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September , 2022

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9:00-1:00

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Worship Time Change effective
October 2, 2022

Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship 10:00 am

See inside this Sunburst for more details!

Name Tags are Back!

To help Pastor John get to know everyone, name tags are back. Look for yours on the table in the narthex.

Thank you!

Greetings Everyone,

I hope you have enjoyed your summer. Birdie and I are still working on settling into our new home here in Duluth/Hermantown area. I am so grateful for everyone welcoming me to Salem as your new pastor. I am sure we will do wonderful things together in our new partnership.

Now a lot of excitement seems to be going on around her as we begin our ministry together. Much of the excitement seems to surround ideas of what we can create in ministry together as we move forward. Beginnings do provide good opportunity for creating things. In fact, even with the bible announces in Genesis "In the Beginning" starts the creative process for God's activity. I must admit I love how Genesis starts. Such a line is a great pronouncement to start any story in my opinion. In fact, it's so great the Gospel author for John uses it for his introductory line. Though for John's introduction line of in the beginning tries to link back to Genesis beginning story to set the stage for such an epic cosmic story about Christ. Which such a story in some ways is a beginning story upon the new creation that is done through Christ.

As for our beginning together, there can be a lot of new and creative things that can happen. However, new and creative things are not just for beginnings but can be a constant part of our lives. God's creativity is not just limited to the beginning of creation in Genesis but is constant throughout the biblical stories and all of time. Such an idea can serve as a good reminder that at any point, beginning or later, in our journey together we can always be open to new and creative ways that

may come. In fact, new and creative things are always happening particularly around this time of year. Many people are starting a new school years with great creative opportunities for learning. Others may begin new personal opportunities that can create great joys. With all the new beginnings and creativity that may come to us now or later let us be excited and hopeful for all the good that may come. May God's blessing be with us all as we begin our ministry together.

Sincerely,
-Pastor John Ansell

Worship service time changing to 10:00 am

After much deliberation by the worship planning team and the blessing of council, we have decided to move our worship time from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. The reason we are making this change is to accommodate those that have been saying they are not able to get to the service by 9:00. We appreciate this is quite a change.

Starting October 2, Sunday School will be 9:00 - 9:45, Worship from 10:00 - 11:00 followed by fellowship. For those that have been attending the 9:00 service, it would be a wonderful time to start an adult Sunday School class! We are looking forward to this new change and plan to see it through at least this school year.

We are in a new place post-Covid. Now is the time to look at all of our moving pieces and commit to making our life together as followers of Christ the most beneficial for all.

Peace,
Lisa Forsell and Chris Swenson
Worship Planning Team co-chairs

Lessons for September, 2022

9/4/2022 Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1;
Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

9/11/2022 Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 51:1-10;
1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

9/18/2022 Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-7;
Luke 16:1-13

9/25/2022 Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146;
1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

ABOUT OUR SALEM FAMILY

Thank You!

Dear Salem friends,
We had so much fun during our week at Camp
Vermilion and we look forward to going back again.
Thank you for the camperships!

We appreciate it!
Madelyn Jaros, Paige Reid and Ellie Nickles

Dear Salem,
Thank you for your recent contributions of 195 and 260
pounds of peanut butter and cereal and 25 pounds of
food. Your gift has been designated for CHUM's Food
Shelf.

Scott Van Daele
Distributive Services Director

I would like to give a HEARTFULL thank you to Salem
prayer chain. Your prayers, and hugs were really felt. Also
to the members of Salem for the get-well cards. I am feeling
great and doing well.

Jay Willman and Family

We've Moved!

Roger & Betty McKeever
4125 Westberg Rd. Apt 106
Hermantown, MN 55811

Welcome New Members!

