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# SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 3 - 9

### There Must Be Another Way

Peter may be the “rock” on which Christ will build the church (Matt. 16:18), but when Jesus reveals the suffering that will come first, Peter becomes a tempter and “stumbling block.” Assuming God must have a different way to save the world, Peter protests Jesus’ suffering and death. Jesus explains to Peter and all his disciples that, in fact, this is the way to life—losing one’s life in order to find it.

By tempting Jesus to an easier way than his journey through suffering to resurrection, Peter personifies a temptation common to all generations of Jesus’ disciples: seeking a way to avoid “losing oneself,” instead of surrendering all to and with the one we follow. Rather than losing our lives—our selves, possessions, and time—we hold on more tightly, afraid of what will happen to our comfort, success, and identity if we let go. Those things we hold onto then become, like Peter, stumbling blocks along the way of self-giving love.

But while “saving one’s life” sounds sensible, those things also stand in the way of the new life into which Jesus beckons us to follow him. Perhaps Peter’s problem is that he sees only the suffering and death, without grasping the new life that comes through it. In times when we too are tempted by worldly ways of comfort and success, convinced that *surely* God must have an easier way than the way of self-giving love, this gospel reminds us that resurrection and life await on the other side of suffering and death.

*This* is the way of our God who becomes human in Jesus: emptying himself of power and dignity, losing his very own life for the sake of the world’s life. Seen through the lens of resurrection just ahead on the journey, what other way could there be?

## THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Jeremiah 15:15-21  
Psalm 26:1-8  
Romans 12:9-21  
Matthew 16:21-28



## NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Ezekiel 33:7-11  
Psalm 119:33-40  
Romans 13:8-14  
Matthew 18:15-20

Each week we will lift up five church families/members in prayer.  
**THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR:** Laura Downing, Robert & Terri Drugg, Jade & Shelly Durnil, Christopher, Karla, Parker, Bennett and Carson Eaton, Stephanie, David, Judy and Katlyn Eidness

This week the following members will be celebrating their birthdays and we would like to wish them a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Please call the office if you have an upcoming birthday, to ensure we have it in our records. 641.592.1771

2-Sondra Nelson  
3-Mark Bjorklund  
3-Scott Helgeson  
4-Scott Westcott  
5-Andrew Zabel

5-Paige Adams  
6-Tanner Jensen  
6-Katie Bergan  
7-Scott Hagenson  
7-Ella Stene  
8-Griffin McCord

8-Joni Anderson  
8-Kadence  
Henderson  
9-Betsy Byars  
9-Braylon Hanson  
9-Brian Throne

## -WEEKLY GIVING-

**LAST SUNDAY:** 8/27/23      \$ 3,180  
**YEAR-TO-DATE:** 8/28/23      \$ 123,903  
**LAST YEAR:** as of 8/28/22      \$ 144,662  
**DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:**      \$ -20,759

## -Last Weeks Attendance-

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**“Thank you”** to all the volunteers that helped with the Summer Feeding Program. Your dedication to helping the community is appreciated.

**September 4th** the Clothes Closet and Food Shelf will be closed for the holiday.

**Confirmation Student/Parent Meeting:** Wed., Sept. 13th at 6:00pm--Sanctuary.

**Rally Sunday** will be Sept. 17th with food and games! All ages are welcome!

**Cowboy Church** has been rescheduled for September 24th.

**Tuckpointing/Steeple Project Update:** Total received as of 8/22/23 **\$157,852.31**

All contributions towards this project are greatly appreciated! Please remember to note the "Tuckpointing Project or Steeple Project" when submitting your contribution. Thank you!

