



# Salem Lutheran Church

We are all God's children reflecting His love

**September, 2023**

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**Property -***David Lundin*  
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**Youth -***Brenna Johnson*

**Worship  
& Music -***Donovan Erickson*

**Non-Council Member**  
*Roseanna Kollman-Council*  
Treasurer

Greetings!

Over the summer in worship we made our way through the book of Genesis focusing on stories of family relations and how the "first family" of God treated each other. If you came for even one Sunday during those 13 weeks you'll know that they definitely weren't perfect people, but God worked in spite of their actions - in the end striving for reconciliation. Our next sermon series beginning on September 10th is somewhat a continuation to our summer series. I left a challenge at the end of the series focusing on trying to let our actions be in line with the reconciling work of God - but now we need to take that a step further!

The capacity for love to overcome all obstacles is easier to believe when talking about two people who want to be together, but can be especially challenging when thinking of ourselves and someone we don't want to be with, especially someone who has hurt or betrayed us. Yet our ability to overcome conflict within ourselves and find peace (despite what others may do) is an incredible opportunity to reflect the unconditional love of Jesus Christ, who loves us despite the ways we have failed. This four-week series offers practical guidance (largely from the Old Testament) to equip our members to practice the kind of enemy love Jesus preached.

We will also be kicking off our "Learning to Love our Enemies" series by participating in the ELCA's "God's Work, Our Hands" day of service that same day. This will primarily be held at Salem, but Siloa members are welcome to help out as well if you'd like. I am currently working to plan service projects to show love to our neighbors in need, so stay tuned to see the different ways that you can help serve after worship that day.

If you happen to not be able to help when the projects are announced, either due to schedule or physical ability, feel free to engage in a service project of your own! By loving and serving our neighbors, we are following through with the challenge I presented to be a part of the reconciling work of God. If we truly are the hands of God in the world, we are a vital piece of the reconciliation puzzle. No work, no matter how small, done with God's reconciliation in mind, is too insignificant.

As school starts back up again for the year we look forward to starting our Christian Education opportunities as well. Sunday School will begin again in September and Sparks and Confirmation will start meeting for class in October. Stay tuned to the newsletter and other announcements to find out more about the ways the kids can be involved here at church.

I pray you had a wonderful summer, I know I sure did! I thoroughly enjoyed our summer county park walks - they were quite the hit this year! Thanks to all of you that came to fellowship and walk in God's creation together. It was so fun to see folks from the two churches coming together, as well as supporting all the kids that came along for the walks as well.

We will be planning some fall walks probably in October to view the changing leaves, but for now I encourage you to get out and enjoy the beauty of God in nature as much as you can. As you know, we live in such a beautiful part of the state, filled with lots of natural resources and wildlife to enjoy - while you're out and about, give thanks to God for the beauty of the earth and all that inhabits it - including you!

*Pr Mary*

# Let's Talk!

**We lift up in prayer:**

We hold up DeeDee Johnson, Vicki Wendberg, Lisa Gardner, Lucille Asmund, Todd Boser in special prayers this month.



## Finance Information

Month	Month Budgeted	Giving	Monthly Difference	Year to Date
	1st Quarter			+ \$1,901
	2nd Quarter			+\$3,934
July	\$8,663	\$6,902	-\$2,037	+\$1,897

**COMMENTS:** Busy summer week-ends for everyone! As you enjoy the end of summer, consider sending in or dropping off your church contribution or sign up for electronic giving through Vanco. Authorization forms available in the file outside of the office door.



*The Sunday School program needs your help for the months of September and October. Usually this position rotates between a few individuals. However, this year we are short a couple for the first couple of months. Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time to teach our children ages 3-Grade 6. Contact Sandy Quale if you would be able to help us. Her number is 612.819.4425 or 763.389.5619.*



**Sunday School** is open to age 3-Grade 6. The children will sit with family during worship and leave to Sunday School right after the Children's sermon. The starting date will be determined by our volunteer status.

**SPARKS Wednesdays** will begin on October 4th, 6:15-7:30 PM for ages 3-Grade 6. It is held the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Quale at 763.389.5619 or 612.819.4425.

## Worship MINISTRY

DATE	GREETERS & USHERS	LAY READER	COMMUNION ASST	ALTAR GUILD
Aug 6	Keith Engstrom & TBD	Bev Ramey	Bev Ramey	Shirley Illg
Aug 13	Luther & Roxanne Carlson	Bev Larsen	Bev Ramey	Alaina Norby
Aug 20	Albert & Vicky Lubenow	Bev Ramey	Bev Ramey	Annie Johnson
Aug 27	Albert & Vicky Lubenow	Sharon Erickson	Bev Ramey	Alaina Norby

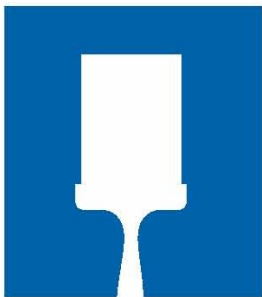


CELEBRATING

10

YEARS

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday



September 10, 2023

We will be assisting a congregation member with projects around his home and yard that need completion as well as his neighbor who needs help stacking wood. We will leave after fellowship time.

