



Salem Messenger

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Salem Women of the Church News

Welcome to a Blessed 2020. We are already a month into the new year and before you know it 2021 will be approaching. God's Blessing to each of you this year. Let each of us approach this year with joy and thanksgiving.

The WELCA board remains the same for 2020. Thank you to each of the officers that have agreed to remain on the board! Also a special Thank You to Jan Wilhelmsen and Barbara Dietzmann for auditing the 2019 books and to Glenda Pieper our treasurer for making their job so easy.

Nimble fingers needed! Knotters Wanted -No Sewing Experience Required

The WELCA meets monthly to make quilts. You do not have to be a member of a Circle to participate. A willing heart is all that is required. These quilts are beautiful, useful and used for several missions including Lutheran World Relief. Nimble fingers are needed to help tie knots to secure the 3 layer of quilting that has already been prepared. All supplies are provided. The meetings are only once per month on the second Tuesday at 1 PM.

Thana Kemper

Quilting will be held in the parsonage on Tuesday, February 11, at 1:00 p.m.. Come and help tack quilts for Lutheran World Relief and enjoy some fellowship time!

Circle Meetings: Thursday, February 6 - 2:00 p.m. Dorcas Circle and 7:00 p.m. Rachel Circle at Salem Lutheran Hosted by Diane Ashorn.

Visiting Committee: Marilyn Ullrich, Janell Dierking

Financial Highlights for December

Income: General Fund -	\$28,038
Thrivent Choice Dollars -	-0-
Building Fund -	409
Mission Offering -	<u>0</u>
Total -	\$28,447

Expense Accounts:	
Mission Work	\$ 3,016
Parnell Compensation	11,964
Nelson Compensation	(792)
Admin. Asst. Compensation	4,929
Worship/Program	4,019
Utilities/Maintenance	<u>7,590</u>
General Fund Sub-Total	\$30,726
Non-Budgeted Misc.	195
Thrivent Choice Dollars expense	<u>-0-</u>
Total General Fund Expenses	\$30,921

Building Fund Expenses	-0-
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<u>Assets:</u>	
General Fund	\$ 7,433
Thrivent Choice Funds	\$ 8,468
Building Fund	\$ 116,682
Special Memorial Fund	\$ 350,643
Schaefer Fund	\$ 285,873
Trust Fund	\$ 244,657
Spec. Memorial-Recreation Bldg.	<u>\$ 20,837</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$1,034,591</u>



LENTEN WORSHIP:

We will mark the disciple of Lent with worships on Wednesday at 12:10pm and 7:00pm. Ash Wednesday service will be on February

26th @ 12:10pm and 7:00pm.

Watch for more information in the March Newsletter.

Greeting Cards

Valentines and All Occasion cards are available in the women's closet. Thanks for your support of the card sales by the Women of the Church.

Elizabeth Meinholdt
Card Chairperson



Men's Breakfast meets February 4

The Men's Breakfast will meet Tuesday, February 4 at 6:30 a.m. at Kountry Bakery Restaurant. All men of Salem and their guests are invited to attend.



Senior Citizens

Fellowship is Sunday, February 9, at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. You are invited

to come spend time together in fellowship and playing cards and dominoes.

Notes of Thanks Received



Pastor Parnell wishes to thank all who came to celebrate his retirement. He treasures the words you spoke, the cards and gifts, and the gift from Salem. He prays for God's blessing in your lives.

Thank you notes were received from the following: Lutherhill Ministries for our 4th quarter donation and Texas Lutheran University for our 4th quarter donation in support of the Lutheran Advantage Scholarship. Also, from the Championship Drive held during the Washington County Fair.

Bell Choir

The Salem Bell Choir would like to thank Carol Parnell for her dedication and expertise as director of the choir. With her

patience and perseverance, the bell choir has learned so much and grown in their abilities and gained confidence with performing. Carol will be missed and the bell choir wishes her the best!



A New Arrival

Congratulations to Kayla & Reynaldo Martinez at the birth of their daughter, Ava Marie, born January 8th! Her grandparents are Gene & Vicki Swonke and great grandparents Perry III & Betty Thomas.



Weddings

Congratulations to..... Steven and Kaci (Federwisch) Eliert on their marriage January 18th.



A Call Committee will be appointed by the Church Council to lead the church during its search for a new pastor. The Call Committee will ideally consist of six to seven members and be a cross-section of the congregation assuring gender, age, ethnic/racial identity, and length of membership are all represented. Members of the Call Committee must understand they are to represent the best interests of the entire congregation's vision and ministry. The Call Committee should expect to spend a substantial amount of time with the call process. The Call Committee is expected to communicate with both Church council and the congregation. Please reach out to Wesley Maurer, Ray Weiss and/or Diane Pieper if you are interested in serving on the Call Committee.

New Member



Josh Kalich, was received by affirmation of baptism on December 15th. We welcome you to Salem's Family of Faith!

