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Parish Notes

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On October 8, 1871, two of the most destructive fires in all of U.S. history devastated the areas of Peshtigo, WI and Chicago, IL. 1.5 million acres of land was ravaged, houses were destroyed, and well over a thousand lives were lost that day. Imagine being trapped in one of those fires or even just witnessing those catastrophic events. Reading through accounts of the day, it's hard not to get chills at the damage caused. And all of this started with just two little flames. But the fires quickly grew, taking advantage of dry conditions, environments that allowed it to grow, and the carelessness of people not watching closely. Think of how many lives could have been saved by stopping those flames from starting.

Flames can be dangerous in churches too and not just flames of the physical sort. The writer James compares our tongue to a flame of fire, able to cause damage at a rapid rate. It can destroy lives with only a few words of malicious intent. Unfortunately, it happens too often even among Christians. The fire of ruthless criticism burns those trying their best, while those criticizing refuse to lift a finger to help. Gossip, whether true or false, spreads like wildfire, ruining reputations wherever it goes. And relationships become strained by the words that often come from our lips. Our tongues might just be the most dangerous part of our bodies.

At the same time, the new creation in us helps us combat these flames as firefighters of faith. The Holy Spirit works within us to douse the fires. The Word helps us to spread the truth in love to the survivors. God has given you the power and strength to put out the fire of angry words before saying them. He also offers forgiveness for all the times our tongues have caused damage. Just as importantly, he gives us the power to rebuild.

James 3:6 - The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

God's Blessings!

-Pastor Jake

The Ways We Serve

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

Ushers	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>9:30 am</u>
July 3	Crowder Team	Loss Team
July 10	Crowder Team	Youth Team
July 17	Crowder Team	Wohlers Team
July 24	Crowder Team	Raleigh Team
July 31	Crowder Team	Youth Team

Thank You

Vestrymen	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>9:30 am</u>
July 3	V Crowder	K Kerr
July 10	V Crowder	J Beaudry
July 17	V Crowder	B Grobe
July 24	V Crowder	D Palmberg
July 31	V Crowder	J Wohlers

Altar Guild

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

Virgil & Janet Crowder are the July Altar Guild Person

We are in need of some replacement Altar Guild Members. If you are interested, contact the church office to see what's available. Thanks for being willing to help out!

Serving with You

Financial Update...

Weekly Offerings

May 29	\$10,388.42	\$695.00 Missions	Offerings needed to meet the '21-'22 budget each week \$15,557.69 & \$1,442.31 Missions
June 5	\$17,526.10	\$427.05 Mission	
June 12	\$10,237.95	\$967.44 Missions	
June 19	\$10,124.02	\$489.44 Missions	
June 26	\$10,873.17	\$782.90 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 June Council Meeting ...

President Greg Galler

Vice President Dave McConnell

Secretary Dave Loss

Audit & Financial Oversight Kevin Lillo

Building & Grounds Jeff Lefto

Board of Elders Doug Wetzstein

Board of Education Karl Paulsen

Youth Tom Forster

Spiritual Growth Dan Gruba

Evangelism Clay Raasch

Worship Virgil Crowder

Fellowship Tim Sinclair

Stewardship Brian Shult

Special Ministries Wally Raleigh

MM/S (Raasch/Shult). Motion to accept the proposal from Grace in Action in the amount of \$4,500 to lead the congregation in the development of a strategic vision plan for Salem. **Motion Carried.**

Fellowship: (Tim Sinclair)

Written report provided.

Tim indicated that they are making plans for the July 10th installation meal and the annual potluck picnic scheduled for the weekend of August 27-28.

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.

Meet the Teacher Nights (School Orientation Nights)

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.

Please put one of the two following dates on your calendar (online sign up will be sent soon):

August 22 from 8am - 12pm August 23 from 3pm - 7pm

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 will have a new epoxy floor installed and walls will be painted. The whole room will look fresh and new!
- The upstairs hallway will be 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 planning to go on the International WELS Youth Rally in Knoxville, Tennessee this Summer. They will be gone June 27 through July 2nd. Thank you to all who have offered support so far and are allowing these people to go and have an experience of a lifetime.

Announcements

Pastor Wolfe installation - Pastor Wolfe will be installed Sunday, July 10.

The congregation is invited to join Pastor and his family for his installation at 4 pm A meal will be served at 5:00 P.M. following the service. This will be an opportunity to greet Pastor and his family. The meal will begin with a green salad followed by Roast Pork, mashed potatoes, and carrots. Dessert will follow. A sign-up sheet can be found in the Narthex or RSVP to Deb Swanson, church secretary, prior to July 8th. Let's have a great turnout and show Pastor and his family how glad we are to have them with us.

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!

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.

Worship Coordinator

Salem is looking to hire a Worship Coordinator. This position would be about 20 hrs per week - you would be required to work on weekends. This position would pay approximately \$15 per hour. More specifics will be available shortly. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Pastor Jake (jschram@salemlutheran.org).

Job Openings

We are looking for two job positions this coming year at Salem. We are looking for a teacher's aide for the younger grades (K-2). This position would be for six hours a day each week day. Pay would start at \$15 an hour with yearly raises.

We are also looking for help with the K-8 Before/After Care. The position pays \$30 a session. Before Care goes from 7am-8:30am and After Care goes from 3:30pm-5pm. For both of these positions, please reach out to Mr. Klatt (rklatt@salemlutheran.org) for more details or on how to apply.

Pastor Marcus Birkholz will be celebrating 50 years of Ministry!

On July 9, Pastor Birkholz will be marking 50 years in Ministry (he spent ½ of those years here at Salem!) - He is not having a celebration, but, if you would like to send him a card of congratulations, you can send one to 55 Conner Circle SW - Rochester MN 55902

Yard Work/Landscaping

My name is Zachariah Hunter, I am a Senior out of Stillwater High School. Next year I will be attending St Johns University to play Football, and earn a degree in Supply Chain Management. I have a love for working outdoors, and through that passion I wanted to create a platform for my colleagues to generate job opportunities through yard work. Please feel free to contact me at 651-357-4371 or visit my website at theyardseason.com

GOOD MORNING

One of the nicest & uplifting things we do is greet someone with a BIG SMILE & a HI. If you can do that you can be a greeter at the back door before services. If you are able to open the front door (via from outside or by opening the door using the Handicap button when you see someone approaching) & you can SMILE & say HI, we would love to have your help.

When greeted with YOUR smile & eye contact, it helps visitors feel more comfortable asking YOU where the bathrooms are, may I speak with your Pastor or whatever they need to know about our facility right away. Most visitors will remember that they were acknowledged by someone.

Greeters should be at church 15 – 20 minutes early. We are not asking you to try & grab a visitor & get all their information. 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.


If you have any questions, call Janet Rider 651-439-0584 or Ridersusa@comcast.net



God loves you & every person who enters our church.

Salem Lutheran Church & School

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