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May, 2024

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

Pentecost Sunday
May 19, 2024

Anyone willing to donate a **RED** geranium for presentation and decoration for Pentecost Sunday, May 19th, please bring them to the church office on Thursday, May 16 or Friday, May 17 during office hours. The geraniums will be planted in front of the church after Pentecost. Don’t forget to wear **RED** on Pentecost Sunday!

Greetings Everyone,

Did you know May 1st is May Day. Such a day is when people celebrate the beginning of summer. Granted we at Salem have barely experienced spring by May 1st. Though being this far north we might be an exception to such a celebration. In April we have experienced some lovely days and one can always hope for more summer like days in May. Some people do feel the end of May with Memorial weekend being the beginning of summer while others might mark the end of the school year for the beginning of summer. Then there is the official astronomical pronouncement of summer which is June 20th this year. Overall, it seems the next two months will have us thinking our summer season is near.

Speaking of experiencing the seasons while our mission team was down in Kentucky, we were experiencing some good spring and almost summer like weather. I would imagine for people in Kentucky summer like days are in May. Such a trip was a nice experience. Members of Salem were able to help people by working on houses for people devastated by a tornado. Just think what would you do if you lost your home? For many people we helped in Kentucky they did. However, members of Salem were able to help so that people could have quality homes to enjoy all the season.

Now the help members of Salem are not just limited to the mission trip. We still help people out around our own area. Our faith community support agencies like Chum or the school districts in our area with a variety of donations. These donations go further into our community to help those

less fortunate. Care for those in need is an encouragement within our faith. Scripture on many occasions speaks and asks us to care for others, especially the least of these or those with the greatest of needs. For God knows the least of these need the most help. Such an encouragement has no restrictions, which means not matter where or who we should help. The reason for this encouragement is because we have received even greater help than we could ever imagine. For God's love and care for all the world is greater than anything we could ever give or do. Yet God's encouragement asking us to always be willing to lend a hand to help those in need just as he has done with us.

So, as we continue into spring and eventually summer let us be mindful and willing to help all those we can. Such help could come in ways that are planned, like a mission trip. Other helping opportunities might be more spontaneous in the moment and place you find yourself to be. For God's help is constant and encourages us to do the same. Hopefully we can keep up the good help. May God's blessing be with you all this and every month. Amen.

Yours in Christ,
-Pastor John Ansell

Lessons for May, 2024

5/5/2024 Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6;
John 15:9-17

5/12/2024 Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1;
1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

5/19/2024 Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;
Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

5/26/2024 Hosea 2:14-20; Psalm 103:1-13, 22;
2 Corinthians 4:1-5; Mark 2:13-22

ABOUT OUR SALEM FAMILY

Thank you!

Thank you guys so much for the donation. The money will go to a great cause.

Gabby Pipho

Salem,

Thank you very much for the generous donation to Gabby's shoe drive. Her cause has been so well received that we will be able to donate to both hospitals and many other programs (Damiano Center, Chum, Women's Shelters). We were able to purchase 240 hot hands & 240 hot toes with the money we received from Salem.

Thank you so much,
Amy Pipho

We're thanking the church very much for the beautiful yellow Easter begonia that was brought to us. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and kindness. It brightened our day.

Much love,
Joyce & Clayton Johnson

THE POWER OF PRAYER AT SALEM

BettieLou Nicholson is "retiring" as Prayer Chain Coordinator. The Prayer Chain Coordinator is the person who is contacted by either a member of the congregation or the church office with a request of a person needing special prayers. The Prayer Chain Coordinator then calls the members of the prayer chain with the request. Please contact the church office if you are able to help with this ministry.

"Happy Birthday"

To Our Members in "May"

1	Donald Ostlund	16	Sandy Johnson
2	Camden Borndal Madelyn Jaros		Drew Kreidler Rick Szamatula
3	Vivian Jamps Zach Thorsten	18	Emerson Thompson
		19	Dale Berntsen
6	Jay Willman		Keagan Black
7	Justin Forsell		Mark Hudson
8	Natalie Williams	21	Hazel Johnson
9	Cindy Anderson Donna Koglin Rich Nickles	23	Tyler Rollins
		24	Sutton Byrnes
		25	Beth Johnson
10	Evan Gunn Laura Lilyquist	26	Annalise Thompson Ryan Willman
11	Hollis Nicholson Vickie Willman	27	Paige Reid
		28	Tricia Nunez
13	Lisa Forsell Ariana Nunez	29	Camden Borndal Terry Shogren
14	Niki Peterson Kathie Siemson	30	Dennis Velander
15	Phil Zastrow	31	Laurie Meagher

**Noisy Offering will be Sunday,
May 19! Your change makes a difference for
World Hunger! May 19 is also the last Sunday
School of the year! Sunday School kids will
assist in worship with special music!**



Attention Grads and Parents of Grads

Sunday, May 19th we will be honoring the Class of 2024 during worship! Please plan on attending with your grad! Thank you!

