



Salem Lutheran Church

We are all God's children reflecting His love

October, 2023

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Education & Youth -*Wendy Linder*

Property -*David Lundin*
Jesse Johnson

Youth -*Brenna Johnson*

Worship & Music -*Donovan Erickson*

OPEN POSITION AVAILABLE
(See Council Member if you are interested.)

Non-Council Member
Kristy Johnson-Interim Council Treasurer

Greetings!

In September, you may remember that our sermon series reflected on ways we could Learn to Love our Enemies. Overall when we think of doing so, I'm sure we can find lots of reasons to believe that it is a very difficult thing to do. It's not at the top of our list, and it's something we would rather avoid than dig deep into. But then again, there are many aspects of the discipleship life that are difficult for us, but God still calls us to discern and try to live out to the best of our ability.

Another one of those aspects of discipleship that many want to avoid talking about or reflecting on would be stewardship. Especially in our current time when inflation and prices are high and it seems like our resources of all sorts, even our time, seem depleted. Instead of diving into the negative about our current economic woes and possibly ignoring speaking about stewardship all together, we will focus on it over four weeks in a series called Thriving.

This stewardship series will guide our congregations in generosity while honoring and respecting our rationality, personhood, and value. Church pastors and leadership at all levels cannot ignore the challenge our church members face to be charitable, but also balancing burdensome debt, lifestyle maintenance, and limited retirement savings.

Our sermon series will have us step away from the false dilemmas and consider how our churches, our relationship with Christ, and we personally benefit from faithful stewardship. Sacrificial givers experience this when giving becomes disciplined and life balance is achieved and maintained. The more we have grace, lead by example, and speak to the joy of giving, the more new givers will thrive.

The Salem Stewardship committee has also planned for some temple talks as well as some coffee time conversation and activities to supplement this series. I look forward to hearing from congregation members about the ways they have found their time, talents, and treasures to impact their daily lives and their walk with Christ.

The one thing we must remember about stewardship is that all we have in life is not truly ours. We have been given the joy and challenge to steward all things in life to better our lives and the lives of others around us. We may sometimes get sidetracked by how we should be stewardship our time, talents, and treasures, but hopefully this stewardship sermon series can help you reflect on your own personal stewardship and adjust actions as necessary.

As we enter into October I look forward to a couple fall park walks, Dalbo Fire Hall Bingo(!), the Thank You Lord Dinner, Sparks and Confirmation starting, as well as continuing to enjoy ministry together in general. I pray you are able to steward your time and energy well to be able to join us in all this month has to offer. It will be a fun month of being church together in Maple Ridge Township!

Pr Mary

Let's Talk!

We lift up in prayer:

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



Finance Information

Month	Month Budgeted	Giving	Monthly Difference	Year to Date	COMMENTS: <i>August giving showed improvement! Thank you everyone.</i>
	1st Quarter			+\$1,901	
	2nd Quarter			+\$3,934	
July	\$8,663	\$6,902	-\$2,037	+\$1,897	
Aug	\$8,663	\$7,409	-\$1254	+643	



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.

*Youth Ministry night begins on Wednesday, October 4th!
We hold these activities the
1st and 3rd Wednesdays of most months.*



*All kids
ages 3-Grade 6
6:15-7:30 PM*

*Confirmation
+ Class
6:30-7:30 PM*

Worship MINISTRY

DATE	GREETERS & USHERS	LAY READER	COMMUNION ASST	ALTAR GUILD	ALCOLYTES
Oct 1	TBD	Keith Engstrom	Keith Engstrom	Annie Johnson	Juliana Linder
Oct 8	TBD	Nola Smith	Keith Engstrom	Annie Johnson	
Oct 15	TBD	Ken Carlson	Keith Engstrom	Annie Johnson	David Torkelson
Oct 22	TBD	Gayle Erickson	Keith Engstrom	Annie Johnson	Sophie Jensrud
Oct 29	Healing Service at Siloa				

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

19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 8th, 2023

Prayer of the Day

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 5:1-7 | Psalm 80:7-15 | Philippians 3:4b-14 | Matthew 21:33-46

Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God of all grace, you are the source of life and joy. Strengthen the resolve of your church throughout the world, that together we press on toward the goal of your heavenly call in Jesus Christ. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of all creation, you plant and nourish the earth as your own precious vineyard. Bless fields and orchards and the heads of those who labor in them, that your people are fed with an abundant harvest of good fruit. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of all the earth, you desire peace and justice between nations and peoples. Guide leaders of nations, states, provinces, and cities, that they faithfully govern your people with wisdom, integrity, and compassion. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of all compassion, in Christ, you lovingly poured yourself out like wine for your people. Have mercy on all who mourn, who struggle with their mental health, who cry out for justice, who hunger, and all in any need...especially...God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of all steadfastness, you set Christ as the cornerstone and foundation of the church. Build up this congregation as living stones that it stands in the community as a witness to your enduring faithfulness and love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of all hope, the saints who came before us lived and died with their hearts fixed on you. We give you thanks for their faithful witness, and we wait with hope for the great day when we join their voices in praise. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 15th, 2023

Prayer of the Day

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 25:1-9 | Psalm 23 | Philippians 4:1-9 | Matthew 22:1-14

Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land, that all followers of Christ share the mind of Christ and strive to live together in peace, staying firm in the Lord. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For green pastures and still waters and all the beauty of the natural world, that creation flourishes and humankind lives in right relationship with all you have made. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For the nations of the world and all who hold positions of authority, that they govern in accordance with God's vision of justice, providing shelter and refuge to all in need, striving toward the goal of peace and prosperity for all. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For all experiencing valleys of illness and grief, that they be healed and comforted and find rest in the presence of the Good Shepherd who walks beside them...especially...God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For this community of believers, that wherever there is conflict or discord, the love of Christ may keep us united and make us mindful of all that is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, and excellent. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving for the beloved saints who now rest in your mercy, that their faithful witness guides your church until the day we join them at your heavenly feast. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 22nd, 2023

Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 45:1-7 | Psalm 96:1-9 | 1 Thessalonians 1:10 | Matthew 22:15-22

Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Faithful God, your Spirit animates the church throughout the world and binds believers near and far into the body of Christ. Equip us for the work of faith, and enlarge our hearts for the labor of love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Creating God, the sea roars, the earth rejoices, and the heavens are glad at the wonder of all you have made. Bless the work of ecologists and conservationists and all those who safeguard the riches of creation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, your rule and authority is over the cosmos. As you once worked through the ruler Cyrus for the good of your people, accomplish your purposes through the work of elected leaders and public servants. Guide them with your wisdom and compassion. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Caring God, your arms enfold all who are lonely, oppressed, despairing, sick, and suffering. Pour out your abundant mercy on all whom this world has neglected, abandoned, and forgotten, that they may know your joy...especially... God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, all our life belongs to you. When earthly idols threaten to lead your church astray, remind us that you alone are the source of our eternal hope. Direct the work of church treasurers, councils, and all who manage financial matters. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Everlasting God, the saints of every age have sung your praise and shared your word. We give you thanks for their witness and pray that we may join them as citizens of your unending kingdom. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Reformation Sunday

October 29th, 2023

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Readings

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 | Psalm 1 | 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 | Matthew 22:34-46

Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God our parent, you call us your children and have made us siblings through your son Jesus.

Heal the church's many divisions, bring understanding and peace where there has been contention and strife, and unite us in one body through the love of Christ. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our creator, your hands have made the heights of the mountains, the depths of the sea, and the life that animates all creation. Bring relief to areas harmed by wildfires, floods, storms, and human carelessness. Renew the face of the earth. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our ruler, the nations rage and the kingdoms shake, but your word stands fast forever. Let your justice and peace roll down like waters wherever there is strife, injustice, war, or religious conflict. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our champion, you are our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. Draw near to all who suffer. Be their rest and comfort...especially... God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our reformer, you make all things new. Free us from complacency, open us to unexpected ways, and kindle zeal in us for the future. We pray for young people affirming their baptism. With them, stir in us a desire for your wisdom. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our savior, you made yourself known in the lives of all who have died in the hope of your grace. We give thanks for the witness of reformers like Martin Luther and for all whose example has brought us closer to you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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 10th
- 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 10th 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 27th 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
- 150th Anniversary Celebration 2024 theme: "I Love to Tell the Story"
 - February celebration will be held as normal.
 - Sunday June 30th 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 6th = Beverly

August 13th = Keith

August 20th = 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
1 10:30 AM Worship Last day to purchase advance tickets to Thank You Lord Meal	2	3 8:30 AM Ladies' Breakfast @Dusty Eagle	4 8:00 AM Men in Mission Breakfast at Park Café 1:30 PM Ladies Bible 6:15 SPARKS (ages 3-Gr 6) 6:30 Confirmation	5 9:00 AM Walk in the Park-John & Irving Anderson Park	6 	7 Dalbo Fire Dept Bingo Night. Doors open @ 5:30 PM, starts @6:30 PM
9 10:30 AM Worship	9	10 8:30 Bobbin Feeders @ Salem w/Silva	11 8:00 AM Men in Mission Breakfast at Park Café w/Silva 6:00 PM church Council 2 Council	12	13	14 4:30-7:00 PM Thank You Lord Dinner. Music fellowship 6:00-7:00 PM
15 10:30 AM Worship	16	17	18 8:00 AM Men in Mission Breakfast at Park Café 1:30 PM Ladies Bible 6:15 SPARKS (ages 3-Gr 6) 6:30 Confirmation	19 9:00 AM Walk in the Park-Becklin Family Park	20	21 Ruby's Pantry-New Hope Church, Isanti, 9:00-11:00 Registration @ 7:30
22 10:30 AM Worship	23	24 8:30 Bobbin Feeders @ Salem w/Silva	25 8:00 AM Men in Mission Breakfast at Park Café 6:30 Youth Group	26	27	28
29 9:00 AM Healing Worship @ SILOA Reformation Sunday	30 	31				



“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday



**September 10
2023**

According to ELCA, “This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans, that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.”

Salem volunteers helped stack 6 cords of woods for a community member and swept and organized a shed for another community member.



Thank you to all who participated in this service project.



**Thank you
 LORD
 Dinner**

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 with ALL THE TRIMMINGS!
 Music Fellowship 6:00-7:00 PM

See inside for additional information!

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We're on the Web!
 See us at: 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