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May, 2021

Intentional Interim Minister – Loren Anderson-Bauer
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Church Office Hours:

*Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00-1:00*

The church office will be closed May 7-10

Pastor Loren’s Office Hours

Tuesday & Wednesday 9:00-12:00

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**Park, Pray & Praise will return
Sunday, May 16th at
9:00 am**

Parking Lot Worship Guidelines

As the State of Minnesota (the governor's office and MDH) allows the opening up of certain businesses and organizations, the Salem Smart Team and/or Congregational Council will consider opening up worship and providing an opportunity for worship in the Salem parking lot. Online worship opportunities will continue to be offered.

1. As Salem begins its *Park, Pray, Praise* (parking lot) worship, the following guidelines are to be followed:
 - a. Worshipers and worship leaders who show symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, headache, muscle pain, sore throat or loss of taste or smell) and/or who have been exposed to someone who has COVID-19 are asked to stay home.
 - b. Worshipers are to remain in their cars, or they may sit in chairs they provide on the driver side of their cars. If windows are down, cars will need to be spaced a minimum of six feet apart. Passenger windows should be kept closed if people in the adjacent car are outside.
 - c. Worship leaders, ushers, and the tech team will wear face masks, will wash or sanitize their hands frequently and stay six feet away from other non-household leaders.
 - d. Worship leaders, ushers, and the tech team will have access to the hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes. All equipment should be disinfected weekly.
 - e. Ushers will give out bulletins as cars enter the parking lot.

- f. The lead communion council member (or a replacement) will give out individual containers of the wafers and the wine/juice.
- g. Offering will be collected as cars leave the parking lot with ushers holding an offering can.
- h. All passing of things between worshipers will be strongly discouraged.

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*Live stream Worship for the month of May
will continue on Salem's Facebook page.
DVD's of Sunday's Worship Services are
available by contacting Nancy Berntsen or
the church office.*

The Body of Christ"

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it"1 Corinthians 12:27

Where is the church? In this time, when we have not been able to gather in the sanctuary, we perhaps realize that the church is not a building. The church is the people, and we have needed to learn new ways of being church in the last year. But we are still connected to each other. We still find ways to support one another in our faith. We still find ways to serve with the love of Jesus. Yes, the church is not the building,

the church is all the people of God living their faith in their daily lives.

“You are the body of Christ,” St. Paul says in his letter to the Corinthians. We each carry Christ with us in our daily lives and Christ is present in the world through us. This is the great mystery of our faith. As Christ becomes present to us in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, and as these elements become His body and blood for us, we become His body in the world. He uses our lives to touch the people around us with love and compassion and blessing, and whenever that happens the church is present as the body of Christ.

I quoted Theresa of Avila, a 16th century mystic, in one of my recent sermons. She puts it this way:

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do

good,

Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all
the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,

May Christ be alive in you each day,
Pastor Loren

Lessons for May, 2021

05/02/21 Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31;
1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

05/09/21 Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6;
John 15:9-17

05/16/21 Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13;
John 17:6-19

05/23/21 Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;
Romans 8:22-27 ; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

05/30/21 Isaiah 8:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17;
John 3:1-17

ABOUT OUR SALEM FAMILY

SYMPATHY!

Our heartfelt sympathy to Dave, Beth, Connor and Simon Erdmann on the death of Dave's mom, Margaret Erdmann on March 29th.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Mary Larson and her family on the death of her husband, John on April 15th.

CHANGE OF PHONE!

Judy Hane has a new phone number 218-349-7588

THANK YOU!

Thank you for Salem Lutheran's donation of \$750.00 to CHUM. Your gift has been designated to CHUM's Food Shelf.

Gloria Swensen
Development Director

Thank you All!

You've fed Northland families, children and seniors thank to your generous \$900.00 donation to our food bank, at this important time.

Shaye Moris
Executive Director
Second Harvest

Thank you to our Salem family for your thoughts and prayers, kind words, cards and memorial gifts following the passing of our mom and grandma.

Dave, Beth, Connor & Simon Erdmann

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.



“Happy Birthday” To Our Members in “May”

1	Donald Ostlund	16	Sandy Johnson
2	Madelyn Jaros		Drew Kreidler
3	Vivian Jampsa		Richard Szamatula
	Zach Thorsten	19	Dale Berntsen
6	Jay Willman		Keagan Black
7	Justin Forsell		Mark Hudson
8	Natalie Williams	20	Carter Lilyquist
9	Cindy Anderson		Peyton Nelson
	Donna Koglin	21	Hazel Johnson
	Max LeMay	23	Elyse Birkholm
	Rich Nickles		Tyler Rollins
10	Evan Gunn	24	Sutton Byrnes
	Laura Lilyquist	25	Beth Johnson
11	Hollis Nicholson	26	Annalise Thompson
	Vickie Willman		Ryan Willman
13	Lisa Forsell	27	Paige Reid
	Ariana Nunez	28	Tricia Nunez
14	Niki Peterson	29	Terry Shogren
	Christa Scheider	30	Dennis Velander
	Kathie Siemson	31	Gloria Lund
15	Phil Zastrow		Laurie Meagher

May Baptismal Anniversaries

1	Lois Dusek	14	Paul Ahlberg
	Samantha Hendrickson	19	Peggy Szybnski
2	Edward Wehmas	20	Ben Nickles
6	Tracy Bockbrader	21	Connor Erdmann
8	Colton Jaros		Niki Peterson
	James Mart	23	Rya Kruger
10	Ellyann Erickson	25	Calie Kruger
11	Paige Agustsson	26	Barb Burud
	Janice Hanson	27	Laura Lilyquist
	Marilyn Hanson	30	Carla Christenson
12	Donna Koglin	31	Josh Hendrickson
	Alex Struck		Christa Scheider

Honor Mom and support **Salem's Youth**
(retreats, events, activities, gatherings
including the **2022 ELCA National Youth
Gathering** in Minneapolis)

By purchasing
a
hanging basket!