Note from Salem's Church Office

If you have NOT picked up your Offering Envelopes for 2020. Please contact Jenny at the church office.

Altars Flowers

are still needed for February 2nd, 16th, 23rd, and the 26th. Please signup or call Jenny at the church office if you are willing to place altar flowers on the altar.

Church Council Highlights

- 1/ Approved memorial Fund Request for Hunter Schaper to attend camp.
- 2/ Discussed changing the council meeting time but stayed at 7pm.
- 3/ Call committee criteria were covered with Bishop Rinehart and Pastor Tracy, names have been recommended of members willing to be considered to serve on this committee
- 4/ Music director- Diane Pieper recommended a committee is needed and recommends Nancy, Terry, Salem's organist along with Diane and Cory (representing the children's needs). They will develop a job description w/responsibility.

5/ Library Chairs- Ray Weiss has agreed to take over and will have pictures & Prices at the next meeting.

6/ Kitchen Remodel- David Folschinsky will be heading the committee. He has received concerns from the ladies of the church dishwasher doesn't work & is no longer wanted. He suggests removing the current sink & dishwasher replacing with a triple sink. The stove could be replaced with a 60" stove with 2 ovens and a griddle as recommended by council. The fridge be updated to stainless steel on wheels and also the freezer. It was also discussed to add a small ice maker. More details/recommendation will be coming at future meetings.

We express our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of the...

...Pieper family at the death of Dennie Marek on January 15th. Dennie is the father of Kim Pieper and the grandfather of Hunter & Hayden Pieper.

... of Larry Glenz at his death on January 1, 2020.

... of Ruth Goeke at the death of Burgess Goeke on January 8th. Burgess is the husband of Ruth.

Salem Affiliation Discussion Timeline

In response to the congregation's request for a timeline to discuss and educate ourselves as to Salem's future affiliation the Church Council has approved the following timeline.

Please know additional dates may be added or amended.

2-04-20 6:00 p.m. Meet to allow members to bring forth concerns and subjects to be discussed.

2-25-20 6:00 p.m. Meet and provide computer assistance to those without access. March dates are being set and will be announced next month. Affiliation group presentations (ELCA, NALC, LCMC). These dates may need to change based on each organization's schedules.

4-26-20 Vote on our Future Affiliation Council ask that you please allow for flexibility with this timeline as needed.

Blessings, Ray Weiss



On Our Prayer List

The people below have requested our prayers and support. We pray for them every Sunday in worship and we invite you to remember them in your daily prayers. In an effort to keep our prayer list updated, please let us know about your family or friends whose names can be removed from this prayer list.

Remember these folks in your daily prayers:

Salem members: Dorothy Addicks, Lois Albright, Hildegard Brinkmeyer, Thomas Cook, Margie Fougeron, Clarence Hodde, Mickey Hueske, Bill Little, Lloyd Pieper, Florine Raska, Louis Resendez, Ruth Rodenbeck, Shirley Schwarze, Gene Timm, Betty Vierus, Joyce Weiss, Mark Wiesepape
Members requesting prayers: Jeannie Finke, LaRuth Flentge, Hunter Schaper

Members in Care Centers:

Brenham Nursing & Rehab - Ruth Hueske, Esther Klump
 Kruse Village - Franklin & Evelyn Menn
 Colonial Bell Nursing Home (Bellville)- Roy Schmidt
 High Hope - Karen Koester

Members in Assisted Living Facility -

Argent Court - Annie Marie Fritz & Helen Nienstedt
Family and Friends:

Andrea A. Abat, friend to Bruce Bockhorn;
Gerry Banik, Nora Mills' friend;
Jan Banik, Nora Mills' friend;
Tina Bartsch, Thana & Otto Kemper's niece;
Jim Barrows, friend of Bruce Bockhorn;
Bernice Bates, sister of Louis Schwarze, Ruth & Helen Rodenbeck, sister-in-law of Shirley Schwarze;
David Beckendorf, friend of Cindy Holle;
Brandon "Bebo" Benson, friend of Kenneth Dreyer family;
Susan Bolten, mother of Chance Bolten;
Keith Brooks, brother-in-law to Jason & Tasha Ladewig;
Dan Bunker, father to Danica Kenjura;
Terri Burnett, friend of Charles & Janell Dierking;
Theresa Clemons, sister of Nora Mills;
Ashley Curry, friend of Carly Becker family;
Pastor Bill Derrick, friend of Salem Members;
Rev. Dennis Dirks, former Pastor to Diana Hodde;
Samuel Engman, Nancy Roesler's friends' grandson;
Ashley Evans, friend of Salem Member's
Carol Fenton, friend of Salem Member's Rev Phil Fenton's wife
France Glueck, great-niece to Mitch & Carolyn Hall;
Shawn Grimm, wife of Brett Grimm;
Betty Haevischer wife of Gary Haevischer and daughter of Dorothy Hupe;
Mattie Haines, friend of Nancy Roesler;
Ronald Hartmann, friend of Charles Hirsch;
Harold Hebson, Bruce Bockhorn's friend;
Austin Hinesley, Nephew of Chance & Wendy Bolten;
JoAnn Hundemer, friend of Nancy Roesler;
Wilfred Hupe, father of Alice Birkelbach;
Allen Hueske, cousin of several members at Salem;
Dena Janish, Delbert Ladewig's sister;
Pat Jozwiak, friend of Nancy Roesler;
David Justus, friend to Doris Eckermann;
Patsy Kasproicz, co-worker to Nora Mills;
Brylon Kelly, son to Crystal Kelly & grandson to Nora Mills;
Dan Kelly, Janell Dierking's friend's husband;
Leigh Kieke, Daryl & Kathy Gummelt's friend;