Marc & Dana Ross
Graham and Landen
3696 Lindahl Rd.
Hermantown, MN 55810

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 “September”

1	Carrie Gilbertson	18	Nancy Berntsen
2	Nancy Larrivy		Cade Jaros
8	Michael Thedens		Tammy Nordwall
9	Barb Burud		Chris Swenson
	Hannah Prewit	21	James Borgeson
10	Merlyn Dammer	24	Laura Anderson
	Kevin Graves		Bob Schramm
	Jasper Nunez	28	Barb Adamski
12	Julie Porter		Glory Eckard
15	Gavin Reid		Karen McClimek
16	Michelle Ahlberg	30	Darlene Mammenga
	Dan Burud		Kristi Poissant

September Baptismal Anniversaries

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

Please call the church office with any changes or corrections.

Save the Date SALEM'S APPLE FESTIVAL & CRAFT FAIR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 9:00 - 3:00

Our annual Apple Festival is quickly approaching and we need your help! We will need volunteers to help set up, tear down and (our biggest need) donate baked goods for the bake sale. Watch for a sign up list at church, or you can contact the Apple Festival committee at apples@slecduluth.org.

Cider Pressing Saturday, October 22

SALEM'S 2022 WOMEN'S RETREAT

Friday, September 16, 2022 at

Salem 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Saturday, September 17, 2022 at

McCabe Center 9:00am - 4:00pm

We are finally going to be back together again!

The women and friends of Salem have been waiting for a chance to reconnect after the many postponements brought on by COVID. We are so enriched by being together in person to share in loving support, laughter, breaking bread, and growing in faith and understanding. We have really missed these connections !

Your retreat team is happy to report that we have reserved the beautiful, historic McCabe Renewal Center, 2125 Abbotsford Ave., Duluth for our main retreat experience. We will be meeting there for a full day on Saturday, September 17th from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Lunch, beverages, and snacks will be provided at cost of \$12. To set the stage for our retreat, we plan to gather at Salem for a "kickoff" session the night before. You are invited to a gathering at church from 6:00-9:00pm on Friday, September 16th. This will be a very informal, cozy evening of being together again.

Registration is simple. Please call Nancy Berntsen @ 218-940-0779, or inform Beth in the church office that you will attend.

The \$12 fee(that basically covers your lunch) can be paid on Friday evening at the "kickoff". Share this good news with friends and family who might want to join us. We are hoping for a good turnout since we are staying local. We are so very excited and grateful that this is once again possible!

35TH Annual Bike for Hunger

What - Memorial ride in honor of those who have passed who had a passion for the Bike for Hunger. You can also raise money and ride to honor others who have passed. The money raised goes to fight hunger locally and globally. This will be the final Bike for Hunger!



When - Saturday, September 24th, meeting at 8:30 am

Where - Riding from Munger trail head in Duluth to Mahtowa for lunch and back. Lunch will be provided. Can ride all or part.

Here's how you can help.

- Open to all ages – bring friends
- 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
- Registration and pledge forms available at in the office or online.
- Have questions call Christy Jaros 269-3516 or Beth Erdmann 348-9720 for support

Back to Sunday School

- Sunday School will start October 2 (I know this is an early notice, but I thought a short blurb will let people know that we will be having Sunday school, even if it's starting later this year)
- Registration forms will be available in the office and online
- There will be a big kickoff celebration, stay tuned for more information.



Salem Council Meeting Highlights 8/8/2022

Approval of previous meeting minutes: Approved via email confirmation

Approval of Pastor Notes: N/A, Pastor John just started and will provide notes next month.

New and Continued Business:

Pastor John Notes: Request new membership from Dana Ross for her family. Motion made by Pastor John to welcome the Ross family as new members to the church, seconded by Adam, motion passed unanimously. Pastor John also asked for clarity on approval for various expenses with his ongoing move.

Home for Pastor: Continuing to work through inspections, appraisals, etc. prior to going into closing (hopefully by end of August).

Pastor Schedule: Friday and Saturday as off days. Work from home on Monday.

Bike for Hunger: planning is ongoing.

Volunteers are still needed for support stations. Spread the word to help get riders as well.

