

# NEWSLETTER

# THE BUILDER

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

NOV. 2022



## WELCOME!

### GET IN TOUCH

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**Worship:** Sunday 9:00 am

### STAFF

**Pastor:** Pastor Daphne Hamborg  
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**Custodian:** Ray Smith

### OFFICE HOURS:

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

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

### UPCOMING EVENTS NOVEMBER AT SALEM

### Women of Salem

The next meeting Wednesday, Nov. 9th at 10:00 a.m.  
All Salem Women are welcome!

### Women of Salem Bible Study

Thursday, Nov. 17th at 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. on Luke.  
Led by Pastor Daphne Hamborg. Bring your Bible and a  
beverage if desired.



### Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.  
At Christ Episcopal Church  
204 W. Fountain Street

This will be a combined service with Salem, United  
Methodist, Ascension, and Christ Episcopal.

You may bring a non-perishable food item for the  
Ecumenical Food Pantry. Any monetary offering will be  
split between the Salvation Army and the Ecumenical  
Food Pantry.

## From the Pastor:

Dear Friends,

As November comes around I begin to think of Thanksgiving. In fact, in consultation with family I have already devised my menu for the day, since my mother, sister, and brother-in-law will be coming over to my condo for the big day.

November is a month set aside for focused thankfulness. However, November is also a month that provides a less well-known celebration as well: All Saints Day. All Saints Day falls on November 1, but in the church we celebrate it on the first Sunday of the month. It is set aside for remembrance. On that day, we light candles especially to honor those faithful who died during the preceding year. We privately remember others, as well.

My dad died September, 2020, which meant Covid prevented us from remembering him on All Saints Sunday that year. Last year, however, was different. I was doing pulpit supply at another ELCA congregation, and we celebrated the day with the traditional prayers and lighted candles. I lit a candle for my dad.

Interestingly, I did so among people I didn't know--people who were grieving loved ones I'd never met. That's when I recognized--and experienced--the depth of that holy day. We were all remembering--and we were all remembering in the context of our faith. I was with people I didn't know, but I was not among strangers. We were a part of something deep and rich and wondrous, something that shimmered with glory.

This is who we are--bound together as Jesus' people in all of our loves and in all of our inadequacies. We begin November with gratitude, and we end November with gratitude. May gratitude fill our days.

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Daphne



## FINANCIAL CORNER

### SEPT. INCOME

\$ 5,396.00

### SEPT. EXPENSES

\$ 8,445.55

### 2022 INCOME:

\$ 95,688.99

### 2022 FROM SCHWAB:

\$ 15,000

### 2022 OTHER INCOME:

\$

### NOISY OFFERING:

LITTLE FREE PANTRY: \$

#### Salem Church Library

Are you familiar with our church library? It is just inside the office area from the sanctuary and it contains a wide variety of books. We need a couple of people who can help with ordering new books—especially large print books. If you are able to help, let Vicki or Pastor Daphne know. Even if you can't help, visit our library and check out the books!

#### History Committee

We have a new group that is going thru a lot of old documents and artifacts with the hope of having a History Room. Lots of work to be done.

## Unofficial Council Hi-Lites— October 18, 2022

-Called to order by Troy Waldemar.

-Devotions by Kathy.

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

Pastor's Report: Pastor Daphne reported on pulpit exchange Oct. 23, joint Thanksgiving Eve Service Nov. 23, and plans with Ascension for joint Christmas program.

Committee Reports:

-Budget & Finance: Mary asked that budget requests be submitted.

-Church in Society: Donna reported that Little Free Pantry items go quickly.

-Worship & Music: Shari reported committee looking at funeral banners, in discussion with other churches on joint Thanksgiving Eve Service, possible Sunday School Christmas program Dec. 18.

Stewardship: Kathy reported Temple Talks Oct. 23 & Nov. 6, Nov. 13 Commitment Sunday.

### Old Business

Doorbells will be worked on week of Oct. 23.

### New Business:

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

-Nominating Committee tabled until November meeting.

-Budget requests ASAP.

