

Greeting's Everyone,

Wow October is here, and I am wondering what happened not just to September but all the summer months as well. Seems like time is just flying by. Though in October we have apples and the Salem Apple Fest. Sadly, this year I will not be here for the Apple Fest because my nephew will be Confirmed that weekend in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. However, when it comes to apples I am always reminded of my time in New England. October seemed to be a time where you could find many products that had apples like apple pie, apple cider, apple butter, and even apple doughnuts. Apples seemed to be quite the thing in New England, and I know we in Minnesota like our apples too.

Speaking of apples there is a prayer I remember saying as a kid affiliated with apples which was the Johnny Apple Seed Prayer. I believe it is quite common amongst youth groups due to its rhythmic nature and overall appropriate prayer of giving thanks. For those of you who are not familiar it goes like this "Oh the Lord is good to me and so I thank the Lord for giving me the things I need the sun and the rain, and the apple trees the Lord is sure good to me. Amen. Amen. Amen, Amen, Amen. Amen." Overall, it recognizes the great things to which God gives to us and allows us to express our thanks and appreciation. Most often the Jonny apple seed prayer is sung around mealtimes which many may say some type of prayer giving thanks to all the things to which God gives to us daily. Before eating dinner, I will usually do a short and simple prayer that gives thanks. Mine is "God is good, God is great, let us thank him for our food. Amen." Such a prayer I find along with the Johnny Apple Seed Prayer allows us to express our thanks to God not only for the food we eat but all the blessings and gifts which God gives to us daily.

Prayer is an important part of our lives and faith. Prayer is not only to give thanks for all we receive but can also give voice to our concerns and anxiety. Prayer gives way for us to speak directly to God and communicate all things in which we may be feeling. We can even send a prayer to God asking why summer and September have gone by so quickly and how much we may have been frustrated that it did. Now we might not get an answer right away or even at all but again the important part of prayer is the ability to communicate everything to God as we live into this faith relationship with God. So as a prayer for us all may God's blessing be with us during the month of October.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor John Ansell

Lessons for October, 2024

10/6/2024 Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

10/13/2024 Amos 5:6-7; Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

10/20/2024 Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10: 35-45

10/27/2024 Reformation Sunday Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

ABOUT OUR SALEM FAMILY

With Sympathy!

Our heartfelt sympathy to Bev Elstad and her family following the death of her husband, Dick on August 31st.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Roger Halverson and his family following the death of his wife, Arlene on September 2nd.

Thank you!

We want to thank you so very much for the generous gift of money and the beautiful quilts (that I know were made with love)!! We are very blessed to be a part of such a wonderful group of people! It feels very overwhelming right now but we are grateful we are here to start another day! All our love! Know this was much appreciated!!

Sincerely,
Brig, Kris & Cameron

Wedding!

Congratulations to Rya Kruger and Joey Green who were married on September 14th.

THE POWER OF PRAYER AT SALEM

Salem's Prayer Chain contact person is Maria Karon. All members of Salem are welcome to become a link in this very important ministry. If you are interested in becoming involved or have a prayer chain request, please contact Maria at 218-940-0347.

“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	19	Brenda Hallfrisch
8	Bettie Lou Nicholson		James Mart
	Jana Peterson	20	Ellie Nickles
9	Paige Agustsson	22	Patty Shogren
10	Diana Larson	23	Denise LeMay
	Loren Lilyquist	27	Jayden Willman
11	Brody Hahn	30	William Bennett
	Jerry Pelkey		David Cannon

Coffee Servers, Ushers and Altar Care are needed! Look for the signup sheet in the narthex!

Ladies Night!

Our lives are busy but we NEED each other! Did you know that getting together with other women improves our lives and emotional and physical health, and in turn, allows us to be better for those around us? We are better together! We will be meeting the second Wednesday of the month. Join us to reconnect, meet new women, have fun, work on a service project, or maybe learn or do something new.

Invite others who might want to join us:

**Salem Lutheran Church-Family Room
Wednesday, October 9th, at 6:00 p.m.**

December 4th, we are going to the Looney Lutherans at the West Theater (in West Duluth) these ladies put on a great show filled with comedy and “Lutheranisms”. Please join us for a fun night! Call or text Kim Settergren ASAP at (218) 341-3665 if you would like a reserved seat. Pre-payment is appreciated. Ticket prices are \$22 + fees and taxes.

For questions or suggestions, contact
Kim Settergren (218)341-3665



SALEM APPLE FESTIVAL

Join us for our annual Apple Festival on Saturday, October 26 from 9:00-3:00!

Many volunteers are needed to put together a successful event—watch our Facebook page and bulletin/Sunday announcements for more information.

All money raised by Salem sponsored booths goes towards funding service projects done by our Salem community. Do you have an idea for a service project but need some seed money? Talk to Chris, Lisa or Carol!



CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF GRACE

October is the last of our nine month celebration of Salem's 100th Anniversary. We are officially into the busy fall calendar and we will likely be experiencing a flurry of activities right up to the celebratory weekend we have excitedly been waiting for.