Synod Reconciling in Christ Presentation

The Lake Superior Conference's third session in the Synod RIC process will gather at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Duluth, 4831 Grand Ave, at 5:30 PM on Thursday, May 16th. Participants will be introduced to the terms used in sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression. In short, we will explore what LGBTQIA+ means. Join us for a time of sharing and learning! Our Savior's RIC Team will be serving a simple supper.

Strides for Savings

Pastor's upcoming races are the Pike Lake 5K on June 1st followed by the Garry Bjorklund Half Marathon on June 22nd. For those who want to participate in this donation challenge are encouraged to give at least 1.00 per K. Which for the Pike Lake 5K means you would only need to donate 5 dollars.



Check out the sign promoting the events and tracking the donations coming in for this challenge in the narthex. If there are any questions, please contact Pastor John.

CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF GRACE

During the month of May we will be recognizing how MUSIC richly enhances our worship experience. Music in its many forms has been a rich part of Salem's history and we have been blessed to have had accomplished musicians on staff providing dedicated leadership and giving Salem many years of service. Prior to our 75th Anniversary until now we have had the continuity of just two leaders. Judy Hane served as Choir Director/Music Director from 1982 until her retirement in



2010. Lisa (Zumhofe) Forsell began serving in 2001 as Organist/pianist, added Music Director, and continues to serve. We are extremely fortunate as some churches aren't able to find individuals to lead music in their worship. We have also been fortunate to have many members who love music and willingly share their talents to beautify our services with their music.

Each of the Sundays in May will feature special musical offerings. On May 5 we will have Bluegrass music featuring some of our worship instrumentalists. May 12 is Mother's Day and we will be graced with special music by Amanda Wood and Ken Ahlberg. On May 19 our service will be led by our Sunday School students featuring music by some of our youngest members including some young pianists. Sunday May 26 is part of Memorial weekend and our service will feature some of our most beloved hymns. Music has truly been a gift that touches hearts and stirs emotions within our congregation. What a joy and privilege to it is too join our voices in thanks and praise to our Lord each Sunday.

Help Wanted!

The Bethany Cemetery Association in Hermantown is seeking to hire a Cemetery Manager to manage the routine operations or the cemetery. An ability to operate power equipment such as a backhoe is preferred, though not required. The Cemetery Manager will work with mortuaries and families to coordinate burials and lot sales along with maintenance of the grounds, etc. Training will be provided.

The Association is also looking for individuals interested in joining to board of directors in 2024.

For more information, please call Kim Healy at 218-391-8841 or Dennis Velandar at 218-481-5786.

**Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting Highlights
March 12, 2024**

Continuing Business

- Salem’s 100th Anniversary Planning
April focus will be on Global Outreach. Disaster response-Mission trip to Kentucky.

Committee Updates

• Youth Ministry

- Children will be involved in Palm Sunday service.
- The children made Easter gardens to take home and watch grow: they will open the “empty tomb” and decorate Easter morning.

• Mutual Ministry

- Working on updates to Employee Handbook. Sick leave language will follow the wording in the new MN Earned Sick and Safe Time law.

• Property

- Many projects completed. Running toilet fixed. Request received to replace flooring in the front east door entryway

• Finance

- Wayne is in the process of reviewing finances.
- He will obtain a copy of the Spreadsheet used by Diana Larson and will provide a report to Council each month

• Worship and Planning

- March 17-Sunday School involvement, Commissioning of Mission Team. March 28- Maundy Thursday service will be using

the Holden. March 29-Good Friday service. March 31 Easter Sunday, Breakfast 8:45, Worship 10:00

• Outreach and Social Concerns

- Ongoing collecting hats and mittens for Piedmont Elementary school children. Beth Erdmann and Maria Karon are the liaisons between the two.
- Continue to collect socks and cereal for CHUM. March is Food Share month. Salem’s goal is to collect 150 boxes of cereal.

• Pulpit Supply

- April 7 Pastor John will be on the Mission trip. Chris and Carol will lead. It will be a “Service of the Word.”

2024 Council Members

Carol Christenson, President (218-348-3950)
Justin Reid, Vice President (715-969-4705)
Wayne Swor, Treasurer (218-269-9535)
Eileen Dusek, Secretary (218-729-9677)
Simon Erdmann (218-409-5388)
Kelly Erickson (218-410-2161)
Judy Giese (218-340-0823)

WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE

May, 2024

	5	12	19	26
LEAD	Judy	Eileen	Carol	
COMM	Giese	Dusek	Christenson	
READER	Eric Settergren	Richard Petersson	Rolene Lampi	Nancy Larrivy