**In Memoriam:** Many of you will remember Dr. Charles Nelson, or "Doc", to most of us. Doc was laid to rest July 1 at Salem Memorial Cemetery. Today, Sept. 3rd, would have been his 101st birthday. Doc believed in being involved in the life of his family, his community and his church. His family shared that he held many fond memories of time spent here in worship and singing in the choir. He loved Salem and found the church to be a beautiful and inspiring building. Doc was moved to set up a charitable trust to be distributed upon his passing. Salem has received his donation, and it will help the tuckpointing/ steeple project to progress to its completion. We at Salem were blessed to know Doc and Mary and are grateful for this generous gift. Rest in peace, good and faithful servant.  
- Members of Salem Lutheran Church

**Registration:** Letters have been sent out to our Faith Formation families with upcoming event dates and a link to register online. There are also registration forms on the bulletin board across from the chapel. Each child needs to be registered so that we have the most updated info and we can plan accordingly.

**Living Waters Fall Cluster Invitation:** Are you feeling disconnected from your family/friends/community? Join Us for a conversation on making connections one on one, presented by Anna Jetson, Spring Grove, MN. Learn more ways to reach out to others. Live happier days. Learn how to share smiles with others. Invite your daughter, mother, granddaughter, sister or friends and bring them with you. All are welcome! **September 30th.** Coffee at 8:30am. Begins at 9:00am. Bethlehem Lutheran Church in **Manly, IA** (428 W Walnut St.) Call or text if you can attend.641-494-7614. -Lea Norlinger, Cluster President.

**Upcoming Lake Mills Community Blood Drive:** Thursday. Sept. 21st; 1pm-6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Appointments Are Encouraged. Call: 800-287-4903 or Text: LIFESERVE to 999-7777 or Visit: [lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://lifeservebloodcenter.org)

**Volunteers Needed:** If you are willing to usher, acolyte, read or sing in the liturgical choir, please sign up in the Narthex. If you would like to learn how to help with sound, monitors or live stream, call the office. Thank you!

**Celebrating Generosity:** Thank you for your support of ministry at Salem!

**Go Green—Go Paperless by giving in one of the following ways...**

**\*Give through PayPal or Card.** Click donate on our page [www.salemlakemills.com](http://www.salemlakemills.com)

**\*Give automatically through the Simply Giving Program.** Sign up for weekly or monthly ACH withdrawals. Call the office to have a form sent to you or stop by the office. We also have forms in the Narthex. Please return forms to the office.

**(We are charged a much lower service fee through the Simply Giving Program)**

## **Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, August 10, 2023 – 6:30 pm**

President Shannon Bruhns called the meeting to order.

Members present: Marci Adeogun, Shannon Bruhns, Doug Bruhns, Sue Langerud, Dan Rice, Cindy Haugsdal.

Absent: Laura Gardner, Mike Swenson, Mary Peterson

Shannon opened the meeting with prayer.

**Secretary's Report:** July Minutes were available for review. There were no additions or corrections.

Marci moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Doug. All approved.

Council members were contacted by Shannon via text on August 2 regarding the 2023-2024 Confirmation classes. The Board of Youth and Shannon had discussed options to provide Confirmation classes to the 9 seventh graders (there are no 8<sup>th</sup> graders this year) and proposed reaching out to Pastor Melinda McVey with Synod approval. Pastor Melinda expressed an interest and the Synod approved of this arrangement and suggested a pay schedule (\$30/hr teaching time/prep time + travel time) and recommended a written agreement between Salem and Pastor Melinda. Moving forward with this plan required

Council approval. Doug moved to approve having Pastor Melinda teach Confirmation classes for the 2023-2024 year, seconded by Sue. All approved. Further details will be determined and presented at future council meetings. Communication and correspondence – Anonymous donation of \$50 will be deposited in the general fund; we received a letter and request for support of the summer reading program at the LM Public Library. Sue moved to donate \$50 to the LM Public library summer reading program, seconded by Dan. All approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Doug provided a written and verbal report.

