Do you feel like the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation is a big topic this year? A few years ago I sat next to one of our Salem members at a meal and we got onto the topic of Martin Luther. He was honest with me and said, “Pastor, can you tell me anything about Martin Luther? I don’t know much about him.” How much do you know about Martin Luther? How much do you know about the word “Lutheran”? We have all kinds of opportunities to learn a little more history and also to grow in our love for the gift of the Gospel, especially in this big anniversary year. If you’d like to learn more, here are some of the opportunities that are coming up in the next 2 months.

A Special Anniversary

A Man Named Martin
Bible study here in Salem’s fellowship hall, Sundays at 9:15 AM

Reformation 500 Commemorative Symposium
Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary  Mequon, Wisconsin, October 1-3, 2017
Includes a hymn sing on Sunday, October 1 and papers on Monday and Tuesday, October 2-3 presented on Luther and his love for the gospel. The service and the papers will be presented via live stream. The link is available at https://www.wls.wels.net/symposium-on-reformation-500/

Twin Cities 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation Service
November 5th, 4:30 pm; St. Croix Lutheran Academy  1200 Oakdale Ave.  West St. Paul, MN  55118
Special music by Reformation Brass, Martin Luther College Choir, Children’s Choir.

Martin Luther--The Idea that Changed the World
The PBS version is available online for at least a few weeks.
http://www.pbs.org/show/martin-luther-idea-changed-world/
Interactive Faith--begins October 4th, 6 & 8 PM
“Luther’s lasting impact” led by Prof. Joel Otto, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

Luther’s Reformation led to profound developments that impacted the church and how people learn, confess, and live their faith. As Lutherans living in the 21st century, what Luther brought about is still part of who we are as Christians and as a church.

This study will examine those developments that continue to have a lasting impact. The sessions will focus on the certainty of salvation, the Bible in the language of the people, the Small Catechism and Lutheran education, the singing church, the elevation of the ordinary life, and the Lutheran pastor.
To learn more or join the study, go to www.wels.net/interactivefaith.

Martin Luther College Reformation 500 Lectures
Lecture 1: Educating Youth at the Time of the Lutheran Reformation by Rev. Paul Prange
Martin Luther College, New Ulm, MN; November 1, 9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
https://wels.net/event/martin-luther-college-reformation-500-lecture-1/

Northwestern Publishing House
If you’d prefer to read more, check out Northwestern Publishing House. They have a list of books and Bible studies that will help you understand more about our Lutheran heritage.
http://online.nph.net/fall-promotions-2017.html
Life in the Gospel

Men of His Word Seminar - Rochester, MN
Men, with all of the pressures of this world in your family life/work life/social life, and with all of the temptations of Satan around every corner, do you find it difficult to be the Christian man you desire to be and God expects you to be? A one day event is being planned in Rochester, MN to help men “Be Strong and Courageous” in Jesus. Set aside Saturday, October 28, on your calendar. Pastor Mark Jeske from St. Marcus Lutheran Church and Time of Grace Ministries will be our keynote speaker. Koine, a well-known WELS worship band, will lead us in song. There are 9 fantastic breakout sessions to choose from! Whether you are just entering the realm of being a man as a teen or you have years of experience in this department, these sessions are designed to better connect us to Christ and help us be the men Christ expects us to be.

Over the past 8 years the Men of His Word seminar in Oshkosh, WI has grown to become an event that draws over 600 men! Last year, God blessed the 2nd year of Men of His Word in Rochester with 150 attendees, and we look to build on that number this October. The day holds great promise. Our keynote speaker will talk about how we can Be Strong and Courageous as the Christian men God expects us to be. Speakers will talk about Christian parenting, Godly leadership, male friendship, dealing with Alzheimer’s and many more topics. This conference is designed to serve Christian men of all ages. If you want more details, please go to www.menofhisword.org.

Youth Group
Something new is at Salem. There will be youth group hangouts every Wednesday night starting at 6:30 P.M. and lasting until 9:00 P.M. Those 7th grade and up are welcome to come to part or all of this hangout. We will hang out in the youth room at church and play board games, video games, and more. Most importantly, we will have a devotion in God’s Word. Come hang out and see for yourselves. If you have any questions, ask Pastor Jake about it. If you need to contact him, his email is jschram@salemlutheran.org. His number is 715-218-2719. Hope to see you there.

Harvest Cookout
Join in the fun of the last cookout at Salem before winter! Grilled hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks provided. Bring your favorite fall food to share. Rain or Shine. Starts after the 10:30 am worship service on October 29, 2017. Join us first for worship at 10:30 am - there is always a special Children’s Worship during the service. After the service, there will be a bounce house, games, crafts, & fall treats! We hope you you can join us!
The Ways We Serve

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Altar Guild

Remember to contact the church office if you want to place flowers on the altar!
Heather Yanta & Shirley Plahn are the October Crew

Gentle Shepherd School in India

In September, we experienced a wonderful Mission Festival weekend. Along with the enhanced church service the group gave us a presentation on three of the WELS world mission fields of Zambia, Haiti, and India. For the past few years our Salem Caring Committee has had the congregation help support one of these missions, the Mission to the Children school in India.

