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Several weeks ago, the WELS hosted an international youth rally in Knoxville, Tennessee. It was a phenomenal event in which youth from all over the place could come together to be with people their own age and worship the same God. We had many of Salem's own youth attend and from the pictures they showed and the conversations we've had, it was well worth the expenses. There is something powerful that comes from being around people your own age with the same faith. A person doesn't feel quite so alone, but rather encouraged and on fire for God. Meeting with other people is integral for a person's faith life.

I'm glad we participated in the Youth Rally this year, but I want to make clear that meeting together is not just for youth. It's for everyone. Someone once told me, "When it comes to faith, a lone warrior...is a dead warrior." We often think we don't need others, but God advises us not to become lone warriors. He tells us not to give up meeting together (Hebrews 10:24-25), but rather build each other up and encourage one another. So please don't become a lone/dead warrior. Find a way to strengthen your faith with others, whether that's a growth group, a mission trip, a conference, or a Bible Study. Be a warrior of faith that fights as part of a team. It's healthier for everyone.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 - Therefore encourage one another and build each other up

God's Blessings!

-Pastor Jake

The Ways We Serve

On-Line/Livestream Church Services can be found at salemlutheran.org/worship

Ushers	8:00 am	9:30 am
August 7	Crowder Team	Loss Team
August 14	Crowder Team	Youth Team
August 21	Crowder Team	Wohlers Team
August 28	Crowder Team	Raleigh Team

Thank You

Vestrymen	8:00 am	9:30 am
August 7	V Crowder	K Kerr
August 14	V Crowder	J Beaudry
August 21	V Crowder	B Grobe
August 28	V Crowder	D Palmberg

Altar Guild

Remember to contact the church office if you want to place flowers on the altar!

Robyn Stoller is August Altar Guild

Serving with You

Financial Update...

Weekly Offerings

July 3	\$10,873.17	\$782.90 Missions	Offerings needed to meet the '22-'23 budget each week \$15,384.62 & \$1,346.15 Missions
July 10	\$13,247.49	\$991.92 Mission	
July 17	\$15,028.76	\$761.98 Missions	
July 24	\$13,083.84	\$672.90 Missions	

(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.

Did you know you can give your weekly donation electronically? Go to salemlutheran.org/donate

Actions accomplished at the July Council Meeting ...

President Clay Raasch	Board of Elders Doug Wetzstein	Evangelism Davod Wurst
Vice President Dave McConnell	Board of Education Karl Paulsen	Worship Virgil Crowder
Secretary Dave Loss	Youth Tom Forster	Fellowship Tim Sinclair
Audit & Financial Oversight Jeff Ross		Stewardship Brian Shult
Building & Grounds Jeff Lefto	Spiritual Growth Dan Gruba	Special Ministries Wally Raleigh

Old Buisness: MM/S (Ross/Paulson) Motion to schedule the Grace in Action Level 10 Meeting Training Workshop for the weekend of October 28-29, 2022. **Motion carried.** (The meeting is understood to be held from 5-9 pm on Friday and 8-1:30 on Saturday).

New Buisness: MM/S (Wetzstein/Loss). Motion to set the date for the next Voter's Meeting for Sunday, August 7th following the 9:30 service. **Motion Carried.**

MM/S (Paulsen/Raleigh). Motion to set the Dorn's Housing Allowance at \$20,000. **Motion Carried.**

MM/S (Sinclair/Lefto). Motion to appoint Brian Shult as the interim Stewardship Committee Chairman. **Motion Carried.**

Pastor Wolfe should pursue an alternative Church Management Software system, with possibly convening a task force for assistance.

Pastor Wolge should proceed with conducting a pulse survey of the membership in coordination with the congregational president.

There was discussion of service schedules, with no resulting action at this time. It was generally agreed that resuming a service time beyond Sunday mornings needs to be deliberate and thoughtful, with full consideration of options and reasons for adding such a service.

Quarterly Voters' Meeting will be Sunday, August 7 following the 9:30 am Service.

Respectfully Submitted, Dave Loss - Council Secretary

School News

New School Year Theme

The new school year theme is "Our Plans, His Promises". This theme is based on Proverbs 16:9, "In our hearts we plan our course, but the LORD determines our steps. We will be focusing on how we like to be in control of our lives and have "plans" that we feel are best for us. However God is the only one who knows the future, and through his loving kindness, he has created a plan that is the best for each and every one of us. We just need to look for his guidance in his Word rather than trying to take control of the plan ourselves.

