



Salem Lutheran Church

We are all God's children reflecting His love

January, 2024

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Education & Youth - *Wendy Linder*

Property - *David Lundin*
Jesse Johnson

Worship & Music - *Donovan Erickson*

Youth - *Brenna Johnson*



**ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN
BIBLE STUDY!**

On the first and third Wednesdays
at 1:30

we will be watching “*THE CHOSEN*”
and discussing each episode afterwards.

What is *The Chosen*?

The Chosen is a show about Jesus Christ, adapted from the four books of the Bible known as the Gospels, which each tell the story of his birth, life, and death through the varying viewpoints of their writers. The three completed seasons are on the Angel’s website, Peacock and “*The Chosen*” app.

The show itself makes clear, via a disclaimer in the first episode, that “all Biblical and historical context and any artistic imagination are designed to support the truth and intention of the Scriptures.”

We hope you make time in your schedules to come to view and discuss this show with us!

Pr Mary

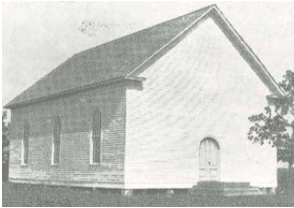
Let's Talk!

We lift up in prayer:

We hold up Wade Eggert (Sally Shugren's nephew), Cathy Koolmo, Pam Peterson, Lisa Gardner, Lucille Asmund and Bishop Elizabeth Eaton in special prayers this month.



"I Love to Tell the Story"



This is the theme for Salem's 150th anniversary. Our special service and dinner will be June 30, 2024.



The Steering Committee will be sending a mailing to current members, past members and acquaintances of Salem. They are asking the congregation if they would like to add a name or several to the mailing list. Just call and leave the name, address and email (if they have one) at 763.689.1687 or drop the name and address at the church offices.



Kid-Friendly FAMILY Meal provided at 5:30 on the first and third Wednesdays! See you there!



ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS are due to Wendy Dawn by Wednesday, January 17th. Please email your reports or place in the folder under the clock labelled **ANNUAL REPORTS**.



Please sign up to shovel the walkways this winter on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

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
Jan. 7	Don & Gayle Erickson	Gayle Erickson	Don Erickson	Shirley Illg
Jan 14	Kalli Shugren, Sally Shugren	Sally Shugren	Don Erickson	Annie Johnson
Jan 21	Jesse & Kristy Johnson	Jesse Johnson	Don Erickson	Shirley Illg
Jan 28	Brenna Johnson	Brenna Johnson	Don Erickson	Alaina Norby



Six of our members are going to New Orleans to attend the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering!

We look forward to our youth experiencing their faith with youth from all over the country!

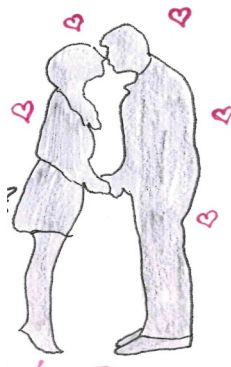
During the months before this trip they will be seeking out various fundraising opportunities to assist with some of the expenses.


Parent's Night Out

Friday, January 5th
6:00-9:00 PM

\$5.00 per child/hour
Family max \$50.00

Pizza, movie, games
and crafts





Fundraising CARD PROGRAM



Purchase a card of 5
ULTIMATE car washes
for \$36.

These can be purchased now!
On Sundays or directly from youth.

**Candy Bars for sale
only \$1.00 each**

GARAGE SALE

Fundraiser

February 10th and 11th
at Salem Lutheran Church

We are accepting donations of new and
gently used items
until January 31.