The school in India, Gentle Shepherd, has 220 students and support for this school is not part of the WELS budget. Along with the school, the ministry operates six orphanages. The cost of caring for one child in the orphanage is $25 a month and the cost of educating one child is $75 a year. Our collection goes a long way. During the month of October we will be collecting for this mission. On the information table in the narthex, you will find more material about the mission along with donation envelopes. In the past, we were able to send $3,000 and it would be wonderful to do the same again this year. Checks should be made out to Salem church. Thank you for helping with this project.
Parish Nurse Notes
October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. The American Cancer Society has the following guidelines for early detection of cancer. Screening tests are used to find cancer before a person has any symptoms.

Women ages 40 to 44 should have the choice to start annual breast cancer screening with mammograms if they wish to do so. If there is family history of early breast cancer, then screening should be done sooner or when your healthcare provider recommends.

Women ages 45 to 54 should get mammograms every year.

Women 55 and older should switch to mammograms every 2 years, or can continue yearly screening.

Women should report any changes in their breasts to their healthcare provider right away.

(American Cancer Society guidelines)

Also October is an excellent time for flu symptoms to start to develop & it’s a good time to get a flu shot. Clinics & pharmacies have been giving flu shots for about a month & most insurances cover the flu vaccination.

Jan Navarro, Salem Parish Nurse

If you would like to donate to the parish nurse fund, just mark your donation and leave it in the church office or in the offering plate. We are fortunate to have a nurse at Salem. Sales’s Caring Committee

Meal Help
If you or someone you know at Salem could really use a meal or so to get them through a tough situation, please contact Naomi Johnston (608-359-3199) or naomi@johnstonhaus.us If you would like to help make meals, please, contact Naomi!

Serving with You

Financial Update...

Weekly Offerings

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(2 Corinthians 9:7) Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Please use separate checks for offerings other than current & missions. Thanks!

Also, did you know you can give your weekly donation electronically? Go to the church website, www.salemlutheran.org, click “church” at the top, then “resources”, then “donate” and follow the directions!

Actions accomplished at the August 2017 Council Meeting...

President Greg Galler
Vice President Dave Loss
Secretary Al Sehloff
Audit & Financial Oversight John Deters
Building & Grounds Brian Roeller
Board of Elders Doug Wetzstein
Board of Education Karl Paulsen
Youth Joe Otto
Spiritual Growth Open
Evangelism Open
Worship Virgil Crowder
Fellowship Tim Sinclair
Stewardship Mark Enter
Special Ministries Wally Raleigh

Pastor Brohn and the church council desire to thank Pastor Gast and his wife Bobbie for their wonderful addition during the vacancy.
Pastor Brohn also noted that our most recent version of a vision plan was developed in 2010 and it would be appropriate to again evaluate our congregation’s mission and vision. In connection with this, all committees are to bring at least 3 specific opportunities for members to serve to the next council meeting.

**Principal’s Report** (Roger Zolldan)
Written Report Provided.
There are currently 50 students enrolled for preschool and 75 for K through 8. The 50 preschool enrollees (17 half-time and 33 full-time) are considered the maximum number for the current staff.
Calla Schoch has requested a mentor since this is her first year of teaching. Although the $1,000 cost for this was not in the budget, Pastor Schram has determined that he is willing to go without a mentor, therefore, these funds could be shifted to cover Mrs. Schoch’s mentor.
**MM/S** (Brian Roeller/Joe Otto) to accomplish this. **Motion carried.**

The Tuition Assistance Fund is depleted.
**MM/S** (Karl Paulsen/Joe Otto) to have special collection of offerings in September and the first Sunday in October to replenish this fund. **Motion carried.**

The salary rate was set at $13.00/hour for the before and after school aids. This rate matches the amount in the budget.
The salary rate for administrative backups was set at $11.45/hour. Since this amount is not reflected in the budget, there was a motion to approve it.
**MM/S** (Karl Paulsen/Brian Roeller) to approve $11.45 salary rate for administrative backups. **Motion carried.**

**MM/S** (Karl Paulsen/Doug Wetstein) to approve the appointment of Jody Otto and Tessa Anderson on the Education Committee. **Motion carried.**

**Fellowship:** (Tim Sinclair)
Written report provided.
The committee is also requesting that a washer and dryer be installed. The Buildings and Ground Committee is to investigate options for accomplishing this.

1. **Maning Avenue Property.**
Greg Galler indicated that he is preparing a presentation for the next church council meeting regarding separable prior ownerships of the 80-acre parcel by the Schaefer family that may require action.

2. **Monthly Committee Reports**
Greg Galler asked that committee reports for the monthly council meetings be provided well in advance of the meeting (shortly after their respective committee meetings) and that known motions that intend to be presented be written out in the committee report.

3. **Use of confirmation class members for congregational duties**
Greg Galler asked that we consider getting confirmation class members more involved in activities around church, such as ushering, lighting candles, vestry duties, etc.

