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Sundays at Salem

Worship – 9:00 am
Coffee Fellowship – 10:15 am

***Back to School Worship Service
Sunday, September 17th
Students & Teachers bring your backpacks for
“Blessing of the Backpacks”
Sunday School will also start on
September 17th at 10:30***

***Food, Fellowship & Faith resumes
Wednesday, September 20th at 5:30***

***Faith Formation 7/8 resumes Wednesday,
September 20th at 6:15***

Monday Small Group resumes

Monday, September 18th at 5:30

Rollie's Perspective

Fall is almost upon us! Wow! This means that summer is almost over but it also means that there are a lot of things that are starting up – teachers and students going back to school, activities here at Salem like Sunday School, Faith Formation and Food, Faith & Fellowship, I invite you to participate – grow, share, learn, help and love in many ways!

This is the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. On Reformation Sunday, October 29th we will have wonderful worship to celebrate the day and following worship some great fun, fellowship, food and activities in the Family Room. One of the writings of the Reformation was the *Small Catechism*. During worship starting in September and going into November we will read responsively parts of the *Small Catechism* each Sunday – Ten Commandments, Lord's Prayer, Apostles' Creed, Baptism, Holy Communion and Confession.

This fall we will move in Year 4 of the Narrative Lectionary (our second year at Salem). I like using the NL because it gets us reading and hearing parts of the Bible that we normally don't use in worship nor I preach on. Here are some of the books we will use this fall: Genesis, Exodus, 1 Samuel, 1 Kings, Amos, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel and Ezekiel. Some of the stories will include Creation, Abraham & the ram, Jacob's ladder, God's name, manna in the wilderness, the dry bones from Ezekiel and stories about David, Solomon and Elijah.

Finally a word about Monday Small Group... after a couple of weeks to get things going, I want the group to read and study the book *The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel. His story is that as a legal journalist and atheist, he set out to prove to his wife, a new Christian that Jesus was a myth and it was ridiculous to have faith in Jesus Christ. He investigated and ended up with the conclusion that Jesus is real and God's Son. A recent movie was recently shown based upon the book. If you're interested in being a part of Monday Small Group, let me know so that I can order enough books for all.

Take care and God bless!

Pastor Rollie

Teaching God's Story:

Narrative Lectionary Lessons for September

Revelation

09/03/17 Revelation 21:1-6, 22:1-5

Genesis

09/10/17 Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a

Creation by the Word

09/17/17 Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17

Binding of Isaac

09/24/17 Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17

Jacob's Dream

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

Consider automating your regular donations with our electronic giving program Salem Lutheran Church relies on the financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. Simply complete and return an electronic giving authorization form found in the narthex to get started or use the QR code from your smart phone to set up your electronic giving today. Or, contact the church office for more information. Thank you!



ABOUT OUR SALEM FAMILY

WEDDING!

Congratulations to Sara Hudson and Luke Nichols who were married at Salem on Saturday, August 12, 2017.

BAPTISM!

The Kingdom of God was increased with the Holy Baptism of Wilder Kipp Fahlsing, son of Jacob and Kolby Fahlsing on August 10, 2017. Sponsoring Wilder are Jordan and Emily Fahlsing.

SYMPATHY!

Our heartfelt sympathy to LeAnn and Mark Ulvi and their family on the death of LeAnn's niece, Rhianon Betterman on August 13th.

THANK YOU!

Dear Salem Members,
It is really amazing what a community can do when they pull together to achieve a common goal! This year's 13th Annual Rhubarb Festival is a wonderful example of how congregations, businesses and individuals can make a difference in the live of our community members. To-gether we achieved a new standard as we raised \$70,000 to support CHUM programming. Thank you for your congregation's gift of 341 jellies sold at the Festival. It is nice to have you be one of the 42 congregations involved in the Festival.

Thank you again!

Mary Schmitz

CHUM Development Director &
Rhubarb Festival Coordinator

“Happy Birthday” To Our Members in “September”

1	Carrie Gilbertson	18	Pastor Rollie Bockbrader
2	Nancy Larrivy		Cade Jaros
3	Matthew Settergren		Tammy Nordwall
5	Helen Bergh		Chris Swenson
8	Patrick Eastman		Katie Thun
	Michael Thedens	20	Patrick Ide
9	Hannah Ahlberg	21	Samantha MacDougall
	Barb Burud	22	Laura Anderson
	Marylou MacDougall	24	Bob Schramm
10	Merlyn Dammer		Tony Marino
	Emily Fossen	26	Richard Koglin
	Kevin Graves	27	Ross Peterson
	Jasper Nunez		Jean Witte
12	Julie Porter		Barbara Adamski
13	John Eastman	28	Glory Eckard
14	Calvin Rudolph		Karen McClimek
16	Michelle Ahlberg		Darlene Mammenga
	Daniel Burud	30	Kristi Poissant
18	Nancy Berntsen		

