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# October, 2023

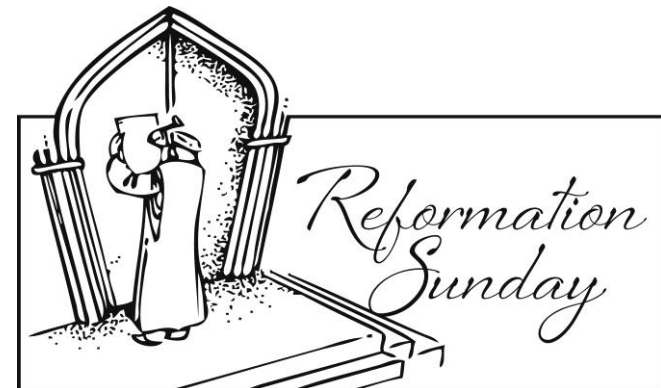
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***Church Office Hours***  
***Tuesday - Friday - 9:00-1:00***

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



Greetings Everyone,

I hope everyone is enjoying the beginning of fall, a time when everything starts to change whether we like it or not. I would imagine some might wish instead of having fall we could go back and have summer all over again. Sadly, this is not the case and so we shall try to embrace the joys we find in fall. Often in life we find ourselves wishing we could do or retry different things. Sadly, we often are not able to. Which means all we can do is move forward and embrace what may come.

A phrase I hear often regarding redoing something is “do over”. A phrase usually used by kids, but some adults as well is said when something is not doing so well at a sporting event or a game of cards. Though, I think for some we wish there were do overs in life. We especially would like to do overs when we have moments where we were not at our best or did something stupid. Trust me as your pastor I wish there were a couple of times that I could have a do over. However, in life there really are no do-overs. Which I am alright with because the experiences and life which I have had so far brings me to the overall whole person to which I am.

In faith on the other hand, we have do over moments. I say this because each day through our baptism and connection to Christ gives us an opportunity do over our ability to live into God’s promises. Promises that encourage us to go beyond ourselves and care for all of God’s creation. Now sadly there may be days where we fall short of living into such a promise. This is alright because the next day becomes a do over where we can try again. For

God has given us the gift of grace that allows us to do over the ability to live into God’s promises and gifts for all of eternity.

Yes, in life we do not get do overs and we must weave our way forward to learn and build a life that we can appreciate. Though with faith God gives us the gift of spiritual do overs daily so that we can live into the fullness of the life God desires for us. In both life and faith, we should embrace and appreciate what is to be and the endless gift which God gives us to be our full self. As we live our full self in the month of October may God blessings continue to be with you wherever you may be. Amen

Yours in Christ,

Pastor John Ansell

### **Lessons for October, 2023**

**10/1/2023** Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9;

Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

**10/8/2023** Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15;

Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

**10/15/2023** Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23;

Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

**10/22/2023** Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9;

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

**10/29/2023** Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46;

Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

## ABOUT OUR SALEM FAMILY

### *“Happy Birthday” To Our Members in “October”*

1	Joe Larrivy	12	Carol Christenson
	Larissa Paulson		Dave Paulson
3	Adam Lilyquist	13	Kiah Ahlberg
4	Jan Hanson		Jeff Eastman
	Ryan Peterson		Graham Ross
5	Roger McKeever	15	Marlys Olson
7	Seth Struck		Brenda Hallfrisch
8	Dick Elstad	19	Jim Mart
	Bettie Lou Nicholson	20	Ellie Nickles
	Jana Peterson	22	Patty Shogren
9	Paige Agustsson	23	Denise LeMay
10	Diana Larson	27	Padie Benedict
	Loren Lilyquist		Jayden Willman
11	Brody Hahn	30	William Bennett
	Jerry Pelkey		David Cannon
		31	Richard Wehmas

#### **Yarn NO Longer Accepted**

**Due to staff shortages at Moose Lake Corrections, the knitting program has been discontinued. As a result, Salem is no longer accepting yarn for their knitting program. Thank you for all the yarn that has been donated through the years which in turn has kept many heads warm for those in need.**

#### **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.

Ruth Circle is collecting items for Ditty Bags for The Seafarers Center. We welcome your donations through Sunday, October 1.

A box will be in the narthex.

