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Salem Lutheran Church  
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# September, 2019

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Youth & Family Minister –  
Youth & Family Minister Phone –

Church Office – 218- 727-1357  
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### **Church Office Hours:**

*Tuesday – Thursday 9:00-3:00      Friday 9:00-1:00*

Email Address – salemhermantown@gmail.com  
Web Address – www.slecduluth.org  
“Like” us on Facebook

### **Sundays at Salem**

**Worship – 9:00 am**

**Coffee Fellowship – 10:15 am**

**Sunday School – 10:30 am**

**(Beginning September 15<sup>th</sup>)**

### SALEM'S MISSION STATEMENT:

*“Our Mission is to pass on the faith by involving  
all members of our community in Christ's ministry.”*

Back to School, Back to Sunday School  
Sunday School Open House and Registration  
Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

10:30 am

Come and register, meet your  
teacher and have some fun!

(Registration forms will be  
available at the open house.)

First day of Sunday School,

September 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30



### **Back to School Worship Service**

***Come join us for worship on September 15<sup>th</sup>  
as we celebrate the start of a new school  
year! We will be having a joyful worship  
service that celebrates learners of all ages--  
and the adults who guide them--with prayers,  
uplifting music and a backpack blessing.  
Students please bring your backpacks to  
church!***

***Faith Formation 9 begins***

***Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm***

***Faith Formation 7/8 begins***

***Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 pm***

***Monday Small Group resumes***

***Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30***

### **Rollie's Perspective**

I wrote last month about liking August because it's a time for me (us) to get ready for September and the start of the fall schedule. Well... guess who's not ready for September? That would be me!

The Good News is that September will come whether or not I'm ready for it and the really Good News is that God loves us, whether or not we're ready. I smile as I think of the children's game, "Ready or not, here I come." We count 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, all the way to 100, and yell out, "Ready or not, here I come!" And the person who is 'it' looks and searches.

Fall is yelling out "Ready or not, here I come!" Fall will find us! And God has also found us; no matter how hard you or I might hide from God, thinking that we are not worthy or thinking that God doesn't care, or God will not come looking for us. But God does care and know us and has already found each and every one of us! God claims us all in our Baptism and in our daily lives! You are loved and a loved and found child of God!

Help is wanted in a variety of areas of Salem's ministry.

Do you want to help with Sunday School?

Do you want to help with Wednesday evening *Food, Faith and Fellowship*?

Do you want to help with quilting on Wednesday mornings?

Do you want to participate in a small group or Bible study?

Do you want to help with worship (singing, reading, serving, altar care, etc.)?

Do you want to help with Sunday morning coffee fellowship?

Do you want to help with upcoming special events such as the Apple Fest?

Do you want to start something brand new?

Please, please, please do not wait for someone to come to you; talk about it with others, get involved, tell someone, but most of all, get involved and be active in doing ministry and inviting others to come along with you!

I share some news about the childcare situation. Stacy Pohjola is the owner of Laugh & Learn Center in Cloquet; she will be expanding into Salem as a second site of her business. She has begun moving some things into the building. There has been a lot of painting and cleaning down both downstairs and in the upper level of the SS Wing. Laugh & Learn, Cloquet has a caterer prepare and serve meals for them there (and two other childcare centers); it appears that the same caterer (Chickadee Catering) will be leasing our kitchen to prepare and serve meals for Laugh & Learn, Salem. We welcome Laugh & Learn and Chickadee Catering!

Pastor Rollie

### **Lessons for September, 2019**

**09/01/19** Proverbs 25:6-7; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1 & 15-16; Luke 14:1, 2-14 (Humility & Hospitality)

**09/08/19** Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33 (Cost of Discipleship)

**09/15/19** Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 51:1-10; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10 (Parable of the lost sheep & coin)

**09/22/19** Amos 8:4-7' Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13 (Parable of the dishonest manager)

**09/29/19** Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31 (Rich man and Lazarus)

## **ABOUT OUR SALEM FAMILY**

### **SYMPATHY!**

Our heartfelt sympathy to Lisa, Justin and Clara Forsell on the death of Lisa's grandfather, Harold ZumHofe on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Berit Froehlich and her family on the death of her husband, James on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **BAPTISMS!**

The Kingdom of God was increased with the Holy Baptism of *Peyton Elaine Paulson* daughter of Reed & Larissa Paulson on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Sponsoring Peyton are Tayler Porter and Ciarra & Brandon Rehbein.