Order Heggies Pizza until January 31st.
Pizza will be delivered to church on February 7th

Description	Large Price (12" approx)
Double Cheese The ultimate cheese-lover's pizza, topped with cheddar and mozzarella.	\$10.00 20 oz.
Pepperoni Covered from edge to edge with pepperoni and mozzarella cheese.	\$10.00 21 oz.
Sausage and Pepperoni Featuring sausage, pepperoni and mozzarella cheese.	\$11.00 26 oz.
Six Pack Made with 4 meats and 2 cheeses. Loaded with sausage, pepperoni, Canadian bacon, bacon, cheddar and mozzarella.	\$12.00 30 oz.
Chicken Alfredo Made with garlic chicken, creamy alfredo sauce and mozzarella cheese on a thick, seasoned, hand-stretched crust.	\$12.00 29 oz.
Breakfast Pizza Made with country sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, green onions, cheddar, mozzarella and country gravy.	\$12.00 27 oz.
Cauliflower Crust Sausage & Pepperoni Cauliflower crust pizza topped with sausage, pepperoni, and mozzarella cheese	\$12.00 22.2 oz.
Cauliflower Crust Margherita Cauliflower crust pizza topped with tomato, basil, garlic and sliced mozzarella cheese	\$12.00 17.6 oz.

Baptism of our Lord

January 7th, 2024

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Readings

Genesis 1:1-5 | Psalm 29 | Acts 19:1-7 | Mark 1:4-11

Prayers of Intercession

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

Inspire wisdom and a spirit of proclamation in your church, God of forgiveness. Uplift leaders to share the true of your word in community. Encourage us to live into the promises of baptism, working for justice and peace in all the world. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Renew your creation, God of thunder and mighty waters. Restore the rivers in which your children are baptized. May fields flourish and grow. Summon the stewards and caretakers of the land to cherish your good works. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Give strength to your leaders, God who is present in every country and community. Raise up leaders committed to equity and healing. Grant them discernment and compassion as they lead in love. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Protect and cherish the most vulnerable among us, God of strength. Accompany those separated from family or hurting from broken relationships. Shelter our unhoused neighbors and any experiencing poverty. Protect those incarcerated in prisons and detention centers. Care for the sick and suffering... especially... God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Encourage this congregation, God who calls and sends disciples. Guide us in accompanying, learning from, and serving our neighbors on the margins, following the example of Jesus. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Trusting the assurance of the Holy Spirit, we remember all who have died and rest in God's care. Give hope to those who grieve even as we rest in your eternal promise of resurrection. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 14th, 2024

Prayer of the Day

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings

1 Samuel 3:1-10 | Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 | 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 | John 1:43-51

Prayers of Intercession

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

Encourage the ministry and mission of the church, God of truth. Let the leaders of your church be trustworthy and accountable stewards, that all its resources and outreach bring hope and healing to communities. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Delight in the goodness of your creation, God of fig trees and fertile soil. Heal areas of the world harmed by human greed. Restore those recovering from natural disaster. Protect our forests and waterways and all the creatures that live in them. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Call the leaders of every neighborhood and nation to serve faithfully, God of wisdom. Give them visions of justice and unity. Lead them to action that promotes equitable partnership and uplifts those on the margins of society. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Hold in your care any who suffer and struggle, God of compassion. You who know our inner hearts, be present with any who are oppressed, victims of racism or cultural bias, and all who long for respite or restoration... especially... God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Give this congregation the anticipation and excitement of Samuel, so inspired and empowered to do your work in the world, God of unity. Make us faithful as we build communities of inclusion and mutual care. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Trusting God who raised Jesus and will also raise us in spirit and truth, we remember all who have died and are at peace among the saints. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 21st, 2024

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Readings

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 | Psalm 62:5-12 | 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 | Mark 1:14-20

Prayers of Intercession

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

God our rock and deliverance, do not let your church be shaken. We trust you never abandon your promises to the most vulnerable among us. Give your church wisdom and empathy in its varied ministries. God of grace, **receive our prayer:**

God our hope and refuge, you placed the fish in the sea. Guide our care of oceans and all creatures that live in them. Hold us accountable for actions that endanger water sources and the people who depend on them. God of grace, **receive our prayer:**

