



# Salem Lutheran Church

We are all God's children reflecting His love

**November, 2023**

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Greetings!

Have you ever been thankful for something negative happening to you? I'm sure in the moment you weren't thankful for what you were enduring, but as you look back on that time you can see some positives to the situation. As you might remember, I'm not a huge fan of the theology that "everything happens for a reason" or that "God is the puppet-master of everything that happens to us." So I'm not saying that bad things happen to us IN ORDER THAT we must learn something or see some sort of blessing out of everything that occurred. BUT I am saying that after reflection on difficult times, there is a chance that a spark of joy or inspiration might come out of a stressful or traumatic experience.

I think it's a healthy thing to try and find the silver lining in a bad situation. If we can only see the despair, it becomes difficult to swim our way out of the drowning we may be experiencing. All of this is to say I've been doing a lot of reflecting lately, and I've come to be thankful I was diagnosed with anxiety last year. Now again, at the time of diagnosis, I was NOT thankful. I felt like I was drowning and I couldn't catch my breath. But as I see the progress I have made through time in therapy, I am grateful it sparked a need for change in my life.

Without experiencing such a stressful time, I don't think I ever would have healed my heart and mind, which led to a path of healing for my body as well. I have also wondered if it was also a benefit that I had been in therapy for a couple of months before the request was proposed for us to become foster parents. I honestly don't think I would have been able to say "yes" to the opportunity so confidently if I hadn't already been working on my mental and emotional health. In that way, I am thankful that I was at a good place in order to accept that opportunity.

And looking back even further, it was due to a stressful time in my first call in ministry that I ended up here at Salem and Siloa. Believe me, I was not thankful I had to endure what I did at the very start of my ministry, but I'm definitely thankful that it led me here to this call and you fine people in Maple Ridge Township. :)

What hardships have you been thankful for in your own life? What experiences have led you to reflect and grow? Not every hard experience will lead to gratitude, but many will. I encourage you to take a look at your life in recent years and do some reflecting on your own. In this season of Thanksgiving, let us look to have gratitude for our life experiences, good and bad. Our experiences just might help others when they are in a time of need. This is one way we can share in the priesthood of all believers - everyone has the opportunity to give pastoral care in their own way!

As you gather with your family and friends this holiday season, maybe bring this topic up for discussion if you think the conversation would be appropriate. See what other experiences you can hear from those around you. It takes vulnerability to share, but it can bring people closer together as you learn more about others and what they are thankful for.

*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:
	1st Quarter			+\$1,901	
	2nd Quarter			+\$3,934	
July	\$8,663	\$6,902	-\$2,037	+\$1,897	
Aug	\$8,663	\$7,409	-\$1254	+643	
Sept	\$8,663				

**Kid-Friendly FAMILY Meal provided at 5:30 on November 1st and 15th  
See you there!**

*Youth Ministry night is on 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
Nov 5	Wendy & Olivia Linder	Roxanne Carlson	Suzanne Hulett	Alaina Norby	Juliana Linder
Nov 12	Don & Gayle Erickson	DeeDee Johnson	Suzanne Hulett	Annie Johnson	David Torkelson
Nov 19	Ken & Sharon Erickson	Suzanne Hulett	Suzanne Hulett	Shirley Illg	Sophia Jensrud
Nov 26	Bob & Nola Smith	TBD	Suzanne Hulett	Alaina Norby	TBD

Calling all youth grades 7-12!



November 29th  
at 6:30 PM  
Let's decorate the  
church!



*Stay Tuned!*

*More Details Coming Soon...*

**Gift Wrapping  
Fundraiser**

**Saturday, December 9th**

**10:00-4:00PM**

The Salem Lutheran Youth Gathering Group will offer their gift wrapping service for a small fee to help start fundraising for their trip to New Orleans next year.