### **THANK YOU!**

To the Members of Salem,  
Thank you for participating in VLM's Bluegrass Festival this summer! We had 350 people come for an afternoon of great music, great food, and great fun. Together we raised nearly \$40,000 to support the ministries at Camp Hiawatha and Camp Vermillion. Thank you for being part of an amazing event! The Basket Challenge is a fun part of the day!

Joel Abenth

### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS!**

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Hermantown, MN 55811

Jana Peterson  
1015 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Apt. 104  
Proctor, MN 55810  
218-348-6054

## ***“Happy Birthday” To Our Members in “September”***

1	Carrie Gilbertson	18	Cade Jaros
2	Nancy Larrivy		Tammy Nordwall
5	Helen Bergh		Chris Swenson
8	Michael Thedens	20	Katie Thun
9	Barb Burud	22	Samantha MacDougall
	Hannah Prewit	24	Laura Anderson
10	Merlyn Dammer		Bob Schramm
	Emily Fossen	27	Richard Koglin
	Kevin Graves		Jean Witte
	Jasper Nunez	28	Barbara Adamski
12	Julie Porter		Glory Eckard
15	Gavin Reid		Charlotte Hood
16	Michelle Ahlberg		Karen McClimek
	Daniel Burud	30	Darlene Mammenga
18	Nancy Berntsen		Kristi Poissant
	Pastor Rollie Bockbrader		

## ***September Baptismal Anniversaries***

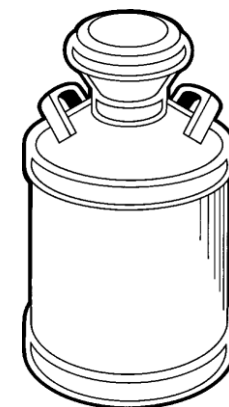
1	Melissa DelaMartre	18	Bella Dwinell
	Amy Piphoo	19	Diane Forsell
3	Darlene Butkiewicz		Tyler Rollins
	Jim Christenson	20	Jay Willman
	Sheri Fossen	21	Nancy Larrivy
4	Rolene Lampi		Annalise Settergren
	Erica Walli	23	Reed Paulson
7	Josh Rollins		Sara Reid
13	Kelly Erickson	26	Jan Huston
15	Mike Healy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

*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.

**Noisy Offering will be Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>! Your change makes a difference for World Hunger!**



### **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!



## SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK DATES

**Backpack packing** resumes Friday,  
September 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-12:00

### **N.A.P.S. Packing**

Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 9-11 am,

The sign-up sheet is posted  
on the narthex bulletin board.



## 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bike for Hunger!

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

**When-** Saturday, September  
7<sup>TH</sup>

**Where** - Duluth to Mahtowa and  
back (lunch provided in Mahtowa)

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 348-9720 for support

*Registration forms are available on the table in the  
narthex, on Salem's web site*



## SALEM'S FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT

**September 20-22, 2019**

**Big Sandy Camp, McGregor, MN**

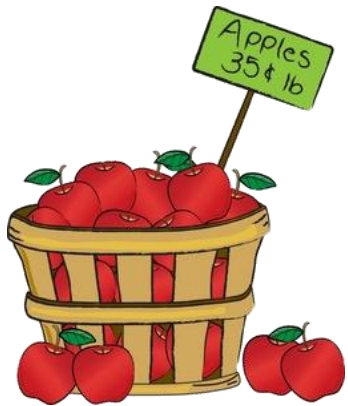
As summer winds down, a fall calendar of events is taking shape at Salem. The annual Women's Retreat has been a wonderful part of kicking off the busy fall season here at Salem. This year's retreat will be held the week end of September 20-22, Friday evening through Sunday afternoon. All women of Salem are encouraged to consider attending. It is a wonderful break from your usual routine. Please invite other women that you would like to experience this with! The theme we'll explore this year is, "Let it Go; Free From Our Chains".

Registration is easy, just contact Nancy Berntsen (218-729-9664 or 218-940-0779) and confirm your plans to participate in the Retreat weekend. The cost of the full weekend is \$79.00/person. If unable to attend the overnights, you may register to come for the full day of activities on Saturday, September 21st, for a fee of \$37.00/person.

