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May, 2022

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Church Office Hours
Tuesday - Friday
9:00-1:00

Pastor Loren’s Office Hours
Tuesday & Wednesday 9:00-12:00

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Web Address – www.slecduluth.org
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Have you changed your phone number or email address?

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 (salemhermantown@gmail.com or 218-727-1357) Thank you!

Save the Date!

With grateful hearts we would like to thank Pastor Anderson-Bauer for his leadership and inspiration over this past year. His last Sunday with us will be May 22. We will have our annual Sunday School sendoff that day and hope those of you that are comfortable being in the sanctuary again will join us to wish him an appreciative farewell. Watch Sunday bulletins, Facebook and the web site for further details.

THE ROAD GOES EVER ON AND ON

The road goes ever on and on

Down from the door where it began.

Now far ahead the road has gone,

And I must follow, if I can.

(J. R. R. Tolkien)

Our journey of life takes us over many roads, and we travel with many companions. We walk together for a time, and then move on in separate ways. We give thanks for the companionship we have shared and bless one another as we part.

My time at Salem will soon be over. I celebrate my seventieth birthday in June and have been planning my retirement for the end of May. My last Sunday at Salem will be May 22. I am looking forward to having time with my family on a vacation we have planned for June. I'm also looking forward to time for reading, hiking, baking, cross-stitch, and my favorite hobby, soap-making.

As I write, the Call Committee is interviewing candidates to be your next pastor. The process may move quickly to

calling your next pastor, or as sometimes happens, things fall apart and the committee needs to start the interview process over again with a new set of names. I've seen that happen, but I am hopeful it will not happen for Salem. In the meantime, your congregation leadership is working with the synod to arrange for a "bridge pastor" to provide worship leadership and pastoral care during the time between when I retire and your new pastor begins.

As I leave, I want to express how deeply I have appreciated my time with you. I found Salem, a congregation that is engaged in caring ministries that reflect on Matthew 25—feeding the hungry, visiting the prisoner, welcoming the stranger, caring for the sick, and providing for the needy. Your Disaster Relief Mission Trip, your Prison Ministry Team, your support and involvement in CHUM, your Helping Hands projects, your commitment to worship and building community, and your financial support for your ministries demonstrate the commitment and energy of the people of Salem.

Again, it has been a real blessing to have shared a little piece of our journey together. Grace and peace as you continue on the road.

Your in Christ,

Pastor Loren

Lessons for May, 2022

5/1/2022 Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14;
John 21:1-19

5/8/2022 Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17;
John 10:22-30

5/15/2022 Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6;
John 13:31-35

5/22/2022 Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10,
22—22:5; John 14:23-29

5/29/22 Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14,
16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

ABOUT OUR SALEM FAMILY

New Baby!

Congratulations to Mark & Amy Hudson on the birth of their new grandson, Elijah Samuel on April 12th.
Elijah's proud parents are Luke & Sara Nichols.

With Sympathy!

Our heartfelt sympathy to Diane Forsell and Duane & Betty McDonald and their families on the death of their sister Linda on March 26, 2022.

Thank You!

Thank you for your \$450 contribution to Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank during such an important month. Your generosity will feed many families, children and seniors at this important time!

Together, we'll end hunger in the Northland!
Shaye Moris
Executive Director

AN APOLOGY

from Nancy Berntsen

I want to apologize to the entire congregation for a blunder I made during an announcement at the end of our Easter service. In my exuberance I mixed up my words and the result was quite offensive if received as spoken. Please know that wasn't my intention. I wanted us to share in the joy of once again being able to gather in the sanctuary to celebrate a beautiful Easter! The applause was meant to be a collective "hug" to express our joy. I know what I actually said did not convey my intentions. If I caused anyone hurt, I sincerely apologize. It is my hope that any hurt or disappointment won't linger and that my apology will be accepted.

"Happy Birthday" To Our Members in "May"

1	Donald Ostlund	16	Sandy Johnson
2	Madelyn Jaros		Drew Kreidler
3	Vivian Jamps		Rick 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	Tyler Rollins
	Rich Nickles	24	Sutton Byrnes
10	Evan Gunn	25	Beth Johnson
	Laura Lilyquist	26	Annalise Thompson
11	Hollis Nicholson		Ryan Willman
	Vickie Willman	27	Paige Reid
13	Lisa Forsell	28	Tricia Nunez
	Ariana Nunez	29	Camden Borndal
14	Niki Peterson		Terry Shogren
	Christa Scheider	30	Dennis Velander
	Kathie Siemsen	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

We are back to having fellowship following worship!