God who proclaims judgement and offers mercy, be a model to the leaders of our nation and the world. As they lead, may they follow in your way of justice and truth. God of grace, **receive our prayer:**

God who cares for the suffering, care for survivors of assault and sexual abuse and sustain all who minister to them. Keep safe any who live under threat of violence, those living in poverty, and any among us who are ill or in pain...especially... God of grace, **receive our prayer:**

God of resurrection and new life, as the first disciples shared the good news, empower us and this faith community to be open to your call. When we are uncertain of your call, assure us. When we have strayed from your ways, redirect us. God of grace, **receive our prayer:**

God who holds the saints against your tender bosom, we trust you welcome them into your care. Comfort those who grieve, even as we place our hope in your salvation. God of grace, **receive our prayer:**

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

4th Sunday after Epiphany

January 28th, 2024

Prayer of the Day

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Readings

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 | Psalm 111 | 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 | Mark 1:21-28

Prayers of Intercession

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

Loving God, we pray that your example of teaching with confidence and authority builds up your church in love. May all church leaders and teachers honor your instruction and model your inclusive ways. God of grace, **receive our prayer:**

Renewing God, we pray for all of creation, that waterways flow clean and clear, natural spaces are protected, and our planet is healed. Let us commit to thoughtful care of the earth. God of grace, **receive our prayer:**

Justice-seeking God, we pray for those in government and community leadership, that they lead with honor and mindfulness. May they remember their covenants and be upright in their ways. God of grace, **receive our prayer:**

Compassionate God, we pray for all in need, especially those who have known rejection, any who struggle with long-term illness or chronic pain, those without access to safe housing or health care, and any who suffer...especially... God of grace, **receive our prayer:**

Still-speaking God, we pray for our congregation, for its artists and musicians, for its educators and caregivers, that all gifts are used to care for those in need and to live out your example of accompaniment, gospel witness, and love. God of grace, **receive our prayer:**

Eternal God, we remember all who have been teachers, mentors, and companions in the church and in our lives. We trust that all who have died rest in your loving care. God of grace, **receive our prayer:**

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 8:30 Ladies Breakfast w/ Siloa at Park Cafe	3 8:00 AM Men in Mission Breakfast at Park Cafe 1:30 PM The Chosen Bible Study 5:30 PM COMMUNITY MEAL 6:15 SPARKS (ages 3-Gr 6) 6:30 Confirmation	4	5	6
7 10:30 AM Worship	8	9 8:30 Bobbin Feeders @ Salem w/Siloa	10 8:00 AM Men in Mis- sion w/Siloa @ Park Cafe 6:30 Church Council	11	12	13 Ruby's Pantry-New Ac- cess Church, NoOrth Branch, 10:00-11:30 am Registration @ 9:30
14 10:30 AM Worship	15	16	17 8:00 AM Men in Mission Breakfast at Park Cafe 1:30 PM The Chosen Bible Study 5:30 PM COMMUNITY MEAL 6:15 SPARKS (ages 3-Gr 6) 6:30 Confirmation	18	19	20 Ruby's Pantry-New Hope Church, Isanti, 9:00-11:00 Registra- tion @ 7:30
21 10:30 AM Worship	22	23 8:30 Bobbin Feeders @ Salem w/Siloa	24 8:00 AM Men in Mission Breakfast at Park Cafe	25	26	27
28 10:30 AM Worship	29	30	31 6:30 Youth Group			

**Salem Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2023 – Unapproved Minutes**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Suzanne Hulett called the meeting to order @ 6:31 pm

II. OPENING PRAYER

Suzanne led the council in an opening prayer.

III. ROLL CALL

The following people were present: Executive Committee – Suzanne Hulett, Keith Engstrom, and Beverly Ramey. Council Members - Pastor Mary Fiel, Wendy Linder, David Lundin, Don Erickson, Jesse Johnson, Kristy Johnson and Brenna Johnson. Larry Lindquist special guest.