Total income for July 2023 \$19,894

Total Expenses for July 2023 \$18,404.07 (Income less expense \$1,493.00)

Checking account balance (7/31/2023) \$41,178.68

FTSB/Tuckpointing account balance (7/31/2023) \$51,064.32 (Expenses paid out: \$65,450 to Pajic Tuckpointing – project complete; \$41,337.99 to Young Construction – project on hold pending bell tower assessment; Total disbursed - \$106,787.99)

CD's at FTSB (7/31/2023) Reserves \$26,014.17

CD at MBT (7/31/2023) Ness Estate \$52,215.45

**Financial Secretary's report:** Laura provided a written report

2023 YTD total offerings (7/30/2023) \$110,252

2022 YTD total offerings (7/31/2022) \$108,343

Dan moved to accept Treasurer and Financial reports, seconded by Marci. All approved.

## **Board Reports**

**Enduring Gift Fund:** Wayne Van Veldhuizen presented an update on the EGF (Enduring Gift Fund) at coffee fellowship on Sunday, July 16.

**Board of Worship and Music:** Mary provided a written report and Shannon presented the verbal report: Confirmation meeting with students and Pastor

Melinda scheduled on August 20; Rally Sunday scheduled on September 17; Cowboy church rescheduled to Sunday, September 24; Discussed continued pulpit supply; Shannon provided updates regarding chapel and sanctuary monitors; Discussed leaving the railings up as much as possible to offer assistance to pulpit supply pastors.

**Board of Life & Growth:** Sue provided a verbal report: The board will provide refreshments following Cowboy Church on September 24.

**Board of Stewardship and Social Ministry:** Dan provided a verbal report: Making plans for the congregational cookout on Rally Sunday, September 17, working with Board of Youth; working on developing a Stewardship Drive for this fall, discussions include requesting financial and time/service and talent commitments; Doug provided a quarterly report on Salem finances last Sunday, August 4, at coffee fellowship.

**Board of Property and Management:** Mike provided a written report: Discussed steeple and bell tower repair; agreed to contact Iowa Demolition and Iowa Sawing Co to see if there is interest in taking down the bell tower (and researching other potential companies); Discussed the A/C status and work has been done to optimize air conditioning of the Sanctuary; Discussion regarding the education wing and chapel, including heating options. Tuckpointing contract has been completed.

**Board of Youth:** Marci provided a written and verbal report: Discussed status of plans to move monitors from the Sanctuary, moving one to the chapel for Faith Formation; Additional electronics will be purchased (donated funds are in a dedicated account to cover cost) for Faith Formation including speaker system, TV mount, Roku system and a laptop; Picnic potluck was held on August 6 in the fellowship hall instead of the park due to weather was well attended; Finalized plans for a confirmation boating/tubing event with Bill and Linda Tweeten on Tuesday, August 15 with pizza afterwards, students have been contacted with a postcard invitation; Blessing of the backpacks scheduled for August 20,

keychains ordered and will be provided to students; Rally Sunday is September 17 and activities are being planned along with a congregational cookout meal provided by the Stewardship Board; Letters will be sent out to Salem Faith Formation families with information and request for volunteers (2 adults needed for 2 groups each Sunday – sign up sheet is posted across from the chapel); Pastor Melinda McVey has agreed to teach Confirmation classes on Wednesdays at 6 pm, confirmation student/parent meeting is scheduled for September 13; other upcoming events/dates include 3<sup>rd</sup> grade bible classes on October 15 and 22, Bible Sunday October 29 (4 year olds and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders).

**Pastoral Care Support:** Upcoming graveside service September 15 at 11:00 am for Donald Thompson with Pastor Melinda McVey residing.

