

NEWSLETTER

THE BUILDER

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

JUNE 2022



WELCOME!

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Salem's Future

The Salem congregational council will be meeting with the Ascension congregational council to discuss ways we can share our ministry. This meeting will be held at Salem on the evening of June 8th and is just for the two councils. After the meeting, we will begin formal actions at Salem to develop a self-study, part of the process to decide our future. Salem members and friends will be given opportunities to contribute ideas and concerns for our future. Everyone will be kept informed at each stage of the process of planning. Frequent updates are planned.

Office Hours:

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.





From the Pastor:

On Sunday, June 5th, we celebrate a pivotal day: Pentecost, the birthday of the Christian church. I will be discussing Pentecost in detail over the coming weeks, but I want to begin here by putting it in a context.

The Christian church year is broken up into six seasons. The first five seasons, which last a total of six months, describe the life of Jesus: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter. That is, they speak of awaiting Jesus' birth, the birth itself, revelations about the character and ministry of Jesus, the movement toward the cross, and, finally, Jesus' triumph in Easter.

But the second half of the church year, the second six months, has a much different focus. The Pentecost season focuses on growth. Pentecost describes the formation of the church, the sending of the Holy Spirit, and the early history of the church. It also speaks of the call each one of us receives, the call to grow spiritually. The growth of both the church and of ourselves is an ongoing process. For Salem, given the upcoming reflection on your specific future, this is especially meaningful.

Where is Salem headed? What is it growing toward? I don't know yet. But what I do know is this: we are being called to live with new creativity and courage. We are being called to listen and then to act--to grow and change, to be open. I firmly believe that the Holy Spirit is at work here. And I firmly believe that it is guiding Salem into a new shape of ministry, into a wondrous, energetic life filled with unexpected and exciting realities.

This is a future we can await with confidence!

In Christ,
Pastor Daphne



FINANCIAL CORNER

APRIL INCOME

\$ 11,373.69

APRIL EXPENSES

\$ 6,645.21

2022 INCOME:

\$ 48,470.62

2022 FROM SCHWAB:

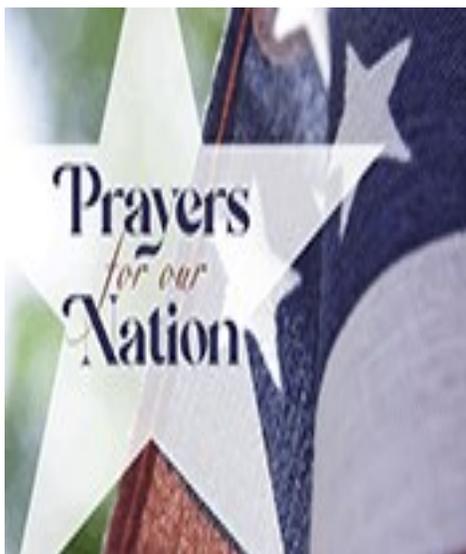
\$ 10,000

2022 OTHER INCOME:

\$

NOISY OFFERING:

LITTLE FREE PANTRY: \$



Unofficial Council Hi-Lites— May 17, 2022

-Called to order.

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

Pastor's Report: Getting to know our building & our parishioners. Good women's planning meeting on May 11th. Next meeting is June 15th. A letter will be sent to Salem women to find out what we want/need. June 8th Salem & Ascension councils will meet.

Committee Reports:

- Building & Grounds: Frank reported he has finished building the shelving for storage of Salem's records. Elevator has been looked at and fixed.
- Budget & Finance: reports were approved and Bruce answered questions.
- Church in Society: Donna reported that the giving for the Little Free Pantry has been great .
- Worship & Music: Shari reported committee will meet again after Beth has returned from vacation. Reported that we need to tune our pianos and church secretary will follow up.
- Stewardship: Kathy reported on the women's meeting from May 11. Many things to consider going forward and decisions to be made. Want to start visits to shut-ins with communion. Terry Olson will lead the Prayer Chain. Next women's meeting June 15th at 10 a.m. June 8th Salem & Ascension councils to meet & explore possible sharing some aspects of ministry.
- Troy reported he is working on a door bell alert system that will ring to his phone & possibly church secretary's phone.
- Old Business:
- Good Samaritan Fund tabled until July meeting.
- New Business:
- June Noisy Offering will go to the Little Free Pantry.
- after church.
- Pr. Barb Streed sent us self study book to use while in call process. Special meeting held May 15 to go over hi-lites. Will involve congregation to answer survey questions & comments.

--Next meeting, June 21st at 6:30 p.m.

Honoring High School Graduates

Jaspar Flatten
&
Lauren Rhodes

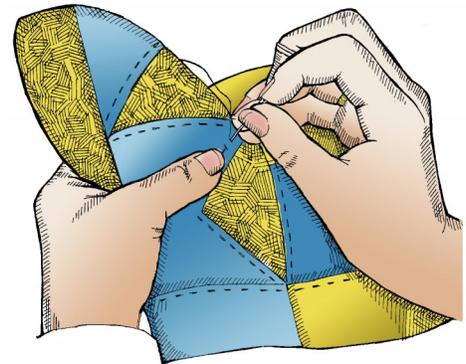


Thank You

A very special thank you to Frank Gjersvik for the beautiful oak shelving he made to store Salem's permanent records. Very thankful!