*Bring some basic tools and your work clothes!*

Thanks in advance for helping with this ministry!



# Salem Lutheran Church-Dalbo

## Invites You!

**Thank you**  
**LORD**  
**Dinner**

**October 14, 2023**

**Serving meal from 4:30-7:00 PM**

**Menu:**

**Ham & meatball dinner  
with ALL THE TRIMMINGS!**

**Music Fellowship 6:00-7:00 PM**

**ADVANCED SALE TICKETS**



Advance tickets may be purchased until October 1 by leaving a message with your name and phone number on the church phone at **763.689.1687**.

You will be called to obtain additional information. Checks should be mailed as soon as possible to **4638 381st Avenue NW, Dalbo, MN 55017**.

Tickets will be at a WILL CALL line for you on the day of the dinner.

### Advance Ticket Prices (By Oct 1)

Adults \$14

Children (Ages 5-15) \$7

Children under 5 FREE

4638 381st Avenue NW  
Dalbo, MN 55017  
763.689.1687

### Ticket Prices at the Door

Adults \$16

Children (Ages 5-15) \$8

Children under 5 FREE



# 14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 3rd, 2023

## Prayer of the Day

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Readings

**Jeremiah 15:15-21 | Psalm 26:1-8 | Romans 12:9-21 | Matthew 16:21-28**

## Prayers of Intercession

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

God of life, your words are the joy at the heart of your church. Draw the seeker to you, place messages of hope and healing in the mouths of your witnesses, and open your children to your truth when we stumble. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of steadfast love, renew the earth by your Spirit, that lands and oceans reveal the beauty of your creation. Challenge us to live humbly and peaceably as part of your world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of patience, lead those who govern to hold fast to what is good. Guide them to show honor to the people in their care. Overcome evil in all nations and grant peace to peoples and places mired in conflict. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of deliverance, remember all who are suffering, lonely, and in pain. Liberate your people being insulted, persecuted, or in the grasp of the ruthless. Give endurance to workers who persevere on this Labor Day and insure fair wages and safe working environments...especially... Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of justice, equip this congregation to boldly follow you in uncertain times and to remain faithful in prayer when facing challenges. Show us how best to love and care for one another and our communities. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of glory, we give thanks for the saints who now dwell with you in splendor. Nurture us in faith until the day we join their heavenly song. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

# 15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 10th, 2023

## Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Readings

**Ezekiel 33:7-11 | Psalm 119:33-40 | Romans 13:8-14 | Matthew 18:15-20**

## Prayers of Intercession

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold the wonders of creation. Renew the seas and the soil, the forests and the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek Earth's thriving. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Inspire us to lead with honor, O God. Guide judges and legislators, police, and government officials to create and uphold just laws. Move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Helps us comfort those who suffer, O God. Reassure any who are harmed by the wicked acts of others. Bring peace to all who are vulnerable, frightened, despairing, or sick. Guard their waking and their sleeping...especially... Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Awaken us, O God. Challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. We pray for all discerning new possibilities or changing employment. In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbor above all else. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving your disciples who died in faith. May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

# 16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 17th, 2023

## Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Readings

Genesis 50:15-21 | Psalm 103:8-13 | Romans 14:1-12 | Matthew 18:21-35

## Prayers of Intercession

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

We pray for the church. Bless the missions and ministries of diverse congregations, that they uplift the good news of salvation in ways that can be understood. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and healing to rivers clogged with pollution. Enrich then soil for trees and plants. Protect the crops needed to feed those who hunger. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for all who govern. Encourage those in positions of power to lead with empathy, practice forgiveness, and care for those who struggle. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for our neighbors who face illness of any kind. For those strained financially, for all living with chronic pain, mental illness, the disease of addiction, or otherwise afraid or in harm's way. Protect all who cry out for mercy...especially... Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation. Open our hearts to practice intentional invitation. Help us to forgive each other, practice patience, and choose welcome over judgment. Move us to care for those in our community seeking refuge and safety. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for the saints who died in faith. Show us how to live faithfully, creatively, and lovingly in your church and world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

# 17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 24th, 2023

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Readings

Jonah 3:10-4:11 | Psalm 145:1-8 | Philippians 1:21-30 | Matthew 20:1-16

## Prayers of Intercession

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

God who is gracious and merciful, teach your church to invite and welcome all. Lead us to be grateful for the blessing of community. Challenge your church to choose equity and compassion over judgment. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God who sends the wind and the sun, you know every worm and bush by name. Help us remember that even the humblest parts of creation are precious to you. Show us how best to care for the earth and its creatures. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God who is ready to relent from punishing, impart your compassionate wisdom to legislators, judges, members of the military, and law enforcement. Give them courage to serve their communities in times of uncertainty, stress, or exhaustion. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God who saves, direct your people who are tempted by evil ways. Protect your children from calamity and disaster. Strengthen all who are incarcerated. Encourage all who are in despair or pain of any kind...especially... Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God who is slow to anger, may we boast about the goodness of Jesus with the confidence of Paul in prison. Inspire us to find abundance in whatever vocation we are called to in this world and in service to our congregation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God who abounds in steadfast love, we give thanks for the saints called to the kingdom of heaven. United with them in spirit, hold us firm as we labor in this life and look to the life to come. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Salem Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes - Unapproved  
August 9, 2023**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Suzanne Hulett called the meeting to order @ 6:42 pm