**Pastor's Report:** none

**Old Business:**

- A. Call Committee Report – Consultation with Pastor Lanny Westphal is now complete and the call committee found his input very helpful to personalize and honestly portray a picture of Salem in our MSP (Ministerial Site Profile). The call committee met with Bishop Jones earlier this week and finalized the MSP and it was submitted on 8/9/2023. The call committee also completed a document called Reflections on Ministry and Context that will also be submitted to the Synod for review by prospective pastoral candidates. Shannon reviewed the content of this document. The Call Committee has also requested a non-Salem community member to complete a Reference recommendation. This document is confidential and will be submitted to the Synod directly by the individual completing it.
- B. Capital Project Phase 2 – Steeple update – see Board of Property and Management report above.
- C. Elm tree update – The Elm tree has been evaluated by Kevin Hardy, ISA Certified Arborist of Cutting Edge Tree Services. Kevin addressed the council per phone to discuss his findings. His opinion is that the tree does not have Dutch Elm disease and is not dying but rather is primarily

suffering from drought along with other care issues that have caused some damage over the years. He provided a detailed review of what he recommends to treat and save this tree and promote the health of the tree for many years. His estimate for treatment, including labor and equipment is \$2996. A bid had been obtained for removal for \$2500. Doug moved that we accept the bid to treat the Elm tree, seconded by Dan. All approved.

- D. Food Shelf Update – Management of room assignments for supply/storage for Summer feeding, Food Shelf and facilities for Faith Formation students is taking place.
- E. Sanctuary Monitors/Library Monitor/Chapel Updates – items have been purchased and Brad Evenson is coordinating the installation.
- F. Confirmation Classes for 2023-2024 – Pastor Melinda McVey
  - a. Compensation/Agreement – Shannon shared a proposed Employment Agreement that details responsibilities and reimbursement for Pastor Melinda.

### **New Business:**

- A. Tobacco/Nicotine Free Policy continues to be revised and signage posted.
- B. New members – Marlys Stille transferring to Salem from St. Paul Lutheran Church in McAllen, TX. Cindy moved to accept this membership transfer, seconded by Sue. All approved.
- C. Transfers/statistical adjustments – Gail and Nathan Porter requested to be moved to the Salem Friends List. Marci moved to make this statistical membership adjustment, seconded by Dan. All approved.
- D. Next meeting will be held Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 6:30 pm in the Salem library.

Doug moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Marci. All approved. The meeting was adjourned.

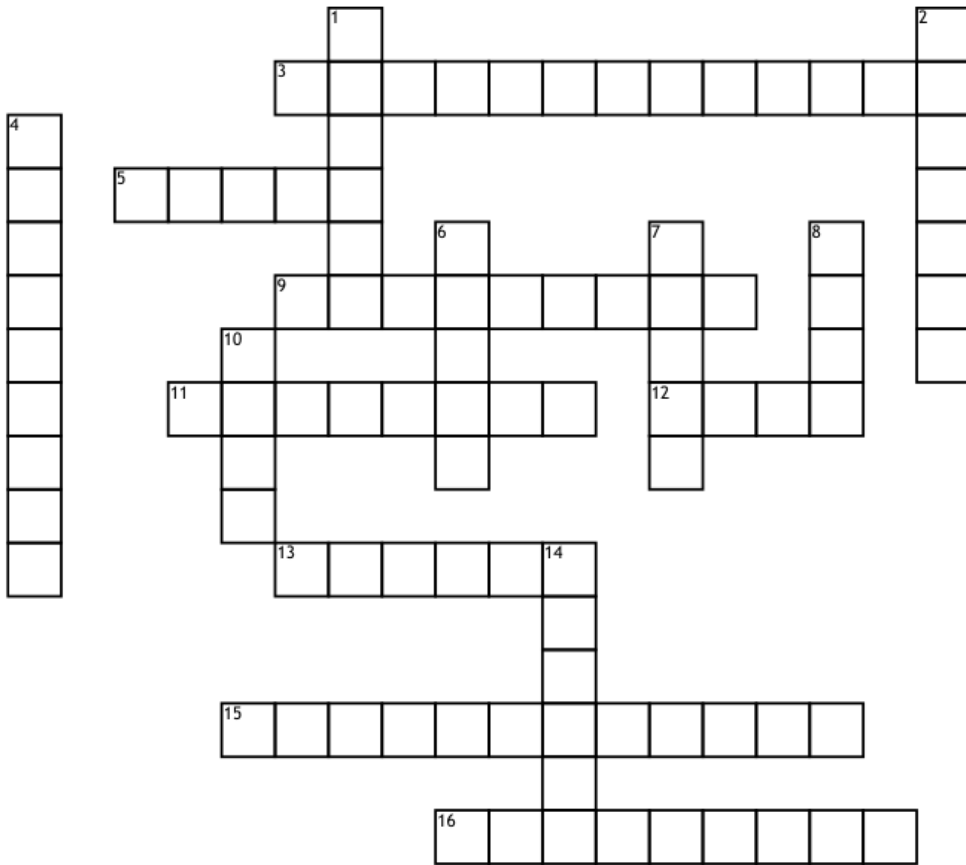
We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Haugsdal