Marsha Killen, mother to Billy Killen;
Gloria Klussmann, friend of Betty Becker;
Becky Knight, Sister of Grover Sebastian;
Gary Krueger, brother-in-law of Betty Thomas & Christine Pieper;
Harold Lanford, uncle of Cindy Holle;
Larry Lischka, friend of Roy & Linda Acebo
Willie Ludwig, friend of Charles & Janell Dierking;
Irene Machel, friend of Louis Jr. & Maxine Schwarze;
Jennifer Manis, Norma Mills daughter-in-laws sister;
Gary Martin, friend of Bruce Bockhorn;
Charlie McReynold, friend of Bruce Bockhorn;
Melanie Meyers, friend of Tiffany Weiss;
Robert Murski, friend of Perry Thomas;
Aaron Nelson, Lynette Nelson's husband & Janet & Joseph Green's son-in-law;
Bill Nowicki, friend of Charles & Janell Dierking;
Lauren Parker, friend of Jeanell Dallmeyer;
Wesley Paul, Janell Dierking's God Child;
Charles Pyle, friend of Ray & Tiffany Weiss;
Katie Ray, granddaughter to Marsha Ray;
Jason Reed, Nora Mill's great nephew;
Ann Schulz, Mother to Glenda Weyand;
Sue Schwartz, cousin to Jeanell Dallmeyer;
Aiden Simmons, Nora Mills' great great nephew;
Nicki Stone, friend of the Pittman family;
Mike Taylor, friend of Ray & Tiffany Weiss;
Lottie Terry, Vickie Haack's sister;
Amy Usalavage, Larry & Diane Ashorn's niece;
Sue Vierus, co-worker of teachers at Krause Elementary;
Choya Walling, friend of Bruce Bockhorn;
Boyce Weiman, Michael Ray's father-in-law;
Glenn Wellbrock, brother of Leonard, Kenny, & Ricky Wellbrock, & Beverly Schlabach;
Shannon Wellmann, friend of Ronnie Becker family;
Marcie Whitmire, Tiffany Weiss' cousin;
Sandy Winkelmann, Kenneth and David Dreyer's sister;
Military Personnel: Salem members: *Craig Flentge* (Air Force, Colorado), *Shane Shupak* (Army Reserves, Texas).
Family and Friends: *Eric Amundson* (Marines, Texas) [family friend of Bruce Bockhorn]; *Jay Bateman* (Air Force, McGill AFB, FL) [Frances Bockhorn's granddaughter's husband]; *Michel Havard* (Army, Germany) [Clarence Meinholdt family's friend]; *Brent Lanier* (Army, Fort Bliss, El Paso) [Chris Ann Stroech's cousin]; *Seth McPherson* (Army, North Carolina) [relative of Helen Ladewig family]; *John Morris* (Army, Ft. Leavenworth, KA) [Carobeth Bockhorn's former student]; *Catherine Nelson* (USAF; Ghana) [Frances Bockhorn's granddaughter]; *Jonathan Oberrender* (Marines, Iraq) [Stacie Oberrender's son]; *Cody Paul* (Air Force, San Antonio, TX) [Charles Dierking family's friends]; *Kurtis Reeves* (Army, Arizona) [relative of Helen Ladewig family]; *Barron D. Stone* (Air Force, Patrick AFB, FL) [Bruce Bockhorn's friend's son]

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Mission Statement of Salem Lutheran Church

As Christ's Disciples, we strive to love and serve all people, sharing the good news of God's grace.



February SUNDAY SCHOOL – Solomon Builds a Temple

Rotations start back up in February!!! Rotations include Tech, Movies, and much more!!

Join us each Sunday, starting in the Praise Place for an Opening to get us started!!

Sunday School Starts at 10:10!

****No Valentine's Dinner in 2020***

Important Dates:

February 23rd – Bell Performance during Church Service

April 12th – Easter Sunday – Pancakes, Balloon Release, and Easter Egg Hunt -- Stay tuned for details

Vacation Bible School -- More details in Future Newsletters, Remind, & Facebook