Yes, November 2 & 3, 2024 is just four and one half weeks away! Ticket sales for the Saturday night Banquet Dinner & Program have been brisk and will continue until October 15 or until sold out. The \$15/ person tickets will be sold in the narthex following Sunday services on the following dates- September 29 and October 6 & 13. They will also be available in the church office during regular office hours, 9:00-1:00 Tuesday-Friday. With changes to our Family Room we can only comfortably seat 130, so tickets are limited. The special celebratory Sunday Service being held on November 3rd at 10:00am will be led by Bishop Amy Odgren with former Pastors participating in the service. Coffee fellowship will be held in the Family Room following the service.

The featured ministry being highlighted in October is "Christian Education of Youth and Adults." Salem has always prioritized educational opportunities so that all of God's children will know Him and grow in relationship with Him. Sunday School and Confirmation have always been part of Salem's dedicated youth programming. Other opportunities are made available to support faith formation like vacation Bible school, church camps, youth conferences, and mission trips. Adult opportunities to grow in faith have also been made available throughout the years- adult studies before church services, Monday night small group, men's Bible studies, women's Bible studies, women's retreats, men's breakfasts, and Bible studies offered in homes. On Reformation Sunday, October 27, Christy Jaros and Lee Swenson, who have been an integral part of different educational opportunities, will be giving the message. We look forward to their personalized views of our commitment to faith formation at every age.

Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes September 10, 2024

Minutes from August 20 meeting will be approved at next meeting.

Ongoing Business

- Committee Reorganization- Carol- Look for update in the next week week or so in an email.
- Salem's 100th Anniversary Planning
 - Banquet tickets go on sale this Sunday (9/15) through October 15th.

- Christy has been doing a great job on the 100th anniversary booklet.
- Building updates display in narthex;
- DECC volunteer- Carol needs to discuss with Laura Lilyquist for her input.

New Business

- 75" TV installed in Family Room? – All in favor. Great technical addition.
- Plowing/shoveling contract- motion made by Justin to approve contract. Seconded by Pastor John. All ayes. Motion approved.
- Fire Department visit, Monday, Sept 9. -Gas smelled by daycare, called fire dept. Daycare evacuated. Ended up being propane tanks across the street being "burped".
- Furnace Cleaning? Yes- should be done in the fall.

Committee Updates

- **Youth Ministry**
 - **Sunday, September 29th is the Sunday School AND Faith Exploration Kick-off during fellowship. Games being planned.** Parents are encouraged to attend and learn about their children's faith education at Salem.
- **Mutual Ministry**
 - Janitor update- there has been some interviews for the janitor position.
- **Property**
 - Waxing the daycare floor still needs to be done.- In contract to be done 2x/year
 - Daycare fence update- the west side of the fence has been replaced. But more needs to be done to meet licensing guidelines- will be getting new quote. 9/12 update- quote from Forward Fence received at \$1,078.30. This includes replacement of the section on the southwest corner, replacement of the two sections east of the gate, adding a lower rail to the backside of the toddler fence, repairing the hole on the westside (new fence) that happened during installation and fixing the sharp chain link ties. The bid was approved on 9/12 by email. The plan is to replace the remainder of the fence in the spring.
 - Flooring in two of daycare rooms downstairs needs to be replaced. Will replace on weekend of September 21st. Cost of about \$1600. Will also fix railing and install TV in family room.
 - Carpet in the upstairs daycare/Sunday School room needs to be replaced. Stacey would prefer NOT with more carpet and as soon as possible. In the meantime, brown duct tape over the damaged areas may suffice for upcoming inspection and known plan in place.
 - Justin will check Handicapped entrance-buttons. They don't function to open the doors. He has not had an opportunity to evaluate.
 - Window in upper east side room has been left open on more than one occasion by daycare. Window is difficult to close (hardware is old and bent). Winter is coming- not an issue now and it has not been observed left open lately.

- Handrail on stairway near handicapped entrance is coming off of wall and sheetrock is damaged. On the agenda to be fixed September 21 weekend.
- **Finance**
 - Financially Salem is holding steady as far as numbers go and doing better than this time last year.
The Finance Team is meeting in October.
- **Outreach and Social Concerns**
 - Joy Hansel who works with the Synod office for Mental health in Ministry will present a mental health workshop at Salem on Wednesday September 25th at 6pm.
 - Upcoming regional daylong retreats for the discernment of the Synod's Reconciling in Christ informational gatherings. – This fall! Dates and locations will be announced.
 - Oct 5- Master Gardener Regional meeting/gathering
 - October 12- Master Gardener Bulb sale
 - October 18- A staff team building activity of pumpkin painting after work in the parking lot
 - October 27th- Daycare Trunk or Treat in the parking lot. In the afternoon.

WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE
October, 2024

	6	13	20	27
LEAD COMM	Carol Christenson	Justin Reid	Judy Giese	Wayne Swor
READER	Dennis Velandar	Nancy Larrivy	Laurie Swor	Richard Pettersson

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