Constitution and By-Law Task Force:

Currently comprised of Amy Pipho, Kelly Erickson, Chris Swenson, Nancy Bernsten, though they are looking for another congregational member. Plan is to work through review of the constitution and By-Laws and have talking points and suggestions for upcoming Annual Meeting in January

P&R Properties Rezoning Request: Request for Salem to become commercial property to support Engwals old location to become rental properties. Recommendation is to let the City of Hermantown and P&R Properties work through the planning and zoning commission to determine best course of action rather than directly through Salem Lutheran.

New Service Times: Proposal from Worship and Planning Team to move worship start time to 10am. Reasons for moving the service time back an hour is to allow people to arrive on time, roads to be cleared for weather, additional time to determine if church should be cancelled for inclement weather, and many other churches attend at 10am already. The proposal would be for the school year, starting 2 October in conjunction with the start of Sunday School. Pastor John motioned for Sunday School and Adult Education to start at 9am, Service to start

at 10am with fellowship to start after Service at 11am starting 2 October, seconded by Nancy Bernsten. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Adding Pastor John to Church Accounts:

- Motion 1: Add Pastor John Ansell to Salem Lutheran Church Youth Account at Centricity Credit Union. Chris made the motion, seconded by Adam, vote was unanimous with Pastor John Ansell abstaining.
- Motion 2: Add Pastor John Ansell to Salem Lutheran Church youth Ministry Account at Mission Investment Fund. Chris made the motion, seconded by Adam, vote was unanimous with Pastor John Ansell abstaining.

Nominating Committee: Proposal by Chris to change the Nominating Committee terms to be bring on six people in 2023, one team of 3 people for a 1 year term and another team of 3 for a 2 year term. After the first year, the first team of 3 people would be on a 2 year term putting the cycle on two alternating 3 member terms.

Decision to make an announcement towards the end of August, during announcements after church, asking for volunteers for the Nominating Committee as part of the 1- or 2-year term, a total of 6 people.

Youth Ministry Office: Recommend Property Team to make a recommendation on this area and rethink the space as a gathering space for all

Team/Committee Updates:

Worship and Planning: Pastor John's Installation 14 August. Need help from Council to help with the Installation (3 people), otherwise all is ready for the event.

Mutual Ministry: Nancy reported on having gone through the reviews with Salem employees.

Property: Adam – Pastor John's office has been repaired and repainted, the light fixture replaced, veneer repaired, raised the shelf and hung bar in closet and removed a bookshelf.

WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE

September, 2022

	4	11	18	25
LEAD COMM.	Nancy Berntsen	Adam Lilyquist		Jason Jaros
READER	Dennis Velandar	Ken Ahlberg	Frank Dusek	
ALTAR CARE				
COFFEE SERVER				

2022 STAFF

Custodian: Tim Baker349-5296
Music Coordinators: Lisa Forsell.....393-0869
Chris Swenson.....341-0513
Office Manager: Beth Erdmann348-9720

2022 MINISTRY LEADERS

Audit:

Finance: Diana Larson.....729-6747
Altar Care Coordinator: Richard Petersson..... 727-7714
Head Greeter: Jim Christenson..... 729-6868
Helping Hands Ministry Team:
Head Usher: Howard Simula..... 428-4719
Lay Visitation Team: Lois Dusek..... 722-2570
Lector Coordinator: Joyce Johnson 722-3721
Memorial: Frank Dusek.....729-9677

Mutual Ministry:

Nominating:

Prison Ministry Team: Carol Christenson..... 729-6868
Property Coordinator: Rich Nickles.....628-3989
Public Relations Coordinator: Carol Christenson...729-6868
Salem's Generosity Team
Sunday School Team: Christy Jaros..... 269-3516
Web Master: Carol Christenson..... 729-6868
Wedding Coordinator
Welcome Center: Darlene Haedrich729-9542
Worship Planning Team: Lisa Forsell.....393-0869
Chris Swenson.....341-0513