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Church Notes

September 2022

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Salem Lutheran Church & School

September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 12:45 pm Women's Guild	2 No School	3
4 8 am Worship 9:30 am Worship	5 No School Labor Day	6 10:10 am Bible Growth Gr 7 pm Outreach Committee	7 9:30 am Chapel 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 1 pm ORP Bible St	8	9	10
11 8 am Worship with Communion 9:15 am Education hour 10:30 am Worship with Communion	12	13 Pastor Conference 10:10 am Bible Growth Gr 11:30 am Caring Comm 6:30 pm Elders & Education Committee 7:30 pm Worship Comm	14 9:30 am Chapel	15	16 5:15 pm Wedding Rehearsal <div>Men's Retreat at Camp Croix</div>	17 2:30 pm Wedding 5 pm Worship
18 8 am Worship 9:15 am Education Hour 10:30 am Worship	19 School Picture Day!	20 10:10 am Bible Growth Gr 6:30 pm Church Council	21 9:30 am Chapel 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 1 pm ORP Bible St	22	23	24 9 am Telling the Next Generation Workshop 5 pm Worship with Communion
25 8 am Worship with Communion 9:15 am Education hour 10:30 am Worship with Communion 1 pm Youth Gathering	26 9 am Pastor Circuit meeting	27 10:10 am Bible Growth Group	28 9:30 am Chapel	29	30 Grandparent's Day	

This Month's Devotion

In the 1992 Olympics, Derek Redmond was ready to win a medal in the 400-meter dash. He had trained for this moment. During his first heat, he outran everyone. During his second heat, he did the same. Then, coming around a turn in the semifinals, a sharp pain in his leg surprised him and he fell in a heap. His hamstring had exploded! As medics tried to approach Derek, he ignored them. This was his dream. He was going to at least finish the race. Hamstring injury or not, he hopped and staggered along toward the finish line.

Derek felt a hand on his shoulder. At first, he tried to push it away, but then he realized who it was. His father had pushed through the crowd to be by his son's side. The father lent him his support. Derek leaned heavily on him and they finished the race together.

Life has its painful moments. Since we live in a sinful world, the pain doesn't always go away. But you are not alone. When you are in pain, our Father sees you. He pushes his way through to you and lends you his support. He will help you endure and carry on through the race of life. Our loving Father will walk with you through any journey, good or bad.

2 Corinthians 6:18 - And, "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

God's Blessings!

-Pastor Jake

The Ways We Serve

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

Valley Access Airs our Services on **Channel 14** on Thursdays at 6 pm and on Fridays at 6 am and Noon

Ushers

	8:00 am	10:30 am
September 4	Crowder Team	Loss Team (9:30 am)
September 11	Crowder Team	Youth Team
September 17	5:00 pm Swanson Family	
September 18	Crowder Team	Wohlers Team
September 24	5:00 pm Sinclair Family	
September 25	Crowder Team	Raleigh Team

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You*

Vestrymen

	8:00 am	10:30 am
September 4	V Crowder	K Kerr (9:30 am)
September 11	V Crowder	J Wohlers
September 18	V Crowder	B Beaudry
September 25	V Crowder	D Grobe

Altar Guild

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

Julie Ross is September Altar Guild

Financial Update...

Weekly Offerings

July 31	\$12,381.55	\$858.93 Missions	Offerings needed to meet the
Aug 7	\$13,757.95	\$692.90 Mission	'22-'23 budget each week
Aug 14	\$18,009.99	\$3,141.85 Missions	\$15,384.62 & \$1,346.15 Missions
Aug 21	\$11,651.81	\$305.00 Missions	
Aug 28	\$18,265.47	\$380.00 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 August Council Meeting ...

President Clay Raasch

Vice President Dave McConnell

Secretary Dave Loss

Audit & Financial Oversight Jeff Ross

Building & Grounds Jeff Lefto

Board of Elders Doug Wetzstein

Board of Education Karl Paulsen

Youth Tom Forster

Spiritual Growth Dan Gruba

Evangelism Davod Wurst

Worship Virgil Crowder

Fellowship Tim Sinclair

Stewardship Brian Shult

Special Ministries Wally Raleigh

Evangelism: (Dave Wurst)

There was a motion to identify the official evangelism committee members:

MM/S (Ross/Crowder) Motion to accept the following individuals for the Evangelism Committee: David Wurst.

Tom Gruetzmacher, Sarah Paulsen, Dan and Kristi Bredendick, Jack and Janet Rider, and Zuber Shah. **Motion carried.** David noted that others, beyond those identified above, have also been attending the monthly workshops. He reminded council members of the Next Generation workshop on Sept 24th.

