

NEWSLETTER

THE BUILDER

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

JAN. 2023



WELCOME!

GET IN TOUCH

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Thu | 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY AT SALEM

Our New Schedule

Beginning on January 1, 2023

9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

On January 1, 2023 we begin our Shared Ministry with Ascension Lutheran and Pr. Mark Boorsma is our Pastor. On January 8th we will have a special coffee after church to welcome Pr. Boorsma. Please try to attend.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 22nd, 2023

Immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service

(if you have a report due for the annual report please get it to the church office by Sunday, January 8th. If you are waiting for a bank statement you have a few more days).

It is important for all members of Salem to attend the yearly congregational meeting of our church to stay informed.

From the “New” Pastor:

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! As we begin a new adventure together, some introductions are in order. Some Salem folks may already know me well, others not so well, if at all. My family and I have been in Albert Lea since 2007. Daughter Erin (now a junior at Albert Lea High School) was just a baby when we moved here. Now hers may be the helpful smile you see on weekends at the Hy-Vee customer service counter. Spouse Mary is the Garden Center manager at Albert Lea Seed House. We also have two daughters already “launched.” Rika is a second grade teacher in Pa’aiulo on the Big Island, Hawaii. Lydia is a designer living in Lacey, Washington.

I have two requests. First, help me know you better! Introduce yourself and tell me what you love about Salem, and share your hopes and dreams for this holy experiment that draws us together.

Second, let us resolve to have some **fun**. Mutual ministry — engaging the Good News together — is far too important than to be tedious, half-hearted, or dull. Let us find ways to enjoy, savor, and delight in the year ahead and the good times we will experience.

There is a fascinating judgment decreed in Deuteronomy 28. The LORD promises punishment against the Israelites, not for any especially dramatic depravity or wrongdoing. Only: *Because you did not serve the LORD your God joyfully and with gladness of heart for the abundance of everything.*

Blessing abound! Let us rejoice and be glad in them!

In Christ,
Pastor Mark Boorsma

Meet
the
Pastor

FINANCIAL CORNER

NOV. INCOME

\$ 9,064.88

NOV. EXPENSES

\$ 10,598.50

2022 INCOME:

\$ 117,806.87

2022 FROM SCHWAB:

\$

2022 OTHER INCOME:

\$

NOISY OFFERING:

LITTLE FREE PANTRY: \$ 192.87



Unofficial Council Hi-Lites— December 20. 2022

-Called to order by Pr. Daphne Hamborg.

-Devotions by Shari Budach.

Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Reports were approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Daphne thanked all for the reception. She is trying to complete home visits and finishing her duties before Jan. 1. Treats were shared.

Committee Reports

-Budget & Finance: Mary Gulbrandson reviewed the reports.

Building & Grounds: Frank Gjersvik absent. Discussion on snow plowing.

-Worship & Music: Shari Budach will coordinate with Pr. Boorsma on upcoming schedule.

Stewardship: Kathy Paul will connect with Pr. Boorsma on Stewardship efforts to gain his input/suggestions. Details of stewardship results will be discussed at annual meeting.

Old Business

-Doorbells—still on Troy's agenda.

--Reviewed 2023 Budget Proposal and motion by Kathy Paul to approve, seconded by Troy Waldemar and passed. Motion by Bruce Ness, seconded by Kathy Paul that a 15% distribution can be taken from the 2022 mission account. This will be presented at the annual meeting.

New Business:

-January Noisy Offering will go to the Little Free Pantry.

-With the 10:00 a.m. worship services beginning Jan. 1 it was agreed that 9:00 a.m. would be our coffee hour.

-Agenda for annual meeting will follow last year's format.

-January devotions—Kathy Paul

----Meeting was adjourned.



Free Little
Pantry

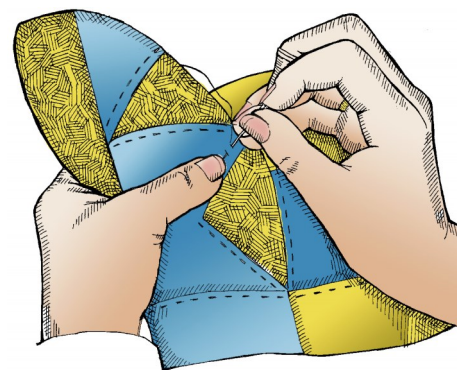
Please remember the Little Free Pantry at Salem. This is a time of year of great need. You may bring your donations of non-perishable food items at any time. Cash donations are also appreciated. In December we gathered \$192.87. Noisy offering gifts also help to stock the Little Free Pantry. Thank you for your help.



Sew 'n' Tell

January 10

January 24



QUILTING GROUP

Men's Bible Study

Jan. 6

Jan. 13

Jan. 20

Jan. 27

Gather at 6:30 a.m. and have a cup of coffee, talk and share some scripture. All are welcome!



Thank You

Dear Friends,

Well, these seven months have flown by! I am so grateful to have shared this interim time with you--you have been welcoming, gracious, and fun! I am looking forward to seeing how the next months unfold for Salem--I believe many new opportunities are available for you to explore.

Many thanks, too, for the wonderful farewell you hosted for me on the 18th--a great way to round things out, and very thoughtful.

And so I will simply say a full-hearted thank you! God has blessed me with you!

In Jesus,
Pastor Daphne

Salem Update from Beth Spande, Church Council President: On December 4th, Salem voted at a special congregational meeting to contract with Ascension for the services of their Pastor, Mark Boorsma, part time. The agreement was signed on Dec. 6th by Beth Spande, Annette Petersen, Bonnie Jensen, Ellen Kohl and Pastor Boorsma. His work at Salem begins January 1, 2023.





JANUARY
Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Jan. 2 Roger Holty
- Jan. 4 Kim Heilman, Melissa Olson
- Jan. 6 Adam Kermes
- Jan. 7 Roger Hanna
- Jan. 12 Dennis Johnson
- Jan. 17 Terri Cheever
- Jan. 18 Les Olson
- Jan. 22 Randy Rudgroden, Sherry Ulve
- Jan. 23 Bill Sherman
- Jan. 24 Dorie Hanna, Morgan Luhring
- Jan. 26 Rebecca Sousa
- Jan. 30 Diane Henry

Jan. 1 –Mike & Julie Dorman 41 years

Poinsettias: Thank you to all that shared to make our church so beautiful at Christmas.

LET US PRAY...
Larry Enderson
Woody Hestness
Susan Storlie
Shirley Eustis
Bob Cotton





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Lutheran
Church is a
Christ-Centered
Community,
building
relationships,
growing in
faith, and
serving others.*