September Baptismal Anniversaries

1	Melissa DelaMartre	16	Jamie Szamatula
	Amy Piphoo	18	Bella Dwinell
3	Darlene Butkiewicz	19	Tyler Rollins
	Jim Christenson	20	Jay Willman
	Sheri Fossen	21	Patrick Ide
4	Rolene Lampi		Nancy Larrivy
	Erica Walli		Annalise Settergren
7	Josh Rollins	23	Reed Paulson
13	Kelly Erickson	26	Jan Huston
15	Mike Healy	28	Peyton Nelson
	Hollis Nicholson	29	Doreen Wehmas

Please call the church office with any changes or corrections.

THE POWER OF PRAYER AT SALEM

Salem's Prayer Chain contact person is Bettie Lou Nicholson. All members of Salem are welcome to become a link in this very important ministry. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact Bettie Lou at 722-6246.

From the Church Office: Please be aware that there are Salem members and guests who attend worship and other events, and/or are in the Salem building, that have food allergies. Please refrain from bringing foods that contain peanuts and tree nuts for coffee fellowship. Also, please be respectful of others who may have chemical sensitivities when wearing perfumes/colognes to worship. Thank you.



CHUM Executive Director Lee Stuart

Lee Stuart who is the Executive Director for CHUM, will be with us on **Sunday, September 24** during our worship. She will be giving the sermon that day and joining us during fellowship time to share about the important ministry that CHUM carries out in partnership with area congregations with people in need.

Salem has been connected with CHUM through the Rhubarb Festival, school backpacks, blankets & caps, and recently a whole lot of peanut butter!

30th Annual Bike for Hunger!

What- Bike ride to raise money for World Hunger and local Food Shelves

When- Saturday, September 9th

Where - Carlton to Sturgeon Lake and Back!

Everyone knows how to ride a bike right? If you have an interest in helping to feed the hungry just let us know.

Here's how you can help.

- You can gather pledges and ride with us
- You can join the support team and provide refreshments for the riders
- You can sponsor a rider

See, it's easy. Like most things you just have to make up your mind to do it.

Have questions call Dave Johnson 722-2100 or Beth Erdmann 727-0532 for support

Registration forms are available on the table in the narthex, on Salem's web site (slecduluth.org) or by contacting Dave Johnson.

1st Communion Class for Grades 1 and Up

Saturday, September 16, 2017

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Please contact the church office for more information.

1st Communion will be on **Sunday, September 17th** as a part of the Back to School Worship Service.

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Food, Fellowship & Faith!

Join us every Wednesday night
at Salem: You bring the family,
we'll do the cooking!

5:30 - Dinner for Everyone

6:00 - Devotional Time

6:15 - Small Group Reflections

Food, Fellowship and Faith is for everyone!
Families, friends, adults, kids, teenagers,
EVERYONE! Join us starting Wednesday,
September 20th to dig deeper in your faith
while enjoying delicious food and wonderful
friends!

Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank
Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors (NAPS).
Through the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), Second Harvest provides an approximately 35-pound box of free food each month to income-eligible seniors who meet income guidelines. The program is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture. Program participants receive nutritious food packages meant to supplement the diet. The packages include canned fruits, vegetables, juices, shelf stable milk, low fat American cheese, canned meat, peanut butter or dried beans, cereal, and rice or pasta.

BackPack Program

"The mission of the BackPack Program is to meet the needs of hungry children by providing them with nutritious and easy-to-prepare food to take home on weekends and school vacations when other resources are not available. Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank currently partners with the Duluth, Hermantown, Proctor, Esko, Cloquet, Barnum, Carlton, Moose Lake, Wrenshall, Two Harbors, Silver Bay, Grand Marais, Superior/Douglas County School and Maple/Northwestern Districts; the Head of the Lakes United Way, United Way of Carlton County and Superior/Douglas County; regional foundations, businesses and social/religious organizations to provide food to children on weekends. Each week nearly 900 bags of food are provided to children throughout NE Minnesota and NW Wisconsin as part of our local BackPack Programs.