Details will be sent to registered participants 1-2 week's prior to the retreat to help you plan and to arrange transportation. We must let Big Sandy know how many will be attending from Salem 10 days prior to our retreat weekend, so please register as soon as possible.

Payment for the retreat should be turned in to the church office, or to Nancy by Sunday, September 15th. Checks should be made payable to **SALEM LUTHERAN** with "*Women's Retreat*" in the memo line. It is helpful to put checks into a separate labeled envelope if put into Sunday offerings. This alerts counters to credit the "retreat" fund.

We pray that hearts will be stirred and that many former participants will return to this joyous, Spirit filled week, bringing new friends to enrich the experience for all! Let's fill Loon Lodge this year!



# APPLE FESTIVAL AND CRAFT FAIR

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH  
4715 HERMANTOWN RD

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**

**9:00-3:00**

**COME JOIN US IN SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL SMALL  
BUSINESSES!**

\*MANY UNIQUE CRAFT & FOOD VENDORS!!!

\*APPLE BRATS, APPLE PIES, CARMEL APPLES AND  
MUCH MORE!

\*FREE APPLE RECIPE BOOKLET TO THE FIRST 100  
CUSTOMERS TO VISIT SALEM'S TABLE

\*CIDER PRESSING DEMOS THROUGHOUT THE DAY

\*COFFEE SHOP WITH LOTS OF APPLE GOODIES

\*SOUP LUNCHEON STARTING AT 11:00 WHILE SUPPLIES  
LAST

\*\*PROFITS FROM BRATS, CIDER, BAKE SALE, COFFEE  
SHOP, SOUP LUNCH AND CARMEL APPLES WILL BE  
USED TO HELP FUND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS  
DONE BY SALEM MEMBERS.

## FAMILY SERVICE UNIT

September, 2019

Chair	Karen Swanson	727-2016	
Co-Chair	Liz Paulson	722-1878	
Denise LeMay	729-7759	Karen Bastianelli	624-1586
*Shirley Ostlund	722-6406	Melissa Delamatre	428-2316
Cory Stierns-Kay	393-2661	Danielle Talbot	733-1413

\* Limited Participation

*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 29, 2019*
- *Serving at funerals or other church activities that may occur during your month.*

### ***Coffee Servers for September***

***September 1 – No Coffee Fellowship***

***September 8 –***

***September 15 –***

***September 22 –***

***September 29 – September Service Unit***

*Ruth Circle will be going for lunch at The Social House  
(formerly Farley's) at 12:30 Tuesday, September 10.*

## **Council Meeting Highlights ~ August 12<sup>th</sup> 2019**

Hannah and Rollie Bockbrader were in Milwaukee Aug 5th-10th for the Churchwide Assembly. A few of the items voted on at the assembly were the reelection of Rev. Elizabeth Eaton as the ELCA presiding bishop, continuing the commitment to inter-religious relations and declared the ELCA a sanctuary church body.

Ongoing discussion about Laugh and Learn daycare planning to use Salem for their daycare facility. As of council meeting the contract has not been signed yet as we are still in negotiation about her caterers using the kitchen to fix meals for Laugh and Learn and other daycares. We will be talking separately with the caterers about their rental of the kitchen.

Financial Report – We are still considerably behind on our finances. We are hopeful that with the start of the school year and the daycare starting up we will be able to catch up. Building Blocks is paying Tim directly for the repairs on our building now that they have moved out.

Amy Piphon and Pastor Rollie met about Salem's family ministry and they will be getting more people involved to continue this work in progress.

Ken Alhberg has offered to have a conversation with Rev Michael Carlson from St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi about what is working in their church and what isn't. How do we get people excited about church again?

Dave Johnson and others (not sure who has committed yet) have agreed to work on a team for "Stewardship Year Round" Per Pastor Rollie this team is not about the money as much as the stories.

DeWayne Hendrickson is working on getting a men's bible study started up again and Amy Piphon is working on a women's bible study. Discussion is still happening as to what day of the week to hold these bible studies and what they will look like. Possibly these could happen on Wednesday night in conjunction with our Food, Faith and Fellowship. This is another work in progress. We had discussion about many other groups that could be started here at Salem.