Worship: (Virgil Crowder)

Virgil noted that we will again provide the opportunity to use the common cup for communion (as well as the availability of the individual cup). He also made the following motion in regard to Saturday services:

MM/S (Crowder/Paulsen) Motion to resume Saturday evening services at 5:00 pm, starting on September 17th.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Dave Loss - Council Secretary

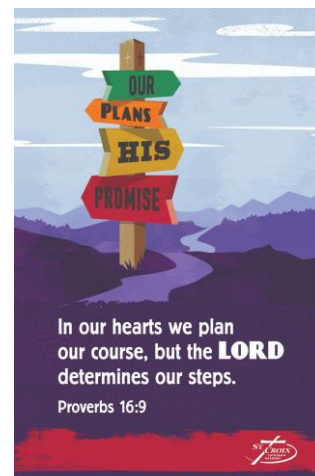
School News

New School Year Theme

Everything is going smoothly. The car is packed. The kids are all downstairs ready to go. Everyone is ready for the long car ride to visit family. You get into the car right when you were planning. However, after traveling a half an hour on the highway, you get a flat tire. Immediately, the kids start fighting, you have to unpack the trunk to get to the spare tire, and the perfect plan for this trip has gone out the window.

If you are like me, you like to have your day planned. I like to know what is happening and when it is supposed to happen. If you are also like me, you know that the plan typically changes as the day progresses. Unforeseen events keep popping up and it seems like you will never have that day where everything goes to plan.

It is in these moments where we want control, that we have to look to the one who has control. God has his own plans for our lives that never change or go awry. Are they always the plans we have for ourselves? No, they are not, but we know what God promises about his plans in the Bible. They will give us "hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11) and "God works for the good of those who love him." (Romans 8:28)



At Salem we teach our students about God's plans. How his plan for our life was to send his only Son to die for our sins. How his main goal for our life is for us to be with him forever in Heaven. The students are also taught that sometimes our plans and God's plans don't line up. Our plans can be self-serving or might cause us pain. God sees all of the possibilities for our lives and thankfully makes plans that are best for us.

The next time your plans go awry remember that we have a loving Heavenly Father in control. We don't have to worry that our plan didn't go exactly to plan, because we know God's plan has and always will be successful.

Grandparents Day

Salem is planning on resuming Grandparents Day at Salem on September 30th. We are looking for some church members who would be willing to be a grandparent for a student to adopt for the morning. This helps them to not feel left out and to enjoy some time with church members. Please contact Mr. Klatt (rklatt@salemlutheran.org) or the School Office (school.office@salemlutheran.org) if you are interested.

School Updates

Mr. Klatt will resume doing school updates every other month starting in September. We are excited to bring this back to keep church members informed about what is happening in your school.

Upcoming Events

- September 2-5, No School Labor Day Weekend
- September 19 - Picture Day
- September 30 - Grandparents Day, Half Day

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.

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YOUTH at Salem

The next Youth Gathering will be held on September 25th at the church from 1 PM to 2:30 PM (note the change in duration). There will be a devotion, snacks, and games. All 7th through 12th graders are welcome. Upcoming youth gatherings are also planned for October 30th and December 18th. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for future events. If any families are interested in hosting future gatherings at their house, please contact Pastor Jake (jschram@salemlutheran.org) or Tom Forster (tforster16@gmail.com).

Also, a youth lock-in is scheduled at the church for the night of November 11th. More info to follow in the coming weeks.

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Announcements

Lutheran Women's Mission Society LWMS

The fall rally has been scheduled for Sunday October 2, 2022 at St Croix Lutheran Academy in West St Paul. Registration begins at 2pm, with the rally beginning at 2:30pm.



Speaker will be Mrs. Tingting Schwartz from Martin Luther College talking about the Cultural Engagement Center's mission. *The Journey to Belong: Finding Commonalities and Bridging Differences*. Using the framework of multicultural identity, Tingting will 1) Illustrate Apostle Paul's journey of sharing the Gospel with different cultural groups. 2) share her learning from Paul-How her Christian identity unifies her identities of being a Chinese, an immigrant, an educator, and a mother.

MISSION BOXES ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 15TH TO: Patty Johnson, Reporter. You can email her at quentandpatty@comcast.net or call 651-246-2310 with questions.

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 Joe Covelli at jcovelli@salemlutheran.org to help!

Help moving for Pastor Wolfe

Pastor Wolfe invites members to help his family move into their new home in Lake Elmo Saturday, September 3rd. Most of their household items will be in U-Haul storage pods in the driveway and they hope to get everything into the garage and into the house. Unpacking will start around 9am but people are welcome to come all morning and afternoon. The Wolfes will serve pizza around noon for any helpers there at that time. The house address is 11439 34th St N, Lake Elmo and you can call Pastor Wolfe at 701-989-9721 if you have any questions.

Grandparent Day Surrogates

Salem's education and outreach committees are looking for volunteers to be "surrogate grandparents" for our school's Grandparent Day Friday, September 30th. On that day children are invited to bring their grandparents to school for special chapel and activities, but not all kids have grandparents that are able to come. If you are available that morning and would like to show your Christian love to a lonely little one, please email school principal Ryan Klatt (rklatt@salemlutheran.org) or call the school office (651-439-7831) to speak to him or leave a message. Thank you for letting your light shine!

Reminder

There are openings to sign up as greeters in September and October. Please check your calendar and sign up. We will have a separate sheet for Saturday services too. Remember, teens & families make wonderful greeters and can serve together. Any questions, call Janet at 651-439-0584 or email RidersUSA@comcast.net