3 Volunteer Packing dates have been reserved for Salem to
assist Northern Lakes Food Bank with these programs

NAPS Packing

Thursday, September 21st, 9 am to 11 am and Thursday,
October 19th, 9 am to 11am At Second Harvest Northern Lakes
Food Bank 4503 Airpark Boulevard, Duluth

BackPack Program Packing

3rd, 10 am to noon At Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food
Bank 4503 Airpark Boulevard, Duluth
Contact Judy Hane, 729-9114 to volunteer or for more
information

ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT
September 22-24, 2017
Big Sandy Camp, McGregor

September has arrived and for the women of Salem, it is time for us to plan the annual retreat at Big Sandy Camp in McGregor. If you have never attended, please consider joining us for a memorable week end. This year's retreat will be held from Friday evening, September 22 through Sunday afternoon, September 24. Our big day is always Saturday when we pack in a lot of neat activities and Biblical study. We hope that you will plan to be a part of this wonderful experience.

The theme this year is an exploration of "*The Mysteries of our Faith*". We'll be working in teams to take a closer look at some of the mysteries of the ages and some of the questions we face in our faith journey. We will again be taking on the project of filling purses with toiletries and personal items for women in need. This was a very successful project last year that we thought was worth repeating.

The cost of this year's retreat will remain at \$75.00/person for the full week end. For those unable to come for the entire week end, they can register for Saturday only at a cost of \$35.00. To register, please contact Nancy Berntsen in person or by calling 729-9664. A letter with details to help with planning for the retreat will be sent to all registrants. Fees should be paid to the church by Sunday, September 17, 2017. Checks should be made payable to Salem Lutheran, with "Women's Retreat" in the memo line. It is helpful to put checks in a separate labeled envelope to alert church counters to credit the retreat. We are hoping to have record attendance this year!

Council Highlights – August 14, 2017
June minutes - reviewed and accepted

Committee Reports:

Worship Planning Team –

May, June, July worship highlights reviewed

Old Business:

- Narrative Lectionary updates -The Narrative Lectionary series starts up again Sept 10th
- Reformation Sunday Ideas – Much discussion about this and several ideas are being considered to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the reformation, both during the worship service and as a congregation in the community.
- Lee Stewart, the director of CHUM will be preaching on Sunday Sept 24th
- Due to so much discussion about the Reformation celebration we will work on the New Business and Upcoming Fall Events at our next meeting.

Witness and Service – No report

Evangelism and Outreach – No meeting reports but the Salem float in the Hermantown parade was a success

Mutual Ministry – No report, planning to meet in mid to late Sept.

Sunday School / Youth – No team members present so no report, there was discussion about the Sunday School material being difficult for the teachers and perhaps we need to help them navigate the lengthy material. Sara will be alerted to this issue.

Property –

- Work is continuing on the repair of the existing bells and purchase of the new bells being donated as a memorial.
- The railing on the stairs on the SS wing is complete.

- The new mowers are working well
- The water fountain got hung in the family room, Terry Larrivy will do the plumbing soon
- The music closet shelving is in the works
- The broken pop machine has been removed
- The SS wing windows have been ordered and Kevin Graves will still be installing them after they come in
- The tuck pointing of the bricks on the back of the church will hopefully still happen yet this year by the same company that did the other section
- We have samples for possible tile to be placed in the education wing, this will most likely happen yet this fall so the dance group can expand into 2 classes

Finance – Report reviewed and approved, Increases in numbers of members of the congregation using electronic giving has been helpful for consistent giving.

Old Business:

Team Delicious – Our vision is to keep this a free meal for not only our congregation but also our community to join us. There was discussion about how to finance this and that we need to have several teams working on this so the same few aren't getting burnt out.

Salem Dream Team – We will be working on forming this team, further discussion is needed. Other teams in the development stages are Team fellowship and the Community Help team.

Eagle Scout project – Cade Jaros will be providing food for the fellowship for a few more times to raise money for his project which will be happening yet this fall

Vacation Bible School was a success - 35 kids attended

**FAMILY SERVICE UNIT FOR
September, 2017**

Chair	Patty Shogren	726-0710
Co-Chair	Kim Healy	723-1429
	Darlene Haedrich	729-9452
	Joyce Johnson	722-3721
	Brenda Hallfrisch	340-2436
	BettieLou Nicholson	722-6246
	Christie Erickson	729-5667
	Kim Zastrow	728-9202

PLEASE NOTE: All family members are invited to help participate in the monthly events!

The Family Service Units are Responsible for:

- *Serve* coffee **Sunday, September 24th**.
- *Serving* at funerals or other church activities that may occur during your month.

Coffee Servers for September –

<i>September 3</i>	<i>NO Coffee Fellowship</i>
<i>September 10</i>	<i>Women's Retreat</i>
<i>September 17</i>	<i>Women's Retreat</i>
<i>September 24</i>	<i>September Service Unit</i>

Fall Coffee Servers are needed!!

Ruth Circle ~~ Group get-together at Bev Nordwall's on Tues. Sept 12 at 11:30am for potluck lunch. Meet at church at 11:30am. Bible Study is #3.