Purchase a certificate at
the Church Office
(Tuesday, Wednesday or
Friday 9-12) for **\$30**
(checks payable to Salem
Youth) **before May 4th**.
(Orders after May 4th
will not be accepted)



Bring in your certificate to Engwalls
05/12/21 - 05/31/21
to claim your beautiful hanging basket
(\$39.99 value) and save 20% on purchases
made that day.

Enjoy the bloom!

(For each basket sold, Salem Youth
receive an \$6 profit.)

VLM Camp News

Summer Staff Needed!

Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry is excited to welcome campers back to Camp Hiawatha and Camp Vermilion this summer...but we still need staff to make this a great summer! VLM is hiring for a variety of positions, from cabin counselor to leadership staff, from health care to kitchen assistants, canoe guides to lifeguards. Weekly salaries start at \$330/week, plus room and board for the entire summer! We also have hourly, non-residential options for High School students ages 16 and over.

Get more details at <https://www.vlmcamps.org/summer-employment>. Our Program Directors would love to talk with you to answer your questions and share how God can use you at camp this summer!

Work Days

Camp Hiawatha - May 1, 2021

Camp Vermilion - May 15, 2021

Join other camp supporters for a day of fun and fellowship while we get camps ready for the summer. Registration begins at 8:00, and the day includes morning snacks and lunch, as well as the satisfaction of a job well done!

Visit www.VLMcamps.org/work-days for more information and for site specific projects.

Individuals, families, and youth groups are welcome to join us the Friday night before Work Day. We will gather for a light supper at 6:30 followed by campfire. Housing is limited, so be sure to contact us if you are interested in this option.

Mother's Day Brunch
May 9, 2021 - 10am-1pm
Camp Vermilion

Enjoy a wonderful northwoods brunch experience on Mother's Day! Our menu will include a variety of fresh baked goods, breakfast meats, egg dishes, fresh fruit, and beverages. (Special dietary options are available with advanced notice.)

Table reservations are required. **Cost:** \$15 per adult, \$7 for youth ages 4-11 (under 4 are free). Reserve your table here: www.VLMcamps.org/mothers-day

Church Council Highlights 4/12/21

Approval of previous meeting minutes via email

New and Continued Business:

- Review of Pastor Loren compensation package. No change recommended at this time. Compensation will be reviewed again on July 12th.
- Rhubarb Festival kitchen use. Chickadee Catering has been made aware and is happy to accommodate the schedule.
- Annual Meeting of the Congregation scheduled for April 25th.
 - Ballot preparation discussed.
 - Nominating Committee members reviewed.
 - Audit Committee members discussed.
 - Annual Meeting questions will be fielded via phone call or text to a number printed on the agenda.
 - Meeting will be hosted in-person parking-lot and via interactive Zoom meeting.

- Transition Team: Team has met and completed orientation. Example reports have been reviewed.
- SMART Team meets Tuesday 4/13 to review return to in-person worship.

Team/Committee Updates:

Worship & Planning:

- The next month's services are planned.
- Online Lent & Easter services were a tremendous amount of work, were very successful and well received.

Youth & Sunday School:

- Mother's Day youth-led service is being planned.

Helping Hands:

- Most organizations are not accepting physical donations at this time.

Mutual Ministry:

- Staff reviews are being compiled.
- Mutual Ministry team is seeking one or two additional team members.

Property

- Sanctuary roof damage insurance assessment has been rescheduled for Wednesday 4/14. Original repair estimate was \$1,700.

Financial:

- Envelope giving remains down about \$3,000 each month.
- Giving during the first weekend of April was very good.
- We continue to closely monitor utility expenses.

A HEART FOR Mom

Show Mom how much you appreciate all she does for you with this "heartfelt" craft. Give it to her on Mother's Day.

What you need:

- Floral stem wire
- Dried cranberries (about 100, depending on the wire's length)
- Pliers
- Decorative ribbon (about 12 inches for each craft)
- Construction paper or cardstock
- Hole punch
- Crayons or markers



What you do:

1. With an adult's help, thread cranberries, one at a time with no space between them, onto the straight wire.
2. Bend the wire into a heart shape.
3. With pliers, twist the wire together at the top of the heart.
4. Tie ribbon to make a loop atop the heart (so your mom can hang it up).
5. Fold the paper into a card, and write a message of love and gratitude to your mom. You might want to add a verse from Proverbs 31 that best describes her.
6. Punch a hole in the card. Attach it to the ribbon that's tied to the heart.