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November, 2022

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Sunday Worship Schedule
Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship 10:00 am
Coffee Fellowship 11:00 am



**2022
DAYLIGHT
SAVING
TIME INFO**

Fall Back
November 6, 2022
at 2:00am

Set your clocks back one hour.
You GAIN an hour.

Greetings Everyone,

By now some might be wondering what is going on regarding pledge drive or stewardship events. However, instead of doing a pledge drive or any stewardship program we are going to do something different. This year I will be sending out a holiday letter that gives thanks. This letter will give thanks to all the generosity which has been given to the ministry at Salem. So often with pledge drives or stewardship programs they seem to make us just another charitable group that is looking for money during the fall and holiday season. Instead of being a group that is seeking more funds we could do something different by just giving thanks and wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season.

Now speaking of giving of thanks, Thanksgiving is coming up. A time celebrating our gratitude of everything we have been given. Be it our health, or relationships, our comforts, or even the support we give to each other are the many things we are thankful for. Sometimes we may not notice all the things we can give thanks for but truly there are many for us all.

However, giving thanks is not just reserved for one day in the month of November. For daily there are things in our lives that we can be giving thanks for. This is especially true for all the things God has done and gives to us daily. God's active work which we can be thankful for spans from the beauty of creation to the gift of grace which is constantly renewing us. Psalm 65 writes "By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, o God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. By your strength you established the mountains you are girded with might. You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of the waves, the tumult of the people. Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy." This Psalm reminds us not only of the massive wonders in which God can do but also encourages us to give thanks. For when it comes to God anything is possible which in of itself is worthy of thanks.

I would imagine some may be concerned by not doing what traditionally has been done when it comes to raising funds and support for our community. However, instead of constantly berating people for support let us be reminded of joy in giving thanks which comes during the holiday season along with everyday living. Furthermore, let us remember the miraculous things God can do not only for us but with us as we live in community together. Take care and may God's blessing continue for you in the month of November.

Sincerely,
Pastor John

Lessons for November, 2022

11/6/2022 Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149; ;
Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31

11/13/2022 Malachi 4:1-2a; Psalm 98;
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

11/20/2022 Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46;
Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

11/27/2022 Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122;
Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

ABOUT OUR SALEM FAMILY

Sympathy!

Our heartfelt sympathy to Steve & Glory Eckard following the death of Steve's dad, Ted Eckard on September 29th.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Maria Karon, Betty & Clair Peltoma and their family following the death of Maria's daughter, Ashley on October 2nd.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Patty & Terry Shogren following the death of Patty's brother-in-law, Tom Peters on October 8th.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Gloria Lund and her family following the death of Randy on October 13th.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Steven & Sara Borndal following the death of Steven's uncle, Jeff on October 20th.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Erica Walli and Mathais Lorsung who were married on October 9th.

Baptism!

The Kingdom of God was increased with the Holy Baptism of **Emma Alberta Birkholm** daughter of Heath & Makaria Birkholm on Sunday, October 23rd. Sponsoring Emma are Brenda Zinter and Jeremiah Born.

November Baptismal Anniversaries

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

“Happy Birthday” To Our Members in “November”

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

Please call the church office with any changes or corrections.

Quilting

Every Wednesday Salem's quilting group meets at 9:30 am in the family room. This group will welcome you with open arms and you don't even need to know how to quilt!

Drawing, cutting, ironing, pinning and sewing are part of the work of this group, along with coffee & cookies. Come join us!

Our quilts are donated to victims of fires, those that are homeless or in transition, mission trips to other parts of the country and also to World Missions. Come and join us!

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**Ruth Circle will meet Wednesday,
November 9th at 1:00 pm in the Prayer
Room. Lesson #8
Please note change of Date!**

**NAPS & Backpack Packing at Second Harvest
Backpack Packing**

1st Thursday of the Month
9:00-11:00 **OR** 1:00-3:00

NAPS Packing

3rd Thursday of the Month
9:00-11:00 **OR** 1:00-3:00

Look for signup sheets in the narthex.

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.

Nails In The Fence

Author Unknown

There once was a little boy who had a bad temper. His father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the back of the fence.

The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks, as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence.

Finally, the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper. The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone.

The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said, "You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound is still there."

The little boy then understood how powerful his words were. He looked up at his father and said, "I hope you can forgive me father for the holes I put in you."

"Of course, I can," said the father.

Salem Council Meeting Highlights 10/10/2022

Approval of previous meeting minutes: Approved via email confirmation

Continuing Business:

- Review existing positions to better understand what the best organization is to manage the church. Vote to accept new job descriptions, motion by Pastor John- second by Adam- passed
- Revisit nominating committee conversation from last month
 - Reviewed list of names suggested for nominating committee.
 - Pastor is responsible for convening this committee according to constitution and by-laws
 - Discussed 2023 council
 - Jason and Adam's terms will be up
 - Adam will not be staying on
 - We are thinking need 5 -7 more members of council for 2023
- Public Relations progress/needs- Josh Mirra has offered to help with revamping website
- Property: Adam update on boiler needs
 - Boiler and/or heat exchanger may have to be replaced. Need to find out about warranty. Bob Bastianelli working with AG O'Brien. No news to report at this time.
- Treasurer Update- Looking at church financial software to help new treasurer for when Diana "retires"
- From Pr. John-
Annual pledge drive-

- Not cost effective
- Will be sending out "Pastor's Thanksgiving letter". He will share it with council before sending it out.

New Business:

- Committee structure
 - Gave an overview on what they have been working on:
 - Discussion at next meeting

Committee Updates as needed

- Worship & Planning
 - Started passing the peace

WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE November, 2022

	6	13	20	27
LEAD COMM.	Nancy Berntsen	Adam Lilyquist	Nancy Berntsen	Jason Jaros
READER	Richard Petersson	Carol Christenson	Dennis Velandar	Christy Jaros
ALTAR CARE				
COFFEE SERVER				