# The Bible



## Across

3. which roman emperor was part of Jesus' trial

5. Who betrayed Jesus?

9. what day is Jesus' birthday

11. When Jesus broke the bread and drank the wine who did he give it too

12. Who was Jesus' mother

13. how many apostles did Jesus have

15. What testament does genesis appear in?

16. Where did Jesus die

## Down

1. Who is Jesus' birth father

2. what is the first chapter in the old testament?

4. where was Jesus born?

6. what is the sacred book the catholics read

7. What were people waving when Jesus entered Jerusalem

8. When Jesus broke the bread what did it represent

10. On Pentecost Sunday what was above the disciples heads

14. What day is the the day Jesus arose from the dead?

People from the Old Testament.

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JMZA AVL YDFAMCPYSGUXIFHQWGA KPH Z  
OHINZAKDEYCXBAYMSR ADATRBWECRKL  
SVVNRBRJONAHFPZXTJCNLOYWJ SNZ LA  
ELOAKOKOWQT YRWA IKTQNJLZHVTWLET  
POEHFCKJNJHREWRLRLWOGJQGYHQDRF  
HRYNAHGDCWASWQMROLNCABELVEGQEO  
THTFYAMSTXRDNMZCZAWVXAHHARTWBO  
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**Aaron**  
**Abel**  
**Abraham**  
**Adam**  
**Benjamin**  
**Cain**  
**Caleb**  
**Daniel**  
**David**  
**Elijah**  
**Elisha**  
**Enoch**

**Esau**  
**Esther**  
**Eve**  
**Gideon**  
**Hannah**  
**Isaac**  
**Ishmael**  
**Isiah**  
**Jacob**  
**Jeremiah**  
**Job**  
**Jonah**

**Jonathan**  
**Joseph**  
**Joshua**  
**Leah**  
**Lot**  
**Moses**  
**Nehemiah**  
**Noah**  
**Rachel**  
**Rebekah**  
**Ruth**  
**Samson**