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

- Secretary's report was passed out. Motion to accept the report with corrections by Jesse and second by Brenna. Minutes approved.

TREASURE/FINANCIAL REPORT

- Motion to accept the Treasure/Financial Report as written. Motion by David and second by Wendy. Financial report approved.
- Shalom Financial report – Pastor Mary received several requests for additional help this month. Community meal, medical expense, electric, and mortgage help.

PASTOR REPORT

- 9 Sunday worship services
- 0 baptism, 0 weddings, 0 funerals/memorials, 1 graveside services
- 4 Pastoral care visits

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

- Larry Lindquist reviewed restricted funds and their definitions and status

V. COMMITTEE / TASKFORCE :**COMMITTEES****Education & Youth - Wendy Linder & Brenna Johnson**

- November 29 Christmas Decorating by youth.
- December 10 Christmas Program

Fellowship & Discipleship – Suzanne Hulett and Beverly Ramey

- "Thank You Lord Supper" is October 14, 2023.
 - Gross Profit \$2173.74
 - 10% Tithe \$217.37
 - General Fund \$1956.37
- "Adopt a Highway" – Highway 47, south of Dalbo Fire department. Approved and waiting for the sign
- 150th Anniversary Celebration 2024 theme: "I Love to Tell the Story."
 - February 18, 2024, to June 30, 2024

Property – David Lundin & Jesse Johnson

- Create a plan for replacing the fluorescent lights as they are needed.
- Form from Isanti county on road enhancement. David will fill it out.

Stewardship - Keith Engstrom

- The ongoing focus will be on time and talents.

Worship & Music - Don Erickson

- Candle oil - motion to purchase from St Patrick’s Guild for \$75 by Kristy and second by Pastor Mary. Motion approved. Pastor will pick it up

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

Council Administration

- June monthly responsibilities open
- 2024 Congregation/Pastor Priorities
 - Increase local giving,
 - Join Siloa on Path to Home program.
 - Bolster groups within our church
 - Adopt an elementary school?
 - Pick up local elderly for community dinner on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays.
- Council administration
 - Meeting date and time = No meeting in December. Next meeting will be January 10, 2024 at 6 pm

2023 Congregation/Pastor Priorities – we will review monthly

- Growth of Congregation
 - Increase membership
 - Increase Outreach to previous members and older members unable to worship on a regular basis
- Fellowship
 - Increase youth involvement in services and activities/Grow Youth Program
- Financial
 - Encourage personal review of tithing and challenge members to increase giving

VII. NEW BUSINESS

PASTOR REIMBURSEMENTS

- i. Mileage – \$57.36
 - ii. Expenses – \$70.55

Motion by Bev to approve and Kristy seconded. Motion approved.
- December Meeting – Beverly and Suzanne out of town December 13th.
 - Meeting date and time = No meeting in December. Next meeting will be January 10, 2024 at 6 pm.
 - Any approvals needed will be done via email.

December Responsibilities: Jesse Johnson

CLOSING PRAYER

Pastor Mary ended with a closing prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Brenna, second by Bev, motion approved.
Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 15, 22, 29	12 noon Bulletin Deadline
November 17	Newsletter Deadline
November 29	6:30 Youth Decorate Church
December 3	Advent starts
December 10	10:30 am Children’s Christmas Program

Respectfully Submitted,
Beverly Ramey
Council Secretary

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2024 Ushers & Greeters

Thank you for participating in the ministry at Salem
by serving as Greeters and Ushers.