# All Saints Sunday

November 5th, 2023

## Prayer of the Day

O God, generous and supreme, your loving Son lived among us, instructing us in the ways of humility and justice. Continue to ease our burdens, and lead us to serve alongside of him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Readings

**Micah 3:5-12 | Psalm 43 | 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 | Matthew 23:1-12**

## Prayers of Intercession

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Holy God, encourage and uphold your church around the world. We thank you for your Word, which we receive as holy. Lead bishops, pastors, deacons, and all members of your church in lives worthy of you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, revive your creation where it is neglected, misused, or abused. Bolster advocates in eco-justice organizations. Nurture endeavors that aid communities affected by hazardous waste, poor air, and polluted waters. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Righteous God, accompany our nation as it prepares for elections. Protect voters, voting officials, poll workers, and journalists. Guide leaders around the world, that fair and wise decisions show care for all, especially those society has forgotten or mistreated. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Nurturing One, bless the brokenhearted and all who mourn. Send your compassion to all who grieve, grant wholeness to those who are sick, and accompany the dying. Bear near to all who need you...especially... Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Welcoming God, accompany those in new and unfamiliar places who need an invitation to community. We pray especially for any who have recently moved to start their first year of college, a new job, or a missionary position in another land. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Eternal God, you unite all the faithful at your heavenly feast. We remember your saints gathered in your eternal presence, especially those who have died in the past year...(read names)... Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

# 24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 12th, 2023

## Prayer of the Day

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of there, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Readings

**Amos 5:18-24 | Psalm 70 | 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 | Matthew 25:1-13**

## Prayers of Intercession

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

O God for whom we wait, come quickly to your people, bring your salvation, and center us in hope found only in you. Deepen our faith through meaningful worship and send us out with your justice and truth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

O God for whom we watch, we glimpse your power in rushing water and your beauty in the darkening night. Restore this creation, and provide clean water to all people and animals. Save us from foolish, wasteful living. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

O God for whom we long, let justice roll down like waters on all nations. Bless citizens with wise leaders; save your children from war. We pray for the veterans of this community that they are supported and loved. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

O God, in whom we hope, we pray for all who are in need. Provide for those who experience homelessness or hunger, support the under- or unemployed, and comfort any who are suffering this day...especially... Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

O God for whom we listen, inspire the music ministry of our congregation. Fill our worship with songs to proclaim your greatness. Help us to sing and dance with joy and tell boldly of your salvation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

O God, in whom we remain, we remember our loved ones who have died and now live in you. Bring comfort and the assurance of new life to all who grieve. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

# 25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 19th, 2023

## Prayer of the Day

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Readings

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 | Psalm 90:1-8, 12 | 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 | Matthew 25:14-30

## Prayers of Intercession

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Gracious God, you give talents and gifts to all your people, and you equip the church to serve. Turn us from fear and self-serving ways, that we use our talents to glorify you and encourage our neighbor. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You have been our dwelling place from one generation to another. Sustain the life of the planet; protect farmlands and harvests. Direct all people in wise stewardship of all the earth's resources. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You call us to honesty and integrity. Instill these values in the hearts of all nations and their leaders. Free any who are oppressed, expose all corruption, and bring redemption to victims of injustice. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Where there is sickness or sorrow, bring healing, and where there is loneliness, reveal your love in community. We remember before you...especially... Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the faith formation ministries of our church. Give to all children, youth, and adults who study your word the bresplate of faith and love. Shape us by your love and show us how to encourage one another. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Gracious God, you are faithful in all generations. For the promise of life and rest and for the witness of those who have died in faith we praise your goodness. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

# Christ the King Sunday

November 26th, 2023

## Prayer of the Day

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Readings

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 | Psalm 95:1-7a | Ephesians 1:15-23 | Matthew 25:31-46

## Prayers of Intercession

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Holy God, from Christ we receive your call to feed, clothe, and welcome. Direct your church to respond to this call with faithfulness and generous love. We pray for the work of ELCA World Hunger and partnerships with global feeding ministries. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**  
In Christ, the rock of our salvation, we are brought into union with all of creation. With mountains, seas, dry lands, and animals of the field, we seek your guidance and protection. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In Christ we know merciful judgment. Guide rulers of every nation in ways of humble leadership and wise decision-making. Allow aid to come to all who are underserved and care to any who are neglected. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In Christ we feel the depth of your love and care toward us. Nourish all who hunger, connect any who are isolated, and surround all who experience rejection or abuse. We pray for those who suffer...especially... Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In Christ we are made the people of his pasture. Inspire the outreach and social ministries of this congregation. We pray for all people who serve and attend to the needs of others. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy God, in Christ we are welcomed home. We praise you for the faithful witness of those who have served you and extended your welcome and love to us. Unite us with them as one body of Christ. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