**II. OPENING PRAYER**

Suzanne 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, Brenna Johnson, and Roseanna Kollman \*\*.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING****SECRETARY REPORT**

- i. Secretary's report was passed out. Motion to accept the report with correction of quilts donated by Jesse and second by David. 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 no requests this month.

**PASTOR REPORT**

- iv. 6 Sunday worship services
- v. 0 baptism, 0 weddings, 1 funerals/memorial
- vi. 4 Pastoral care visits

**V. OLD BUSINESS:**

**The following items were approved by email vote on July 15, 2023**

- Pastor reimbursement: Mileage, \$12.38 and Expenses \$23.88
- Office request for 2 rolls of stamps
- Recommendation for Salem to participate in "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday on September 10<sup>th</sup>
- Recommendation for Salem to participate in "Adopt A Highway" program and request the segment of Highway 47 south of the Dalbo ire Department

**2023 Congregation/Pastor Priorities – we will review monthly  
Council Election**

- One council position remains open – appointment by Council (until next church meeting)
- September is monthly responsibilities sign-up and election of officers.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS****PASTOR REIMBURSEMENTS**

- i. Mileage – \$77.58
- ii. Expenses – \$45.08 and \$220.50 for Bishops Theological Conference  
Motion by Bev to approve and Don seconded. Motion approved.

**September Responsibilities: Beverly Ramey**

**COMMITTEE / TASKFORCE :****COMMITTEES****Discipleship & Mission - Wanda Johnson**

“God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday Sept 10<sup>th</sup> ELCA service project = Help someone local  
 “Adopt a Highway” – Highway 47. Pastor is waiting on a response.

**Education & Youth - Wendy Linder & Brenna Johnson**

- VBS was held July 26 and 27<sup>th</sup> with a good turnout and great weather

**Fellowship – Suzanne and Beverly**

- “Thank You Lord Supper” is October 14, 2023
  - Committee request for \$650 to cover expenses. Motion by David and second by Keith. Motion passed
- 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration 2024 theme: “I Love to Tell the Story”
  - February celebration will be held as normal.
  - Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup> will be a joint service to celebrate and lunch to follow.

**Property – David Lundin & Jesse Johnson**

- Furnace is here and waiting to be installed.
- Tree fell on softball fence. Guys from church took care of it.
- Will be caulking the front door

**August Readers/Communion Assistants needed from council**

**August 6<sup>th</sup> = Beverly**

**August 13<sup>th</sup> = Keith**

**August 20<sup>th</sup> = Suzanne**

**August 27 = Jesse**

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Pastor Mary ended with a closing prayer.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Brenna, second by Keith, motion passed  
 Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

August 11 - 13 End of Season Softball Tournament  
 August 15 5 pm “Thank You Lord Supper” Committee meeting  
 September 5 1:30 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting  
 September 13 6 pm Church Council Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Beverly Ramey  
 Council Secretary

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\*\* non-council member but council treasurer



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 10:30 AM Worship Advance tickets to Thank you Lord dinner begin to- day.	4	5 8:30 AM Ladies' Breakfast @Leader	6 8:00 AM Men in Mis- sion Breakfast/Bible Study at Park Café 1:30 PM Ladies Bible Study with Siloa	7	8	9 Ruby's Pantry-Access Church, North Branch 10:00-11:30 Registration @ 9:30
10 10:30 AM Worship God's Work Our Hands! After fellowship time.	11	12 8:30 Bobbin Feeders @ Salem w/Siloa	13 8:00 AM Men in Mis- sion Breakfast/Bible Study at Park Café w/Siloa 6:00 PM church Council 2 Council	14	15	16 Ruby's Pantry-New Hope Church, Isanti, 9:00-11:00 Registra- tion @ 7:30
17 10:30 AM Worship	18	19	20 8:00 AM Men in Mis- sion Breakfast/Bible Study at Park Café 1:30 PM Ladies Bible Study with Siloa 6:30 Confirmation Info Night PARENTS TOO!	21	22	23
24 10:30 AM Worship	25	26 8:30 Bobbin Feeders @ Salem w/Siloa	27 8:00 AM Men in Mis- sion Breakfast/Bible Study at Park Café w/ Siloa 6:30 Youth Group	28	29	30

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See inside for additional information!

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We're on the Web!

See us at: [www.salemutherandalbo.com](http://www.salemutherandalbo.com)  
 Facebook: Salem Lutheran Church Dalbo

**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