-Special Congregational Meeting set for Sunday, Dec. 4th.

Re: Future of Shared Ministry with Ascension.

Annette will do devotions at the next meeting.

--Meeting was adjourned.

Altar Flowers

Nov. 6: Larry & Mary Lahs  
Nov. 13: Kent & Vicki Reichl  
Nov. 20: open  
Nov. 27: Frank & Pat Gjersvik  
(flowers are \$28 per Sunday)

SOS Christmas Party

Thursday, December 8, 2022  
Noon Potluck  
\$5 Gift Exchanges  
Dirty Bingo  
Christmas Carol Sing-a-long

More details to follow.  
Mark your calendars.

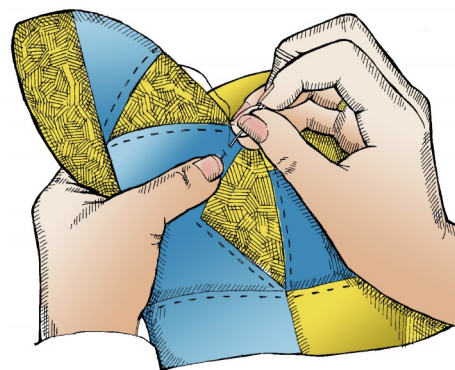
Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, December 4th after worship for the congregation to express its approval of the Shared Ministry Agreement that the Salem Church Council voted on and approved at their September meeting. All are encouraged to attend. If questions please talk to a member of the council.



Sew 'n' Tell

Nov. 8 & Nov. 22  
8:30 - 11:30 a.m.



QUILTING GROUP

Men's Bible Study

Nov. 4  
Nov. 11  
Nov. 18  
Nov. 25

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



## Shared Ministry Update

As you have probably heard, the Salem congregational council voted at its September 20th meeting to approve an agreement with Ascension Lutheran Church to share the services of Pastor Mark Boorsma. The agreement is to begin the shared ministry on January 1, 2023, and to continue the sharing for one year. Before the year is up, we will evaluate how it is working and decide how to proceed. What the sharing means is that Pastor Boorsma will be our part time pastor just as Pastor Daphne Hamborg has been serving as our part time pastor for the past several months. Both Salem and Ascension will continue to be independent congregations in all ways except that we will have the same pastor. There will be a special congregational meeting after the worship service on December 4 for the congregation to express its approval of this agreement.

We will pay 40% of Pr. Boorsma's salary and benefits. While employing Pr. Hamborg or Pr. Boorsma part time saves us money over employing someone full time, we are still struggling to meet our budget. We will need everyone to contribute in order to keep Salem going. We need volunteers in leadership positions and in support positions. For many of us, it is tempting to think, "I've done a lot over the years; it's time for someone else to step up." To keep Salem running smoothly, however, we need active participation from as many members as possible. Please continue your support and prayers for the life of our congregation.

If you have questions or concerns, please talk to a member of the congregational council. Several of us can be found at coffee hour on any Sunday.

Beth Spande,  
Council president.





**NOVEMBER**  
Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Nov. 6 Diane Barnes & Gloria Hautt
- Nov. 10 Christopher Reichl
- Nov. 12 Dayna & Zach Edwards.  
Jadyn Ellingson
- Nov. 14 Tanya Johnson,
- Nov. 15 Marianne DePoppe
- Nov. 16 Paul Dilling, Kent Reichl
- Nov. 17 Sharon Weckwerth
- Nov. 20 Brielle Petersen
- Nov. 21 Jill Van Reese
- Nov. 22 Mallory Luhring
- Nov. 27 Elliott Flatten
- Nov. 28 Nick Reichl, Whitney Reim,  
Reid Nelson

- November 15: Whitney & Kathleen Reim
- November 22: Randy & Karen Rugroden
- November 30: Frank & Pat Gjersvik

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

*Our prayers are with Michele Reim and family on the recent death of her father, Dale Indrelie.*







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"Change Service Requested"

## THE BUILDER | NOVEMBER 2022

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