Sew 'n' Tell

June 14 & June 28
8:30 - 11:30 a.m.



QUILTING GROUP

Men's Bible Study

June 3

June 10

June 17

June 24

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

All are welcome!



Report on the Synod Assembly from Beth Spande

On Saturday, May 7, Shari Budach and I and 303 other delegates attended the Southeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly in Mankato. The Theme for the day was “Endless possibilities in God’s grace.” Besides the usual worship service and the business sessions, (when we adopted salary guidelines, established a housing insecure task force, and passed the budget for 2023- 24) we heard from an excellent speaker named Rozella Haydee White about the power of love, creativity, liberation, and healing. What struck me most, however, was the competence of our bishop, Rev. Regina Hassanally. As Salem faces the challenge of planning our future, I would like to share with you what Bishop Hassanally said in the materials sent to all delegates: “For years, I’ve been wondering what it might mean to be a people who practice thinking beyond our normal capacity for imagination. What would it mean to be a people who wonder what opportunities lie just beyond the bounds of what we think is possible? How would that change the way we live as God’s people in this place?” My hope for our time together today, and for the journey we will continue on long after this day is done, is that we might practice thinking in a way that pushes even the bounds of our own imaginations. What if we started to imagine the impossible? What if we realized even our imaginations are small and limited when compared to the mind and heart of God? “What if, when an outlandish idea popped into our heads, or we came up with something unheard of in a brainstorming session, we actually considered what was once outlandish? What if we allowed creativity free rein every once in a while?” How would our congregations change? Who would hear the gospel in a new way? What in us and around us would be transformed? “I believe in the power of the Holy Spirit. My prayers for this synod are grounded in a petitioning of God that the Spirit might be poured out upon us so that we proclaim the gospel in ways all can hear and understand. I pray we will be an ever more bold and faithful people. I pray we continue to abide in the presence and will of God. I pray we will step out in faith at every opportunity, confident that we serve a God who is capable of doing far more than we could ever ask... or even imagine. “Dear friends, what haven’t we even imagined yet?”
Salem friends, imagine what if....

Memorials

Sew ‘N Tell: Valta Hestness &
Gerald Lizotte.

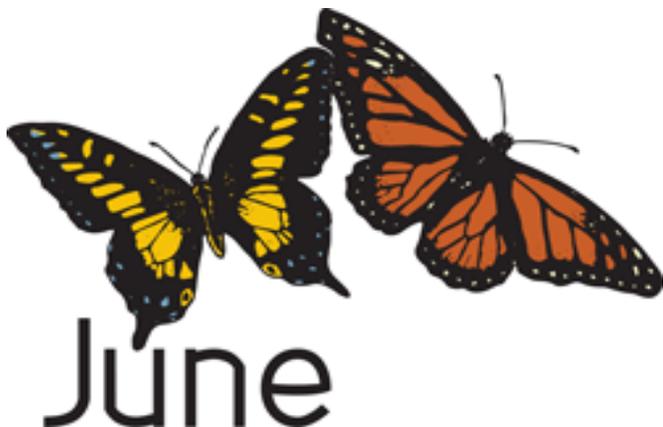
Altar Guild: memory of Pat Hayek

General Fund: memory of Valta
Hestness



June 4 Andrea Rhodes
 June 5 Derek Sternhagen
 June 8 Travis Johnson
 June 9 Shellby Ewing
 June 10 Braylon Petersen
 June 12 Luke Cheever
 June 14 Leland Dilling
 June 17 Vicki Reichl
 June 18 Kathleen Reim
 Derek Rothmeier
 June 21 Katherine DePope
 June 23 Olene Eckert, Travis Shaunce,
 Anne Sternhagen
 June 25 Judd Bonnerup
 June 27 James Osmundson
 June 28 Isabella Gilderhus
 Pat Gjersvik

June 2: Larry & Mary Lahs 60 years
 June 6: Jim & Carol Wendel 69 years
 June 9: Gregg & Jenni Ewing 15 years
 June 12: Mark & Marcia Gayken 35 yr
 June 13: Randy & Deb Kolling 41 yr
 June 14: Paul & Judy Dilling 53 yr.
 June 15: Troy & Holli Waldemar 31 yr
 June 17: Mike & Kim Luhring 22 yr
 June 21: Chris & Lauren Reichl 8 yr
 June 22: Steve & Linda Bendickson 20
 June 23: Leland & Sharon Dilling 60 yr
 June 28: Manville & Barb Ayers 63 yr



LET US PRAY...

*Larry Enderson
 Woody Hestness
 Susan Storlie
 Shirley Eustis
 Larry Sunde
 Marianne DePope
 Annette Petersen*

*Family & friends of Ohiyesa Firesteel
 (Grandson of Caroline Neale)*



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"Change Service Requested"

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