This has been a long time coming and we're excited to not only see each other, but to be able to truly be with one another as we come out of this past 2 years. We are hoping that we can start seeing the committees find a week that they can sign up. This will also be a great chance to get to work together again.

For at least the time being we will have someone pouring coffee and a server handing out the goodies. This should help keep extra fingers away from the food.



We have done some rearranging. I would be happy to give anyone the "tour" after worship or even during the week after work or ask Beth in the church office and she will also be happy to give a "tour". Please feel free to open doors and just take a peek. Hopefully it's all pretty obvious.

In the simplest explanation:

- Coffee is the same as always and directions are on the wall next to the coffee makers in the kitchen.
- Trays have not moved; they are in the cupboards under the coffee makers in the kitchen.
- The long credenza has all the beverage items (cups, sugar, creamer, hot cocoa)

We have the following Sundays available. If you, you and friends, or you and a committee would like to volunteer for one of these weeks, please let me know or let Beth (sign up sheets are also posted in the narthex.) know and we can team up to make sure as many weeks as possible are filled.

May 1 Laura Lilquist
May 8
May 15 Sunday School
May 22
May 29
June 5
June 12
June 19
June 26

Thursday May 5th National Day of Prayer Gathering
Duluth City Government Center

5:00pm

Outside of Duluth City Hall
411 West First St.

This is a community-wide gathering . All are Welcome!
Prayer for our city, Mayor, leaders, churches, families,
schools and more. Connecting in prayer as we seek the Lord
together

We will be gathering at the flagpole outside of the Duluth
City Hall.

(Dress for the Weather as the gathering will be outside rain or shine.)

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.

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checkbook. Simply use the GivePlus Mobile app to
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checking/savings account. Log in or donate as a guest.

Salem Council Meeting Highlights 4/11/2022

Approval of previous meeting minutes: Approved
via email confirmation

Approval of Pastor Notes: Sent over email,

New and Continued Business:

Update on Employee Handbook: Discussed
some modifications to the Handbook .

- Motion to approve the Handbook was made
by Nancy, Amy Seconded the motion. Vote to
approve the motion was unanimous

Call Committee Updates: Carol provided an
update to the council

Delegates to Synod assembly: Nancy and Dale
Berntsen will attend

Worship arrangements for Sunday, May 1:

Not necessary, Pastor Loren will be here

Bridge Pastor: Plans for a bridge pastor are
needed due to the time needed to select a new
pastor and Pastor Loren is retiring.

- Amy asked about how a bridge pastor would
work. Pastor Loren stated it mostly was
managing pulpit supply. However, if there
was a need to have several months of support
a more substantial contract would be needed.
- They are typically part time, may need
pension, etc. which is handled through a
contract based on the needs and availability of
the bridge pastor and the congregation.
- Pastor Loren's last Sunday is May 22.

Mutual Ministry: Nancy went over documents
and expectations for Mutual Ministry given the
lack of historical information. Many documents,
such as position descriptions and the employee
handbook are a good start and will help rebuild
the committee.

Sound System: Martin Dean who worked for
ARS, agreed to come in and evaluate our sound

system and provide recommendations on how to make our system more efficient or confirm our setup is effective as is.

Team/Committee Updates:

Worship & Planning:

Committee discussed after Easter service event, such as enhanced coffee.

Property:

Some council members last meeting did a walk through the library and bathrooms near the library to consider remodeling project. Adam will reach out to congregation members if there is someone who wants to take it on, otherwise the project will have to wait until late fall this year.

Finance

Financials are up from last year, no concerns at this time as we get out of pandemic practices.

WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE

May, 2022

	1	8	15	22	29
LEAD COMM.	Jason Jaros	Amy Piph	Adam Lilyquist	Jason Jaros	Nancy Berntsen
READER	Dennis Veland	Richard Petersson	Nancy Larrivy	Jim or Carol Christenson	Jim or Carol Christenson
ALTAR CARE	Darlene Haedrich	Darlene Haedrich	Darlene Haedrich	Darlene Haedrich	Darlene Haedrich
COFFEE SERVER	Laura Lilyquist		Sunday School		