# November, 2023




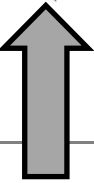

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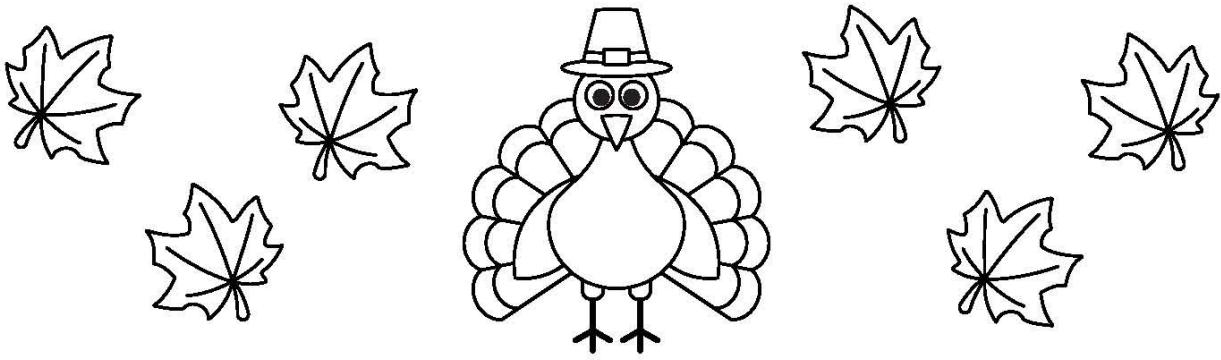
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 8:00 AM Men in Mission Breakfast at Park Café 1:30 PM Ladies Bible 5:30 PM Kid Friendly Meals with family 6:30-Confirmation	2 8:00 AM Men in Mission Breakfast at Park Café 6:00 PM church Council	3	4
5:30 AM Worship  <b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b>	6 8:30 Ladies Breakfast w/ Siloa @ Park Café	7	8 8:00 AM Men in Mission Breakfast at Park Café w/Siloa	9 8:00 AM Men in Mission Breakfast at Park Café w/Siloa	10	11 10:00-12:30 Manger Paint Class at Siloa. Must preregister
12 10:30 AM Worship Pastor Julie Beck in the pulpit oday	13 8:30 Bobbin Feeders @ Salem w/Siloa	14	15 8:00 AM Men in Mission Breakfast at Park Café 5:30 PM Kid Friendly Meals with family 1:30 PM Ladies Bible 6:15 SPARKS (ages 3-Gr 6) 6:30 Confirmation	16 8:00 AM Men in Mission Breakfast at Park Café Meals with family 1:30 PM Ladies Bible 6:15 SPARKS (ages 3-Gr 6) 6:30 Confirmation	17	18 Ruby's Pantry-New Hope Church, Isanti, 9:00-11:00 Registra- tion @ 7:30
19 10:30 AM Worship	20	21	22 8:00 AM Men in Mission Breakfast at Park Café	23  Happy Thanksgiving	24	25
26 10:30 AM Worship	27 	28 8:30 Bobbin Feeders @ Salem w/Siloa	29 8:00 AM Men in Mission Breakfast at Park Café 6:30 Youth Group Decorate church! 	30 8:00 AM Men in Mission Breakfast at Park Café 6:30 Youth Group Decorate church! 		



# THANKSGIVING

## Word Search

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FAMILY

GATHER  
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HOLIDAY

LEAVES  
NOVEMBER  
PARADE  
PIE  
PILGRIMS

STUFFING  
THANKSGIVING  
THURSDAY  
TRADITION  
TURKEY



**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



December 24th at 10:30 AM-Salem

4:00 PM-Siloa

6:00 PM-Salem

Julotta/Dec 25th 6:00 AM-Salem

Join Siloa as they host a paint class on Saturday, November 11th from 10:00-12:30. Cost is \$35.00.

Please let Wendy Dawn

(763.286.6845) know if you

are interested. You can also

register by going to Siloa's

Facebook Page/Events.

Payment is required by Nov

4th.