#### **Items needed:**

Knit hats, Knit scarf or neck warmer, Full size of shampoo and/or body wash, Full size can of shaving cream, Toothpaste and toothbrush, Disposable razors, Deodorant, Deck of cards, Notepad and pen, Fun items like candy or your choice



#### **Join The Prison Worship Team!**

Bring the Word, hope and fellowship to the men of the Moose Lake Prison. Safety training to be a part of this important ministry will be October 1st after worship. All that is needed is a driver's license or state ID. We'll provide lunch. Questions and to learn more about this ministry see a member of the team. RSVP to Carol Christenson.

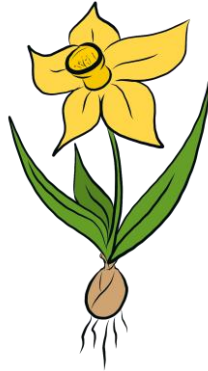
[carol@slecduluth.org](mailto:carol@slecduluth.org), call or in person.

*...I was in prison and you came to visit me...*

*Matthew 25:36*

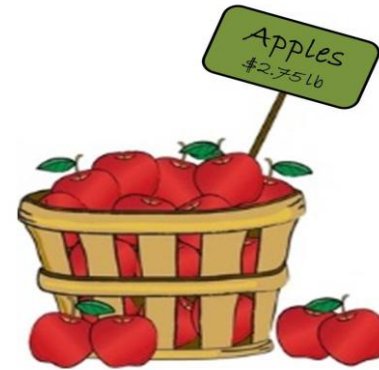
## Master Gardener's Bulb & House Plant Sale

Salem is hosting the Master Gardener's Bulb and House Plant Sale on Saturday, October 7th from 9 am till noon. Planted this fall, these bulbs will give you spectacular spring and early summer blooms. You won't find these special bulbs in any local store. In addition to the sale, there will be information tables, demonstrations, and plenty of master gardeners on hand to answer all of your gardening questions. Bob Olen, St. Louis County Extension Educator, will give a special presentation on pruning at 11 am. Come early for the best selection!



## St. Louis County Extension's Master Gardeners' Salsa Fest

Celebrate the tomato!  
October 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm - 8 pm  
Salem Lutheran Church, Family Room  
The event will feature salsa of all varieties and a salsa competition with celebrity judges. There will be a charge to attend this event. more information will be coming soon!



## SALEM'S APPLE FESTIVAL & CRAFT FAIR

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

### 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](mailto:apples@slecduluth.org).

\*Profits raised from the bake sale, cider, brats and vendor table fees all go into our Apple Fest fund. Those funds are meant to give a jump start to service projects that Salem members would like to do. Have a project idea/plan? Talk to Lisa, Chris or Carol and we will get you the application!



The MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir will be joining us on Sunday, October 22. We will hear their music and their stories as part of worship that day—all followed by a good old Lutheran potluck and freewill offering that will support the choir's mission. Salem's Prison Ministry and Worship Planning Team will be providing the main dish and desserts for the potluck and we are asking that Salem members bring your favorite side dishes to share.



CHUM's director, John Cole, will be joining us for worship on Sunday, November 12 to talk about our important partnership with the organization—along with the work CHUM has accomplished over the past 50 years and the work they still hope to do. One of the important things CHUM has asked Salem to do this year is to donate cereal.

**\*We challenge everyone attending worship that day to bring in a box of cereal for the CHUM food shelf! Salem will match the boxes brought in!**

## Salem's Manger Ministry

At Salem we are called to care about everyone in our community. As a Christian community we are encouraged to care and support others in our ministry. As a part of this encouragement, we are establishing a ministry that will provide care and support to our local families. Manger ministry will provide various items that help primarily with raising children. Needs like diapers, baby wipes, formula, etc. The items we can make available on these shelves are to help those experiencing a tough time.

If you would like to take an item or if you know of someone who could use an item, please take what you need. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, please leave an item on the shelf.

### Manger Ministry Wish List

Diapers and wipes, Cereal, granola bars, Mac and Cheese, Shelf stable dinner items, Apple sauce, fruit/veggie pouches (shelf stable), Childproofing Safety Items (ie outlet covers, cabinet locks, etc.), Seasonal New/Gently used clothing, Books, Community Resource Info (Community Action Duluth, OneRoof, Career Force, Ruby's Pantry, etc.), Hygiene Items, Laundromat Giftcard

### Salem Council Meeting Highlights 9/11/2023

**Approval of previous meeting minutes:** Approved via email confirmation

#### **Continuing Business:**

- Sanctuary Roof Project
  - Billings Roofing ran into an additional expense on sanctuary roof. Insurance will reimburse the additional expense.