New Staff Update

We are excited to have Allison and Luke Dorn teach at Salem this year! Allison will teach Kindergarten, and Luke will be teaching English, Literature and Spelling in the Middle School as well as Music Director. Here is some information they have shared to help everyone get to know them:



Luke Dorn is a 2018 graduate of Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education with an emphasis in coaching. He taught at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Beverly Hills, Florida for four years before returning to the Midwest. Luke grew up in Lewiston, MN, where he attended St. John's Lutheran School (K-8). After grade school, he attended Luther High School in Onalaska, WI



and graduated in 2014. He enjoys watching the Twins, listening to music and playing piano, singing in church with his wife, Allison, and hiking and camping in the great outdoors.

Allison graduated from Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota, with a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education in 2017. She was first called to teach at Little Lambs Learning Center in Duluth, Minnesota, serving there for two years. In 2019, she married Luke and was called to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, in Beverly Hills, Florida to be Precious Lambs' Director and lead teacher. She is excited to be in the kindergarten room at Salem. Allison grew up in the Midwest. Her family moved from West Bend WI, to Stillwater MN, and to Crete Illinois, before she went to college. She enjoys baking, crafting, being outside, and singing with her husband.

Band Change

Mrs. Julie Balk has been the band teacher at Salem for many years. At the end of last year, she was looking to free up some more time for her family and other passions. Due to this, band will be offered through St. Croix for the upcoming year. This will be a great opportunity for Salem's students to be a part of a bigger band as they will play for the St. Croix Christmas concert and other programs there. We are so thankful for all Mrs. Balk has done for us at Salem and look forward to this new chapter with St. Croix.

Meet and Greet (School Orientation)

Salem has two days for school orientation for the 2022-2023 school year. This is the time when you can meet with the teacher to talk about the rules and expectations of the classroom. Your student can also bring in their school supplies to put them in their desk to get it all situated. The dates are **August 22 from 8am - 12pm and August 23 from 3pm - 7pm**. Please sign up for a 20 minute spot as soon as possible!

[Meet and Greet Sign-Up](#)

Job Openings

Salem is still looking for three job positions this coming year at Salem. We are looking for a teacher's aide for first grade and second grade. This position would be for six hours a day Monday through Friday. Pay would start at \$15 an hour with yearly raises. A job description is available upon request.

We are also looking for help with the K-8 After Care program. The position pays \$30 a session. After Care goes from 3:30pm-5pm. This involves helping students with some homework if capable, and watching them as they play games in the cafeteria, outside on the playground, or in the gym.

If you would like to apply or know someone who would make a good fit, please reach out to Mr. Klatt (rklatt@salemlutheran.org) for more details.

School Updates

With summer in full swing, the school is getting its usual cleaning over the summer months.

Other updates happening at Salem:

- New carpet is planned for the school and principal offices as well as other areas in the church.
- We are working on installing a PA system to use for announcements and emergency procedures.
- The school lunch room had a new epoxy floor installed and walls will be painted. The whole room will look fresh and new!
- The upstairs hallway has been painted as well as Mrs. Grobe's room.

Upcoming Events

- August 22, 8 am-12pm - Meet the Teacher
- August 23, 3:00pm-7pm - Meet the Teacher
- August 29 - First Day of 2022-2023 School Year

Registration for Preschool Next School Year

Preschool classes are almost full. Classes are filled on a first come, first served basis. You have the choice of which days you would like your child to come. There's a minimum attendance of 3 half days up to 5 full days. The cost is \$30 for half day, \$40 for a full day. Tours will be scheduled individually for those interested. If you have any questions you can call 651-439-7831 and talk to Jane Grobe. If you know of any 2-4 year olds looking for a preschool, please refer them to our website salemlutheran.org for registration information and for requesting a tour.

Registration for K-8 Next School Year

We still have room in many classrooms. Please see our website to sign up for a tour with Mr. Klatt. He is happy to show you the school and answer any questions you may have.

Referral Program

The School Board approved a program that gives an incentive to recruiting new families for our school. If a family who has children enrolled refers a new family to Salem, they will receive a \$200 tuition credit at Christmas per family they have referred. A church family who refers a new family will receive a \$200 script gift card also at Christmas per family if they so choose. There is no limit to the number of families you can refer. If you have any more questions about the program, speak to a School Board member or Mr. Klatt.

No More Clipping Box Tops

Boxtops has come up with a more technological way to earn money for Salem Lutheran School. Instead of clipping the box tops and sending them in, you can now scan your receipt through the app on your phone and the points will be awarded to your school. The website to sign up on is <https://www.boxtops4education.com> or you can download the Box Tops for Education app on your phone.

We Are Also Collecting Aluminum Cans

Aluminum cans benefit our athletic program and can be bagged up and placed in the wooden bin that is next to the garage facing Panama Ave. on our property. Thanks for helping our school!

