

# NEWSLETTER

# THE BUILDER

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

MAY 2023



## WELCOME!

### GET IN TOUCH

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**Worship:** Sunday 10:00 am

### STAFF

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### OFFICE HOURS:

Tue - Wed | 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Thu | 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS MAY AT SALEM

### Women of Salem

Bible Study—Thursday, May 18 at Salem at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. led by Pr. Mark Boorsma.

We are also invited by our Ascension friends to join in on their Bible Chapter Book Club. This meets via Zoom each Sunday at 11:30 a.m. You can attend two ways:

-by computer with the Zoom app  
<https://zoom.us/j/6751859971>)

or by phone 312-626-6799 (meeting ID 6751859971##).



### High School Graduation Time

Salem will be honoring Morgan Luhring on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. coffee reception and during the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Salem members are also invited to a Grad Party for Morgan Luhring on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 p.m. at the Edgewater Bay Pavilion, Edgewater Drive, Albert Lea, MN.



## From the Pastor:

Dear Friends,

For most of May it is **still Easter**. I like to remind you (and myself) that in the Church, Easter is never over in a single day, but stretches for fifty days (seven Sundays!) as we continue to “pull out all the stops” of resurrection joy. The Sunday scripture readings coach us to notice the Risen Christ among us: opening the scriptures, breaking bread, and popping up in daily life.

In a children’s sermon, I compared this to “Where’s Waldo” pictures, in which our eyes search high and low for Waldo in some cluttered scene, where he is hiding in plain sight. Practice makes one better at finding Waldo. Similarly, in this grand season of resurrection school, we gain skill and practice at ‘finding Jesus’ — in meals shared, conversation over coffee, community service, and sharing of time and treasure.

As fun as it is to notice Jesus ourselves, it’s even more delightful to help one another become better noticers, together engaging the joy of discovering the Risen Christ both in expected and **un**expected times and places.

May will also deliver us to the Day of Pentecost (Sunday, May 28). Although this is Year **A** in the three-year lectionary cycle, I’ll ‘play favorites’ and offer here the Year **C** Pentecost Prayer of the Day:

**God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

Come, Holy Spirit!

In Christ,  
Pastor Mark Boorsma



## FINANCIAL CORNER

### MARCH. INCOME

\$ 9,751.00

### MARCH. EXPENSES

\$ 10,068.66

### 2023 INCOME:

\$ 33,165.00

### 2023 FROM SCHWAB:

\$

### 2023 OTHER INCOME:

\$

### NOISY OFFERING:

MARCH: \$ 208

### Altar Flowers

May 7: Rugroden

May 14: Johnsrud

May 21: Werner

May 28: Geraniums

(Flowers are now \$30 per Sunday).

### Memorial

Given in memory of  
Clint Stevens to the Salem  
Altar Guild.

### Thank You

To Salem members and  
Pr. Boorsma for cards, calls  
and prayers. Hope to be  
back soon! Eva Johnsrud

## Unofficial Council Hi-Lites– April 18, 2023

Devotions were given by Pr. Mark using “Dwelling in the Word”.

Secretary’s Report & Treasurer’s Reports were approved.

-Pastor Mark reported that seasonal activity was strong with new faces with the sharing of services with 2 other congregations.

--Worship & Music: Shari Budach reported that VBS will be held at Ascension August 7-10 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. with Adult Bible Study while children are in VBS.

-Stewardship: Kathy Paul reported that the next committee meeting is June 4th. There will be Temple Talks in May and June to encourage more people to become involved.

### Old Business:

-Constitution Committee update: Members are: Beth Spande, Kathy Paul, Donna Werner, Bruce Ness, Deb Kolling. The synod will be helpful

-Date to honor our high school graduate will be Sunday, May 21.

### New Business:

-May Noisy offering will go to the Little Free Pantry.

-Endowment Committee has met and minutes were provided.

-Synod Assembly special offering will be \$200 given to the Holy Spirit Fund.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting May 16 at 6:30 p.m.





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. Noisy offering gifts also help to stock the Little Free Pantry. Thank you for your help.

Geraniums for Pentecost Sunday  
May 28th

Geraniums are \$5.75 each to be used in church on Sunday, May 28th. Please include payment to Salem Altar Guild. Deadline is May 21.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

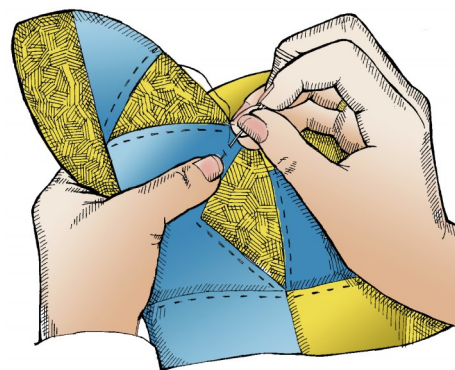
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\_\_\_\_\_ will pick up      \_\_\_\_\_ will not pick up

Sew 'n' Tell

May 9

May 23



QUILTING GROUP

Men's Bible Study

May 5

May 12

May 19

May 26

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



## Vacation Bible School

Welcome All children and grandchildren to Vacation Bible School this summer at Ascension Lutheran Church. It's going to be a fun filled four days. This will be for children ages 4 to finished 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Dates will be Monday through Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

The time will be 5:30PM to 8:30PM, starting out with a meal to include all adults also. Besides the fun curriculum for the kids, there will also be a Bible study for the adults who would like to stay.

There are 5 churches going together to meet at Ascension Lutheran Church: Ascension, Salem, Grace Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran, and the Salvation Army. We are looking forward to a good group of kids.

The curriculum we are using is called 'Operation Restoration'. It involves a theme that inspires everyone to be members of God's world, using topics that kids understand: feed, heal, forgive, pray, and rest.

The multisensory activity centers include: art, music, science, nature, service learning, and story telling.

You can look up: [augsborgfortress.org/operationrestoration](https://augsborgfortress.org/operationrestoration) to read about this exciting study.

More to come later. We will welcome volunteers to help.





**MAY**  
Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 2	Patti Cotton	May 17: Derek & Anne Sternhagen 14 years
May 3	Bev Wessels	May 18: Aaron & Lindsay Reisdorfer 11 years
May 4	Glenn Holty,	May 25: Jack & Donna Werner 54 years
May 7	Jade Burns, Hunter Reisdorfer	May 26: Gene & Sharon Weckwerth 44 years
May 9	Karla Kelly	
May 11	Carol Wendel	
May 12	Scott Jacobsen	
May 13	Ken Laite, Lauren Rhodes	
May 14	Jennifer Ewing	
May 19	Tom Eustis	
May 20	Joshua Kelly	
May 23	Sue Sherman	
May 24	Aeron Mangskau	
May 31	Les Anderson, Kurt Cheever	

***LET US PRAY...***

*Larry Enderson*

*Woody Hestness*

*Shirley Eustis*

*Bob Cotton*

*Leland Dilling*

*Dean Beighley*

*Family and friends of Diane Schmidt  
(step-daughter of Del Schnoor).*

*Family and friends of Clint Stevens.*



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"Change Service Requested"

## THE BUILDER MAY, 2023

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

