. NEW BUSINESS
PASTOR REIMBURSEMENTS
i. Mileage – \$160.52
ii. Expenses – \$83.19
Motion by Bev to approve and Keith seconded. Motion approved.

Financial Policy – reviewed
Premium Increase for property and liability went up 28%

July Responsibilities: David Lundin

COMMITTEE / TASKFORCE:

COMMITTEES

- Discipleship & Mission - Wanda Johnson**
Quilts donated were 2 with a size of 60 x 80
- Education & Youth - Wendy Linder & Brenna Johnson**
 - VBS curriculum purchase approved for \$62.99 via email vote on May 24, 2023
 - VBS will be July 26 and 27th

Fellowship – Suzanne and Beverly

- "Thank You Lord Supper" is October 14, 2023
 - 10% Tithe from the Supper proceeds split 50:50 between Cambridge and Princeton Food shelves with balance of 90% to general fund. Motion by David and second by Keith. Motion passed.
- Father's Day – Guys wear hats – Wanda to distribute Beef sticks.
- 150th Anniversary Celebration 2024 theme: "I Love to Tell the Story"
 - Meetings are in progress and volunteers will be recruited.

Property – David Lundin & Jesse Johnson

- Gift to Fred was delivered.
 - Property and Liability Insurance Account Manager Meeting & Recommendations
 - Create an incident log for accidents and injuries
 - Do back ground checks on volunteers.
 - Florescent bulbs were turned into recycling in North Branch
 - Furnace under the kitchen for fellowship hall will be replaced.
 - 2 chairs at the tall tables were fixed
 - Playground will be pressure washed by David and re-stained by Brad Engloom
 - Handicap button innards were replaced on the fellowship hall door
- Stewardship - Keith Engstrom**
- October sermons will focus on Stewardship "Thriving"
- Worship & Music - Don Erickson**

August Responsibilities: Readers/Communion Assistants needed from council

- August 6th = Beverly
- August 13th = Keith
- August 20th = Suzanne reading, David communion
- August 27 = Jesse

CLOSING PRAYER

Pastor Mary ended with a closing prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Don, second by Wanda, motion passed
Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 16 VBS Planning Committee Meeting
- June 18 Father's Day
- June 25 Semi- annual meeting
- June 26 – July 3rd Pastor Mary on vacation
- July 12 6 pm Council meeting
- July 26 – 27 VBS

August 1 1:30 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting
August 9 6 pm Church Council meeting & Potluck Supper

Respectfully Submitted,
Beverly Ramey
Council Secretary

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** non-council member but council treasurer

The scheduled July Council meeting did not have a quorum and therefore, there will be no minutes.

Salem Lutheran Church
Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting
January 29, 2023

- Meeting opened at 10:01am by Suzanne
- Devotions by Pastor Mary Fiel
- Bishop Ann Svennungsen's Report reviewed
- Business Meeting

- Organization

- Call to order, Suzanne Hulett, Council President at 10:01am
- Declaration of a quorum of 21 congregation members present
- Minutes of the 2022 Semi-Annual Meeting, February 6, 2022 reviewed
- Minutes from Joint Congregational Council Meeting, March 22, 2022 reviewed
- Worship Service Agreement, March 22, 2022, Approved by both Councils, reviewed
- Minutes of the 2022 Semi-Annual Meeting, June 26, 2022, reviewed

Motion to approve by Rosanna Kollman; second by Wanda Johnson. Motion carried

- 2022 Reports

- 2022 Congregation Council Report, President Suzanne Hulett
- Pastor Mary Fiel Report and Salem Membership Report
- Benevolence-Shalom Report

Motion to approve by Don Erickson; second by David Lundin. Motion carried.

- 2022 Ministry Taskforce Reports

- Discipleship - Wanda Johnson
- Education & Youth - Wendy Linder and Brenna Johnson
- Fellowship - Suzanne Hulett and Beverly Ramey
- Property - David Lundin, Jesse Johnson
- Stewardship - Keith Engstrom
- Worship & Music - Donovan Erickson

Motion to approve by Wanda Johnson; second by and Lexi Shugren. Motion carried.

- Financial Reports

- Auditor's Report

Motion approved by Larry and Nola and motion was carried

- Annual Finance Report

- Rosanna added that there was a decrease in the income from the Harvest Festival, Missions Fund and Heritage fund which decreased the General fund check book

Motion approved by David and Don and motion was carried

- 2023 Proposed Budget Nola questioned line 53 the reduction in salary of \$4539.00. Rosanna explained that Pastor has a choice on how to divide her

salary up and she chose to put more towards housing and therefore on the salary it shows reduced. However she was given a 5% raise this year. This is still below the Synod standards for salary. Rosanna also added that there is a way to automatically be given to the Church. To do this, ask for the form to be filled out.

Motion approved by Cindy and Lexi and motion was carried

- The 2023 Minneapolis Area Synod Delegate.
- Other Matters

- Don has a correction that Ralph is off and Arnie is on the Cemetery

Board

- Survey of stewardship filled out and turned in by Congregation
- 2023 Fish Fry - there is 1 volunteer co-chair and there is a need for another. 4-5 council have committed to helping along with about the same of congregation members

Motion to close made by Brenna and Amanda motion carried and closed at 10:44am

August, 2023


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 10:30 AM Worship	7	8 8:30 AM Ladies' Breakfast @ Heidelbergser's Café 7:00 PM Swamp Dogs @ Sandquist #1 Saints at Home	9 8:00 AM Men in Mission Breakfast/Bible Study at Park Café 6:00 PM church Council 2 Council Pot Luck	10 9:00 AM Walk in Park @ Springvale Cty Park	11  Dalbo Area Ministerial Softball League Season End Tournament, July 11-13 @ Sandquist Softball Complex	5 Ruby's Panty-Access 12 Church, North Branch 10:00-11:30 Registration @ 9:30
13 10:30 AM Worship Dalbo Area Ministerial Softball League Season End Tournament @ Sandquist Softball Complex	14	15 7:00 PM Swamp Dogs @ Sandquist #2 Saints at Home	16 8:00 AM Men in Mission Breakfast/Bible Study at Park Café w/Silao 1:30 PM Ladies Bible Study with Silao	17 9:00 AM Walk in Park @ Becklin Homestead Cty Park	18	19 Ruby's Panty-New Hope Church, Isanti, 9:00-11:00 Registration @ 7:30
20 10:30 AM Worship	21	22	23 8:00 AM Men in Mission Breakfast/Bible Study at Park Café w/Silao	24	25	26
27 10:30 AM Outdoor Worship @ Veggund	28	29	30 8:00 AM Men in Mission Breakfast/Bible Study at Park Café w/Silao	31		



October 14, 2023, 4:30-7:00 PM

Serving: Ham & meatball dinner
with all the trimmings
Live Music featured 6:00-7:00 PM
More information will be coming.

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We're on the Web!

See us at: www.salemutherandalbo.com
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Set office hours:

Wendy, Church Secretary
Wednesdays from 4pm-6pm

Doors may be locked, simply call or knock and she will unlock the door for you.
If you need access to church outside of these hours, please call 763.286.6845.

Pastor Mary can meet with you via appointment. Please call her at 507.525.3909