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November, 2021

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**Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday,
November 7th. Don't forget to turn your
clocks back 1 hour before you go to bed
Saturday night!**

**Special Congregational Meeting
Sunday, November 14th following
Worship**

Salem Lutheran Church will have a Special Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 14th following Worship (In person and Zoom)

Chickadee Catering, one of Salem's tenants, has approached the council with a proposal to expand.

When Chickadee started at Salem in October, 2019 they were serving 200 kids a day. They are currently at about 450/day, and their goal is to be up to 700/day by March of 2022. If Salem is able to accommodate their requests, Brigham Fanning (owner of Chickadee Catering) figures they will be able to serve up to approximately 1000 meals per day from our kitchen, after which they would outgrow what we are able to provide in terms of space, and need to open a second location or relocate.

The purpose of this Special Congregational Meeting is to discuss Chickadee's Proposal and give Salem's council approval to move forward to make any changes necessary in the proposal.

Please contact the church office if you are planning on attending the meeting via Zoom.

Stewardship

“God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.”

2 Corinthians 9:8

The crowd is hungry. They have been listening to Jesus all day. The hour is getting late, and the disciples suggest that Jesus send the crowd away so that they can buy something for themselves to eat. Jesus says, “you give them something to eat.” But the disciples can only focus on the tremendous cost of feeding this crowd of over 5,000 people, and they believe it is an impossible task that Jesus has given to them. They do not recognize that they have been blessed abundantly so that they might share abundantly.

Jesus asks, “How many loaves do you have?” He doesn't ask, “How much do you have to spare?” or “How much can you contribute to this project?” He asks them to take an honest inventory of their resources. And while five loaves and two fish seem small, when it is shared for the ministry of Jesus, it becomes abundance beyond measure.

Whenever we take that inventory of our resources, we know that what we find is “blessing in abundance.” And with these blessings, God always calls us to take hold of the responsibilities that God lays before us. Stewardship directs us to use God's blessings to enhance not only our own well-being, but the well-being of our families, communities, church, creation, and all the people of the world. Stewardship teaches us to recognize what is enough for ourselves so that we can share abundantly for the good of others.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Loren

SALEM'S SMART PLAN

(Updated Guidelines as of September 22, 2021)

As we continue indoor worship services, we are putting some new guidelines in place with respect and kindness to our neighbors foremost in our minds.

- We acknowledge that everyone has their own level of risk tolerance, and that many are not comfortable attending an indoor service. Services will continue to be streamed live on FB, posted on our website and also be available on DVD.

-PLEASE stay home if you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 or any other illness.

-Because we are not asking vaccination status, and our youngest community members are not yet eligible for a vaccine, **masks will be required for everyone over the age of 4. Masks must be tightly fitted and worn properly (completely covering the nose and mouth).**

-Because we may need to do contact tracing, everyone will sign in upon entering the building for worship services.

-Hand sanitizer will be available at entrance.

-All outside doors and windows will be open during worship services. No fans will be used.

-There will not be a capacity limit; however, we ask you maintain social distancing in the pews.

-Those who are comfortable doing so are encouraged to join in singing and group speaking during the service.

-Pastor Loren will be unmasked when he is behind the altar or pulpit (most of the service).

-In order to reduce touched surfaces/traffic:

1. Communion will be taken from the pews using the individually packaged elements.

2. Offerings will be collected in a basket on the way out the door; there will also be a basket for recycling bulletins and a garbage can for empty communion cups.

3. Coat hangers have been taken down; take coats into pews if you have one.

4. Bathroom doors will be propped open.

5. Masked fellowship will be allowed outside only (no treats or coffee will be served at this time).

6. Nursery will be closed until further notice.

-A regular cleaning schedule for the building has resumed.

-Salem's small groups (quilters, committees, bible studies, Faith Formation etc.) can meet in the Family Room with the doors and windows open. Please follow CDC guidelines regarding masking for all individuals.

-Until further notice, special events not hosted by Salem need to be approved by Salem's SMART Team.

-If you want a vaccination but have been unable to get to an appointment, please call the church office and we will arrange assistance for you!

Lessons for November, 2021

11/7/21 (All Saints Sunday) Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

11/14/21 Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

11/21/21(Christ the King Sunday) Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

11/28/21 Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

ABOUT OUR SALEM FAMILY

With Sympathy!

Our heartfelt sympathy to Lisa, Justin and Clara Forsell on the death of Lisa's cousin Tammy on September 24th.

“Happy Birthday” To Our Members in “November”

1	Rauri Byrnes	12	Donna Thorsten
	Karen Koshere	14	Anita Paulson
3	Billy Peterson	16	Chris Rollins
	Bob Szybnski	17	Karen Swanson
4	Camden Black		Joan Swanstrom
5	Kayla Lilyquist	21	Maria Karon
7	Grace Schramm	22	Gloria Tomlin
8	Alexa Peterson	23	Sandra Dammer
9	Betty McDonald	24	Sara Borndal
11	Karen Bastianelli	25	Olivia Pipho
	Bart Porter	28	Marilyn Hanson
12	Tracy Bockbrader		Desiree Wood
	Mark Peterson	30	Dale Nordwall

November Baptismal Anniversaries

1	Peter Erickson	16	Max LeMay
9	Ariana Nunez	17	Adam Lilyquist
13	Bob Schramm	24	Vickie Willman
	Kristin Settergren	28	Camden Black
15	Daniel Burud	30	Brian Riggio
	Sophie Howe		

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.

Have you moved?

Have you disconnected your landline?

The church office is in the process of updating the church records. Please contact the church office to let them know of any changes by phone or email (saalemhermantown@gmail.com or 218-727-1357) Thank you!



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Church Council Highlights 10/11/21

Approval of previous meeting minutes via email

Approval of Pastor Notes: Sent over email

New and Continued Business:

- **Chickadee Catering Proposal:** Owner and employees of Chickadee Catering were in attendance at the meeting to discuss the possibility of expanding their business with council.
- **Laugh and Learn Contract:** Lease agreement with Laugh and Learn ends on December 31. Will look at lease agreement at next council meeting.
- **Call Committee:** Carol Christenson, Maria Karon, Simon Erdmann, Frank Dusek, Myrna Johnson, and Christy Jaros accepted. Motion made by Adam to approve the Call Committee, Seconded by Sharon, Motion carried, with unanimous vote from council
- **Activation of Nominating Committee:**
Amy, Jan, Sharon, Bob, Tony, and Melissa are stepping down from council
Nancy and Diana will volunteer for another term
Chris is undecided
- **Smart Team:** updates to service in place, communion in pews, no coffee after service.

Team/Committee Updates:

- **Youth & Sunday School:** Amy and Jason – Participation is slowly increasing, 10 students during October 10th class. Rotating who is preparing the class is working well.