**Samuel**  
**Sarah**  
**Saul**  
**Solomon**

People from the New Testament

N F S W X H O E Q R B R D R S I P M A S Z Y N B X M S C Q Q  
G T K Q M S A R U K L R A K J K Y C R H J R Q J O S E P H O  
A Z Q Y E T I M O T H Y C R A Y E D A D U E L X M Z K B T V  
K V D M P U M K J R O Z M G M W E P F P J Y Q S Y A X B I X  
R R K R Y W T S G D G K T P E K V D Z L I F C D H S R H I U  
W K K Q H F N M V J U O U X S S U I L E N R O C T T F Y N K  
O B Y U X K S A B A N R A B S M K B A P F O T A E A T U O Y  
I P A H T R A M L W M E V O I Y T E A U J T E D B B A U M E  
V D I G E J B Q T S O J M K U X B U Z J M M D G A I O T I J  
F L Q T I N L R X B A B Z B S K L M D K T C V K Z T N A S C  
U J U L C I U V Q S E Q X G P B S O U Z C F J I I H F O U I  
P I R L P C V R Z A X T V Y I V D F Q P S S Z X L A J M M S  
U N G H B T I G L I I B R Q W B N A E W R W L M E O J O H N  
P R I S C I L L A H Q Q T K C S U E A H C C A Z H V P X V N  
E W K V P X R G D T H U C W E P J B E I R S L N F W U C K X  
K U H V P H F U K T N E H P E T S G W Q K B T F B D M O D E  
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L D T E P A E D P M Q W Y T A B J I L E E S C G B J L D F P  
R E E R L U X P V B A U G Z J L A H W B V Y E G C E Y K V G  
R B H D E M Q P S Z C B O A A C R R A T N P G V K S D N G S  
T R Y Y T A K H D G Z C C Z A G Y P T P H I L I P U I G I Z  
O L M E M X Z W Y B Q E A C O B T K G H V F C L Z S A L M R  
M R L C P T L Q E Z T R B X E I L Z L N O T E K L Q A Q A X  
C S A X K U V A Z S U D R E S O A A D J W L H U Z S V V R S  
U C A I R H T U N S Y A L T D Q G H V J S N O O D C W Z K Q  
N U K P B Q Y U U D Y X E K L E M Z J F R P E M M V L B N I  
U W D M A T T H E W R D M Q Y E E D K N I D Z N E A Z E R W  
R D C J Q R V V B N G E E C S A S U E A D D A H T W S A M G  
S B M F R D Z K Y E J I W L T O X Z S C C A P X R Y M W R V  
R Y U M G X M K A Q U I L A L B O U H T L P D M S K W I A W

**Andrew**  
**Aquila**  
**Barnabas**  
**Barsabas**  
**Bartholomew**  
**Cornelius**  
**Elizabeth**  
**James**  
**Jesus**

**John**  
**John the Baptist**  
**Joseph**  
**Judas**  
**Lazarus**  
**Luke**  
**Lydia**  
**Mark**  
**Martha**

**Mary**  
**Matthew**  
**Matthias**  
**Paul**  
**Peter**  
**Philip**  
**Priscilla**  
**Silas**

**Simon**  
**Stephen**  
**Tabitha**  
**Thaddaeus**  
**Thomas**  
**Timothy**  
**Zacchaeus**  
**Zebedee**

**All are invited downstairs after the worship service for fellowship.**

**SUNDAY 9/3**

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary (Pastor Judith Wozniak)

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

**MONDAY 9/4**

2:00pm Sons of Norway-Fellowship Hall

2:00pm-4:00pm Salem's Clothes Closet is CLOSED

2:30pm-5:00pm Lake Mills Food Shelf is CLOSED

**TUESDAY 9/5**

9:30am Miriam Circle-Sondra Nelson's Home

5:30pm Altar Guild Meeting-Salem Library

**WEDNESDAY 9/6**

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Choir Room

**THURSDAY 9/7**

9:30am Grace Circle-Lounge

9:30am Ruth Circle-Salem Library

**SATURDAY 9/9**

10:00am Call Committee Meeting w/Bishop Jones-Salem Library

**SUNDAY 9/10**

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary (Pastor

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

**Flu Clinic:** Winnebago County Public Health will be hosting a Flu Clinic in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, Sept. 22nd from 8:30am-11am.

**Doors:** If you unlock a door at Salem, make sure you lock the door again when you leave or make a plan for someone to lock it when they leave. Thank you!

**Live Stream Sponsorship:** Call the office to reserve your date. Cost is \$40.

**Dates available 2023:** Sept. 17, Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 19, Dec. 31

**Salem Office: 641.592.1771** (Marci)

Mon: Closed, Tues-Thurs: 11am-5pm, Fri: Closed

(Hours subject to change. You are welcome to call ahead to ensure the office is open)