4. **Disaster trailer**
A question was asked whether the congregation is yet keeping a disaster relief trailer. The response is that we do have the trailer. It is being stored by Dennis Palmberg and we have not been asked to use it for a disaster since it was used in Oklahoma 4 years ago.

Respectfully Submitted, Al Sehloff, Secretary
School News

Grandparent’s Day
We had a western theme for Grandparent's Day this year. The day started with a chapel service in which the different grade groups each sang a song as part of the service. Grandparents then went to their grandchild’s class to experience part of their school day. At noon, grandparents and grandchildren met and went to a western themed lunch in the gym. The menu was pulled pork or chicken, cheesy potatoes, beans, corn on the cob, and a special apple crisp dessert. The students then went home after the noon meal. Thank you to Kari Hoien who organized the event and all the staff and other people that made the day a successful special day for Salem’s students and their grandparents.

Salem School News School Blog
Just a reminder to keep up with the school news by subscribing to the Salem School News Blog. E-mail the school office at school.office@salemlutheran.org to receive information on how to subscribe.

Athletics
Our Salem volleyball team has competed well. Their wins-losses include 2-1 vs. Crown of Life, 0-2 vs. Christ Lutheran, 2-1 vs. Good Shepherd, and 1-2 vs. Christ Lutheran. The Salem soccer team has also been competitive with a 5-0 win at Crown of Life, a 6-1 loss to Christ Lutheran, a 2-2 tie with Good Shepherd of Burnsville, and a 5-1 loss at Christ Lutheran. Our last volleyball and soccer events are September 26, at Good Shepherd and September 28 at Crown of Life at Salem (volleyball only). The annual cross country meet for grades 5-8 will be held at 1:00 on Wednesday, October 18 at Maplewood Heights Park located on Beam Ave. just east of White Bear Ave. Team disc golf events are also scheduled for October 1 & 8.

MAP Testing
Salem students in grades K-8 had their first session of academic standardized tests the week of September 25. The testing program is called MAP testing and is taken on computers. As students take the test, the computer adjusts the questions to be more difficult or less difficult until it finds the learning level of the student. The timely reporting of test results helps teachers teach to the student’s ability level. We will have two more testing sessions this school year with the testing focusing on math, reading, and language skills.

Singing for Worship Services
Our grade groups are scheduled to sing for worship services throughout the year. Students usually sing at the 10:30 service. On Sunday, September 17, the grades 1-4 group sang. Grades 5-8 are scheduled to sing on October 8, the Preschool and Kindergarten students will be singing on October 29, and the Jubilate Choir is also scheduled to sing on October 29.

School Missions
Each Wednesday the school has a chapel service at 9:25. The first semester offerings collected from this service will be sent to the Costa Maya Ministries in southern Mexico. To learn more about this mission go to www.costamayaministries.org.
**Preschool Harvest Cookout**
In connection with the preschool singing for the October 29 service, there will be a family fall event after the 10:30 AM service on October 29. The Harvest Cookout will focus on getting school families - especially new families and preschool families - to meet and interact with our church families. Games and food will be key ingredients of the day. More specific information about the Harvest Cookout will be coming to you. Watch for this information and reserve October 29 for a fellowship opportunity.

**Tuition Assistance**
The Salem Board of Education promoted donations to our tuition assistance fund during the month of September. This school year we have 15 students from 11 different families receiving tuition assistance totaling $31,500 from our tuition assistance fund. The amounts requested for assistance are greater than ever before. Thank you to all who generously gave to this fund. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Fire Prevention Demonstration**
The Stillwater Fire Department will be visiting Salem Lutheran School on Wednesday, October 4 to promote fire safety. They will meet separately with the Kindergarten, First Grade, and Fifth Grade students to help them learn the basics of fire safety.

**Caps For Kids Day**
Wednesday, October 18, students may wear caps during school - for a fee. Students will pay $1 for the privilege of wearing a cap in school. This money will be given to the organization Caps For Kids. This group buys caps for children that have cancer.

**Picture Retake Day**
Students that missed picture day on September 11, will be able to have their picture taken on Thursday, October 26.

**SCLA Visitors**
Three former Salem students that now attend St. Croix Lutheran Academy visited our school on September 11. They visited each classroom and told students what it was like to be a student at St. Croix and how important their experiences at Salem had been for them. The visiting students were Adam Kannaas, Kathy Weigand, and Calli Jo Otto.

**No Bus Days**
The Stillwater School District will not have buses on October 23 and 24. Salem will have school these days.

**Teachers’ Conference**
A reminder that our teachers will be attending the State Teachers’ Conference in New Ulm on Thursday and Friday October 19 and 20. **No school on these days!**

**SCRIP Orders**
Scrip orders are placed the second & fourth Monday of each month. Orders will need to be turned in by noon on the Monday order date. All orders will need to be dropped in the lockbox in the church narthex. If you would like more information about the SCRIP Program, please contact the school office. All proceeds from the SCRIP orders are used for your own families tuition or lunch, or tuition assistance.
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