SCRIP

Have you checked out the ShopWithSCRIP.com website? You can now order your own SCRIP any time, anywhere you need it. You can also now order with your credit card! All you have to do is login and sign up! If you have students at Salem, the rebates earned can be applied to your child's tuition. There will be a flat 5% fee on all orders. This will cover the shipping and administrative fees involved in the orders. You can also apply your profits to your child's lunch account as well as tuition. We have also added an option to direct your profits to church. You will need this code to have your purchase linked to our account: 2241AD6C14415. Contact the church office for more information.

Prayer

One way we usually forget about how we can help our school and church is to pray for them throughout the year. Your prayers are always a blessing and it is great to know that you are asking God for his blessings in our school and church year.

YOUTH at Salem

There are 12 kids and 4 adults went on the International WELS Youth Rally in Knoxville, Tennessee this Summer. They were gone from June 27 through July 2nd and gave a report during church on July 17th sharing their experience. This is something that occurs every two years and we plan to continue to be a part of it!

Announcements

Red Cross Blood Drive - August 8

Salem will be hosting a Red cross Blood Drive on Monday, August 8th from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the Salem Gym. Please schedule a time at redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). One pint of blood can help save 3 people, what a wonderful gift! Please consider being a blood donor!

Invitation to Salem Singers!

We are looking for more members for our Salem Sr. Choir (mixed voices) and Men's Chorus. The Sr. Choir usually sings for church festivals such as Reformation, Christmas Eve, and Easter. We also sing at regular services once or twice a month, and possibly midweek Advent and Lenten services. Men's Chorus sings at services once or twice a month and at the Christmas Eve service. Sr. Choir will start rehearsals on Wednesday, August 31. Rehearsal time will be from 6:30-7:15 p.m. Our first singing date is September 11, which is our Education Sunday. Men's Chorus will have their first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 14. Rehearsal time will be 7:15-8:00, right after the Sr. Choir rehearsal. We are always looking for new members. If you enjoy singing, please consider joining us in choir this year. If you have any questions, contact Roger Zolldan at rzolldan@comcast.net or (651) 216-7462. Thank you for considering singing with us this season!

Livestream and Slide Help Needed

We need your help to continue to make our livestream possible. Volunteers are needed to help with the Livestream video and slideshow. It is a one hour commitment during the Sunday service. These are very user friendly programs that can be run by anyone ages 13 to 99. We are happy to show anyone interested, to see if it is something you would like to help with. Please consider helping us to ensure we are able to continue offering our Livestream services. Contact Sara Shah at sshah@salemlutheran.org or 651-334-1901 with questions.

GOOD MORNING

Thank you to those of you that have already been greeters!

If you are able to open the front door (via from outside or by using the handicap button when you see someone approaching) & you can SMILE & say HI, we would love to have your help. Only a BIG SMILE & a HI qualifies you for greeting at the back door before services.

Greeters should be at church 15 – 20 minutes early. Connection cards found in the pews every service gives people a chance to give us information. The best chance that they will fill out a card is if **ALL MEMBERS** fill out a connection card each time they attend a service.

Just pick the date(s) and the service(s) you wish to serve. A paper sign-up sheet is available at the information resources table in the rear of the narthex.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31 ● 8am Worship ● 9:30am Worship	Aug 1	2 ● 9am Preschool Trainin ● 10:10am Bible Growth	3	4 ● 12:30pm Women's Gu	5	6
7 ● 8am Worship ● 9:30am Worship ● 10:30am Quarterly Vo	8 Blood Drive ● 6pm Evangelism com	9 ● 10:10am Bible Growth ● 6:30pm Committee M ● 7:30pm worship comf	10 ● 1pm ORP Bible St	11 Equity workshop 9-12	12	13
14 ● 8am Communion ● 9:30am Communion	15	16 ● 9am Faculty Meeting ● 10:10am Bible Growth ● 6:30pm Church Counc	17 ● 1pm ORP Bible St	18	19 ● 8am Block plans due	20
21 ● 8am Worship ● 9:30am Worship	22 ● 8am Meet the Teache ● 8am Meet the Teache ● 1pm Lunch	23 ● 10:10am Bible Growth ● 3pm Meet the Teache ● 3pm Meet the Teache	24 ● 1pm ORP Bible St	25	26 Croixaller Retreat	27
28 ● 8am Communion ● 9:30am Communion	29 First Day of School First Day of School	30 ● 10:10am Bible Growth	31 ● 6:30pm Sr Choir	Sep 1 ● 12:30pm Women's Gu	2 No School	3