- The first name on the list with the * is asked to contact the others on the list and remind them of the date they are scheduled for. If necessary the Group Leader will make adjustments.
- Please try to have your scheduled volunteers to Wendy Dawn in the church office by the 3rd Friday of the previous month so that it can be printed in the newsletter. You can provide this information to her by either email, leaving a message on the phone or a note on the desk.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF USHERS AND GREETERS INCLUDE:

1. Please be at church 25 minutes before the service.
2. Find your name tag either on the table or in the black box on the table
3. Greet and distribute bulletins and any newsletters that may be on the table.
4. Invite visitors to sign the guestbook if they would like. Provide them with a newsletter. There are usually some in the stand on the narthex table.
5. Ring the church bell just prior to the beginning of service.
6. Be prepared to collect the offering.
7. Count the number of people (include children) in attendance and record it in the table on the narthex table.
8. After service, pick up anything left in the pew and straighten the hymnals in the racks.



Month	Team Members	Phone Number	Month	Team Members	Phone Number
<i>* indicates Group Leader-Call others to coordinate the month and inform the secretary.</i>					
January			July		
7th	* Don & Gayle Erickson	612-702-4696	7th	* Keith Engstrom	763-360-2493
14th	Kalli & Sally Shugren	763-689-2067	14th	Steve & Annie Johnson	763-300-1968
21st	Jesse & Kristy Johnson	763-639-4314	21st	William & Deb Alferness	763-389-5005
28th	Brenna Johnson	612-849-3619	28th	Cindy Johnson	763-670-1964
February	Includes Ash Wednesday/Lenten Services		August		
4th	*Brad & Sandy Engbloom	763-360-4289	4th	*Don & Gayle Erickson	612-702-4696
11th	Keith Johnson	612-221-4438	11th	Alaina & Chris Norby	763-742-4328
18th	Randy & DeeDee Johnson	763-689-5346	18th	Emily Lubenow	612-805-0978
25th	David & Bonnie Lundin	320-396-2808	25th	John Olson	763-246-8415
March	Includes Lenten Services/Holy Week/Easter		September		
3rd	* Keith Engstrom	763-360-2493	1st	* Albert & Vicky Lubenow	612-805-0978
10th	Sean & Kara Eastlund	763-291-2987	8th	Suzanne Hulett	763-670-5082
17th	David & Bonnie Lundin	320-396-2808	15th	Luther & Roxanne Carlson	763-439-4482
24th	John Olson	763-246-8415	22nd	Lyle & Pam Erickson	763-689-5503
31st	Ken & Sharon Erickson	763-689-4770	29th	Justin & Wendy Linder	763-486-6607
April	Includes Holy Week, Easter		October		
7th	* Wanda Johnson	763-286-2775	6th	* Larry Lindquist	763-389-3269
14th	Cole & Lexi Shugren	763-843-8660	13th	Jim & Kim Hansen	763-689-0061
21st	Chad & Cassie Torkelson	651-470-5116	20th	Sandy Holland	763-689-5591
28th	Cindy Johnson	763-670-1964	27th	Merlin & Carol Holland	763-689-2285
May			November		
5th	* Lyle & Pam Erickson	763-689-5503	3rd	* Bob & Nola Smith	612-481-9431
12th	Roger & Bev Larsen	763-689-4932	10th	Don & Gayle Erickson	612-702-4696
19th	Larry Lindquist	763-389-3269	17th	Wendy & Justin Linder	763-486-6607
26th	Rosanna Kollman	763-689-3943	24th	Ken & Sharon Erickson	763-689-4770
June			December	Includes Blue Christmas, Christmas Eve, Julotta	
2nd	* Gary & Pat Boser	612-803-5104	1st	* Suzanne Hulett	763-670-5082
9th	Amanda & Bev Ramey	715-271-9766	1st	*Jeff Hulett	763-218-2837
16th	Don & Bev Nelson	763-286-3368	8th	Keith Johnson	763-645-7997
23rd	Craig & Sandy Quale	763-389-5619	15th	Brad & Sara Benson	763-689-9702
30th	Lisa Johnson & Kyle Oeffling	763-689-6634	22nd	Pete & Jen Shugren	763-689-3882
			29th	Don & Gayle Erickson	612-702-4696



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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.

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