- We need to add gutters at our own expense.
- Filling treasurer position
  - Diana continues in position and is willing to guide transition to new person.
- Salem's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning
  - need to update history of last 25 yrs., have good documentation in 75th booklet
    - Christy Jaros volunteered to work on a few potential logos for the 100<sup>th</sup>
    - Currently looking at November 2 & 3, 2024 as the dates for a Saturday banquet and Special Sunday Worship to wrap up the 100th reunion year.
- DECC fundraising opportunity-
  - We are looking for someone to coordinate this opportunity
- "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday Anniversary
  - Pleased how it went.
  - 40 hygiene kits gathered and sent to Damiano Center
  - 2 small quilts finished; 1 large almost done
- Council Candidate search
  - We will continue our search.
- Stewardship
  - No plans at the moment for stewardship drive.
  - Will touch on stewardship in sermons where appropriate.
- Lease renewal with Chickadee Catering is coming due
- Cleaning of heating units
  - Twin Ports Climate Control is scheduled to clean four units on September 20th.
  - No update on the boiler situation.

## **New Business:**

- New Hire - Joe Jeanetta has been offered and accepted the position of Salem's Custodian.
  - Motion made by Justin to hire Joe Jeanetta as custodian. Seconded by Pastor John. All ayes. Motion passed.
- Chickadee Catering is requesting permission to remove the stove they installed last year and the shelf above it in the kitchen.
  - Pastor John made motion to approve permission to remove their stove and the shelf above it. Justin seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion passed.
- Concern over excess garbage.
  - Justin made a motion to increase garbage trash container with Hartel's from 3 yards to 4 yards. Pastor John seconded. All ayes. Motion passed.

## **Committee Updates as needed :**

### Worship & Planning

- Quarterly meeting held 8/27/23 after worship  
Reviewed plans for each month through December  
Oct 22- Teen Challenge Worship with potluck  
Reformation- fairly standard worship  
CHUM service- John Cole from CHUM- Nov 12  
Thanksgiving service the Sunday before  
On line devotions for Advent from members. -  
Pastor John and Carol working on this  
Dec 17<sup>th</sup> – Sunday School Xmas worship with world market  
Xmas eve- Sunday worship at 10 am, 5 pm  
Xmas worship

- Youth Ministry
  - Family Fun Day/Sunday School registration - **September 24<sup>th</sup> - Update**
    - Family Fun Day coming together with lots of help
    - 1<sup>st</sup> day of Sunday School Oct 1
    - Still need teachers/helpers. In reality, have only 1 full-time teacher.
    - Will try to separate the younger/older kids. Much dependent of available help.
    - Teachers can choose their subject. We have quite a bit of material.
    - Will be sending out invitations to our members with children.
    - Christy has been doing a great job keeping us on track and we are looking forward to welcoming the kids back to Sunday School.
- Mutual Ministry
  - A new custodian has been hired
  - Committee will soon be scheduling annual reviews with staff members
- Property
  - Good to have Joe present when meeting with Twin Ports Climate
  - Fixed leaky toilet in girls' bathroom next to toddler room.
  - Will look into fixing gutter and ceiling tiles.
- Finance
  - We are down over \$10,000 in giving.
  - We will be getting another \$3500 check from the insurance company for additional roof expenses

- Water bill was high because a toilet was running for a long time.
- Outreach and Social Concerns-
  - Three "Thrive" forums being held this month with Salem hosting- September 13, 20, & 27 @ 6:30-8:00pm
  - Master Gardener Bulb Sale and educational event Oct 7, 9 am-1200 pm. Set up Oct 6 at 3 pm.
  - Salsa Fest with Master Gardeners/St. Louis County Extension October 17<sup>th</sup> at Salem. Set up begins at 4:30 pm.
  - Nov 11, 10 am- Welcome Workshop with Synod Welcome and Reconciliation Team

**Pastor's Update/Staff Update** – See separate submitted report.

***2023 Salem Council***

President – Nancy Berntsen.....940-0779  
 Vice President – Chris Swenson .....341-0513  
 Secretary – Carol Christenson..... 729-6868  
 Treasurer – Diana Larson.....729-6747  
 Amy Pipho ..... 340-3360  
 Justin Reid..... 715-969-4705

**WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE**

**October, 2023**

	1	8	15	22	29
LEAD	Carol Christenson	Justin Reid		Nancy Berntsen	Amy Pipho
COMM					
READER	Rolene Lampi	Richard Petersson	Nancy Berntsen		Doreen Wehmas